Weekly Colonist

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST, 1889.

FROM THE DAILY COLONIST, Jan. 26.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

"Doc" Chalmers in Trouble.

"Doc" Chalmers, who was one of the favored few permitted to witness the recent prize fight on Salt Spring Island, has been charged with aiding and abetting the same, in the Nanaimo police court and bound over in the sum of $100 to keep the peace for six months.

Painful Accident.

Yesterday morning, a man named John Scott, an employe at Sayward's mill, caught his foot in some timbers, breaking his leg above the ankle. The injured man was conveyed to his home at Rock Bay, where Dr. Milne set the broken limb, and last evening Mr. Scott was resting easily.

Bound for Victoria.

The steamer Walla Walla left San Francisco for Victoria yesterday, having on board the following passengers: C. Worth, E. G. Isaacs, Mrs. Finlayson and two daughters, Mrs. Drake and daughter, Mr. Drake, W. H. C. Fowler, J. A. Butcher and wife, Miss N. Longden, Miss E. Baldwin, J. B. McKinnon.

The Northern Route.

The C. P. N. Co. have decided to place the steamship Sardonyx on the northern route, and the vessel will leave on her first trip on February 15th. The steamship has been thoroughly overhauled and specially arranged for the accommodation of tourists, and will make fortnightly trips, leaving Victoria on the 1st and 15th of each month. Should sufficient inducement offer she will also call at points on the west coast, Queen Charlotte Islands, Skidegate and Massett.

Happily Wed.

On Thursday evening, the marriage of Mr. John McPherson, of McPherson's station, to Miss Lizzie Cathcart, of this city, was celebrated at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. H. Cathcart, Cook street. Rev. P. McF. Macleod, tied the happy knot, the relatives and a few invited guests being the only ones present at the interesting ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. McPherson bear with them to their new home the congratulations and best wishes of many friends, including THE COLONIST, for a long and happy life together.

Westminster Insane Asylum.

The *Columbian* says Hon. John Robson, while in Westminster, visited the provincial asylum, and thoroughly inspected the building, its accommodations and conveniences. The result of his visit will be that a $25,000 addition will be made to the asylum during the coming summer, and plans for the same are to be prepared immediately. The honorable gentleman was forcible impressed with the inadequate character of the present building and the necessity of larger quarters and more suitable accommodation for the inmates of this crowded institution.

Fire Protection at the Schools.

The new aldermanic board, at their first meeting passed one resolution, which was a decided step in the right direction. A hydrant was ordered to be placed at Central school, and a reel with a good supply of hose will be found near it, so that in the event of a fire occurring at the school, the means to extinguish it will be close at hand. Yesterday morning the fire drill was given at eleven o'clock, and the girls, who were in readiness, left the school in 45 seconds, while the boys filed out in 1:36. With a few more drills, all possibility of a panic occurring at any time, will have been done away with.

Another New Sealer.

A very creditable addition to the sealing fleet is now under construction at the Queen City Planing Mills. The new schooner, which is being built by the owner and skipper, Mr. V. Jacobson, himself; is of 60 foot keel, with a 20 foot beam. The hull, for which Mr. Alex. Watson held the contract, is about finished; and it is expected that the new schooner will be floated some time in March. The timber used is principally native fir, while the two fine spars, each 65 feet in length, are of Douglas pine. Capt. Jacobsen, when his boat is ready for the sea, will have as neat, trim and speedy a little craft as any afloat, and the cost thereof, $5,000, will be money well invested.

Court Northern Light No. 5935, A.O.F.

The installation of officers of the above took place last Thursday evening, the following being the officers: Past Chief Ranger, Bro. B. Williams, D.C.R.; Chief Ranger, Bro. E. Bragg; Sub-Chief Ranger, L. G. Burns; Treasurer, Hy. Smith, D.T.; Secretary, H. L. Salmon; Senior Woodward, A. Marrion; Junior Woodward, J. J. Mundorf; Senior Beadle, R. A. Bittancourt; Junior Beadle, F. J. Mecher, Sr. The business of the meeting concluded, the brethren present adjourned to the Clarence hotel, where a banquet awaited them. After doing full justice to the same; singing, toasting, etc., was the order of the evening, and when the enjoyable gathering broke up it was agreed that a right good time had been spent.

The Rock Bay Bridge.

The work of replacing the dilapidated and really dangerous old bridge which now crosses Rock Bay cannot be proceeded with any too soon for the public safety. At present each vehicle, no matter how cautious and careful the driver may be, as it crosses the bridge, sets the old structure in motion upon its rickety piles. Some day an incautious driver will disregard the statute in such cases made, venture upon a pace faster than a walk, and bridge, vehicle and man will go crashing down together—that is, unless the proposed bridge becomes a thing of reality very soon. The proposition received with most favor is to make the bridge a direct continuation of Store street. Ordinary railway trestling, built on piles, would be least expensive, while it would meet every requirement. The bridge would not necessarily be over 300 yards in length, while it would, by following the proposed plan, do away with all the crooks and corners which are now found so objectionable.

