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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Coming Here to Live.

Capt. Turtle, who made many friends here while master of the bark Harvest Home, has written to the effect that he may be expected to reach this city, with his family, early in March. He has decided upon making Victoria his permanent home.

The Knights of Pythias.

A recent development of K. of P. work in this city is the establishment of a branch here of the Pythian Life Insurance Association, a fraternal insurance organization open only to members of the order, which is very strong in this city. Many Victoria Knights are availing themselves of its privileges.

To Visit Nanaimo.

The Victoria Athletic club have received an invitation to visit Nanaimo for the purpose of giving an exhibition, on or about January 10. The boys have accepted, and are practising everything in the line of fancy and difficult athletics for the occasion.

All Right Now.

Dr. Richardson, the resident physician at the Jubilee Hospital, says that the repairs to the drainage of that institution, recently found necessary, have been completed, and from either a sanitary or a convenient point of view, no fault can be found. The drains are clear and working well, but of course the present arrangement is only temporary; the drains must be carried out to the sea.

Y. M. C. A. Work.

Mr. Nettles conducted the afternoon service in the Y.M.C.A. rooms, last Sunday, and Mr. Plummer took charge in the evening. The educational classes in connection with the association are well attended, and the other branches of the work are reported flourishing. The band continues to inflict refined torture on the long suffering insurance men in the vicinity, who, however, live in the hope of witnessing the evolution of music from the frequent practices.

A Splendid Sight.

The biggest blast yet fired by the men at work upon Beaver Rock, in the inner harbor, sent the water flying like a water spout, a little before 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The weather was the reverse of sunshiny, so the full effect of the sight was not obtained. A column, or rather block, of water was hurled fully 80 feet into the air, to fall back with the upheaved pieces of rock, and set the water quivering for hundreds of yards around.

Doing Good Work.

Mr. Shoenstein, the San Francisco organ builder, is putting the instrument which has long done good service in Christ Church Cathedral, in thorough repair. He expects to complete his labors before next Sunday, when special musical services will be held, in celebration of Advent. Arrangements have been perfected to have Mr. Shoenstein pay annual visits to this city, the church [illegible] all denominations combining to have these organs kept in good order by him.

Will They Build?

Some time ago tenders were invited by the C.P.N. Co. for the construction of a ticket office and waiting room on their principal wharf—that at which the Islander ties up. Such a building has long been wanted, and the public were in hopes that it would go up at once. The contract has, however, not yet been let, and what the company intends to do is not announced. The projected building would probably be of galvanized iron, two stories high, and cost from $3,000 to $5,000.

A Remarkable Case.

One of the most remarkable cases ever treated in a Victoria hospital is that of William Mann, who, about one week ago, was found on the Saanich road with half the scalp torn from his head, and the skull injured as well. Dr. Davie, as soon as the man was taken to the hospital, attended to him. It was then thought that he would, at all events, be unable to leave the institution for several weeks. This prediction, however, will fail in the fulfilment. Mann's head healed remarkably quickly, and he is now able to walk about the corridors. He expects to resume his work next week.

Harvesting in Stronachville.

There was a scene of wild and exciting revelry in Stronachville, on Sunday night last, whiskey having played its part among the native population with startling effect. About fifty of the Siwashes and Siwashines were drunk, or in a condition so closely bordering upon that state that the dividing line would be hard to define. The merriment of the celebrating natives becoming too noisy for Sunday evening, Officers McDonald, Hawton and Walker finally raided the festive settlement and gathered in seven victims, who contributed a total of about $40 in yesterday's police court.

The Islander's Successor.

Detail plans for the new steamship which the C. P. N. Co., intend to have built to replace the Islander on the Vancouver route, are now being thoroughly considered by the heads of the company. It is expected that the new boat will be constructed on lines very similar to the Islander's, with engines of the same description. She will, though, be considerably longer, about 40 feet, with 6 feet additional beam. Her principal difference from the present Vancouver boat will be in the arrangement of the cabin, etc., on the main deck. It is not likely that the new boat will be in service before 1892.

The "Chieftain's" Trip.

Yesterday afternoon another trip was made in the new cannery steamer "Chieftain," a number of people at the invitation of Mr. R. G. Cunningham, of R. Cunningham & Sons, Skeena river, being aboard. The little steamer was built by Clarke & Watson and the Albion Iron Works, and is perhaps the neatest craft that has as yet been turned out of a Victoria shipyard. A run was made to Esquimalt and out into the Straits, and afterwards a speed test was made on the measured mile. A speed of a little over ten knots per hour was developed, which is quite satisfactory to the owners, Mr. Cunningham expressing very much pleasure with the performance of the boat. She will be utilized next season in bringing salmon to the two canneries of the Messrs. Cunningham on Skeena river and Lowe Inlet.

