BRIEF LOCALS.

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in Condensed Form.

From Tuesday's Daily.

—A dance was held at Fairall's hall last night. Reynard's orchestra furnished music.

—The foundations of the new morgue have been completed. The work of laying brick began this afternoon.

—At St. Luke's, Mount Tolmie, there will be special prayers on May 1 for good crops from the seeds now planted.

—The "English social" at the school room of Emmanuel Baptist church last night was well attended. The programme was very interesting.

—Secretary Beaumont Boggs, of the Queen's Birthday celebration committee, is sending out notices to all who were named on the different committees.

—The Bay View saloon was robbed on Sunday night. A quantity of bottled liquor was stolen. This is the second robbery in a very short space of time.

—The special programme given at St. John's church Sunday evening under the direction of Mr. Bridgman, was an excellent one and drew a large crowd to the church.

—The case against M. & L. Young, charged with dumping refuse on a lot on Johnson street, was dismissed in the police court this morning. The evidence was not sufficient.

—Sanitary Officer Conlin yesterday condemned 2000 pounds of meat. The meat was being sold in the city market. It is now the food of the fishes, having been thrown into the sea.

—A splendid reception at Ladner's Landing will be given in honor of the grand lodge, A. O. U. W. Delegates from all over the province will be in attendance. A grand ball will be given on the 11th.

—Fred Jorder, a bricklayer, was yesterday bitten by a mastiff pup belonging to D. McBrady of Princess avenue. A summons was issued against the owner of the dog this morning and the case will be heard in the police court Thursday morning.

—After completing her yachting cruises to Norway the Canadian-Australian line steamship Miowera will make a round the world cruise in conjunction with the C. P. R. After completing that voyage she will return to the Canadian-Australian route.

—The Times this evening publishes a notice from Wellington J. Dowler, C. M. G., announcing that the public library will be closed until the alterations in the city hall are completed. The date of reopening is not fixed but it will be several weeks before the repairs are finished.

—Charles Ward and Peter Hand, drunks, were up in the police court this morning. First offence. Case dismissed. Emar Enorkson, vagrant, was dismissed. Enorkson was sent over here from Tacoma, his passage being paid to get rid of him. Enorkson will probably take a free ride back again.

—The tramway trolley wire broke at the junction of Yates and Government streets last evening and dropped down on the street where it lay for about an hour while the cars continued running. Neither the police nor anyone else seemed to think there was any danger from the deadly conductor of the electric fluid.

—Several empty bottles of champagne (Mumm's) and Scotch whiskey, and two hundred cigars were laid on the table of the police court this morning. William McNulty, F. Gilmour and John Dutton sat in the prisoners' dock. The barroom of the Bay View Saloon was broken into Sunday night and liquors and cigars were stolen. They were found in the cabins of the prisoners. Case remanded till Thursday.

—H. M. S. Hyacinthe returned to port yesterday, 32 1-2 days from Callao. At the latter port she left H. M. S. Royal Arthur and H. M. S. Nymphe. The former is to arrive here by May 8th. Messrs. Manning and Humphrey, chief engineer and navigating officer, became ill in southern waters with typhoid fever, and on becoming convalescent were ordered home. The Hyacinthe was away from here for several months.

—Persons returning from the Leech river country report that no trace has been found of William Henley, the old hermit of the valley, lost about three weeks ago. It is thought that he was not lost crossing Sooke river but before reaching that point. He made a camp the first night after he left the railway, and it is believed he lost his way in the snow. He was weak and without blankets and if he lost his footing and fell or was in any way hurt, could hardly have continued his journey. Had anything of the kind happened he would quickly have perished from exposure.

The ninth anniversary of the Centennial Methodist (Gorge Road) Sunday school will be celebrated next Sunday. There will be services in the church in the morning, afternoon and evening. Rev. S. Cleaver, of the Metropolitan Methodist church, will preach Sunday morning and Rev. J. S. Thompson in the evening. The afternoon service will be a children's service, when they will sing and recite suitable pieces. The children of the Sunday school will be seated on a mammoth platform. At each service the children will take part. The church will be beautifully decorated with flowers by the ladies of the school.

