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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

A Change in the Lighting.

Determined to be up to the times in everything, the wardens of Christ Church Cathedral have arranged for the immediate lighting of the cathedral by electricity. Wiring has been already commenced.

Premises Secured.

The Bank of Montreal have secured the ground floor premises at the corner of Fort and Government streets, in the new Five Sisters Block. The plans for that building are being altered accordingly, and the premises will be well adapted to the uses to which they are to be put.

To Have Cabins Put In.

The steamer Danube will come in from the outer wharf as soon as she gets her cargo discharged, to tie up for a while at R. P. Rithet's wharf. It is understood to be the intention of the C. P. N. Company to have her fitted up as a northern passenger boat.

Queenstown Lots Sell Well.

Messrs. Routledge & Co. report that the sale of lots in the new town of Queentown, Quatsino harbor, is advancing at a rate which far surpasses expectations. Fifty lots have been sold outright during the past two days, and twelve blocks have been bonded by a San Francisco firm.

Chinese Superstition.

Although they have been notified to leave at once, the Chinese occupants of the land on which the public market is to stand, will not abandon their present homes until after the celebration of the festival of the New Year. It is part of their religion that to do so would be to court bad luck. In order to oblige them the owners of the property will not intertere with them until the last fire cracker has duly cracked.

Broke the Window.

Early yesterday morning some person or persons unknown deliberately smashed the plate glass window of Mr. Henry Short's establishment, on Douglas street, and possessed himself or themselves of four revolvers, of assorted makes, and a handful of police calls. The value of the stolen articles is about $50, and the window was worth about the same, and uninsured. The culprits are supposed to be juvenile offenders.

The Beacon Light.

It is understood that the Electric Light committee will arrange at once for putting a light at the top of the flagstaff on Beacon Hill, in response to a monster petition recently presented to the Council. The beacon light will be seen for many, many miles seaward, and will be decidedly useful for mariners, as well as an ornament to the hill and a convenience to the residents of that vicinity.

Sunday Closing.

The city clerk, yesterday, communicated with the secretary of the Licensed Victuallers' association in regard to a conference with the Council upon the question of Sunday closing. The interview, it is expected, will be held next week. Ald. Richards, the mover in this matter, thinks that an agreement will be reached by which all saloons in the city will, at least, be closed during the hours of church worship on Sundays.

A Charge of False Pretences.

Last night, Angus McLean was arrested by Constable Smith, while driving a lumber wagon on the Saanich road. He was charged with buying whips at Heron & Mann's saddlery shop, on Broad street, and charging them to the account of A. C. Howe, who had given him no permission to do so. The team was brought into Victoria, and left at W. G. Bowman's stables, and McLean was lodged in jail, to wait examination on a charge of obtaining goods under false pretences.

Missionary Meeting.

The annual missionary meeting was held in Christ Church Cathedral school-room, last evening. His Lordship the Bishop of New Westminster gave a very interesting and lengthy lecture on missionary work, and His Lordship the Bishop of Columbia filled the chair. The lay and clerical secretaries, Messrs. Croasdaile and Taylor, made a few remarks, and a vote of thanks was moved by Mr. Justice Crease, and seconded by Rev. Dr. Reid, to His Lordship the Bishop of New Westminster. The collection plate was passed around, and $50 was contributed to the missionary fund.

Armed With Documents.

Dr. J. C. Davie, who is now on his way to Europe, is determined to bring back with him a sample of Koch's much talked about lymph. As the new cure for consumption is hard to obtain at any price, the doctor has taken the precaution to arm himself with the most formidable credentials to be had. He first procured a letter from the Premier, Hon. John Robson, to Lord Stanley of Preston, and the Governor-General supplied him with a letter to the British Ambassador at Berlin, and a request that that high official use his influence in Dr. Davie's behalf.

Police Court

Nothing very interesting took place in this court, yesterday morning. Only two small cases were disposed of, the first being a drunk by the name of John Roberts, who pleaded guilty and was fined $5. The next was John Hanning, charged with being a vagrant. He, too, pleaded guilty, but as he was a newcomer to the city, His Honor dismissed the case, after being heartily thanked by the prisoner. A summons was issued for the arrest of John Ching, a Chinaman, who is charged with selling lottery tickets, but did not appear on account of the first summons being handed to the wrong Chinaman.

Surprise Party.

Over one hundred merry pleasure seekers of Saanich district, gathered at the residence of Mr. Henry Brooks on the evening of Tuesday, last, to spend a few hours in social intercourse. The young people, with whom this district is very generously supplied, seemed thoroughly to enjoy themselves, while those of more advanced years manifested equal enjoyment in witnessing the frolics of their juniors. The table, under the excellent management of Mesdames Thomson, Brooks, Mitchel, Bryant and Richardson, was sufficient to satisfy the most fastidious. The music, consisting of three pieces, was furnished by local talent, the inspiriting strains rendering lively motion quite a necessity.