Shot by Torchlight.

Mr. Edward Gordon, of Otter Point, Sooke district, has for some time past been feeding an unbidden guest, in the form of a large panther, on the choicest fresh lamb in the district. Sunday evening, his panthership paid his last visit. As Mr. Gordon and his family were gathered about the fireside, they heard a strange noise in the corral, and on going out to investigate, a panther dashed by the father and his sons and, followed by the dogs, ran to a little clump of trees not far away. Hastily improvising torches and arming themselves, the Gordons proceeded to shake the trees until they heard a growl from above, and saw a pair of fiery eyes looking down on them. Both boys fired at once by the uncertain light of blazing wood; both aimed for the right eye, and the one bullet struck it full, while the other entered the head about one inch above. The panther then dropped and made a short run, with the dogs behind him. He crouched within a few feet of Mr. Gordon, when the sons fired the second shot, which transformed a very active panther into a very quiet corpse. The brute measured eight feet from tip to tip, and its head is to be mounted and in future ornament the New England restaurant.

In the Police Court.

Seven Siwash drunks having settled accounts with the clerk of the police court, yesterday, the two little vagrants, arrested on Friday, were allowed to change their plea to that of "Guilty." They were sentenced to lone month's imprisonment, the warrant not to be issued, however, if they returned to their homes and behaved themselves.

Jimmy Chickens next lined up, charged with a more serious offence than that usually entered against him. He said that he was drunk and could not tell how he acted when he was that way. This was practically an admission of guilt, and a fine of $20 was imposed. Jimmy had no money, —as Supt Sheppard remarked, "He never has, and has been up regularly for the past 25 years. Two month's jail was next entered, to be terminated any time by the payment of the fine. As the equally noted Mrs. Chickens leaves the jail shortly, it is thought that she may "rustle up" the amount required to release her spouse.

J. Sims was the last drunk to receive sentence. He had no cash and no bank account, and his honor suggested that he was afraid J. Sims would have to go to jail. "Well, I guess hat's the best place for me," was the only comment, and Sims retired.

Gone Below.

Several months ago, Collector of Customs A. R. Milne seized, for violation of the revenue laws of Canada, the little steamer North Star, which was owned and commanded by a man named Caffire, and was popularly supposed to be engaged in smuggling opium and Chinese into the United States. The captured steamer was tied up behind the custom house, and the case was enquired into at considerable length; Collector Milne receiving all the evidence obtainable, and forwarding it to Ottawa. There the case rests, and, pending decision, the North Star has been allowed to occupy a portion of the slip between the wharf at which the Douglas ties up and the C. P. N. dock, No. 1. Not many days ago, attention was drawn to the fact that she was leaking badly, and the owner threatened in the event of his winning his case at Ottawa, to proceed against his authorities for damages to the boat. On Saturday last, the Star was shifted to a new anchorage, near Mr. Beckwith's house on the water front. She evidently was not comfortable in her new quarters, for on Sunday morning she was missing. Investigation showed that she had filled with water, and dropped to the bottom. Fortunately, the water here is not very deep, and the work of lifting the fallen Star, which will be undertaken to-day, will not be attended with very much difficulty.

Quite a Scheme.

One of the culprits before the city police court yesterday was a rather good-looking young man, who styles himself "B. T. Lange." He was charged with obtaining money under false pretences, and his method of operating, as described by the sergeant of police who arrested him, was decidedly original. Passing as a fortune teller, he, on Saturday afternoon, called upon a resident of Broughton street and volunteered to reveal the story of her life, from the cradle to the grave, all for the very small sum of ten dollars and ten cents. This tempting offer was not without its effect, and had the intended victim been in better financial condition, she would probably have closed with it at once. She had, however, been sick, she said, and was consequently short of cash; could not a little reduction be made under the circumstances? Mr. B. T. Lange thought that it could, and a half rate was struck, the young man pocketing the exact sum of $5.05. He then announced that he would just step outside and call his mother, whose assistance he required in the fortune telling business. He stepped outside, and nothing more was seen of him until Sergeant Walker arrested him early Sunday morning. He acknowledged his guilt to the police magistrate yesterday, and that official remanded him for one day, in order that he might hunt up authorities and precedents if possible.

Court Incidents.