The Steamer Boscowitz.

Yesterday at 11 o'clock, application was made on behalf of Mr. Cooper, in the suit of Boscowitz *v.* Cooper, to dissolve the injunction granted by the Supreme Court, preventing the steamer Boscowitz leaving Victoria for the north. A large number of contradictory affidavits were read in the proceedings, and the Chief Justice finally stopped counsel for the defence reading any further affidavits, and stated that he would continue a receiver in possession and adjourn the hearing until 3 o'clock to allow the parties to agree upon the officers who should man the steamer, and he would then allow her to proceed north. The defence consented to this course, and at 3 o'clock the parties being unable to agree as to the master and pilot, his lordship reserved the question of these two appointments, and stated that he would deliver his judgment later. On it being suggested that 24 hours notice to the postal authorities of the hour of sailing was necessary, the Chief Justice directed the receiver to notify the postmaster that the Boscowitz would leave to-day at 4:30 p.m. Mr. Davie, Q.C., and Mr. Hett for plaintiff; Mr. Pooley, Q.C., and Mr. Taylor, (Eberts & Taylor) for defendants.

A Broken Arm.

Yesterday morning, Mr. Geo. J. Capel, a compositor and old newspaper man, slipped on the sidewalk near his residence and fell heavily, breaking his right arm above the elbow, near the shoulder. Dr. Milne attended the injured man and set the fracture. The injury, although not serious, will incapacitate Mr. Capel for some weeks.

Opium Seizure.

The steamship Idaho arrived at San Francisco from Nanaimo on Thursday night, and a search by customs officers yesterday revealed ninety cans of opium, valued at $560, stowed away among the coal. The drug was undoubtedly placed on the vessel during her stay at Nanaimo to coal while *en route* from Sitka.

Pythian Ball.

The local legions, Knights of Pythias, will hold a grand ball in Assembly Hall on the evening of the 19th of February, the anniversary of the founding of the order. The decorations, which are to be most elaborate, have already been ordered from the east, and are expected to arrive early next week, when the work of preparation will commence.

Snow Storm in Alaska.

A letter from Alaska says the winter there has so far been a very discouraging one to the people of the territory, owing to the severe storms. The heaviest snow storm since 1875 occurred this winter, and owing to the depth of snow upon the ground, traders and hunters have undergone a great deal of delay in preparing for the coming hunting trips.

Deaf Mute Entertainment.

An entertainment is to be given by the pupils of the school for deaf mutes in Association hall, on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 2nd. This school was opened in September last, and since then has been doing good work. It will be interesting to observe the methods adopted in imparting instruction, and also the results of these methods as exhibited by the pupils. Sign recitations, visible speech and articulation will be surprising features of the programme, and those who attend, we are assured, will be pleased that they took advantage of the opportunity.

For the Gold Fields.

The C. P. N. Co.'s steamer Maude sailed last evening for Texada Island, having on board a small party of miners from this city and a few from the mainland, all anxious to find a fortune at the new gold fields. Yesterday's *Courier*, in referring to the island says: The reports from Texada are of the most promising nature. Prospectors are pouring in daily, and the claims being developed are looking first rate. Mr. Alex. Easson, one of the owners of the "Golden Slipper," came down from Texada yesterday and has with him some very rich specimens of ore taken from that claim. Mr. Easson is feeling first rate over the prospects of Texada as a quartz district. The syndicate which he represents owns about twenty-five claims on the south-east side of the island.

Anthracite Coal Mines.

J. L. Mudge, assistant general manager of the Anthracite Coal Co., was in Vancouver on Thursday, and informed the *News Advertiser* that the work of development was being pushed forward at the mines with gratifying results. A new lead has been opened up about ten miles east of the present one, and a colliery will be established there. The further operations are extended, the more certain it becomes that the deposits are practically unlimited. It is expected that by May the output will be 350 tons daily, which will give employment to about 250 miners. The objective output is about 1,000 tons per day, and this will be reached several months before the end of the year. The machinery with this capacity is now being placed in position at the mines.

TOWN TOPICS TERSELY TOLD.

Local and General Happenings Gathered up and Presented in Readable Shape.

A movement is on foot at Vancouver to erect a $40,000 opera house.

The city of Tacoma is now clear of smallpox, there being no cases as far as known.

Mr. John Weiler has had plans prepared for a three-storey brick addition to his premises on Fort street.

A frame building in course of erection at Vancouver was blown down by a high wind on Wednesday night.

The streets committee made a tour of all the city streets yesterday, and a general repairing of pitfalls will probably be the result.

In the police court yesterday morning, the case of Mee Wah and other Chinese wash-house keepers, was, as usual, remanded for another week.