Well Organized.

Spencer's hall was well filled last evening with gentlemen assembled with the determination of forming a court of the Independent Order of Foresters in this city. It was unanimously agreed that Mr. Noah Shakespeare take the chair, and Mr. Wm. Duck was appointed secretary *pro tem*. Mr. Oliver Cruse, of Seattle, Deputy Supreme Chancellor of the I. O. F., came over purposely to establish the society here, Mr. H. L. Taepke, of Port Townsend, also came over to be on hand at the organization. Twenty-seven members were enrolled, and it was decided that on Monday, the 2nd prox., in Spencer's hall, Broad street, the Independent Order of Foresters will be formally established.

An Awkward Position.

Jacob A. Windsor and Miss Charlotte A. Rouse were united in holy matrimony, by Rev. Percival Jenns, on Wednesday night. Their union was, however, not without a little awkward feature, which was fortunately quickly overcome by the bridegroom. He had neglected to provide himself with the necessary license, but the fact was not discovered until the bridal party made their appearance before the clergyman, and the ceremony was about to proceed. Then a brief postponement became necessary, and the groom in prospective started on a hurried hunt for the sheriff. That official was not at home, but was finally traced to the Salvation Army barracks. The situation was explained, and he lost no time in supplying the necessary documents, by which two hearts were made happy and two names were merged into one.

The Wellington Strike.

The correspondence brought down to the House, yesterday, by Hon. Mr. Robson, in response to a motion for all orders-in-council, correspondence, etc., relating to the sending of a militia force to Wellington, last summer, consists of

A protest from Messrs. Keith, Forster and McKenzie, dated August 14th, against the sending of that force, and against the appearance, as counsel in the case before the stipendiary magistrate of the president of the counsel, or any member of the Government, and pledging themselves to hold the Government to a strict accountability in the premises.

The reply of the Hon. John Robson, dated Aug. 15, setting forth that "the Government have no control over the militia; neither have they over the professional engagements of Mr. Pooley, president of the council. The Government are at all times responsible for their actions, and a threat to hold them to a strict accountability is, therefore, superfluous."

What the Indians Say.

One of the chiefs of the Songhees Indians was talking to a COLONIST man, yesterday, in regard to the contemplated removal of the reserve. He is authority for the statement that the tribe, under Chief Jim, now number only about 57 souls, or 25 families, and their reserve consists of a little more than 100 acres. The majority of the tribe are now at Seabird Island attending a festival, but on their return, early next week, they will hold a meeting to discuss the situation. One or two vigorously oppose any step in the way of moving, but the majority are quite willing to sell their rights for a lump sum. They claim that their reserve was not given to them in the same manner as the other reserves of British Columbia. The others, they say, are simply given the use of the land; theirs, they were given out and out, of course, under the control of the Government. If they are bought out the Indians will buy a tract of land of their own selection and establish themselves upon it. But they want no more reserves.

A Sheep Stealer Killed.

Almost daily for some time past the farmers of Metchosin district have missed one or more sheep from their flocks. They laid the depredations to the prowling panthers, but nothing could be done in the matter. Tuesday morning Mr. McLellan went out as usual, and to his astonishment found the sheep stealer making a hearty breakfast off one of his finest sheep. He immediately returned to the house for his dogs and rifle. A hot chase commenced, and the thief took to the woods, but he was soon compelled to take refuge in a large tree. Mr. J. McLellan was on the spot immediately, firmly resolved to rid the country at large of one at least of the gang of depredators. Sighting the thief in the tree he took steady aim and sent the leaden messenger of death true to its mark, and the huge panther fell at his feet in the throes of death. The panther measured from snout to tip of tail, 7 feet 6 inches. Mr. J. McLellan yesterday claimed the Government bounty for exterminating the brute, and he has earned as well the sincere thanks of his fellow farmers.

Association of Provincial Land Surveyors.

The adjourned annual meeting of the above association was held yesterday evening in the city hall, and was a decided successful affair. Surveyors from nearly every section of the Province were present and seemed deeply interested in the proceedings. After one or two amendments to the constitution had been carried the election of officers was proceeded with and resulted as follows: For president, Ed. Mohun, C. E.; vice-president, J. A. Kirk, D. L. S., of New Westminster; secretary-treasurer, Tom Kains, D. L. S.; draughtsmen L. W. Department; Executive Committee, E. B. Hermon, D. L. S., Vancouver; T. S. Gore, D. L. S., Victoria; R. Heyland, M. E., Nanaimo. Mr. Ashdown Green read an interesting paper on Practical Natural History, giving valuable information to surveyors regarding methods of collecting and preserving specimens of the flora and found of the country through which their surveys carry them.

This association will not only be a great source of utility to the individual members thereof but will undoubtedly prove of benefit to the public at large in being the means of keeping the work performed by the profession up to a standard equal to that of any of the Provinces of the Dominion.

IN CHAMBERS.