Jokes from the bench are always loudly laughed at, and those who fail to appear, having been summoned as jurors, may usually count on "coming in for a laugh" when the Chief Justice presides. When the jury lists were called in the Assizes yesterday, two or three absentees were recorded. One of these entered a few minutes later, and approached the Chief Justice to explain. He said that he was exempt from jury service, as he was over 60 years old.

This, or any other explanation, His Lordship declined to receive. Said he: "If you are not in attendance, and it devolves upon me to fine you for contempt to-morrow morning, I will then hear what you have to say. I can't hear you now."

The juror, however, did not care to have the case thus put. He was exempt by law, he urged, and he wished the Chief Justice so to understand it.

"But if you depend on your own interpretation of the law," replied the Court, "you should remember the saying, that he who reads the law for himself has a fool for a client."

The juror again pressed upon the attention of the Court the fact that he was past the age limit.

"If I tell you what the law is in the matter," the Chief Justice continued, "you can come back in the morning, and claim exemption on the grounds that I have mentioned."

Once more the juror attempted an explanation, but was dismissed with a wave of the hand. "I've told you that I cannot hear you now," said his lordship; "if you persist with your explanation, I may feel myself justified in giving you a certificate to the effect that you can claim exemption on the ground of want of understanding."

The next absentee to present himself claimed that he was too deaf to be a useful juror.

"Did you hear what I told the last man?" asked his Lordship.

"Yes, sir," replied the juror, although Sir Matthew had not spoken in a loud tone at all.

"Well, if you heard me then, you can hear all right; you can serve,"—and the man retired amid a general laugh, joined in by the Court."

A Chinese larceny case and an action for assault were remanded informally until today's session of the city police court.

ARTISTIC WORK.

Frescoing and Panel Painting of a High Order of Merit in a Victoria Mansion.

Hearing that, within a recent period, Mr. John R. Gilmer, of this city, had been employing his facile pencil and brush in the decoration and improvement of the homes of Victoria, a COLONIST man yesterday asked him what he had been doing and was at once invited to satisfy himself by visiting the residence of Capt N. P. Snowden on the Gorge Road. Entering the dining-room of that magnificent mansion he was struck with the delicacy and chasteness of its upholstery and decorations which amply demonstrated that an artist had been at work and had, in the prosecution of his task, given free rein to his art. The frieze running all round the room consisted of a series of grape vines which at intervals displayed fruits of various descriptions and colors whose luscious lines amply demonstrated their quality, their leaves and tendrils being in full keeping with their natural conditions. The panels of the ceiling had been divided in a highly attractive manner, one of them bearing sprays of wild roses, exquisitely executed, and another the modest passion flower with its wealth of surrounding leaves. In the centre was a splendid atmospheric effect. A flock of doves was seen to circle amid the clouds and then "contest" with space, developing all that graceful pose which nature, not art, gives to all her creations in their natural relations. Above the birds the morning star is seen to peer through the azure blue, the tints, as they appear upon the walls, fulfilling amply the succession of their matutinal round. In the minor panels outside, the mistletoe and holly present themselves, the entire combination giving to the apartment the appearance of a generous banqueting hall of no more than the most modest pretensions.

In the drawing-room, the frieze consists of a succession of admirably disposed Duchesse roses, upon whose branches goldfinches had naturally disposed themselves. On the ceiling were two grand panels, at either end on one of which three Cupids were to be observed playing among the holyokes, the expression of one of whom was most striking. The plants were represented as growing until they intertwined with the outgrowths of other plants of the same order which began their growth at the other end of the room, where a couple of Cupids were to be seen engrossed in their plottings against the hearts of numerous mortals. The facial expression it would be difficult to excel. Close by the big bay window are panels on either side, in which blue jays, in the most natural positions, occupy the trees. The details of the other panels have been admirably carried out; the gentleman responsible for them is entitled to every credit. Mr. Gilmer has in hand an excellent statue of St. Andrew, for erection in the new St. Andrews cathedral, which, according to the models exhibited, is expected to be something especially fine.

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

Business of the Session as Outlined in the Speech from the Throne.