On Tuesday next, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ferris, of Westminster, will celebrate their golden wedding, and will hold a public reception in the evening.

Real estate is on the rise at Westminster. Two lots on St. Patrick street, which were bought for $600, two years ago were disposed of on Friday for $1,500 each.

Isabella Gordon, the nine-year old daughter of Mr. James A. Gordon, of Nanaimo, died in that city on Thursday of diphtheria. The funeral took place yesterday.

Yesterday was pay day at Roslyn, W. T. A telegram reports all quiet at the mines; and that probably no trouble will occur until all the men have received their pay.

Mr. B. Robb, of this city, had the good fortune yesterday to find hidden away behind one of the roof beams of his woodshed an old, mouldy stocking, containing five $20 gold pieces.

Harvey, who was on Thursday committed for trial on a charge of assaulting a man named Herring, cannot obtain the amount of bond required, and will have to go to jail until the next assizes.

Birdie Jones, the woman who treated a summons to appear in the police court with contempt a few days ago, made her appearance on the streets last night, and was promptly arrested on a bench warrant.

John Notman, while felling a tree near Vancouver, was struck by a falling branch and knocked into a hollow. He fell upon his axe, receiving a severe wound in the back. He lost considerable blood before medical assistance could be obtained.

A letter from Alkali Lake says that the weather is fine and bright there with the thermometer 25° below zero. On Christmas day the thermometer was 10° below zero. Cattle and sheep are standing the cold weather nicely.

Fisgard street was enlivened by an exciting runaway between the hours of ten and eleven o'clock last night. The occupant of the rig was thrown out at the corner of Johnson street, but was not seriously injured. The horse made its way home.

MARINE.

Ship Antrim, now at Departure Bay, will begin loading Wellington coal on Monday.

Ship America, in tow of the tug Mastic, has arrived at Nanaimo to load Vancouver coal for San Francisco.

Steamship Costa Rica, with 2400 tons of Vancouver coal, sailed from Nanaimo for South America yesterday.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

"MUCKLE MIRTH AND GLEE."

The Annual Ball of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society.

Society seldom appears to better advantage than in the ball room. In the enjoyment of the most congenial of all social pleasures, the mazy dance, nothing but the bright side of life is to be seen. Happy faces everywhere; the sound of inspiring music, and the brilliancy of the handsome decorations combined to make the gathering of the Scotsmen and their friends in Assembly Hall last evening, one of beauty and pleasure seldom equalled. The festive scene was graced by the presence of, in all, about three hundred couples. The fairest of the fair ladies of Victoria were there; the magnificence of their costume, only lent a minor charm to the beauty which is theirs; the bright uniforms of the military, both regular and militia, added the brilliancy of chivalry to the scene; while the flashing lights looked down, as well, upon a scene where happiness reigned supreme. The stalwart sons of Scotia had devoted both time and artistic ingenuity to the work of decoration, and the result of their labor was everywhere to be seen and enjoyed. Flags of all nations and colors adorned the walls and were suspended from the ceiling, while mottoes dear to the Scottish heart attracted the eye at every turn. Over the curtained entrance the appropriate motto, "Muckle Mirth and Glee," first met the gaze, while, "Was Spent Amang the Lasses, O," "A Man's a Man for a' That," and "For Auld Lang Syne" were among the well remembered words to be seen blazoned upon the walls. At the north end of the hall the single word "Welcome," carried with it the conviction that the hospitality of the society was open-handed and friendly as it was magnificent. The banners of the society hung over the entrance to the dining-room, through the door of which could be caught a glimpse of a tempting arrangement of dainties and substantials. The tables were a miracle of artistic adornment; flowers and banners, glistening silver and snowy linen, combining to make a charming whole.

At nine o'clock the orchestra, under the able leadership of Prof. Haynes, struck up the Grand March, and the ball was formally opened by Mayor Grant, president of the society, and his amiable wife. Dance followed dance in quick succession, while the hours flew swiftly away. At midnight supper was served by Mr. W. C. Anderson, the prince of caterers, and his genial steward, Mr. A. F. Reid, and it is needless to remark, that the fine spread provided, was thoroughly appreciated. Dancing was then renewed with spirit and continued until the wee sma' hours, when the happy company began to disperse, pronouncing the ball a complete and delightful success. To the energetic work of the whole society this success is due, but more particularly to the committee of arrangement, consisting of the president, Mayor Grant, Messrs. Robert Mitchell, Robert McIntosh, A. J. Smith, John Boyd, John Robertson, John McAllister, William Lorimer and John Patterson. Mayor Grant, Mr. Robert Mitchell and Mr. A. J. Smith did yeoman service on the committee of reception, while Mr. Robert McIntosh proved that the very important position of director of ceremonies could not have been entrusted to better hands. On the whole, all worked well together to make the annual ball of the St. Andrews and Caledonian Society one long to be recalled with pleasurable memories, as one of the happiest events of "Auld Lang Syne."