—C. P. Hamilton, of Fort Cudahy, Alaska, has been in Ottawa in the interests of the Alaska Trading company. He proceeded thither from Washington where he secured a promise that a customs officer will be placed in the interior of Alaska. Mr. Hamilton saw Mr. Daly and asked that customs and inland revenue officers be stationed in the Canadian territory adjoining the Alaska boundary and that a detailment of mounted police be sent there to enforce order. The question which Hamilton brought before the government is not a new one, says an Ottawa dispatch. Dr. Bompas, bishop of Selkirk, whose headquarters are on the upper Yukon river, recently wrote to Mr. Daly, in which he strongly urged that steps be taken towards preventing traders from carrying liquor into the country, which is working great havoc among the Indians and rendering fruitless the labor of the missionaries. Bishop Bompas says that unless some steps are taken with this end in view he will have to withdraw from the district.

—The Empress of Japan sailed for Yokohama at 8:30 last night. She arrived down from Vancouver at 8 o'clock and was boarded by the tender Sadie. The Empress' cabin passengers were: R. A. Bole, San Francisco; R. H. Bruce, Amoy; H. J. C. Chambers, China; Rev. J. Caron, Regina; Mrs. Ramsay Dinnis, Southsea, England; Miss E. E. Ely, Kingston; D. L. Bortch, San Francisco; T. G. Gowland, Amoy; W. Graham, China; Harvey Hadden, London; Dr. and Mrs. Hartigan and family, Hong Kong; Mr. and Mrs. Hosie and child, China; H. J. Hunt, Yokohama; H. R. Hunt, Yokohama; Rev. J. G. and Mrs. Kerr, Detroit; H. T. Terry, Tokio; C. Wahanabe, Tokio; Hans Zeigler, London.

—In presbytery yesterday afternoon, after the Times had gone to press, Rev. D. McRae was appointed to present the call of Rev. W. L. Clay to St. Andrew's Presbyterian church before the Regina Presbytery. In event of the acceptance of the call the induction will take place at a date to be decided upon. Rev. D. A. MacRae, the moderator, will preside. Rev. Mr. Rogers will preach, Rev. Dr. Campbell will address the minister, and the Rev. A. B. Winchester will address the congregation. Rev. A. B. Winchester was delegated to represent the presbytery of Victoria in the bills and audit committee of the synod. Rev. P. McF. Macleod presented a petition bearing 26 signatures which he asked might be added to the petition of the Central church asking for congregation. The presbytery ordered the document forwarded.

From Wednesday's Daily.

—Manager Jamieson has booked the Mendelssohn Quintette club for May 2.

—Mrs. Agnes Lapierre, relict of the late Horace Lapierre, has been granted letters of administration of her late husband's estate. Mrs. Lapierre will carry on the grocery.

—An ash box fire in the rear of the telegraph office, on Trounce avenue, was extinguished this afternoon by Gus Morris, one of the office staff. No damage.

—It is understood that Charles St. Barbe has assumed the management of the Nelson Miner, which is now owned by a joint stock company headed by Clive Phillipps-Wolley, who formerly owned it entirely himself.

—Two organizers from Ontario are in Victoria to establish a branch of the P. P. A.—Protestant Protective Association. Branches will also be established in the other cities of the province.

—The hearing of Hugh Lynn was adjourned until to-morrow, but will be remanded again until next Monday very likely, as there are no more witnesses ready at present and Superintendent Hussey is out of the city.

—On dit that Captain Clive Phillips-Wolley, F. R. G. S., will be a candidate for the local house in South Victoria district at the coming election. Captain Wolley is a resident of the district and has been in the province seven years.

—Fred Payne was fined $10 and costs for being drunk by Magistrate Macrae in the police court. Henry Cornelius, a friend who tried to prevent Payne being taken to the police cells, was ordered imprisoned six hours and fifteen minutes and to pay a fine of $10.

—It is not yet known who will succeed Major P. A. Irving as adjutant of the B. C. B. G. A. It is stated that his successor will not be named until Lt.-Col. Prior, M. P., returns from Ottawa. Major Irving has left on a trip to England. He will be absent a few months.

—The Robert Kerr will leave the marine railway slip on Friday or Saturday of this week. Work is being pressed with all possible speed. There are about 50 ship carpenters at work on her. J. A. Fullerton, of the C. P. R., is still in the city in connection with the work on the Kerr.

