

NEW BUTCHER SHOP WILL OPEN MONDAY

Mr. A. Harvey's new butcher shop on Third street, opposite the Merchant's Bank, will open its doors to the general public on Monday morning next at 8 o'clock.

It had been the intention of the management to open for business on Friday or Saturday of this week but an unexpected delay in the arrival of

the lumber being used in the construction of the building, the opening had to be postponed until Monday.

Mr. Harvey is well and favorably known in this district, having been manager of the P. Burns store here for the past number of years and we predict for him in his new venture a fair share of the patronage of the district.

HAVE CLOSED DOMINION EXPRESS OFFICE IN SIDNEY

Residents Will Now be Compelled to Use the Parcels Post System Recently Inaugurated.

A. W. Lee, route agent for the Dominion Express Company, was in Sidney last Saturday to close the local branch office of the company.

Mr. George Cochran, who had been acting as agent, had notified the head office of his desire to terminate his connection with the express company on the grounds that the work entailed in connection with the office was encroaching on the time which he could ill spare in his own business.

Mr. Lee, while regretting the closing of the office at the Sidney Trading Company's premises, could not at the time see another suitable place where the agency could be carried on, and so for the present Sidney is without an express office.

A MAN WHO HAS LIVED BEFORE

Mr. Herbert Burrows, the well-known publicist, lecturer and social reformer, whose "sanity" and responsibility will not be challenged, has been able to recall his previous incarnations. He remembers fighting as a gladiator in the Coliseum of Rome, witnessing the terror and brutality of that time of blood. His next incarnation was during the French Revolution, in which he took part as a Royalist officer, fighting the "sans-culottes" with all the fervor of a follower of the Bourbons. After a time, he says, "I changed my politics, throwing in my lot with the extreme revolutionary section, and was a close friend to St. Just." To him reincarnation has ceased to be a matter for argument, for, as he concludes, "I know that I have been reincarnated."

In the case of this London gentleman, his various incarnations show a perfectly orderly and understandable advance. First from the professional slayer, his fighting spirit was turned into worthier channels by fighting for a cause, that of a king, then taking a democratic turn by his espousal of the cause of the people, whilst to-day it has run into the more peaceable channel of social reformer, in which channel, however, the old fighting spirit still shows itself.

WORK PROGRESSING ON JAMES ISLAND FACTORIES

Satisfactory Progress Reported on Establishment of New Powder Plant.

A considerable part of the work in connection with the establishment of manufacturing plants for the Canadian Explosives, Limited, and the Victoria Chemical Company, the two firms having been amalgamated, on James Island has been completed. The project has been in hand for about nine months, and, when entirely finished, will represent an investment running into the millions.

Mr. H. J. Scott, the local manager of the Canadian Explosives, Limited, stated yesterday that satisfactory progress is being made, although the date on which the plants will be in shape for use is indefinite. He says that about one hundred men are engaged, that a splendid wharf has been constructed at which supplies are received, and that workmen are busy with the various structures in which will be housed the powder and chemical making plants. To reach these centres with material, narrow gauge railways have been constructed, so that the different parts of the island

at which operations are in progress are readily accessible.

None of the machinery to be installed has been delivered, according to Mr. Scott. He says, however, that it will be on hand by the time it is required. The working force is considered entirely adequate, and the headway being made is satisfactory. Already work has been started on some of the houses that will be occupied by the resident artisans. Before James Island actually becomes the manufacturing centre for which it is designed, there will be a well laid out residential district provided, in which will be constructed a large number of comfortable homes.

J. H. BROWN PURCHASES CONVERSE INTERESTS

Mr. Thomas Converse, who has recently returned from a prolonged visit to Menominee, Wis., has disposed of his interests in the Converse-Brown Shingle Mill Co., to his partner, Mr. J. H. Brown. It is the intention of Mr. Converse to take up a 320 acre section of government land in the State of Montana, and accompanied by Mrs. Converse will leave shortly to commence the making of a new home. They will be missed by a large circle of friends in Sidney.

A SURPRISE PARTY.

A bunch of our young bloods made a surprise visit to the house of Mr. J. P. Scarlett one evening this week. The fact that the host was absent when the bunch arrived rather added to the pleasure of the occasion. The light were lit, and also the fire, and the first item on the programme was a toast to "Our Absent Host," which was drunk with great enthusiasm. After a good evening spent in song and instrumental music the absent host returned and a very surprised gentleman he was. After he had somewhat recovered his composure he congratulated the amateur musical housebreakers on their nerve, but promised he would overlook their escapades in consideration of the fact that they were a bunch of good fellows and he believed by their behavior that this was their first offence. After this they enjoyed a light repast and some more musical stunts and wound up a pleasant evening with best wishes and hopes of another evening of the same nature in the near future.

WILL PLAY BASKETBALL

The Sidney Basketball team will journey to Keatings on Monday evening next to meet a team from Victoria West. No doubt a large number of their supporters will accompany the team, which will be made up as follows:

Centre, Simpson; forwards, J. Gehrke, E. Munroe; guards, A. Gehrke and M. Norton.

According to reports the Victoria team will be a strong one but the local boys feel confident that they can handle them as easily as they did the High School Girls.

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THE CHURCH SERVICES

ANGLICAN CHURCHES.
March 29.—Fifth Sunday in Lent.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity.
3.00 p.m.—Children's Service at St. Andrew's.
7.30 p.m.—Evening Prayer at St. Andrew's.