PERSONAL.

Miss Jesse Smith returned to Nanaimo yesterday.

George Merritt, of Nanaimo, is visiting Victoria friends.

R. Collister was a passenger by last night's boat.

Jacob Sehl returned from the mainland on last night's steamer.

J. H. Todd came over by the Islander from Vancouver last evening.

E. A. Wadhams came over from Westminster yesterday.

T. E. Ladner came over from Westminster on the Louise yesterday.

J. Vantreight is slowly recovering from a protracted attack of quinsy.

W. L. Cusack and J. C. Henderson were passengers by the Islander last night.

Hon. John Robson and Mrs. Robson returned from the mainland last evening.

A. Ewen, of Ewen & Co., salmon canners, came over on the Islander last night.

J. Earsman and D. McPhee were among the arrivals from Puget Sound last evening.

J. Laidlaw and T. F. Sinclair arrived over from Westminster yesterday afternoon.

M. Josef Heine, Mrs. Heine and daughter, were among the Islander's passengers last night.

W. H. Bone, of T. N. Hibben & Co., came over from Vancouver on the Islander last evening.

O. H. Goodwin, of Goodwin & Jordan, piano manufacturers, returned from Vancouver last night.

L. P. Eckstein and Miss Eckstein, of Westminster, were passengers on the Islander last night.

Donald Smith, of Nanaimo, left yesterday on a visit to Tacoma and will return on Monday next.

Miss Black, of Westminster, is dangerously ill from brain fever, and much anxiety is felt for her recovery.

Major Downie, one of the pioneer prospectors of the province, is ill at Nanaimo and has been obliged to go to the hospital in that city.

Officer Lewis, of the Dominion police, returned from the Black Diamond city yesterday, having handed over Billy Garbet, *alias* "Buffalo Bill," to the Nanaimo authorities.

Sir Hector Langevin was given a reception at the drill shed in Montreal yesterday. He was presented with an address, accompanied by a beautiful bronze statue of himself.

R. V. Martinsen, one of the directors of the C.P.R., accompanied by Mrs. Martinsen, arrived by the Islander last evening, and are registered at the Driard. They will sail for San Francisco this afternoon by the Umatilla.

MARINE.

Bark Bundaleer is at Departure Bay loading East Wellington coal.

Ship Jabez Howe will complete her cargo of Vancouver coal on Monday.

Steamship Wellington is under the shutes at Departure Bay, loading Wellington coal for San Francisco.

Steamer Barbara Boscowitz will sail for the north at 4:30 p. m. to-day. For freight or passage apply on board.

Ship Snow and Burgess is completing her cargo of coal at Departure Bay. She will sail in a few days for San Francisco.

Steamship Umatilla, which sails for San Francisco from the outer wharf this afternoon, loaded 1,200 tons of Vancouver coal at Nanaimo yesterday.

Ships America and Wilna were in the Roads yesterday, awaiting a tug to tow them to Nanaimo. Both vessels will load Vancouver coal for San Francisco.

Steamship Sardonyx is advertised to sail for all points on the northern route on the 15th prox., calling at points on the west coast, Queen Charlotte Islands, Skidegate and Massett if sufficient inducement offers.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

For San Francisco.

The steamship Umatilla left at one o'clock yesterday afternoon for San Francisco, with the following passengers: R. V. Martinson and wife, F. Bareth, H. T. Brown and wife, P. Birrell, J.B. Preston, H. E. Law, H. Shaw and six in the steerage.

Vancouver Fog.

At eleven o'clock last night, Vancouver had been surrounded by dense fog, for thirty hours. The steamer Premier had not yet arrived from the Sound, and the steamer Islander was forced to anchor in the harbor, cancelling her regular trip to this city.

Comox News.

The news from the Comox mines is of the most encouraging character, the seams turning out excellent in quality and regular in quantity. The work of ballasting the road is progressing favorably. The sickness at the mines has entirely died out, and the general health of the settlement is excellent.

Pandora Methodist Church.

Rev. Mr. Macleod was to have occupied the Pandora Street Methodist Church pulpit this morning, but declined to fulfil his engagement in consequence of his disapproval of the debate on St. Paul, which was held in the Methodist church on Tuesday evening last. Letters have been exchanged between the two pastors on the subject, but their purport has not been divulged.

Another Reckless Sportsman.

A light row-boat, in which a man and woman were crossing the harbor from Laurel point, was struck by a bullet from some careless sportsman's rifle yesterday afternoon. The gunner was seen, but did not wait for explanations. His violation of the law in discharging firearms within the city limits has been brought to the knowledge of the officers, and he will no doubt pay dearly for his fun.

North Pacific Packing Co.