—Superintendent Fred. Hussey of the Provincial Police and Special Constable J. F. Bledsoe have gone to Savary Island to examine the scene of the killing of Jack Green and Tom Taylor. Their object is to secure photographs, drawings and measurements to be used as evidence in the trial of Hugh Lynn charged with the murder. They will return the last of the week.

—H. M. S. Hyacinthe is to undergo very extensive repairs. She is now alongside the wharf, and work on her will commence very shortly. The decks are to be partly replaced and other changes made. The work will require some time to complete. H. M. S. Pheasant will probably not leave for Behring Sea for a month yet. The vessel which is to act on the patrol with her has not yet been selected, as far as known.

—The steamship Mogul, Captain Golding, arrived from Tacoma at 9.30 this morning, and left a few hours later for Yokohama and other Chinese and Japanese ports. She carried away nearly 3,000 tons of freight, made up almost entirely of flour received at Tacoma. She took aboard about 50 tons of general freight here. She had about 75 Japanese and Chinese passengers and five cabin passengers. Ten of the Chinese boarded the ship here.

—A meeting of the creditors of Green, Worlock & Co. will be held in the Y. M. C. A. hall, Broad street, at 7 o'clock on Friday evening, 27th inst., to consider the advisability of applying to the court under the provisions of the Creditors' Trust Deeds act, 1890, for an order removing some of the present trustees, and appointing some other person or persons to act in place of those removed.

No one will be admitted to the meeting unless provided with credentials.

—The Times has received the following note from M. Rogerson:

"I desire, through the columns of your valuable paper, to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Royal Templars of this city for their kindness to me in my late bereavement, and also to thank them for the prompt settlement of my claim for $2000, being the amount of insurance held by my late husband. I take this opportunity of wishing them every success in their temperance work."

—George Garland pleaded guilty in the police court this morning to the theft of $34 from the till of the Central Drug Store. Garland is 17 and is apprenticed to Dr. Jones, the dentist. On Sunday and Monday Garland was drinking heavily, and on Monday night went into the Central Drug Store for a "dose to brace himself up." While Louis Hall, the clerk, with whom Garland is acquainted, was preparing the dose Garland robbed the till. Garland pleaded drunkenness. Case continued until to-morrow for evidence as to character.

—Mrs. Hazelton and J. O. Carlisle, who made the trip to the wreck of the Mary Brown, left last night for San Francisco. Mr. Carlisle stated yesterday that in the cove on Bank's Island where the wreck of the Mary Brown lies there is wreckage from at least four different vessels. He bases his belief on the appearance, age, character and color of the paint of the wood and the uses to which it was put on the vessels. The beach is simply covered with drift which is carried into the cove by the current which sets to the northward through the passage outside of the island.

—Maria Drozdowitz charged Margaret Hatcher in the police court this morning with assault. As soon as Mrs. Drozdowitz came into court she was served with a counter summons. The complainant charged that Mrs. Hatcher knocked her down and while she was insensible on the ground struck her with a poker. Mrs. Drozdowitz owns a house and Mr. and Mrs. Hatcher are tenants. She went last Saturday to collect the rent, according to her story, when she was assaulted. She called several witnesses, all of whom swore that Mrs. Drozdowitz had used obscene language to Mrs. Hatcher, and that Mrs. Hatcher did not strike her, but that she fell down. It also came out in evidence that Mrs. Drozdowitz had really committed an assault. Case dismissed. The counter charge will likely be withdrawn.

From Thursday's Daily.

Constable Palmer arrested three Indians on Herald street this afternoon. They were drunk and were lying about the sidewalk.

—A reception ball will be held at Port Guichon May 11th, in honor of the A. O. U. W. delegates to the grand lodge of British Columbia.

—The fire wardens met yesterday afternoon, when the question of using fire horses in the sprinklers was brought up. Nothing was done, and it is likely that the matter will be dropped.

—William McNulty, F. Gilmour and Jno. Dutton, committed on a charge of having stolen proprety in their possession, were taken to the provincial jail this morning. They will be tried at the assizes.

—George Chipman and David, Songhese Indian, tell the story that a white boy is quartered with the Indians of Kuper island. The boy is thought to be the missing Willie Palmer. Enquiries are being made.