(Before Mr. Justice Walkem.)

Rogers v. Hirah.—Application by defendants for the appointment of a guardian for the infant defendants. Trial before the Chief Justice. Mr. Wilson for plaintiff, Bodwell & Irving for defendants.

Granville v. Cotton.—For further particulars. Order made by consent. Eberts & Taylor for plaintiff, Drake, Jackson and Helmcken for defendant.

McDougall v. Robson.—To deliver interpleading. Granted; costs to be costs in the case. Belyea and Gregory for plaintiff, Bodwell & Irving for defendant.

Turner, Beeton & Co. v. Hobson & Co.—Application for adjournment of summons. Granted. Bodwell & Irving for plaintiffs, Yates & Jay for defendants.

Lenz and Wood v. Gillis.—For leave to issue writ of jurisdiction. Leave given, 15 days. Mr. Bodwell.

Familiar Family Friends.

THE family store of medicine should contain a bottle of Hagyard's Yellow Oil. Mrs. Hannah Hutchins, of Rossway, N. S., says: "We have used Hagyard's Yellow Oil in our family for six years, for coughs, colds, burns, sore throat, croup, etc., and find it so good we cannot do without it."

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

First Session of the Sixth Parliament.

EIGHTH DAY.

Thursday 29th, 1891.

The Speaker took the chair at two o'clock.

HON. MR. ROBSON presented the following

RETURNS

Relating to the remission of the tax of $105, imposed by section No. 1 of the Mi eral Act;

Orders in Council, etc., relating to the closing of the Cache Creek Boarding school;

Correspondence, &c., relating to the sending of the Militia to Wellington, also

The annual report of the public schools of the province.

PETITIONS.

MR. COTTON presented the petition of the New Westminster and Burrard Inlet Telephone Company, asking for amendments to their act of incorporation.

MR. NASON—Of John C. Armstrong and others, asking for a bill to incorporate the Vernon and Nelson Telephone Company.

COL. BAKER—Of the Crow's Nest & Kootenay Lake Railway, asking for amendments to their act of incorporation.

MR. KITCHEN—Of Donald McGillivray and others, asking the House to pass an act to incorporate the British Columbia Dyking and Improvement Co., to dyke and drain certain lands in the New Westminster District, and also to drain Sumas Lake.

ALLEGED INTERFERENCE WITH JUSTICE.

MR. MARTIN moved for all correspondence and telegrams between the Attorney-General and J. Lehman, Esq., J. P. of Ashcroft, relative to the prosecution and discharge of one J. Carey, for alleged embezzlement.

HON. MR. DAVIE said there would be no opposition to the motion. On the contrary he had only been too glad, when the member mentioned the matter to him to urge on him the propriety of that course. He had, he must say, been surprised that the senior member for Vancouver but not at the first opportunity, after the House had sat, brought up this matter which he, in his paper, had professed to know all about. He naturally expected that he would have vindicated what he had written about at the bar of this House. It was, he said, to be regretted that the proprietors of newspapers sometimes published wild charges and then dropped them, thus leaving the parties attacked no opportunity of defence. One paper, had charged him (Mr. Davie), in connection with this case, with compounding a felony, but he had been content to wait for the meeting of the House, rather than deal with the question. In connection with the present case, he had been charged with stifling a charge against one Carey of embezzling from the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Express company, and with instructing the magistrate to interfere and prevent the case going further. No instruction whatever had been given to the magistrate, who, in reply to a communication sent to the Attorney-General, had been informed by telegram that he must use his own judgment, the Attorney-General having no orders to give him. The case was subsequently dismissed by the magistrate, as he (Mr. Davie) was informed. In charges of embezzlement or obtaining money under false pretences, it was not unusual to allow the prosecution to be dropped, when restitution had been made, and the constable having charge of the case, had been informed that there would be no objection this course.

MR. COTTON moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. Kellie, to strike out all the words after "that" in the first line, and insert:—"a respectful address be presented to His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting His Honor to cause to be placed before this House copies of all orders-in-council, telegrams, papers and correspondence, or other information, in the possession of the Government or any of its members or officials, between the Attorney-General, or any official of his or any other department, and Isaac Lehman, Esq., J. P., of Ashcroft, or any other official of the Government, or any other person or persons, relative to the prosecution and discharge of one Edward Charles Carey, for alleged embezzlement, or any matters or proceedings connected therewith."

The hon. senior member for Vancouver denied that he had made any charges against the Attorney-General.

HON. MR. DAVIE—But you insinuated, which is much worse.

MR. COTTON said he did not now propose to enter upon the matter, except to say that he had personally and recently received communications on the subject, and when the papers came down should be able to discuss it.

HON. MR. BEAVEN wished to have the matter ventilated, as it appeared that a defaulter had only, when found out, to return the money to secure his discharge.

The resolution as amended by Mr. Cotton was adopted.