LONDON, Nov. 25.—Immediately after the House of Commons was called to order to-day, the Queen's speech was read. The speech declares that the relation of Her Majesty's Government with those of the various foreign powers is unchanged, and continues: "The general condition of Ireland has improved under the salutary legislation which you have applied to it, but I have learned with deep regret that a serious deficiency in the potato crop in certain parts threatens the recurrence of those periods of severe distress, to which the population of the Western counties is peculiarly exposed by the industrial and economic conditions under which they live. I trust the measures of my Government may mitigate the immediate evil and diminish the probability of its return. It appears to me desirable for the increase of contentment and diminution of political disturbance throughout Ireland, to take measures for augmenting the number of owners engaged in the actual cultivation of land. A measure having this object in view will be laid before you. Your attention will be invited to the expediency of alleviating the burden which the law of compulsory education has within recent years imposed upon the poorer portion of the people. In case time for further legislation should be found, I have directed the preparation of bills for enactment for a reform system of county government in Ireland, analogous to that put in operation for Great Britain, for the establishment of district councils, for the extension of facilities for the purchase of small parcels of land, for amending the law in respect to compensation payable by employers in case of injury to persons in their employment and for consolidating and amending the laws relating to public health and for the appointment of public trustees and for increasing the security of friendly societies and savings banks."

PERSONAL.

H. J. Scott returned from Nanaimo yesterday.

John McKillop left for Toronto this morning.

John Dooley is recovering from his recent accident.

Miss Ella Innes has returned from Westminster.

J. W. McFarland and wife, of Vancouver, are in town.

County Court Judge Spinks, of Kamloops, is at the Oriental.

J. K. Barker, of Quesnelle Forks, arrived down last evening.

Ed. Wrigglesworth is fast recovering his health and strength.

Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Mathews, of Somenos, are at the Clarence.

M. Lumby was a passenger by the Islander yesterday.

Arthur Gray and F. G. Spain, of Burlington, Ont., are at the Clarence.

J. W. McKay, express agent at Ashcroft, left for home this morning.

G. A. McTavish and F. C. Wolfenden returned from Vancouver yesterday.

J. Wilson, superintendent of the C.P.R. steamship company, arrived over from Vancouver, by way of Nanaimo yesterday.

Dr. George R. Orton, of Winnipeg, one of the projectors of the Revelstoke smelter, is in the city. He leaves for England in a few days.

A. M. Ozmun, Mrs. Ozmun, R. W. Ozmun, A. and Mrs. Crawford, and Miss Crawford, all of St. Paul, are spending a brief holiday here, guests at the Driard.

Officer John Kirkup, the chief of the West Kootenay police, arrived down, yesterday, and is at the Oriental. He will leave in a few days for Ottawa to visit his friends there.

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One by One.

The "hands for'ard" of the Mennock and the Brodick Bay are slowly, but surely, disappearing. The deserters do not go "en bloc" by any means, but one by one, and so their departure is not so much noticed.

Drains to the Sea.

Arrangements are now all but perfected for the extension of the Jubilee Hospital drains to the sea, which done, all complaints regarding the sewering of the institution will be effectually removed. The plans now only await approval by the directors, before tenders for the work will be invited.

Will They Build, Too?

A prominent member of the Reformed Episcopal church is authority for the statement that that congregation have commenced to discuss the probability of erecting a new and more convenient place of worship. No definite plan has yet been brought forward.

A Divorce Granted.

About four years ago, a Victoria hackman man named King, was married in this city to a young woman named Hattie Armstrong. They lived together for a short time, and then King deserted her, going across the sound. The wife finally went to San Francisco, where, about two weeks ago she obtained a divorce on the grounds of cruelty and desertion.

Matrimonial.

Mr. J Meiss and Miss Emma Shields, both well-known residents of this city, were united in marriage on Monday night by Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge. The ceremony was performed at the residence of the Bishop, and Mr. A. Shields and Miss Shields, brother and sister of the bride, supported her and her consort through the ordeal. Another marriage is announced for this evening.

No Lovers of Polo.

While anxious to assist and encourage legitimate sport in every possible way, the park commissioners and committee have decided not to grant any portion of Beacon Hill for use as a polo ground. Their reasons are two-fold. They say they have no desire to see the grass cut up by ponies, and they plottings against the hearts of numerous mortals. The facial expression it would be difficult to excel. Close by the big bay window are panels on either side, in which blue jays, in the most natural positions, occupy the trees. The details of the other panels have been admirably carried out; the gentleman responsible for them is entitled to every credit. Mr. Gilmer has in hand an excellent statue of St. Andrew, for erection in the new St. Andrews cathedral, which, according to the models exhibited, is expected to be something especially fine.

Its First Use.

It is expected that the regular Methodist Watch Night service will be held in the new Methodist Mission Church, on Fisguard street, which will be subsequently opened in a formal manner, possibly by Rev. J. E. Starr, who, since his return to Ontario, has succeeded in awakening a more lively interest in Chinese mission work in the east.