The steamer Barbara Boscowitz, which sailed for northern ports last evening, had on board twelve men for the North Pacific Packing Co. at Skeena river. The steamer will call at Nanaimo and take on board groceries and supplies from A. R. Johnson & Co. for the same company, and also 36,000 feet of lumber and 35,000 shingles to be used in the erection of the company's buildings. Mr. J. A. Carthew, the manager, will join the vessel at Nanaimo to-day and proceed north.

A Steamer from San Francisco Every Five Days.

A despatch to THE COLONIST from San Francisco says, the Pacific Coast Steamship Co. have announced that after March 1st they will run a steamer every five days to Victoria and Puget Sound, the Walla Walla, Mexico and Umatilla alternating. The steamer for Alaska will always connect with the Walla Walla, commencing about June next. The large side-wheel steamer Olympian will run five first-class passenger excursions to Alaska, connecting with the Umatilla in Puget Sound and at Victoria.

A Great Remedy.

The treatment of catarrh and kindred diseases by inhalation is a comparatively modern advance in medical science. Apparently it is the most successful of all known systems. The "Carbolic smoke ball" has recently been found to possess wonderful efficacy in the treatment of the class of disease referred to, and as the remedy is cheap and easily administered, it will doubtless become vesy generally used by all sufferers wishing to be cured, in the near future. The Smokeball company offer a free trial of their great medicine to any one who will apply at their branch office in this city, at Room "C," over the "White House" dry goods store.

Heine's Farewell.

As often as Mr. Josef Heine choses to appear before a Victoria audience, he may rely upon being greeted by an enthusiastic assemblage of admirers. His farewell concert last evening filled Pandora street Methodist church to the very doors, and everyone in the large audience expressed the pleasure which all felt with the excellent programme provided. Prof. Heine was assisted by Mrs. and Miss Heine, and the various numbers on the programme were all executed with faultless taste and expression. It is to be regretted that the delightful entertainment was termed a farewell performance, as Victorians hope to, before very long, again have the pleasure of listening to the music of the blind musician and his talented wife and daughter.

Sailed for the North.

The steamer Boscowitz sailed from Spratt's wharf at five o'clock yesterday afternoon for Fort Simpson and way ports, in charge of Capt. McCulloch and Purser Moore. Mr. J. McDonald will accompany the steamer as far as Nanaimo, as the representative of the receiver. The Boscowitz carried in all about 75 tons of freight, principally for the Hudson's Bay Co. Her list of passengers was also a full one. Messrs. Draney Bros., with their wives and families, were bound for River's Inlet; Mr. J. Montgomery, engineer of the steamer Nell, had taken passage for Georgetown, where he will meet his boat. Judge Wootten, who is going to Metlakahtla; and Messrs. Carthew, Cuthbert and Rowen, who are going to Skeena, will meet the steamer at Nanaimo and proceed north.

Entertainment at Comox.

Last Friday, the 17th of January, the ladies of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Comox, held in the parsonage a sale of work of work and fancy goods. Thanks to the energy and activity of Mrs. Bentley, Mrs. Horace Smith, the Misses Kirby and the Misses Smith, the sale was a great success. The refreshment table was laden with an abundance of delicacies, the gifts of several members of the congregation, and if appearances were not deceiving these gifts were much appreciated. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Willemar, who presided at the board, would have been unable to attend to all the demands had they not been ably assisted by several gentlemen, especially by Messrs. E. Halliday and Honeyman. The music and the singing were particularly good. Altogether the evening was a most successful and pleasant one. The proceeds of the sale are to complete the east end window of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. The central piece of the same window was put in last year by Mrs. Willemar to the memory of her father, Henry Douglas Monro. It is of stained glass, and represents St. Andrew, the patron saint of the church.

CITY POLICE COURT.

(Before Hon. A. N. Richards, P. M.)

The unfortunate woman known as "Birdie" Jones, who was arrested on a bench warrant, by Officer Thomas, not having obeyed the summons served upon her to answer to the charge of vagrancy, was the only culprit before his honor yesterday morning. The accused said that she had been sick and unable to answer the summons. She did not deny the charge, and a fine of $25 was imposed. The girl had no money, and was in consequence sent down for two months, his honor remarking that it was a shame that no other place had been provided for the reception of these unfortunate women.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Sunday School Anniversary.

The anniversary services in connection with the Sunday school of the Pandora street Methodist church, were held on Sunday last. The sermons were delivered by the pastor, Rev. J. E. Starr, who took for the subject of his address to the little ones, "The Bible, the Book of Books."

Must Suffer the Consequences.

A dispatch from Ottawa to the *News-Advertiser* of Vancouver states that the Department of Justice is of the opinion that the corporation of the city of Vancouver was not justified in detaining the Premier and preventing the landing of the passengers there. As the action of the corporation was not justified by the Quarantine Act, it will have to suffer the consequences.

Sale of Farming Land.