—William Bragg, a native of Devonshire, England, aged 53 years, died at his home on Richmond road yesterday. The deceased leaves a widow and large family. The funeral will take place on Friday afternoon.

—George Garland, who stole $34 from the Central Drug store till, was this morning sentenced by Magistrate Macrae to a month in jail. Postmaster Shakespeare and other gentlemen gave Garland a good character.

—Jno. Creeden was fined $10 and $2 costs in the police court for swearing at Poundkeeper Shaw. Shaw and Creeden had a difference over a horse belonging to Creeden which was left tied on the street. The case against W. McBrady, charged with keeping a vicious dog, which bit Fred Jorden, a bricklayer, was dismissed.

—Courts Cariboo and Islander, I. O. F., amalgamated last night, taking the name Cariboo for the new court. The following are the new officers: C. D. H. C. R., A. E. McEachern; P. C. R., T. Tubman; C. R., J. F. Quinn; V. C. R., W. Christie; Treasurer, George Elliott; Chaplain, W. S. Beckwith; F. S., G. Mallery; R.S., A. L. Campbell; S. W., F. W. LaVatte; J. W., J. Porteous; S. B., W. Willard; J. B., C. Harris; C. P., Hall & McKechnie.

—The concert given last evening by the Arion (call it Ah-rye-on, with the accent on the rye, and no invidious suspicions of a sour mash pun) club was in every sense of the word successful. Wm. Greig, the experienced conductor, handled the baton and deserved the praise bestowed. It was voted by all present the best concert the club has given. The next time the Arions give a concert the wisest thing for the audience to do will be to get there early, for there is likely to be quite a number of sonny aisles in sight long before the overture is started.

—Voters whose names and addresses are not correctly given upon the printed list of voters dated 31st December last are requested to call at the collector's office in the court house and see that their present addresses are correctly entered. Notices have been sent to all whose addresses were insufficient to comply with the new act. The replies have been numerous and all the changes have been made. There are others, however, whose addresses, although not insufficient, are incorrectly given, and as it is desirable to have the new list contain the correct address of the residence of every voter at the date of its publication, it will be of assistance to the collector if early attention is given to this request.

—Social of the Ladies' Aid of the First Presbyterian church was held last evening at the residence of Mrs. Dempster. The programme included a solo by Miss Stapleton, a reading by Miss Cameron, a solo by Mr. Meston, a recitation by Mrs. Walt, a duet by Miss Milne and Miss Baker and a solo by Mrs. Walt (with guitar accompaniment) was rendered and refreshments were served.

—A meeting of supporters of the Davie government was held last night at the Burnside hotel. Mr. Russell occupied the chair and addresses were delivered by D. M. Eberts, M. P. P., J. W. Carey, J. Nicholson, jr., Mr. Monroe and Mr. Miller. Another meeting will be held at the Royal Oak school house next Wednesday night.

—They buried little Lyn Yuen, the poor little Chinese girl who drowned herself because she feared a whipping, at two o'clock this afternoon. The funeral took place in the rain and was not a regular Chinese funeral. There were only a few present and they gave every evidence of feeling terribly sorry that the child was gone. With all their faults and short-comings, seen through Christian spectacles, the Chinese as a nation have a greater regard for the responsibilities of parents and teachers for children than any other nation on earth. When Quong Yuen told Lyn she must be careful and not break the skylight he told her he did not want the people living down stairs to think he did not "teach her to have good sense," as he put it. That was his greatest care.

—There are about 75 men at work on the government buildings at present and more are to be put on in a few days.

—The Nakusp & Slocan railway royal commission will hold its first sitting at the court house on May 9th at eleven o'clock in the morning.

—The Mikado company have practically decided to go to Vancouver on Saturday, May 5. The matter will be definitely settled this week.

—The contract for the erection of the Pemberton gymnasium was signed yesterday by Mayor Teague and Chairman Hayward of the school board, and E. Hume, the successful tenderer. The contract price is $2,714. Work will be begun immediately.

—The members of the finance committee of the Queen's birthday celebration are going the rounds. They are meeting with good success. Two wholesale merchants have subscribed $100 each and there are several fifties on the list.

—The vestry meeting of St. Michael's, Lake district, was held on Tuesday evening, with the rector in the chair. The wardens' report was received and adopted. The election resulted as follows: William Garnham, rector's warden; E. Chinnery, people's warden; Alfred Daniels and Charles H. Jones, deputy warden.