Bulmer Bunkoed.

The following interesting dispatch appears in Tuesday's Post-Intelligencer:

TACOMA, Nov. 24.—Dr. T. S. Bulmer, of Victoria, B. C., university, was bunkoed out of $25 at the wharf this evening. A bunko steerer got the doctor interested in paying the freight on his baggage to Ogden, Utah, Bulmer's destination. He advanced the money and the sharp went ostensibly to get a receipt, but did not return, of course.

Not of Their Clan.

It was noticeable, yesterday, that there was an exceptionally small attendance of Chinese at the trial of the homicide, Fong Ling Din. This is accounted for by the fact that the Fong clan has but a few representatives—possibly not more than from six to ten in the city of Victoria. Had the accused been a Wong, a Lee or a Chin, the court would have been crowded with pigtails.

Remanded.

A day without a remand would be a novelty in the city police court. Yesterday, Lange, the fortune-telling expert, who confessed himself guilty of obtaining money under false pretences, was expected to receive sentence. The woman from whom he obtained the money was not present, however, and the case was remanded. In order that her story might be heard. A Chinaman, charged with larceny, was also remanded for one day.

Once More Afloat.

At low tide, early yesterday morning, workmen employed by the customs authorities succeeded in once more floating the celebrated North Star, which nów lies at Mr. Beckwith's landing. She has been pumped out and such repairs will be made as will keep her in good condition until she is finally disposed of, in some way, by the Minister of Customs. It is thought that there are legal complications in the case that will necessitate its reference to the Department of Justice.

After Many Days.

Several weeks ago an umbrella of peculiar fashion, was, among other things, missed from the front hall of a house on Courtenay street. Suspecting sneak thieves, the owner notified the police, and the city squad have since used their eyes every time it rained in the hope of "spotting" the umbrella. Yesterday morning a Chinaman stood in the police court dock in connequence; he was caught on Monday night with the missing article open to protect him from the wet, and his explanation of how it became his, will be heard in the police court to-day.

Probably Lost.

About two weeks ago, mention was made in THE COLONIST of the probable loss in the Straits of a smuggler's loop, which left Victoria for the other side with two whites and a number of Chinamen on board. A little later came partial confirmation from Port Crescent, where the wrecked sloop was washed ashore. It is now learned, almost with certainty, that the white victims of the accident were two foreign fishermen—Greeks or Italians—who had been doing a lucrative smuggling business, both from and to Victoria. One of the missing men leaves a young wife, somewhere in the province, but not in Victoria; the names cannot yet be obtained.

Salvation Army.

On Friday evening, Commissioner Adams and wife, of the Salvation Army, Brigadier Holland, Major Layton and Lieutenant Lee, a colored singer and guitar player, will commence a series of services in the hall, Fort street. These are in connection with the opening of the Rescue Home. On Friday there will be a half night of prayer, commencing at 10.30 o'clock, and on Monday there will be a reception meeting and formal dedication of the home. The commissioner and staff are coming from Toronto direct.

A Missing Bale.

Information was given to the police yesterday morning of the loss by the C. P. N. Co. of a bale of valuable furs, which were received at one of the northern ports by the Danube on her last trip, for a Victoria consignee. It is known that the bale was taken on board the steamer, but here it is lost sight of. It cannot be found in the freight sheds, nor is any mention made in the books of its being received. Where it is is a mystery that the company would be very glad to have solved. It may have been stolen, or it may yet be on board the steamer, though the latter would seem scarcely probable. The cash value of the missing furs is between $800 and $900.

The Assizes Over.

Yesterday afternoon, Mr. Justice Drake adjourned the Court of Assize "sine die." The grand jury have signified their intention to make a presentment on a number of matters, which will be signed by the foreman, and handed in to the registrar for whatever action may be deemed necessary. On Monday, Sir Matthew B. Begbie remarked that the functions of grand juries were hard to define, but were scarcely as extensive as they used to be. The deliverances of grand jurors very frequently had the effect of making those who committed nuisances mend their manners without any prosecution, and they always had a wholesome result.

A Coal Miner's Circular.

