

THE WATERWORKS.

Progress of the Improvements Now Being Carried on at Beaver Lake.

Concrete Work on the Main Dam Was Begun Yesterday by the Contractors.

Yesterday the laying of concrete on the main dam of the waterworks improvements at Beaver lake commenced, and to make as much progress as possible before the wet weather sets in night work will be started. There are about a hundred men employed, and it is expected that Messrs. Walkley, King & Casey will have their contract completed well within their time limit, which expires in January. The excavating of the reservoir, which when finished will be 300 feet long by 230 feet wide, is well advanced, men being engaged in forming the slope of the sides. Next to the reservoir come the three filter beds, each 180 feet long and 80 feet wide, within any one of which all the old filter beds could easily be placed with room to spare. Each one of the filters has a capacity of a million gallons a day and the reservoir will hold six million gallons, or more than two days' supply.

Mr. G. E. Jorgensen, the engineer in charge, who also designed the plan for the improvements, has provided for a system of valves by which to regulate the flow of water through the filter beds, and it will be possible to use facilities for the purpose in case it is desired to clean one or repair it. The water will be filtered through sand and gravel placed over broken stones—with perforated pipes running along the bottom to receive the pure water and convey it to the ducts.

From the reservoir a 24 inch outlet pipe will conduct the water to the 16 and 12-inch mains, and instead of these mains being separated, as at present, the 12 inch main will be moved into the same trench as the 16-inch one at the reservoir. Valves at the outlet will enable the water to be taken out of the reservoir at either high or low level, so that in hot weather it will be possible to supply the water as a lower level, and therefore cooler level, than if it came from near the surface.

The main dam, which will be 30 feet high, 12 feet wide at the bottom and 5 feet wide at the top, is placed at some distance from the cofferdam, and the original intention was to take down the cofferdam when the improvements were completed. Mr. Jorgensen, however, has recommended to the council that, instead, the deep space between the permanent dam and cofferdam be utilized for a settling basin, which could be done by utilizing two sides already built, building a third side and filling in somewhat behind the cofferdam. This would give a basin 230 feet long by 175 feet broad, and would allow the lake water to settle and bring down the filter beds and avoid so much sediment being deposited in the filters.

The mud from the reservoir excavation is being drawn off by means of an eight inch suction pump with a six inch discharge. The mud is conveyed through a flume and has been utilized for leveling up the land around the sides of the works and is now being laid over the fields of some farmers in the vicinity at their request as a top dressing. Mr. Jorgensen stated that no mud is being run into the Colquitz river now, that being stopped some time ago.

A ditch above the main dam has been dug to take out water direct to the mains in case of emergency.

Mr. Jorgensen says he has been taking observations in regard to the supply of water to be obtained from the watershed, and believes that the lake receives part of its supply from subterranean feeders not hitherto taken into account.

A level embankment thirty feet wide will surround the reservoir and filter beds, the area covered altogether being six acres.

STARTED SUCCESSFULLY.

After a 12 o'clock luncheon the annual bazaar of the ladies of the Roman Catholic cathedral opened yesterday and will not be concluded until probably late this evening. Institute hall, View street, is the scene of the gay event, and the place was in the afternoon one of the most active business centres in the city. Upwards of one hundred games at the luncheon provided at noon under the management of the Misses Skinner and McDowell, and this patronage was naturally improved upon later in the day, for there were the usual booths for the sale of miscellaneous goods which reported a flourishing business. Of course they were ably presided over, those in charge being: Candy store, the Misses Keast; wheel of fortune, Miss Campbell; doll department, Mrs. L. McQuade and Mrs. Williams; fancy work, Mrs. Thomas Deasy and Mrs. Astrio; soda water stand, Miss Sullivan; flower stand, Miss Ebel Carroll and Miss Mamie Condo; main and fancy work, Mrs. Madigan and Mrs. Patton.

In the evening the programme as published in yesterday's *Colonist* was rendered very pleasingly. It will be presented again this evening and will doubtless attract a big attendance, the performance having won deserved applause last evening. The outline drill by several little girls of uniform height and in sailor costume was a splendid performance, and the songs, recitations, etc., which followed were much enjoyed. One of the most pleasing features of the whole programme was the hornpipe dance, stepped very cleverly by three little girls. The bazaar will open to-day at 2 p.m. A supper will be given at 9 p.m., after which the evening programme will be begun. The usual raffish follows, the affair closing with an auction of all goods left unsold up till that time.

TIMBER DEAL.