HON. MR. DAVIE moved to discharge the order for the second reading of the Municipalities Bill.—Carried.

LAND REGISTRY BILL.

HON. MR. DAVIE moved the second reading of the Land Registry Bill. Its object was, he said, to prevent the owners of property from been harrassed by vexatious proceedings. In the past it had been possible to enregister charges against property, during whose pendency it was impossible for the owner to sell, no matter how advantageous the market and the terms offered. The Bill provided for the removal of the charges on such security as might seem to be satisfactory in making the order, the judge being empowered to take into consideration the probability of the success of such person on the action to be brought.

The bill was read a second time and referred to committee (Mr. Semlin in the chair), when amendments were made, on the motion of the Attorney-General, to confine the mode of cancellation and to do away with the necessity of having charges or transfers made with the use of the seal. It was also specially provided in another amendment, offered by the Attorney-General, that where land has been granted, or devised to two or more persons, other than executors or trustees, in fee simple, or for any less estate, it shall be considered that such persons took or take as tenants in common, and not as joint tenants, unless an intention sufficiently appears that they are to take as joint tenants.

Several minor amendments were discussed, after which the committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

THE JURORS' ACT.

HON. MR. DAVIE moved the second reading of the bill to amend the Jurors' act, which he explained in the meantime for particular reasons specially applied to New Westminster in certain details. In explaining the bill he stated that the fees to jurors in civil cases were governed by rules of court, and these, it was intended, to have increased by special jurors. In regard to criminal cases the Jurors' act applied to them and the Government would move to place on the same footing as jurors in civil cases. The case of grand jurors would also be considered, but he did not think it would be deemed necessary to increase their fees, as it was under contemplation to abolish grand juries altogether. He (Mr. Davie) had, he might say, been one of the first to speak of the abolition of such jurors, and he now noticed that the Dominion Government had the subject under consideration.

The bill having been read a second time, was committed, Mr. Booth in the chair.

The committee having dealt with the bill at some length, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

MECHANICS' LIEN BILL.

The House again went into committee on the Mechanics' Lien Bill, Col. Baker in the chair. The bill having passed through committee, was reported.

After some discussion as to whether or not the House should adjourn, in view of the fact that it was impossible for the New Westminster Southern railway to be opened, to which the members had been invited, the House adjourned until Monday.

NOTICE OF QUESTION.

By MR. HORNE—To ask "Do the Government intend to open a Land Registry office at the city of Vancouver, and, if so, at what date will said office be opened, and ready to transact business?

By MR. KITCHEN—To ask the Attorney General if it is the intention of the Government to provide for the payment of the Grand Jurors, and to increase the allowance now paid to Petit and Special Jurors?

NOTICES OF MOTION.

By MR. BEAVEN—To move for all orders in Council, correspondence, papers, vouchers and receipts relating to the issue and cancellation of Crown Grant No. 2608, dated 17th June, 1883, and the issue of Crown Grant No. 4097 in lieu thereof.

By HON. MR. BEAVEN—To insert a Chinese restrictive clause in the following bills. To amend the Crow's Nest and Kootenay R. R. Act; to incorporate the B. C. Dyking and Improvement Co.; to incorporate the Vernon & Nelson Telephone Co.; to incorporate the New Westminster and Burrard Telephone Co.

By HON. MR. DAVIE—To introduce a bill respecting the corporation of New Westminster.

By HON. MR. VERNON—To introduce a bill respecting land surveyors.

By HON. MR. DAVIE—To introduce a bill to amend the Dismissap Railway Guarantee Act.

By HON. MR. ROBSON—To introduce a bill to amend and consolidate the laws relating to minerals.

By HON. MR. VERNON—To introduce a bill to amend the Land Act.

MR. HORNE—To move, That whereas the commercial importance of the City of Vancouver is daily increasing, and there is every reason to believe that during the ensuing season and in the future a much greater number of ships will be passing in and out; and whereas, it is desirable to increase the facilities of the shipping; and it is necessary in the interests of shipping and commerce that certain natural obstructions in the Narrows and in that harbor should be removed, and that certain parts of the entrance thereto it should be widened by dredging, and that a fog alarm should be placed at the point known as Prospect Point, and that Burnaby Shoal be removed or a fog alarm placed thereon; Therefore, be it resolved, that a respectful address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honor to urgently request the Dominion Government to take immediate steps for widening and the removal of obstacles in the Narrows at the entrance of said harbor, and for the placing of a fog alarm on Prospect Point and at Burnaby shoal in said harbor. And that His Honor be further respectfully requested to transmit a copy of the address and this resolution to the Dominion Government.

A QUICK BOAT TO VICTORIA.

Talk of a Union Pacific Steamer Making a One-Day Round Trip.