A circular has been addressed "To the organized wage-workers of Victoria, B. C.," bearing the signature "Miners and Mine Laborers' Protective Association of Vancouver Island." It asks the pertinent question "Have you bought your winter's supply of coal?" and goes on to say "we don't ask you to boycott coal mined by scab labor, but we believe it to be the duty of Union men to encourage and consume the products of Union labor." It adds "Ask your coal dealer if he handles Union mined coal. If not, you can readily find one that does. Ask your friends to buy coal mined by Union miners. Ask your tailor, your grocer, your butcher and baker to do likewise." It is rather singular that this circular made its appearance just after the cut has been made in the price of coal. Are the members of the Miners and Mine Laborer's Protective Association afraid that the workingmen of Victoria will get their coal too cheap?

A Chance of a Lifetime.

There is a gentleman, now a guest at the Angel Hotel, who has had opportunities that are not given to many ordinary men. In 1863 he was a miner in the Ophir claim in Virginia city. This was adjoining, and only separated by a party wall from the still remember the complaints of the cruelty to the ponies inseparable from the game last year.

MINING PROSPECTS

At Quesnelle Mouth Referred to by Mr. J. K. Barker—Good Times Ahead.

J. K. Barker, of Quesnelle Forks, a mining man of 50 years' experience, and one who has many friends here, is "down for the winter," looking thoroughly satisfied with prospects ahead for the company with which he is identified. He says that his section of the country, which has lain dormant for years, now feels the quickening stimulant of healthy enthusiasm; there are lively times ahed. A waggon road, long needed, as it is almost impossible, and certainly impracticable, to pack in heavy machinery, has been promised, and its construction will greatly facilitate mining industries. The South Fork Hydraulic Co., on whose business Mr. Barker is now in Victoria, have completed the survey of their 15 mile ditch, and work on it is already commenced. Five miles is expected to be constructed next season, and the entire work completed in two years. The 16 or 18 inch pipe, which it is proposed to put in, will give a dead fall of 350 feet, and be the biggest work in the country. No returns are expected from the claim until next year, all that has been done being purely preliminary.

Mr. Hepden's claim, adjoining, also promises well, but the location of the ditch has not yet been completed. It will probably be 18 or 20 miles long, and a gang of men will be working on it all winter. Half a mile above is another good claim—at least the ground is equally promising, but as yet there is no prospect of water.

Placer mining continues to occupy the attention of the Chinese, one firm—the Chin Fan Co.—reporting $8,000 or $9,000 for this year. In the last 12 or 14 years they have alone taken out $50,000 or $60,000.

Never in his remembrance, says Mr. Barker, has he seen such fine weather as that prevailing when he left home. There was as yet no sign of snow, and the roads were in splendid condition.

Boscowitz & Son have shipped some $3,000 worth of bear, beaver and muskrat skins to New York, also a quantity of miscellaneous furs, via C.P.R., to London, England.

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Credit Where Credit is Due.

Mr. R. E. English wires as follows from Ashcroft: "There has been a great mistake regarding the arrest of the stage robber. It was through F. W. Foster, T. Sones and S. Tingley that the perpetrator was brought to justice."

Nelson Island Quarry.

Work at the Nelson Island quarry is reported to be rushing forward. There are now eighteen men busily employed and a considerable quantity of stone is being taken out to order. The greater part of this goes to Portland and Seattle for use in new buildings.

Hamilton Powder Works.

On Saturday the first run of blasting powder was manufactured by the Hamilton Powder Company at their works near Northfield, the quality being excellent. Since beginning operations considerable work has been done.

Intelligent Indians.

Mr. Poudrier's survey party report that the Indians of Chilcotin are remarkably well cared for, and a healthy, contented, intelligent race. Three thousand are so well educated that they not only read and write their own language, but either French or English as well.

Death.

Mrs. Magdalene Mann, an old and well known resident of this city, died last evening at the advanced age age of 79 years. She was a native of Wilton, Scotland, and leaves a family to mourn her, two sons living in Victoria, one of them being Mr. James Mann, of Muirhead & Mann. The funeral takes place to-morrow.

Not a Pleasant Trip.

The visit of the Colquitz board of arbitration to the water-works dam, paid on Tuesday, was not as full of pleasure as the holiday picnics of the aldermanic board. There was no grand dinner, and no other amusement than that afforded by a fatiguing ramble in mud, brambles and bushes, along the banks of the stream.

Scalskins and Salmon.

A large shipment of sealskins from this city, for the London market, left this morning by way of the C.P.R. and Boston.

Fifteen thousand cases of canned salmon, and several hundred barrels of the salted article, will be shipped to San Francisco on Sunday next, there to be transferred to the Australian steamer.

Lost His All.

A man named Harding, who boards at a hotel on Yates street, reported to the police last night, that his room had been entered during the day and every article of clothing of which he was possessed, had been stolen. He has no suspicion as to who the thief is, and the discovery of the guilty party will be therefore all the more difficult.