The Cowichan mill, better known as the Hught & McIntyre mill, together with the adjacent timber limits of 7,000 acres, have been purchased by the M. M. Boyd Lumber Co. of Bobovyeon, Ont. The price is in the neighborhood of \$150,000. The mills have not been running for some time, but the machinery is in first-class condition and capable of an output of 125,000 feet of lumber per day. In addition to the limits included in the sale there are eight million feet of logs in the boom at the mill. The Boyd company already have 10,000 acres of limits on the Nitina river which they purchased some two years ago. Mr. William Gidley, of Bobovyeon, who has had an experience in the lumber business, is appointed manager, and will make his headquarters in Victoria. Mr. Gidley stated that the Boyd Lumber Co. had turned their attention towards British Columbia because the decreasing timber limits in the East made it imperative to seek new fields. He was not sure when the mill would start operations, as that would depend upon the state of the market trade.

THE CITY.

Mr. J. A. Russell, a well known member of the bar of the Terminal City, has been selected to succeed Mr. Jordan as police magistrate of Vancouver, while ex Mayor Anderson has been appointed a stipendiary magistrate.

Yesterday Isabel Worthington, only daughter of Mr. James Porter, died suddenly of paralysis. The funeral will take place to-morrow from her father's residence, 15 Rock Bay avenue, at 2 o'clock, and from St. John's church half an hour later.

An action has been instituted by J. Clarke, jr., against Robert Ward & Co., Ltd., and F. B. Pemberton to redeem the schooner *Estespride*, and notice has been given that a motion will be made next Saturday by Mr. A. L. Belyse, acting for Clarke, for an injunction to restrain Robert Ward & Co. from disposing of the vessel pending the trial of the action.

MISS ELISE LANDELLS, a native of Nova Scotia, for some time a resident of this city, died at St. Joseph's hospital yesterday. Her brother, Mr. Robert Landells, formerly of Victoria but now teacher of the public school, Kamloops, was communicated with and telegraphed that he would arrive to-night. The funeral takes place to-morrow morning at half past ten from Hayward's undertaking rooms.

The truth of the principle that ignorance of one's own history is never fully realized by a visitor to the city, was demonstrated yesterday, when Sergeant Langley visited his establishment and took possession of the carcass of a doe that was exposed for sale in violation of the game act. To-day the fine points of the game act in relation to the deer will be fully explained to the unfortunate dealer in the provincial court.

The 3rd and 4th of December will settle the fate of sealskin prices for the present year, as Lamson's great sale is now a fixture for the first mentioned date and the Hudson's Bay Company will hold their sales on the 4th. All interested in the industry await the verdict with keen expectancy, as in the face of the light catch and the superior quality of this year's skins, higher quotations are to be reasonably expected.

AH SING the Chinese leper brought down by Provincial Constable McKenna from North Hill, was yesterday examined by Dr. Davis and Dr. Geo. Duncan, who confirmed the medical opinion already obtained that Ah Sing was a victim of the horrible disease. The facts show unmistakable proof of leprosy, and the Chinese man's hands are already shrivelled and distorted. Ah Sing will to-day be taken to Darcy Island to form another member of the colony of unfortunate lepers who are wearing out their lives there.

A highly creditable painting of the Holy Family has just been completed by Mr. Joseph Carpenter of this city for St. Andrew's cathedral, and occupies a niche over the altar of the Holy Family to the right of the nave. The subject has been treated in a very artistic and natural manner, the life-size figures being represented as in the fields outside of Bethlehem, the Madonna with the infant Jesus in her arms, and Joseph standing beside them leaning on a shepherd's crook. The draping of the figures and the light and shade are very happily carried out, while the conventional halos over the heads of the figures are not obtrusive and do not detract from the happy natural effect. Mr. Carpenter has given the features of a Jewish mother to the Madonna. At the feet of the Virgin stands a very life like figure of a lamb. The picture may be seen during the hours that the cathedral is open—every day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

The following is the Victoria Rugby Football Club's team picked to play against the Navy on Saturday at the Canteen grounds: Full back, H. Penhore; three-quarters, Foulkes, Miller, C. W. Ward and Pooley; halves, E. Ward, C. Smith; forwards, Crease, Macrae, Bullen, A. Langley, Spaulding, Austin and Innes; reserves, E. Brown and W. Englehardt. Any of these members who cannot be on hand Saturday night are asked to notify the secretary as soon as possible. The team will go to Reginald by the 2:30 car from the post office.