There is some talk of a new route being established between Tacoma and Victoria, and one steamer put on, making the round trip every twenty-four hours. Mr. Baldwin, agent of the Union Pacific line, on Wednesday, told a Post-Intelligencer reporter that he thought such a route would be a very good paying one, from the fact that a fast steamer could leave Tacoma, take in Seattle, Port Townsend, Anacortes and Bellingham Bay, and stop long enough at Victoria to enable passengers to transact considerable business and return within the twenty-four hours, and it would immediately secure a large patronage, as most people do not like to lose more than one day on the round trip. He had no intimation, however, that his company contemplated the establishment of such a route. But he had no doubt but what some company would see the advantage of it before long. And if his company decided to make the experiment, the steamer T. J. Potter or the Olympian would probably be put on the run, as either one could make it without difficulty.

It is thought the steamer Premier may be put on the route by the Canadian Pacific company, if the much talked-of transfer of this steamer to the Alaska Steamship company is not consummated.

The general impression is that better time will have to be made by water, and a better class of steamers employed in order to compete successfully with railroads on the Northern routes.

PRICES AGREED ON.

Terms of Sale of the Northern Pacific Property.

A Building Contract for Oakes Avenue—A Liberal Discount to Early Purchasers—Terms of Sale.

The prices at which the Northern Pacific property at Anacortes will be put on the market have been agreed upon, and full lists of them may be obtained by calling at the office of the McNaught Land & Investment company, in the McNaught building, Anacortes, or in the Fremont building, Front street, Seattle. For sales of property on Oakes avenue, the business street, a building contract will be offered, and to all who purchase in any of the blocks of the property during the first five days of the sale, a discount of 10 per cent. on price will be given.

After that time the full prices as agreed upon will be adhered to. Only a portion of the property will be placed upon the market at this time, but the reservations will be such that to early purchasers choice will be all that could be asked for. The terms of the sale, as heretofore announced, are extremely liberal, being one-third cash, one-third in one year, and one-third in two years.

The demand for information in regard to the terms of sale of this property has increased so much during the past few days that this public announcement was made absolutely necessary. During Saturday and Monday, in Seattle alone, as many as 1,000 applications were made personally at the McNaught Land company's office for the maps of the Northern Pacific property, which have just been issued.

THE EDUCATION REPORT.

The nineteenth annual report of the Department of Education, which was laid on the table of the House, yesterday, shows that the number of pupils enrolled during the year was 8,042, an increase of 1,246, the average daily attendance having been 4,333.90, an increase of 652.76. The percentage of average attendance was 53.89. The cost of each pupil, based on enrolment, was $15.29 and on average daily attendance $28.37. The total expenditure for education proper, was,

Teachers' Salaries	$ 107,574 14
Incidental Expenses, including rent	9,462 45
Education Office	5,948 24
Total	$122,984 83

Of the above outlay, the expenditure for salaries of teachers and incidental expenses of the different kinds of schools was:

For High Schools	$ 6,935 00
For Graded Schools	46,879 08
For Rural Schools	63,222 51
Total	$117,036 59

Of the amount voted in the estimates for education proper during the past year, $7,265.17 were unexpended. The expenditure by the Lands and Works Department for the construction of school houses, furniture, repairs and improvements was:

School-houses	$ 31,555 00
Furniture repairs	3,521 32
Total	$ 35,076 32

The total expenditure for all purposes of education during the year was:

Education proper	$122,984 83
Lands and Works Department	35,076 32
Total	$158,061 15

The number of schools in operation was 117: High schools, 4; graded, 13; ward schools, 4; rural schools, 96.

In 1872 73 there were 25 school districts, with an aggregate enrolment of 1,028, an average daily attendance of 575, percentage of attendance 55.93, and an expenditure for education proper of $36,763 77. Last year there were 123 school districts, with an aggregate enrolment of 8,042, an average daily attendance of 4,333.90, percentage of attendance, 53.89, and an expenditure for education proper of $122,984.83. The statistical abstract shows the number of boys enrolled during the year to have been 4,129, increase for the year, 597; number of girls, 3,913; increase, 649; pupils enrolled in High schools, 244; increase, 57. The average daily attendance in High schools was 150.01; do in graded schools, 2,654.39; do in rural schools, 1,529.50.

The increase of school districts was 14. The schedule of salaries of teachers on the permanent staff during the year showed that there had been 154 in all salaried as follows: 1 at $110; 7 at $100; 3 at $90; 6 at $80; 2 at $75; 17 at $70; 5 at $65; 26 at $60; 9 at $55, and 78 at $50. The teachers consisted of 72 males and 82 females.

A SISTER'S DEVOTION.

It Exceeds the Heroic Sacrifice of the Knights Templar.

SAGINAW, Mich., Jan. 20.—Miss Sarah Little, who was desperately burned, several weeks ago, while dressing for a party, was subjected to a difficult skin grafting operation, to-day. Eleven pieces, one inch wide and seven inches long, were taken from her sister, Miss Louisa, who heroically offered the necessary sacrifice. The result of the result of the operation is all that was looked for. The doctors say that the devotion and suffering on the part of Miss Louisa, on behalf of her sister, was far beyond that of the Knights Templar, of Chicago, whose acts of fraternal love were heralded throughout the country.