Man Overboard.

As the steamer City of Kingston was leaving her dock last evening, a young man employed on the Standard, which was lying at the adjoining dock, managed in some unaccountable way to fall overboard. He was rescued, not without difficulty, by a young gentleman in the employ of Nicholl's & Renouf, assisted by one of the Kingston's crew.

They Wanted "Old Brass."

James Holness, a gentleman living on Spring Ridge, not long ago had a good well dug on his lot, in which he placed a first-class force pump, at a cost of some $34. On Sunday some person or persons unknown entered the premises, and completely destroyed the pump, their object, apparently, being to secure possession of the brass work which could be sold for old metal. There is no clue, as yet, to the culprit

Agassiz Experimental Farm.

On Friday and Saturday last, Mr. Corbould, M.P., visited the Experimental Farm at Agassiz, with regard to which he proposes to make a number of recommendations to the Government. Among these is the present employment of Chinese labor. He will advise the improvement of the Harrison River, and will do his utmost to procure the settlement of existing differences between farmers in that section and the Government.

Methodism at Northfield.

The Methodist church at Northfield was opened on Sunday with services by Rev. W. W. Baer, of Nanaimo, followed on the succeeding day by a social meeting, addressed among others by Rev. Mr. Baer and Rev. C. Watson, of Victoria. On Sunday next the dedicatory services will be continued by Rev. Mr. Hall, chairman of the district. The Northfield church, it is satisfactory to state, has been opened free of debt, which speaks in the highest terms of the liberality of the members and their friends.

Sale of an Interior Ranch.

The British Columbia Cattle Co. yesterday completed the purchase of the half interest of Mr. S. Tingley in the 7,000 acre ranche in the Nicola district, one of the cattle ranges of the Van Volkenburgh Bros. This is one of the finest winter feeding grounds in British Columbia, there never having been a single head lost through severe weather or lack of feed. The whole 7,000 acres is under fence, one, known as the "triangle field," being five thousand acres in extent. With the extensive ranges in Nicola, Chilcoten and Similkameen, the new cattle company are in a splendid position to secure a permanent and excellent meat supply.

Snow Along the Line.

At Roger's Pass there is now three feet of snow, and a snow plough is running to keep the track free. At Revelstoke there is no snow at present, although it is to be seen on the tops of the surrounding mountains. The C.P.R. is preparing for the snows, which fall to great depth on the Selkirk mountains and in the valleys of the Beaver and Illecillewaet. S. A. Cash, locomotive foreman, has already at the track at the round house a rotary snow plough, a flanger and a snow shovel with powerful wings that can be extended or drawn in while in motion, as circumstances require. These, with two locomotives, which are to be stationed at Revelstoke for the winter, make up the outfit for the coming campaign with the snow. Sixteen men will be required to man the snow train, two on each engine and ten on the iron-winged snow shovel.

Lost at Sea.

A dispatch was received from San Francisco, yesterday, announcing the destruction of the British yacht Nyanza, belonging to the Royal Northern Yacht club, in a gale off one of the islands in the Caroline group. This pretty little craft, owned and commanded by Capt. Dewar, a retired officer of the British army, left Plymouth in July, 1887, and was expected to take four years in making a tour round the world. Capt. Dewar was accompanied by his bride, a pleasant, bright little lady, and an indefatigable worker at her art—sketching. She was the only lady on board, and was the idol of the crew, consisting of twenty men, all told. The Nyanza spent a week or more in Esquimalt, where she was an object of interest to marine men, principally on account of her peculiarly placed masts and her comfortable and elegant arrangements. While here she replaced a portion of her crew with men from the Swiftsure, and then sailed for the Japanese Coast. The meagre details of her loss, record the fact that no lives were lost in the disaster, though the wreck was looted by the natives.

An Unpleasant Experience.

It was the unpleasant experience of Rev. W. G. H. Elliston, rector of Esquimalt, to be lost for upwards of twelve hours last Sunday in the Sooke hills. He had held a service in the morning at Sooke, and in returning by the trail lost his way in the brushy growth which now hides the path. The church people of Metchosin, where he was to hold service in the evening, waited in vain for his arrival, while for hours he was wandering about amid the gullies and thick underwood of the dreary hills. It was not until midnight that he found his way out of the forest to the home of Mr. Hewitt, where he was kindly cared for. He states that a compass is practically useless in the Sooke district owing to the prevalence of iron, and by following a stream or blazing only can one be sure of his way. In his own case he "blazed" by sticking the leaves torn from a pocket hymn book to the trees, to make sure of not returning on the same track.