AT THE CANTERFIELD FIELD. Owing to the inability of both the Gunroom and Victoria College teams to pick representative fiftens for to-morrow, the game at the Canteen grounds, leaving the city by the 3:55 train; C. Gamble, F. Pooley, J. M. Miller, E. Austin, A. C. Anderson, F. Ward, G. Skene, E. Erb, M. Graham, A. C. Green, G. Wilson, A. Goward, T. Cornwall, G. Johnston, and W. Tuck.

Y. M. C. A. ASSOCIATION. Last night the following team was picked to represent the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium against the club eleven: Goal, C. Wriglesworth; backs, C. Cullen and Goward; half backs, Morris, Snider and Davy; forwards, Smith, Peden, Campbell, McAnn and Erskine. The club eleven will be: Goal, Cusack; backs, Dalles and McCrossen; half backs, Fowkes, Lorimer and Norris; forwards, Bland, Scott, Lortimer, W. (W.) and York (L). The match will be played at the College grounds, Beacon Hill, next Saturday afternoon, and will be a close game.

THE WHEEL.

TORONTO, Oct. 23.—At the Woodbine track yesterday afternoon Harley Davidson, of Toronto, rode an unpaired flying quarter in 26 and a standing quarter in 28 1/2, a great new Canadian mark. Angus Macleod, of Sarnia, paced by a tandem, made a standing quarter in 26 2/5. This is also a record.

THEY HAVE THE FEVER. Another road race around Stanley park, Vancouver, will take place probably on Saturday next. Lester, the road champion, will not ride; he says the others can ride away against his record until some of them break it. Barker is through riding for the season—two of his ribs were fractured by his fall in the last road race, which was generally regretted, for the struggle for supremacy was between Lester and Barker. Barker rode half way round the park with two broken ribs, and finished the nine miles in about 33 minutes. There is considerable interest in the English bull dog in Vancouver's champion mile rider.

THE TURF.

MARCO WINS THE CAMBRIDGESTAKE. LONDON, Oct. 23.—Bloodthirsty made the running in the Cambridgestake to-day from Tokyo. Count Schenberg and Marco, till they get below the hump, where Col. Lloyd's colts drew out to the front, closely followed by Tokyo, Marco and Behn in the dip and were nearly by three lengths; a head separated the second and third horses. The time was 1:57. Eighteen horses ran. The betting was 1 to 1 against Marco.

THE CITY MARKETS.

Business with retail merchants has been more satisfactory this week than for some time past, from the fact that money seems to be in better circulation. There is also some improvement in the volume of trade. The change in the market is limited in number. Snow Flakes and Olympic Flour have gone up 25 cents per barrel and are now selling at \$4.25. Eggs continue to rise and merchants are handling them without profit. Creamery butter is the only other commodity which has changed in price, it having advanced to 30 cents. In the fruit market plums are out of season, while apples, pears and grapes make up the chief stock on hand. Eastern apples have not yet come into competition, and in the meanwhile California's are finding rapid sale. Shores the fine weather set in the fish market has been well supplied, salmon in particular being plentiful. Indians have been selling their fish at 25 cents. The following are the current retail quotations:

Flour—Ogilvie's (Hungarian) per bbl.	\$5.50
Lake of the Woods (Hungarian) per bbl.	5.50
Victory (Hungarian) per bbl.	5.50
Portland roller	4.60
Salted butter	4.60
Rainier	4.60
Superior	4.75
Snow Flakes	4.25
Transit	4.25
XX X	5.00
Premier	5.00
Collected	4.50
Two Star	4.50
Superior	4.50
White Star	4.50
Gala	25.00/27.50
Barley	25.00/26.50
Middling, per ton	25.00/26.50
Brass, per ton	20.00/25.00
Steel, per ton	20.00/25.00
Corn, whole	45.00
Cracked	50.00
Cracked, per 10 lbs.	50.00
Oatmeal, per 10 pounds	50.00
Potatoes, per lb.	6.00
Swiss, per lb.	4.00
Hay, baled, per ton	\$8.12
Straw, per bale	1.00
Green Potatoes, per lb.	2.00
Corn, per doz.	25.00
Onions, per doz.	25.00
Eggs, Island, per doz.	25.00
Imported	25.00
Butter, per lb.	20.00
Creamery, per lb.	20.00
Dairy, per lb.	12.00
Canadian	15.00
Cones	15.00
Bacon, American, per lb.	15.00
Rolls	12.00
Condensed	12.00
Canadian	16.00
Shoulders, per lb.	12.00
Whisk, per lb.	12.00
Golden Cattle, per lb.	12.00
Meats, per lb.	5.00
Veal	10.00
Lamb, per lb.	10.00
Pork, fresh, per lb.	10.00
Pork, salted, per lb.	10.00
Pigeons, per brace	5.00
Grasses, per pair	5.00
Onions	25.00
Fruits—Apples, per box	25.00
Oranges (River) per box	25.00
Oranges (California) per box	25.00
Tomatoes, California, per lb.	5.00
Grapes, per lb.	5.00
Peas, per lb.	5.00
Milk melons, per lb.	5.00
Watermelons, apiece	25.00
Fish—Salmon, spring, per lb.	5.00
Whites, apiece	5.00
Smoked	10.00
Light and dark	10.00
Halibut	10.00
Blotchers	10.00
Rippers	12.00

SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

Captain Anderson, of the tug *Constance*, had occasion to pass the cargo of the wrecked *Roy Somers* on Tuesday afternoon, and to his surprise saw nothing of the vessel herself. Late the same afternoon the *Somers* sailed into port Townsend, having it is understood, floated off without any other vessel's assistance. She took in no water, but her timbers are badly strained, her bows are missing and her forward rigging is gone, the damage totalling, it is thought, about \$1,000.

Big Australian and Hawaiian freights are expected to arrive by the steamship *Milwera* next month as she will carry two months' collection. The *Milwera* did not leave Sydney until the 21st inst., and will not doubt be a day or so late in arriving here. On leaving Sydney she had 20 salmon and 30 steers passengers.

The O.R. & N. steamship company have two cargo laden steamships on their way out. The *Orinoco* is due about November 5, and the *Mount Lebanon*, which left Hongkong on the 19th inst.

The little steamer T. W. Carter has been engaged for some time past bringing salmon to the city from Cowichan for freezing. Four loads of sealings were forwarded to London, Eng., by J. Boscowitz & Son this morning.

THE "AMERICA'S" CUP.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—The following by cable, showing that Mr. Charles D. Rose has decided to withdraw his challenge, was posted this morning on the bulletin board of the New York Yacht Club:

"Oddie, Secretary N.Y.Y.C.: 'Owing to the general impression that it might be construed as an expression of opinion on the part of the club, and on returning having to ask you to withdraw the challenge, I have decided to do so.'"

The reply was as follows: "C. D. Rose, 39 Hull Street, Berkeley Square, London: 'The cable announcing the withdrawal of your challenge has been received.'"

Mr. Percy Thelluson, secretary of the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, replying to the cable sent in by the Associated Press this morning, telegraphed from Ryde, Isle of Wight, saying that the Royal Victoria Yacht Club has no other challenge for the cup.

The Times to-morrow will publish the letter of Mr. Charles D. Rose to Mr. Percy Thelluson, secretary of the Royal Victoria Yacht Club dated New York, Oct. 22nd, which is as follows: "In view of the fact that the American Yacht Club has been asked to accept the challenge for the America's Cup, I have decided to withdraw my challenge. I should like to add that I have decided to challenge I did so solely in the interest of sport and with a desire to win back the cup, and that no question concerning any last race or the withdrawal of my action having been misconstrued."

TO CURE CROUP.

DEAR SIR:—I have used Hayward's Yellow Oil with all my children for Croup, and I think it is the best remedy ever made. I am never without it in the house.

MRS. T. H. JACKSON, Hilton, Man.

Henry M. Stanley is said to be travelling "in disguise" because reporters annoy him. Let's see! What was Henry before he went to Africa?

PROVINCIAL MINERALOGIST.

Professor Carlyle, of McGill University, offered the appointment by the Government.

By Scientific Attainments and Practical Experience He is Eminently Suitable.

In accordance with the act passed last session by the provincial legislature, for the promotion of the mining industry, the government has decided to appoint a provincial mineralogist and the position has been offered to Professor A. H. Carlyle, lecturer on Mineralogy at McGill University, Montreal. Much care has been taken to select a thoroughly capable man, and Hon. Col. Baker, minister of mines, when on his last visit East, consulted Dr. Dawson upon the subject. Dr. Dawson suggested Professor Carlyle as eminently fitted for the position. Professor Carlyle, who is a nephew of the late Carlyle, was born in Canada some thirty-eight years ago and graduated at McGill. He has had a long and varied experience in practical mining in different parts of the continent and has been connected with some of the most famous mines in the United States. He is very highly recommended by Dr. Dawson, and by his extensive knowledge of mining and his high scientific attainments he will be a most valuable man to the mining industry, should he accept the appointment. The provincial mineralogist, who is to be under the Minister of Mines, has, broadly speaking, to collect facts relating to the mining industry, to disseminate information, and by other means to promote improvement in the mining industry of the province.