Mr. Thos. McNeely, of Ladner's Landing, last week purchased eight hundred acres of farming land adjacent to the landing from the Booth estate, at the rate of $50 per acre. The purchaser also takes over all stock and implements on the farm at a valuation, Delta farm lands a few years ago were considered of little value, and it is thought a few years more will increase the present price by a hundred per cent.

The Tramway Co.

The promoters of the tramway company have assigned in trust to Hon. J. H. Turner the charter which the city recently granted for the construction of street railways throughout the municipality. Room No. 6, Bank of British Columbia building, has been taken by the promoters as an office. It was stated last evening that the popular subscriptions of the stock amount to over $34,000.

Escape of a Devil Fish.

On Sunday last George Vienna became the possessor of a huge octopus, or devil-fish, caught off the harbor by some fishermen. The monster, which weighed 150 pounds, was captured alive, and Mr. Vienna placed it in a large box, intending to have it sent east. Early yesterday morning the devil-fish got out of the box and crawled away, and nothing has since been heard of its whereabouts.

The Pilot Board.

A meeting of the pilot board was held yesterday morning to consider the question brought before a previous meeting, in regard to the refusal of one of the pilots to bring the Kaisow into port without her first lightening a portion of her cargo, on the ground that the water in the harbor was not of sufficient depth. The pilot was not able to be present, and the board adjourned without taking action.

Another Maple Ridge Election.

The Maple Ridge elections, which last week convulsed that usually quiet municipality from one end to the other and resulted in bringing to the surface a great deal of pent up bitterness and unneighborly feelings, are about to be repeated though on a smaller scale. Reeve Sinclair and Councillor Ferguson have sent in their resignations for the reason, it is stated, that they are not properly qualified to hold office. Nominations will take place on Monday, and polling, if any, on Thursday next.—*Columbian.*

A Cauldron of Flame.

Shortly after two o'clock on Sunday afternoon, a cauldron of about fifty gallons of tar in which the pipes for the Vancouver water works were being dipped, caught fire from the furnace, and in a few moments the dense smoke, could be seen for miles. An alarm of fire was sounded, and the hose cart, steamer, and hook and ladder trucks were soon on the spot. Owing to the nature of the fire, it was thought better not to turn the water on; and it was subdued by heaping on earth, until the flame was suffocated. The damage will not amount to over $100.

The Annual Treat.

Pandora street Methodist church was filled last evening by the friends of the Sunday school, the occasion being the anniversary entertainment, always enjoyable, but this year particularly so. Rev. Mr. Starr discharged the duties of chairman, capably, agreeably and with satisfaction to all. The programme, which consisted of songs and choruses, recitations, dialogues, etc., gave evidence of very careful preparation and was presented without a single "hitch," each number receiving the well deserved applause of the audience. The school is progressing, both financially and otherwise, and will no doubt continue so to do during the years to come.

A Nanaimo Incident.

On Sunday evening at nine o'clock, citizens of Nanaimo were attracted by loud cries for help to a tent occupied by an itinerant peddler, his wife and seven children. Quite a crowd gathered, but the man warned them not to come near or he would shoot. His reflection with a leveled gun could be seen on the canvas. After some time Policeman McConnell called out, "If you come outside the tent I'll settle you." The man came to the door of the tent, and was promptly knocked down, his rifle secured, and his hands ironed. While this was being done his eldest son jumped out with a large pair of shears, with which he struck a blow at McConnell's head. A couple of men knocked him down and secured him, and the two belligerents were conveyed to the cells. He had threatened to kill his wife and children with an axe, while maddened with drink, and was starting in when his wife cried for help.

Brutally Beaten.

Between the hours of nine and ten o'clock last evening, Mr. C. Mackay Smith, of the *Evening Standard*, while walking home, by way of Yates street, found a poor little Chinaman lying on the sidewalk, near the corner of Blanchard street. A small crowd of white boys surrounded him, but disappeared before Mr. Smith could get near enough to recognize any of them. The unfortunate Mongolian was partially unconscious, and apparently was suffering intense pain. He was helped to his feet, and in a short time recovered sufficiently to narrate in broken English, how he had been set upon by the white boys, who used sticks and stones freely, and succeeded in nearly killing poor John. The little fellow said he did not know who his assailants were, they sprang upon him and struck him from behind. He was taken first to the police station by Mr. Smith, where the case was stated to the officers of the law, and then to Mr. Chas. Hayward's, where he is employed.

It Was Love at First Sight.

About one short month ago, an ambitious and rising young civil engineer, who is fast making a name for himself in one of our neighboring cities, was introduced to a fair young Victorian at the home of a mutual friend. From the moment of their introduction, the two became good friends, and not strange to say, before five minutes had elapsed the young man awoke to a realization of the fact that he was in love. The young lady, whose conquests among the young men of Victoria are numerous, happily reciprocated, realizing that the right man had arrived. A proposal followed—five days after the young man and maiden became acquainted. It was accepted; and with many smiles and blushes on the part of the fair one, and commendable persistency on the other hand, to have the happy hour fixed at the earliest possible date—it was arranged to have the marriage celebrated in the Pandora street Methodist church toward the close of February. Rev. Mr. Starr will unite the happy pair, who are warm advocates of the truth of the old doctrine of love at first sight.