METHODIST CHURCH.
Sunday services:
11.00 a.m.—Berquist's Small Hall.
3.00 p.m.—South Saanich Church.
7.30 p.m.—North Saanich Church.

Wednesday, 8.00 p.m.—Prayer Meeting.
Ladies' Aid Meeting Second Thursday of each month.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Services will be held in Berquist's Small Hall each Sunday at 3 p.m.
Sunday School at 2 p.m.
A. McLean, Missionary-in-charge.

CATHOLIC CHURCHES.

Church of Assumption, South-west Saanich—Mass every Sunday at 10 a.m.

Church of St. Elizabeth, Sidney—Mass every 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays in the month, at 10 a.m.

Church of St. Paul, Fulford Harbor, Salt Spring Island—Mass every 4th Sunday.

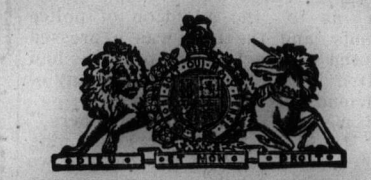
The Catholic settlements on Pender and Mayne Islands will regularly be attended to during the week following the second Sunday.

The priests in charge are the Rev. Father M. M. Ronden and W. Corterraad. Address R. M. D., No. 1, Turgoose P. O. Telephone Y 11.

NOTICE

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE SIDNEY AND NORTH SAANICH LIBERAL ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO APRIL 15.

A. McONALD,
Secretary.



SYNOPSIS OF COAL MINING REGULATIONS

COAL mining rights of the Dominion, in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the Northwest Territories and in a portion of the Province of British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years at an annual rental of \$1 an acre. No more than 2,560 acres will be leased to one applicant.

Application for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or Sub-Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal subdivisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of \$5 which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of \$10.00 per acre.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy Minister of the Interior.
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PRESIDENT WILSON TOLLS AND

(The Evening Post, New York.)

President Wilson's message to Congress is a miracle of condensation in less than a five hundred words he says all that is necessary, and does it with a force and impact that must go deep into the minds of Congress and the country. The gravity of his appeal is enhanced by his brevity. Some issues are too serious to be drenched in language. "In the highest matters," saith the preacher, "let thy words be few." The president has laid this to heart. And if there is truth in Voltaire's saying that it is not the book of many pages which move men to great social changes and even revolutions, but the broadside, the pamphlet, the thin volume all aglow with passion, it is certainly true that Presidents are not heard for their much speaking; that long and wordy messages to Congress which nobody reads cannot have the effect of a swift and direct utterance which all can take in in five minutes, and which is yet couched in such terms as to compel thought and thought yet again.

Not the least eloquent parts of Mr. Wilson's message are his omissions and his silences. He does not waste a word on the Baltimore platform. Nor does he note the fact that he himself once appeared to take a view of the Panama act contradictory to the one he now holds. All this he puts aside. Why spend time over such trifles when the whole foreign policy of the government is at hazard, and when the Mexican crisis is every day growing tenser? The President takes it for granted that some things are to be taken for granted. One of them is that a hasty declaration by a party cannot be interposed as a bar to wise and just action. Another is that a man or President has a right to change his mind for good reason shown. Stout Bismarck did not hesitate to admit that he could learn something as he went on. In one of his speeches to the Reichstag he said that he would scorn to belong to the number of those who in their whole life long maintained certain definite opinions from which they never varied.

To attempt to reinforce the President's argument is happily needless. It speaks for itself better than anybody can speak for it. But some of its bearings, and the effective skill with which the two main parts of it are juxtaposed, may be pointed out. It was necessary, of course, that the President should state his strong personal conviction that the Panama act violated the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. This he does unmistakably. Long study of the matter has convinced him that Congress was betrayed into thinking it had a power which it had really parted with by treaty. If Mr. Wilson did not devotedly believe this in his own heart, he could not have gone to Congress with his moving appeal. But he does not rest the case on his own belief. He points, rather, to the consensus of opinion everywhere except in the United States; and throws himself upon Congress as the executive who is directed by the Constitution to conduct foreign affairs, asking for the removal of an obstacle to a good understanding with other nations, and so to the success of our own country in dealing with great problems, to solve which we acutely need the good will and help of European Powers. We do not see how Congress can possibly reject his plea. When the President says, on his official responsibility, that he does not know how he can deal with "other matters of even greater delicacy and nearer consequence"—everybody knows what he means—unless his way is smoothed by the repeal of the tolls-exemption clause, what can Congress do but grant him what he asks? If he had gone to the houses with a request for an appropriation of \$100,000,000 to make ready for war, members would have fallen over each other in their zeal to "stand behind" him. Will they not, for the sake of peace do a great deal less?

What the president has done is to make the whole question look large and national. Before, to many minds it had the appearance of a squabble; a pulling back and forth between conflicting interests; at best, a dispute about the interpretation of a treaty, which could be settled by referring it to arbitration, as Mr. Taft had suggested. But all this is now a thing of the past. The whole matter has been lifted into a higher air. The President leads the country to a larger view. We are hailing the completion of the Panama Canal. Let us, urges Mr. Wilson, free our rejoicing from every regret or stain. We are honoring Col. Goethals—who, by the way, is for the repeal of the tolls-exemption clause. Let us make our