—The treacherous skylight sidewalk which girds the Adelphi block on the Government and Yates street sides claimed another victim this afternoon. An elderly lady incautiously ventured upon the dangerous mantrap, and, as the unexpected always happens to the innocent victim, her footing flew from under her and she fell with great force on the glass. Every person who beheld the accident felt confident the unfortunate lady had suffered broken bones, but, strange to relate, she escaped with a few severe bruises. The outcry of the press and public against this shameful condition of affairs will bear no fruit until some person receives fatal injuries and the guilty parties are assessed in damages that will make, if not their conscience, at least that still more tender spot, their pocket, sensible of this great wrong.

UNION IS STRENGTH.

Exemplified in the Case of the Kerr Family of Esquimalt.

Mrs. Kerr and her son, of Esquimalt Road, will appear in the Provincial Police Court Friday morning in answer to a summons charging them with assault. The summons was sworn out by David Green, driver in the employ of the Sehl, Hastie, Erskine Company. The circumstances of the case are these:

The Kerr family obtained goods from Sehl, Hastie & Erskine on instalment. For upwards of a year nothing has been paid on the goods, and Green was yesterday commissioned to collect the account or take the goods. He went to the Kerr house armed with the agreement giving the furniture house the right to take away the goods in the event of non-payment. Green drove down a large wagon in which to put the goods. He knocked at the door and Mrs. Kerr appeared. He said he had come for the money or the goods. The lady replied that he should have neither. He walked past her and was about to begin taking away the goods when Mrs. Kerr picked up a meat cleaver and began flourishing it in the air. Green was not to be frightened by hot words and cold steel, and quickly resumed his business. The son soon put in an appearance with a shot gun, and pointed it at Green. Green then "let go" the furniture. The daughter, in the meanwhile, had ran out to the wagon and was beginning to untie the horses. Green saw the odds were against him, and, although he is by no means a small man, he gave the scheme up as useless. This is Green's story. The other side will be heard in the court in the morning.

LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.

Meeting To-morrow Night—An Address by Mr. John McMillan.

The regular meeting of the Victoria Liberal Association will be held to-morrow night at the usual place, Philharmonic hall. The membership of this association, which was organized a few months ago, is now about one hundred. There is no reason, other than the apathy of those who are in sympathy with the cause, why the membership should not increase to one thousand or over. The object of the association is to promote Liberal principles, and especially to oppose the present Dominion government policy of high taxation and protection. The association has taken its stand on the platform promulgated at the Ottawa Liberal convention, and when the time comes will endeavor to have the issue at the general election fought out on the lines there laid down. The association has nothing whatever to do with provincial politics. Every Liberal in the city—in fact every person who endorses the Ottawa platform—is eligible for membership.

To-morrow night the meeting will be addressed by Mr. John McMillan on the "Duties and Responsibilities of the Liberal Party." Mr. McMillian is a good speaker, and having made a study of politics is well qualified to treat the subject in an instructive and interesting manner. The members are requested to be present in full force.

In all probability the astounding speech made by Col. Prior in the house of commons recently will be a subject for consideration at this or next meeting. The general opinion about the "Colonel's" effort, even among his former supporters, is that nothing so stupid or so offensive to public sentiment in Victoria was ever before uttered by a representative on the floor of parliament.

Vesuvius Bay.

A large funeral took place here on Saturday last at the burial of Mrs. M. A. Foord, wife of Mr. Fred Foord, of Burgoyne bay. The Loyal Island Union lodge, C. O. O. F., of which Mr. Foord is an honorary member, attended in full regalia and conducted the funeral in a most efficient manner. The coffin was loaded with most beautiful flowers brought by kind friends from all parts of the island. The Rev. Mr. Wilson conducted amost impressive service, Mrs. Brown presiding at the organ with her usual ability. The little church was filled.

—The Exile Club will debate at next meeting, Remittance Hall, Five Turners' block, the question: Resolved, "That Canada could not get along without us, by Jove!" The debate will be coram populo knickerbockeribus.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

THE INSOLVENCY BILL.

Board of Trade Delegates Present Their Views to Government To-Day.

