

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL

News of the Day Selected from Thursday's Evening Times.

Plans of Bishop Perrin.

Bishop Perrin will not come direct to the city from the east, but will remain two days at Seattle, where he will receive here on Thursday, May 18th, and will take part in a special service at Christ Church cathedral that evening. On Saturday evening, May 20th, the public reception will take place in Odd Fellows' Hall.

Will Increase the Service.

Commencing with the steamer Tacoma, which left Hong Kong on May 6th, the N. P. line will begin a new service, giving a steamer every three weeks. Besides this, for freight, which requires no haste, sailing vessels will be chartered. Brisk times are looked for in handling the tea crop, the first shipment of which is on the Empress of India of the C. P. R. line, due here on May 24th.

He Refused Duty.

Sitting as stipendiary magistrate this morning Magistrate Macrae heard the case of Joseph M. Gray, a seaman on the bark Dochara, charged by Capt. Wm. MacGarrow with refusing duty. He was convicted and sentenced to two weeks' imprisonment. Another case of a similar nature, growing out of the trouble recently on the Ameroona, was withdrawn, having been amicably settled out of court.

An Old Miner's Death.

A letter received from Wrangell last evening contains the news of the death at Laketon, Cassiar, of Matt Richards, one of the earliest and best known Omineca miners. The deceased was a brother of Mrs. Thomas Tronche of this city, and was well and favorably known as a miner in the mining camps. The body was taken to Glenora and will be brought to this city for interment. Messrs. Hyland and Albrecht, had passed up the river when the letter was written. The steamer Alaska, to be used on the river, has been launched.

The Victoria Sails.

The steamer Victoria arrived here yesterday afternoon from Tacoma and left early this afternoon for Yokohama, after taking aboard 350,000 feet of lumber, a quantity of miscellaneous freight and several Chinese passengers. Of the 390 Chinese she brought from the Orient for Tacoma only 70 were allowed to land. The remaining 290 return home on the ship. This includes the tragedians, comedians and female impersonators who were trying to get to Chicago to help make the big fair a failure.

The Tacoma Labeled.

It is stated that the C. P. R. Company has labeled the British barkentine Tacoma at Vancouver for \$50,000 for breaking its charter in failing to carry the cargo of Chinamen to Portland as agreed by the captain. It is stated that Capt. Horton took legal advice in Victoria before refusing to go and that he bases his refusal on the fact that the charter contemplated an illegal act and was therefore illegal itself. The matter will make an interesting fight. The Tacoma is still at the wharf at Vancouver.

The Henrietta Released.

Word has been received from Washington to release the sealing schooner Henrietta, owned by Capt. Spring, which was seized for sealing in Behring Sea last season. The schooner was seized for sealing in Behring Sea, and was held for transferring goods at Tonki harbor. The matter was brought to the notice of Collector Milne, and he took affidavits and forwarded them to the British consul at Ottawa, who is reported to be of the opinion that a schooner could not be seized for one offense and tried for another. Official notification of the schooner's release is expected daily.

Hearing an Appeal.

The Chief Justice was all the afternoon engaged in hearing the appeal of John Thompson, of Young's restaurant, from a conviction made by the police magistrate on April 18th, by which he was sentenced to a term of imprisonment for assaulting a Chinaman named Moy Chong. The case is being heard de novo and the judge may, on the evidence before him, modify the conviction of the police magistrate.

The Chief Justice on Hearing the Evidence.

The Chief Justice on hearing the evidence found the prisoner guilty of the offense and sentenced him to imprisonment for 15 days. At the same time he severely denounced the cowardly assaults on Chinamen, who too frequently take place in Victoria.

Farm Produce Market.

The British Columbia farmer, who has any potatoes, oats or hay on hand ready to throw into any of the markets of the province is a fortunate man. For his potatoes he can command any figure he asks. The market is nearly bare. Old stock is worth \$45 a ton and the new crop, which is appearing, is worth still more than that. Oats, in consequence of time to range high and consignments being good figures. Stocks are light. Hay keeps up in price well. There are little or no local vegetables coming in. What few are brought here bring a price that rewards the grower. The principal supplies are from California, each steamer bringing large shipments. Strawberries and cherries from California have made their appearance in very small quantities. The market for fancy produce, California, of course, produces fruit before the British Columbia tree is in blossom. Onions, which are all from Oregon, are retailing

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AN IMPORTANT MEETING.

Board of Aldermen Deal With a Lot of Important Business.

REPORT ON THE V. & S. RY. AFFAIRS

Long Discussion on the Present and Prospective Sewerage Systems—Report From the Sewerage Committee—A Special Meeting Called.

There were present at last evening's meeting of the council, Mayor Beaven, in the chair, Ald. McKillop, Belyea, Miller, Bragg, McTavish, Henderson, Baker, Styles and Manning. Municipal council by-laws were finally passed. The finance committee's formal report was adopted. One check has been drawn against the account on Feb. 25th, 1893, for \$17,448.00, as per Estimate No. 3; the balance on hand is \$12,127.35, including land and wharf at Sidney, \$4,147.35. Several small items for right-of-way, legal and office expenses.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT.

To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Gentlemen—Your committee appointed to consider and report upon the proposed extension of the Victoria and Sidney Railway, beg leave to submit the following report: That the committee be granted further time to make a further report on the proposed extension of the Victoria and Sidney Railway, and that the committee be authorized to make a further report on the proposed extension of the Victoria and Sidney Railway, and that the committee be authorized to make a further report on the proposed extension of the Victoria and Sidney Railway.

NEW GRADED SCHOOLS.

The School Board Issues a Call for Plans for Them. Chairman Hayward presided at the regular meeting of the school board last evening, and the following resolutions were passed: That the board be authorized to purchase the right of way, and to grade the road, bridge, etc., ready for laying the rails at \$65,575. The board also authorized the engineer to estimate the cost of the proposed extension of the Victoria and Sidney Railway, and that the committee be authorized to make a further report on the proposed extension of the Victoria and Sidney Railway.

CONSTRUCTION PURPOSES.

Bricks, per M. 1.00
Lime, per barrel 0.08
100 square yards plastering, one coat 0.25
100 square yards plastering, two coats 0.35
Settling earth in trenches or excavation, per cubic yard 0.03
Horse 0.20
Each additional horse 0.10
One water closet, private 0.25
Each additional water closet, private 0.15
Urinal 0.20

A TRIP TO TEXADA.

Adventures of a Fishing Party on the Island Last Sunday. Nanaimo, May 9.—The steamer Robt. Dunsmuir was chartered on Saturday last and left Nanaimo wharf at 11:30 p.m. with 30 passengers for Texada Island, a large majority of whom went with the intention of enjoying a day's fishing amongst Texada's mountains and lakes. The trip was as uneventful as midnight excursions usually are on dark, cloudy nights.

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