FATAL INFATUATION.

It Leads a Wife to Poison Her Husband With Morphine.

OMAHA, Jan. 30.—The preliminary examination of Mrs. Mark Sheedy, accused of poisoning her husband last week, occurred at Lincoln to-day. The great wealth of the woman secured an army of lawyers. Conclusive testimony was introduced showing that Sheedy did not die of the blow delivered by an assassin as was supposed, but that his death was caused by morphine administered by the wife while the husband was lying ill from the effects of the blow. A chemical analysis of the stomach of the murdered man was submitted, and was the last link in the chain of evidence to secure the woman's conviction. The crime is alleged to have been committed in order that Mrs. Sheedy might marry A. H. Walstrom, with whom she was infatuated.

WOES OF RICH MEN.

They Can Be Neither Politicians, Nor Authors, Nor Statesmen.

"The very rich people are to be pitied," said a well-known capitalist and club-man the other day to a New York correspondent of the Kansas City Star. "When a man once gets a large fortune there is no emolument worth striving for, for if he tries and succeeds in winning it the world says that his conflict was made easy by his wealth. If he has political aspirations he is accused of purchasing votes and favor. If he wants to shine in literature it is declared that he hires an author to write his books. He is not permitted to have an honest love for art, for when he becomes a collector it is said that he buys pictures by the yard and statuary as though it were cheese. John Jacob Astor, who died recently, could have been Minister to England under President Hayes, but he refused the position because he knew the Nation would declare that it was given in reward for his contribution to the campaign fund. In his whole life John Jacob Astor was nothing more than a real-estate agent on a large scale, and his end was accomplished by gout, the bane of all rich men. Gout is the inevitable result of affluence. It is good food and what is now called good cooking that produces gout, and the man of large means is sure to have bo[illegible] Astor was what might b[illegible] a quiet liver; that is, he [illegible] fectly temperate in his appeti[illegible] sides this he was an extr[illegible] strong youth and began his li[illegible] ury with a constitution of i[illegible] the steady, unbroken comforts [illegible] itudes of his existence did th[illegible] and he died at sixty-eight. I[illegible] hearty as any man in New Yor[illegible] sometimes been observed that [illegible] fashionable ailment, but in re[illegible] a prevalent and deadly disea[illegible] the luxurious men in New [illegible] nearly every club window has a [illegible] faced man in it who is haunted [illegible] realization that he may be called to his reckoning at any moment. If these men had ever been tempted into the fields of endeavor and taken pot-luck with the regulate toilers of the earth they would be all right, but the smooth elegance of doing nothing that they have indulged in, together with the wines and spiced delicacies that have formed their sustenance, has put them into pretty much the same physical condition as those geese that we make into pates de fois gras. I advise the poor not to envy the rich. I will wager that they are as unhappy as anybody. The richer they are the more unhappy they are. They can not go into the struggle for fame, they mistrust the motives of every new acquaintance, and they invariably have the gout. You will not find a more sorrowful looking set of men in New York than the ones that belong to my club. And they are the very richest citizens we have. In fact, I am a pretty sad dog myself."

ANOTHER TIE BROKEN.

Algernon Had Been Given Many Privileges, but He Was Ungrateful.

"I am convinced, Algernon, that there is no such thing as gratitude in the world. I have striven against the doubt, but in vain," and Beatrice looked as desolate as a young man who calls on a stranger for the first time and never hears a familiar topic of conversation for an hour, says the St. Paul Pioneer-Press.

"And how am I at fault?" said the young man, as interested as a hen with one chicken and that one a duck.

"Don't trifle with me, Algy; you see I still forget that I should be firm. I must ask you some questions," and the fair maiden looked as sober as a justice of the peace when he discovers that he has left his tobacco-box at home.

"Have I not allowed you to part your name in the middle?"

"You have," responded the youth, with a painted, green-apple-pie expression.

"Have I not allowed you to hum 'McGinty' with your numerous variations?" persisted the fair Portia, with a life insurance agent's suavity.

"You have," answered the youth, blushing as if he had dropped a poker chip in the parlor.

"And 'Annie Rooney?'"

"Yes," was the almost inaudible murmur.

"Yes, Algy, I have, and do you appreciate it? Not a particle. You men never appreciate us poor women. During this entire evening, while that horrid Banks girl was laughing in her sleeve, you persisted in saying: 'I reckon' instead of 'I fancy.' Algy, I feel obliged to say farewell forever," and the fair maiden would have wept had it not been for the violet powder on her face.

And so another tender tie was rudely broken.

STARTING LIFE ANEW.

How One Man Lost a Wife and a Little Tot Its Mother.