More Donnybrook in Committee—Sir John Defends Action on School Question.

Ottawa, Apl 26—Delegates of Boards of Montreal, Hamilton, Quebec and Toronto waited on the special committee of the senate to-day and presented their views regarding the insolvency bill. The general opinion of the delegates was that a discharge at 33 per cent. was too low, and it should be put at about 75 per cent. All the delegates are in favor of the principle of the bill so that it is only the details that have to be discussed.

There was another stormy meeting of the banking and commercial committee over the consumers' cordage bill. After a couple of hours' discussion the committee adjourned without even adopting the preamble.

Sir John Thompson spoke in the house this afternoon on the school question, to justify the action of the government in having referred the matter to the courts.

DESPERATE CONVICTS.

Prisoner Jack McCabe Badly Wounded by a Rifle Bullet.

The attempted escape from the penitentiary yesterday afternoon of the notorious convicts, Ben Kennedy and Jack McCabe, was not quite correctly reported in our issue of last evening, owing to the difficulty met with in obtaining the details from the officials of the institution. It appears that the gang was working in the back field of the penitentiary farm, and from the peculiar actions of several of the convicts the guards became convinced that some trouble might be expected, and accordingly redoubled their vigilance. A latrine stands in the corner of the field, and Kennedy finding an excuse to go there, made a signal to McCabe to follow, which the latter did. On reaching the latrine Kennedy held up his two fingers, and the next instant a couple of convicts were pitching into each other in true Sullivan-Corbett style. This was part of the pre-arranged plan, and worked well, the guards' attention being directed to the row. McCabe and Kennedy made good use of this diversion to begin digging for the hidden rifle, which was secreted several inches under the earth, wrapped in greased bagging and with a greased plug in the muzzle. By the time the trouble had been quelled the rifle had been unearthed, and was in Kennedy's hands. Guard Burr saw the danger and rushed over to where the convicts stood, drawing his revolver at the same time. Kennedy passed the rifle to McCabe, who levelled it as Burr approached. "Drop it or I'll shoot you," shouted Burr. McCabe's answer was to take deliberate aim and pull the trigger. Burr had stood his ground like a brave man, and was within a few feet of the muzzle of the rifle when McCabe attempted to discharge it. Fortunately the cartridge failed to explode, otherwise the courageous guard would have been instantly killed. McCabe grasped the lever to throw in a fresh cartridge, but before this could be accomplished Burr fired, and McCabe fell with a bullet through the upper portion of his chest. Kennedy, who had been quietly looking on, awaiting results, offered no resistance and walked peaceably back to his cell.

The rifle, which is a beautiful weapon of Colt's manufacture, was charged with ten cartridges. From lying in the ground for a week or two, the needle had become encrusted with rust, which fortunate circumstance saved, no doubt, the lives of several of the guards and prevented the escape of the entire gang. McCabe was still living to-day, but his condition is very serious. There is every reason to believe the plot was widespread among the convicts.—Columbian.

A DRIFTING SLOOP.

Boat Without Occupants Sails to Lopez Island Shore.

The people of Lopez Island are very much interested in a rather mysterious case. A few days ago a 24-foot sloop, with all sails set, carried along by a slight breeze, came sailing in to the island shore and brought up on the beach. Those who saw the sloop come in believed she was occupied but later it was found she was not. There were several pieces of wire cable, and some articles of woman's apparel in the boat. There was no name on the boat and nothing about to indicate where it came from or to whom it belonged. Enquiry about Lopez Island and surrounding islands failed to throw any light on the case. It is believed at Lopez Island the boat came from Victoria and that some accident befel its occupants.

The boat is in possession of C. G. Chadwick of Lopez Island, who will surrender it upon full identification.

Law Intelligence.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Mr. Justice Drake in the supreme court chambers this morning disposed of the following applications:

E. G. Prior & Co., vs. Royal Canadian Packing Co.—Ward (Davie, Pooley & Luxton) for the plaintiffs in a county court action, moved for speedy judgment. Potts (Belyea & Gregory) contra. Order made.

Lantz vs. Baker—Order made fixing the day of trial for 1st June with a common jury. Lampman for plaintiff and Ward (Davie, Pooley & Luxton) for defendant contra.

Percy E. Whittall, charged with obtaining theatre tickets by false pretences, came up before Mr. Justice Drake this morning and elected to be tried at the assizes.