A Lunatic at Large.

"Billy" Dineen, a well known "timber cruiser," is reported by Mr. E. J. Thain to be at present wandering about Nelson Island in a state of dangerous insanity. Mr. Thain has been for some time at the quarry there, and his statement of Mr. Dineen's case is as follows: The man had been working up Jervis Creek, and on returning to white society he indulged in a terrible spree, which terminated in temporary insanity. He was in this condition when he came to the quarry camp, on Saturday last, and was taken care of by a companion, who required to watch him constantly. The intention was to care for him until the arrival of the Michigan, and then send him to Vancouver. On Monday morning, however, he succeeded in escaping, about daybreak. Although the woods have been scoured, no trace of the missing man has yet been found. The provincial police at New Westminster have been notified of the case.

Committed for Trial.

In the Police Court, yesterday morning, a woman known as Lina Woodworth gave evidence in the case of B. T. Lange, arrested on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses from her. She told the same story of the case as that given by Sergt. Walker. No other witnesses were called, and the accused was asked if he wished to make any statement. He said that he did, and explained that he was a professional pianist, and at present in very poor circumstances. His stock of money becoming exhausted, he had gone for two days without touching food. He then went to a pawnbroker and endeavored to negotiate a loan of 50 cents, leaving his vest in pledge. The pawnbroker, however, would not advance any money unless both coat and vest were left behind. Then, for the first time in his life, he decided to try his luck as a fortune teller, and made a bargain with the woman in the case. She gave him $5.05, and he told her, what she admitted to be the worth of the money; describing a future husband and peering into the future on a variety of subjects. The woman said she was satisfied before he left the house. As this explanation was not sufficient, Lange was committed for trial at the next court of competent jurisdiction, when some interesting points regarding the legality of fortune telling are expected to be argued.

An Extraordinary Journey.

An opportunity will occur within a few months to make a trip around the world under novel conditions and in a manner not likely to be repeated. Advantage will be taken of the early sailing of the new and magnificent twin-screw steamships now being built for the Trans-Pacific service of the Canadian Pacific Railway company, to afford to the public a "Round the World" excursion of a most extraordinary character.

The steamship Empress of India will sail from Liverpool for Hong Kong, about Jan. 15, 1891. At Hong Kong she will take her place in the trans-Pacific line for which she has been built, sailing via Yokohama to Vancouver, B. C.

On her voyage to Vancouver she will call at Gibraltar, Naples, Port Said, Suez, Colombo, Penang, Singapore, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama, stopping a day at each of the ports named, and at Port Said sufficient time will be allowed to enable passengers to visit Cairo and the Pyramids. In connection with this voyage tickets will be issued "Around the World," including choice of steamship lines across the Atlantic and a rail trip over the Canadian Pacific Railway from the Pacific to the Atlantic.

The rate for this wonderful journey will be $600, including meals and berths. Programme, with maps showing the route, and giving full information as to stop-overs, etc., can be had at any of the Canadian Pacific Railway offices. The second and third steamships of the line will leave Liverpool about February 15 and March 15, 1891, respectively, taking the same route.

MR. AND MRS. MARTIN.

Two Well-Known and Popular Young Victorians United in Marriage, Last Evening.

Two well-known and popular young Victorians were, last evening, united in matrimonial bonds at the home of the bride's father, No. 8 Simcoe street, Miss Jessie Newbury, eldest daughter of Mr. William Newbury, becoming the bride of Mr. H. J. Martin, of R. P. Rithet & Co., a familiar figure in athletic and social circles. The ceremony was almost entirely private, only immediate friends and near relatives being present. Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge performed the solemn offices of officiating clergyman, while Mr. J. Auld Wilson gracefully discharged the duties of best man. The bridesmaids were her three sisters, the Misses Janie, Edith and Hattie Newbury. They were dressed in simple but effective costumes of white embroidered muslin, while the bride herself wore white silk, covered with lace. Orange blossoms were the only ornaments. After the wedding the guests sat down to a delightful little dinner, at which sincerest congratulations were received by Mr. and Mrs. Martin. They dispensed with the formality of a tour, and will make their home, not far from that of the bride's father, on Simcoe street. A large number of tasteful presents, with best wishes, were received by the bride, whose happiness is secure.

The city clerk has taken possession of his new office, where he was welcomed by the aldermen and others who attended the council meeting, last night.