I was at the depot in Louisville, standing in the doorway of the ladies' waiting-room, when, writes a Detroit Free Press correspondent, a stranger beckoned me out and said:

"I want you to do me a favor. See if there is a woman about forty years old in there, wearing a black silk dress, a brown wrap and a hat with two white feathers in it."

I sauntered in and looked around, and returned and reported her there.

"Anybody with her?" he asked.

"Yes; a man and a little child."

His face was pale and betrayed great emotion, and his voice had a queer sound to it as he considered for a moment and then said:

"Take this pistol. I am her husband, and she has eloped. I was going to kill the man at first, but I have thought better of it."

He entered the room, and the guilty pair rose up and turned pale as he approached. He did not look at either of them, but walked straight up to the child, took her in his arms, and went out saying:

"We haven't any home now, darling, but we will go away somewhere and make one."

"Come, mamma!" called the child.

"Hush!" he whispered. "You have no mother. She died two days ago!"

SHE WON HER CASE.

An Independent Bridget Who Sued for Breach of Promise.

There was a queer, shrewd Irish girl, who was engaged to a certain well-to-do youth, says the Boston Transcript. His father had thriftily got some property together, which the son would inherit. The youth knew very little; he had lost one eye, and, as Bridget said of him, he was emphatically "not much to look at," but his "expictash'ns" made him attractive. Presently Bridget was in great distress. She came to her employer, who happened to be a lawyer, in a raging state of mind. The young man had jilted her, and she was going to sue him for breach of promise!

Her account of the matter was a curious mixture of humor, indignation, and craftiness. She would sue him for damages, but it was plain that her object was to force him to marry her. "Sure," said she, "an' why mightn't I have the money as well as the sisters and coosins af him?" "Would you marry him now?" asked her employer. "Sure, an' that I wud! Ain't he as noice a little spalpeen as ye'd seen in a day's runnin'?"

The employer tried to ascertain whether the boy had any pretext for jilting her. What had she done to offend him? Bridget lowered her voice confidentially. "I think," she said, "that it's all about a bit of conversation that [illegible] remembered. With one breath she scorched the defendant and with the next she praised and cajoled him.

"Sure, he's not a beauty," she admitted to the court, "he's only the one eye, but it's awful becomin' to him, yer anner."

Bridget won her case; the youth, relenting before such tact, changed his character of defendant for that of bridegroom, and all the "sisters and cousins" came to the wedding.

RICH MEN'S MASCOTS.

They Represent Many Things from a Copper Cent to a Steam Tug.

Erastus Wiman believes that there is luck in keeping a Newfoundland dog around the house.

Cyrus W. Field has a piece of the first cable laid between America and Europe. To Mr. Field it is invaluable.

Pierre Lorillard is a firm believer in the efficacy of the horseshoe. There are a dozen or more rusty horseshoes around his establishment.

Henry Villard cherishes with studious care the golden spike with which the last rail that marked the completion of the Northern Pacific railroad was finished.

Jay Gould has a mascot. He has clung to it for seventeen years. It is a pedwiper made of blue velvet. It is always upon Mr. Gould's desk and he locks it in a special compartment when he leaves the office.

A conspicuous object in the office of Russell Sage is an ancient $1 bill in a glass frame. Mr. Sage proudly informs his friends who gaze at it curiously that it is his lucky dollar, the first dollar he ever made.

Washington E. Connor carries an old copper cent of the coinage of 1831. When he plays cribbage or billiards he pulls the ancient coin out and looks at it. He generally wins after going through that performance.

John H. Starin has a mammoth mascot. It is the tug William H. Vanderbilt, one of the largest and handsomest boats of its kind in the world. Mr. Starin believes there is luck in having a boat named after Mr. Vanderbilt.

George Gould carries his mascot in a locket which dangles from his watch chain. It is a miniature painting in oil of his charming wife, nee Miss Edith Kingdon. Young Mr. Gould has a strong belief in its power to ward off danger.

Button vs. Laced Boots.

The woman who has an ugly foot and who wishes to conceal such defect should invariably wear a boot that is laced rather than a buttoned one. The boot that laces is also recommended to those who have tender feet, as it may be made to fit each day, the elasticity of the laces being vastly superior to the stiffness of the buttoned article. Many women knowing this are in the habit of buying them, but a frank and honest salesman confesses to the fact that women who have outgrown their girlish slenderness—to put it mildly—always purchase laced boots. He says: "We always try to persuade a stout woman to wear them home, because if they are sent home she will find it so difficult to lace them up that nine times out of ten she will send them back rather than endure the discomfort. This, of course, she may not do if she has worn them out of the shop."

Destitution in Boston.

As a typical instance of destitution in Boston a case is cited of a young man working in a manufacturing shop at a long distance from his room. For sixty hours a week he receives $7.35. The work was hard, wearing, unceasing. Night found him tired to the marrow; morning met him half rested. He had a young wife to care for. The expenses of both were, each week: Room, $2.50; food, $3.97; car fare, 60 cents; total, $7.07; margin, for clothes, amusements, sickness and riotous living, twenty-eight cents.