From Thursday's Daily.

In the supreme court chambers this morning before Mr. Justice Walkem White (Eberts & Taylor), for the defendant Nicholles in Foot & Carter v. Mason & Nicholles, applied to strike out part of the statement of claim as embarrassing. Cassidy, for the plaintiffs, contra. Dismissed with costs. Defendant given until the 30th inst. to put in defence.

Edmund W. Hanna and Ada Grant, charged with receiving stolen property and the boy Johnson, charged with attempting to commit suicide, came up before Judge Drake this morning and elected to take a speedy trial. The trial will take place on May 4th.

Some adjourned county court cases were heard to-day by Mr. Justice Drake. Dr. Frank Hall sued Thomas Birkett for an account for medical attendance on his wife. The defendant counterclaimed for damages for malpractice in respect of an operation alleged to have been unskilfully and wrongly performed. His lordship, after hearing the evidence of Dr. Davie, dismissed the counterclaim and gave judgment for the plaintiff with costs.

MIDWINTER FAIR.

New Exhibits Placed On View—Welcome Showers.

San Francisco, April 25.—Another very interesting feature to-day was added to the already wonderful Russian section in the Manufacturers' and Liberal arts building at the Midwinter exposition. It consists of very ancient rugs and tapestries, all in a perfect state of preservation. In one of the show cases in this new part of the display is a genuine velvet and gold gown worn by one of the historical Medici family of Italy, nothing but the jewels having been removed from it since it was used, hundreds of years ago.

The committee on awards is now holding daily sessions. Nearly all the juries have been appointed and the work of judging the exhibits will begin almost immediately.

To-morrow the charge for admission to the fair will be 25 cents, and it is expected that the special attractions offered by Oddfellows' Day, coupled with the half rate, will bring out a crowd equal to that on St. Patrick's Day, or on other special days.

The dry weather throughout the state was in a measure relieved to-day by welcome showers of rain, principally in the northern and middle central sections. The indications are favorable for a further precipitation, and reports from all points show that the farmers are jubilant over the much needed visitation.

American.

San Francisco, April 25.—As many predicted, the Chinese took advantage of the Midwinter Fair concession to bring in a number of their countrymen intent on making a home in the United States. It was represented that after the fair was over they would return to the Flowery Kingdom. That this assurance was only a misrepresentation is evident from certain facts now in possession of the federal officials. It is believed that many of the "exhibitors" have already been scattered throughout the country, and that others were prepared to make long stays in the land of plenty. This is evident from the fact that five of them boldly attempted to take advantage of the registration act. There are but seven more days available for registration, and the estimate of those unregistered in San Francisco ranges from 3000 to 6000.

San Francisco, April 25.—Captain T. P. H. Whitelaw thinks he can raise the Los Angeles. The captain has an idea that the steamer is not pinioned as was the City of New York by the Point Bonita rocks, but that she probably rests on her side, perhaps her bilges crushed to some extent, but not pinned through. He has faith in the efficacy of his new submarine telephone system and thinks that a diver can work intelligently about the wreck, as the water is not very rough there and the Los Angeles being a small vessel she can be raised. The Rodgers iron works will also bid for the contract of wrecking the lost vessel, but from what the Pacific Coast steamship company say, the company will not try to raise the steamer. They say they will possibly save her and sell her for salvage.

Mr. Gladstone's Eyesight.

All England is anxious to hear what hopes there may be of the perfect restoration of Mr. Gladstone's sight, and what prospect there is of an immediate or reasonably early recovery. It will surprise many to learn that less than a year ago his vision was not only remarkably acute, but was capable of standing a more prolonged strain than that of many men of less than half his age. It is not quite a year since Hospitals and Asylums of the World was published, and yet, so recently as that, Mr. Gladstone read through the whole of the four volumes—2500 pages royal octavo—without being conscious of fatigue. This fact we have on the authority of the late Sir Andrew Clark. It is to be presumed, therefore, that if circumstances permit of a fairly early operation, the recovery of sight will be complete and perfect, and Mr. Gladstone may live to spend many years of learned and peaceful leisure in the full possession of that noble faculty of sight which throughout life has been the source of his greatest and most valued pleasures.—The Hospital.

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