THE PARTING SCENES.

Yesterday witnessed the last of the legal business to be transacted before the Supreme Court sitting at James Bay.

Motions in the cases of Jones *vs.* The Guardian Assurance Company, and Taylor *vs.* Little being disposed of, the court announced that no further business would be transacted until after the opening of the new law courts, which takes place on Friday next. No sooner had their lordships left the bench than the carpenters proceeded to tear down the judgment seat from which justice has been administered for upwards of thirty years, and over which three chief justices have successively presided. Mr. Cameron from 1856 to 1865, Mr. Needham from 1865 to 1870, and the present incumbent, Sir Matthew B. Begbie, from 1870 to the present time.

Numerous spectators have visited the new courthouse during the last few days, and now that the furnishing and appointments are completed, the unanimous verdict is that the structure is a credit to the government and to the province.

To the junior member for Victoria, Mr. Theo. Davie, the public are mainly indebted for the erection of the new law courts, for it was that gentlemen in his place in the local house who first proposed the building of a courthouse upon the present site, and afterwards successfully advocated the vote for its construction.

TOWN TOPICS TERSELY TOLD.

Local and General Happenings Gathered Up and Presented in a Readable Shape.

The schooner Annie C. Moore leaves on a sealing expedition to-day.

Mr. A. N. Muir conducted the special services for young men in Y. M. C. A. rooms on Sunday afternoon.

A number of well-known amateurs have promised to sing at the Reformed Episcopal church soiree this evening.

Ex-mayor James Fell of this city delivered a lecture on the "Progress of Spiritualism," in Nanaimo last evening.

In the absence of Hon. A. N. Richards, Edwin Johnson, Esq., S.M., presided in the police court yesterday morning.

The children attending the Sunday-school of the Pandora street Methodist Church will take tea together in the school-room this evening.

A rural correspondent asks "Will the sanitarian citizen who wrote a letter in your impression of the 24th inst., in which he used the expression 'diversification of opinion,' state whether the said expression belongs to the separate or combined system of English?"

At the regular meeting of the Young People's Literary Association of the Pandora street Presbyterian church, held last evening, the society's weekly paper, "The Irresponsible," was read and commented on, and a large amount of regular business disposed of.

The old bridge on Government street, in front of Mr. Roderick Finlayson's residence, which has been partially filled in, is at present in a disgraceful condition. Unless it is put in decent repair at once, the city will doubtless be required to pay a heavy bill of damages for injury to someone's horse or buggy.

The *Columbian* says: Mr. W. Moresby, accompanied by a number of stout young men, who have been sworn in as special constables, left for the interior on Saturday on a highly important mission, the nature of which cannot be made public without risk of defeating the ends of justice. The party goes prepared for hot work if necessary.

On Saturday evening, while the steamer Islander was lying at her dock at Vancouver, a piece of canvas used to cover a skylight on the hurricane deck of the steamer, which had been temporarily taken off, was placed too near the funnel and caught fire. It was extinguished immediately, and without the slightest damage, but exaggerated reports of the fire created some excitement among the people of the terminal city.

PERSONAL.

B. Springer of Moodyville is in the city.

E. Crow Baker, M.P., left for Ottawa this morning.

D. J. Munn, of Westminster, arrived down last night.

W. S. Dickson and wife returned from Portland last evening.

J. C. Maclure arrived home from Vancouver on Sunday night.

J. G. Woods, of Vancouver, came over on the Islander last night.

G. A. F. Andrews, of Winnipeg, and Miss Roblin of the same city, are at the Clarence.

E. Jenns, of Cerbould, McColl & Jenns, Westminster, arrived down on the Louise last night.

I. B. Nason, M.P.P., with Mrs. Nason and family, arrived from Barkerville on Sunday evening.

Wm. H. C. Fowler, secretary of the California Marine Insurance Company of San Francisco, is in the city.

Samuel Gray, who has been confined to his room by sickness for the past nine weeks, is able to be about again.

L. L. Doane, of the Bank of B. C. in Portland, Ore., is recovering rapidly from his recent attack of sickness, at his home in this city.

C. W. Wheeler, C. E., of Liverpool, is a guest at the Clarence, and will leave for San Francisco by the next steamer.

Harry Abbott, superintendent of the B. C. Division of the C. P. R., and Mrs. Abbott are spending a few days in the city before going on to Southern California.

In Portland, on Wednesday, Mrs. Sarah C. Renworth, obtained a decree of divorce from her husband, George Renworth, on the ground of cruelty and desertion. The lady resumes her maiden name of Seeley.