Iron Collars for Horses.

Now and then a horse wearing an iron collar is seen in the streets of Philadelphia, but such collars are still a rarity. Their use in England has become quite general, however, for horses doing heavy work—such as omnibus and brewery horses. The collars are not heavy, the lightest weighing only seven pounds.

From THE DAILY COLONIST, Ja[illegible]

LOCAL AND PROVINC[illegible]

Water Works Debentur[illegible]

It is understood that a po[illegible] 1889 issue of water-works debe[illegible] at the present time, be redee[illegible] city, at a profit of 2 per cent. pe[illegible]

The Sewerage Bonds

Through local enterprise, [illegible] per cent. sewerage bonds of [illegible] Victoria, to the ext[illegible] of $2[illegible] been disposed of at 95 the act[illegible] on the investment being equiva[illegible] per cent.

A Pleasant House Warm[illegible]

On Thursday evening, Mr. R[illegible] of Russell's station, gave a hou[illegible] at his handsome new home [illegible] West, which was attended by a [illegible] or forty friends. After supper, [illegible] came the order of the fast flying [illegible] very early yesterday the party [illegible] the best possible humor, wishing [illegible] many years of health and happi[illegible]

The Frozen North.

Miss Olaf Kraner, the little [illegible] lady, entertained a large audie[illegible] Victoria, last evening, with a de[illegible] the habits and peculiarities of [illegible] and of the wonderful land in [illegible] live. She speaks clearly, al[illegible] English is evidently strange to h[illegible] account of how the Esquima[illegible] vealed a new, and not enticin[illegible] her listeners.

A Judge to be Impeach[illegible]

A rumor comes from Olympia [illegible] M. B. Sachs is to be impeached [illegible] immoralities and malfeasance o[illegible] committee is investigating th[illegible] record now, and, after they repor[illegible] ment proceedings will follow. It [illegible] of the principal charges agai[illegible] Sachs is gambling in public plac[illegible] can easily be proved, but w[illegible] Washington legislature can rem[illegible] for gambling is doubted. Beyo[illegible] thing nothing criminal can be [illegible] brought against him.

Captain and Owner.

Captain Blackburn, formerly o[illegible] ship Walla Walla, and late ma[illegible] San Francisco-British Columb[illegible] Montserrat, is now not only cap[illegible] vessel, but owner of her. He pu[illegible] from Curiaco and Co. of Nic[illegible] month ago, but the matter wa[illegible] public until a day or two ago. [illegible] chase price was $50,000. Under[illegible] can flag she would be worth thr[illegible] much money. She is about the [illegible] as the Willamette, and is of 1,1[illegible] den. Captain Blackburn will [illegible] run her on the Nanaimo-San[illegible] route, on which she has built up [illegible] trade.

A $30,000 Hotel.

The owners of the Colonist h[illegible] Hill park, are having plans pr[illegible] $30,000 building, to occupy th[illegible] present frame structure. Const[illegible] commence very shortly. The [illegible] to be of brick throughout, an[illegible] with all modern improvement[illegible] electric light, billiard halls, salt[illegible] water baths, tennis courts, etc. [illegible] be 70 or 80 bedrooms, and th[illegible] will be managed by a well [illegible] caterer. The new hotel will [illegible] pally to meet the demands of to[illegible] when completed, is expected t[illegible] the best and handsomest summe[illegible] the Pacific Coast.

Another Ice Factory

The Union Ice Company, [illegible] Wn., with factories at Portl[illegible] and Whatcom, has decided to [illegible] branch factory in this city, and [illegible] Rockwell, agent of the compan[illegible] its directors, was here, yesterd[illegible] suitable arrangements towards [illegible] of a site for the works, and othe[illegible] connection with the establish[illegible] factory. A plant with a ca[illegible] tons per day will be utilized, [illegible] turned out will be guaranteed [illegible] quality. The company is incorp[illegible] a capital of £50,000, and, if ne[illegible] output will be increased so as [illegible] unfailing supply of this useful ar[illegible] dispensable article for ships, ho[illegible] vate residences during the sum[illegible] Mr. W. B. Bushnell, president [illegible] pany, will visit Victoria, next w[illegible]

Police Court.

Charles Ward was the first [illegible] tim that was ordered to stan[illegible] court, yesterday morning. He [illegible] with being drunk, pleaded guil[illegible] fined $5. Thomas Curlin w[illegible] drunk disposed of. He was [illegible] guilty, and was fined $5. G[illegible] hoover (not Vancouver) was ch[illegible] keeping a house of ill-fame, ple[illegible] and was fined $50. Another [illegible] did not realize that he was in [illegible] terday morning, was fined $2[illegible] being added to the usual fine fo[illegible] a loaded revolver in his poss[illegible] captured by one of the constal[illegible] McLean, who was taken by Of[illegible] the