J. B. Ferguson left for Winnipeg this morning, where he expects to complete an arrangement for the purchase of a retail book and stationery business. Mr. Ferguson has been one of our prominent merchants during the last five years, and has had much more than the usual amount of ill-luck which attends a business man in a lifetime during that short period. There was first the breaking down of his shelves at Christmas time, then two fires in one year, and the failure of the B. C. Stationery & Printing Company, and the final break down of his health in September last, causing him to give up business entirely. With characteristic energy he now leaves to again engage in business, although it is only a few weeks since he was confined to his bed. We are sorry to lose so good a citizen, but hope it may be for the benefit of both his health and pocket.

MARINE.

Ship J. B. Brown has sailed from San Francisco for Nanaimo.

Steamship Idaho left San Francisco for Alaska *via* the Sound and Victoria on Saturday.

Steamship Walla Walla arrived from San Francisco at 8 o'clock on Sunday evening.

Ship Commodore, laden with Wellington coal for San Francisco, was towed to sea on Sunday by the steamer Alexander.

AN UNEXPECTED FINALE.

Some Malicious Wretch "Doctors" the Organ in Pandora Street Church to Prevent Heine from Playing.

Heine's farewell concert, given in the Pandora street Methodist church on Saturday evening, was not without a finale, almost tragic. The programme had been thoroughly enjoyed, each selection being deservedly praised, until the great musician took his seat at the church organ to give the last number—the grand march of the Knights of Pythias. The first notes rose full and strong, and then the audience, as well as the musician, noticed that something was wrong with the instrument. A dull pounding within the organ, and then a crash, as the mechanism of the instrument fell. Heine, the moment the strange sounds commenced, turned pale. Unable to see, he *felt* that some miscreant was at work, and when the break came, he turned to his wife, who never leaves him, and exclaimed excitedly: "They are going to blow the organ up." Three or four young men of the church immediately proceeded to investigate the cause of the trouble. On going around to the back of the organ, they heard the noise of a door slamming, as whoever had been at work in the organ made his escape. Two tapers were found lighted in the instrument, and the screws had been loosened so that when the organist took his seat and his hands touched the keyboard a portion of the bellows and pipes fell in pieces. The miscreant who was guilty of the despicable piece of work is unknown. A thorough investigation is, however, being made, and when he is discovered he will be dealt with without gloves.

A BRUTAL HUSBAND.

An Unhappy Wife Becomes Temporarily Insane Owing to Cruel Treatment.

At about nine o'clock yesterday morning, the wife of a man supposed to be respectable, who lives on the south side of Yates street, between Quadra and Blanchard, was compelled to seek the assistance of a medical man, on account of the injuries which she had received at the hands of her brutal husband. The unfortunate woman's face was bruised, one eye was badly discolored and her body bore terrible evidence of the cruelty of the wretch to whom she is unfortunately united in marriage. It appears that the wretch has been in the habit of beating his wife; and she, woman like, will still screen him rather than appear against him in a court of law, where he would get his just deserts. If this brutal husband does not reform, and that pretty quickly too, the friends of his unfortunate wife will not however be incined to show him the same unjust mercy that his wife does.

LATER.

Last night, between ten and eleven o'clock, the unfortunate woman referred to was taken in charge for safe keeping by the police on a charge of temporary insanity. She bears a good name among her neighbors, which her husband does not, and it is thought that his cruelty to her has upset her mind.

SUPREME COURT.

(Before Justices Crease and Gray, Sitting as a Divisional Court.)

Jones *vs.* Guardian Assurance Co.—Mr. Theodore Davie, Q. C., on behalf of the defendants, moved for an order *nisi* for a new trial. The action had been tried before Mr. Justice Walkem and a special jury on the 18th inst., resulting in a verdict in plaintiff's favor for $3,500.

Thir lordships directed the motion to stand until the sitting of the Full Court, which takes place the first week in March, and enlarged the time for making the motion accordingly.

Mr. F. G. Walker appeared for the plaintiff.

Before the Chief Justice and Justices Crease and Gray.)

Taylor *vs.* Little.—This was an application referred to the Full Court by the chief justice—an action brought by plaintiff to recover 160 acres of land at Barclay Sound had been decided in favor of plaintiff, and the decision affirmed by the Full Court. The defendant sought to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada, but the plaintiff had died pending the proceedings.

The present application was to continue the appeal as against the administrator, Mr. George Taylor, Jr.

The court granted the motion.

At the conclusion of the day's proceedings the chief justice said that no further business would be done in the present court room, nor any regular business transacted in chambers until the opening of the new law courts, which was to take place on Friday next.

PROVINCIAL POLICE COURT.

Before Judge Pearson and A. J. Langley, J's.P.

Willie, a Beechy Bay Indian, was in this court yesterday morning charged with being in possession of an intoxicant upon the Indian reservation. The accused said that he received the liquor from a strange Chinaman; pleaded guilty; was fined $50; paid the money into court and walked away with a liitt