TESTIMONY ALL IN.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 23.—After a bitter legal struggle lasting three months, the testimony in the trial of Theo. Durand is all in and to-morrow the argument of the case will begin. When the court adjourned this afternoon, District Attorney Barnes announced that while he would not formally close the case for the people, he would undoubtedly do so first thing to-morrow morning. Mr. Barnes notified the attorneys for the defence that at most he would have but one hour to present his case. The examination would last but a few minutes. The evening Post commenting on close of the case says: "Now that the evidence in behalf of the man charged with the Emanuel street murders is all in, it is fair to compare what has been proved with the promises made in the opening statement to the jury. Where the attorney for the defence has failed is a matter of record. The prosecution alibi has not been established. The roll call kept by Dr. Cheney is all that stands between the prisoner and the scaffold. If there is one of the twelve jurors who believes it correct, his life will be saved. Speculation has shown, however, that it is a mere copy and an erroneous one at that. The effort of the defence to impeach the testimony of the leading witnesses for the prosecution amounted to nothing. The attempt to prove Durand innocent fell flat. There is not a shadow of evidence that was presented to such a conclusion. In fact the case of the prisoner was stronger at the close of the people's case. So far as Rev. Mr. Gibson is concerned, not a fact has been proved to connect him with the case in any manner."

IRISH CONFERENCE.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—Justin McCarthy, M.P., has written to the newspapers, declining to join the conference which Right Hon. D. R. Plunket, Conservative M.P. for Dublin University, has been trying to bring about between the representatives of the various sections of the Irish party to discuss the question of the general government of Ireland. Mr. McCarthy does not believe anything in the way of material improvement in the condition of Ireland can be conferred by the parliament at Westminster, or by Dublin Castle, which will extinguish the national desire for home rule. Therefore he could not take part in any movement having for its object the seeking of a substitute for that which he believes is Ireland's greatest need. In reply, the Right Hon. D. R. Plunket has written to Justin McCarthy to deny that his proposal is identical to the Home Rule cause. He says he regrets Mr. McCarthy's decision, but that he intends to persevere in his idea and hopes for the aid of the leaders and for that of Mr. McCarthy later.

GOLD ON LULU ISLAND.

VANCOUVER, Oct. 23.—(Special.)—Word reached here to-day that John McLeod, while boring for water in front of the Methodist church, Eburne, Lulu Island, noticed that the bore was colored with yellowish matter, which on examination proved to be gold. He hastened to Westminster and registered his claim, and on returning assayed the gold, which was flakey and of the finest quality. The gold was struck 260 feet from the surface, and assayed 50 cents to the pan. Everyone in the vicinity is feverishly excited, and believes that McLeod has struck the bed of some old river. Already preparations are being made to honey comb the earth for miles around. The property on which the gold was found belongs to the Methodist church and is close to Mr. Saxsmith's land. This news, together with the Cariboo clean-up, the advance in the silver ore of West Kootenay, and the astounding statement made by conservative citizens recently returned from the Rossland country is causing great excitement in Vancouver.

THE TERMINAL CITY.

VANCOUVER, Oct. 23.—(Special.)—At a special meeting to-day, the council decided to recommend the government to fix the police magistrate's salary at \$1,200. It is stated that a rich seam of coal has been struck at Jericho, near Vancouver, but nothing definite could to-night be obtained for publication. In seven minutes after the case of ex-registrar W. H. Fiddling was called at the two counts to which he pleaded guilty, on eighteenth month in jail, the sentences to run concurrently. Judge Bole and Mr. Justice McCleight gave testimony as to the general integrity and good reputation of the accused, and stated that the crimes had been committed while the prisoner was incarcerated.

Some of the newest book covers are made of tinted linen, painted, with gold and colors.

"GENTLEMAN JIM."

CHICAGO, Oct. 23.—The Tribune's Hot Springs special says: "I have fought my last fight. I hereby announce that I have retired from the ring and will give the championship belt to the winner of the Maher-O'Donnell fight." This unexpected announcement was made this evening in the rounds of the Arlington hotel by James J. Corbett, a short time after indulging in a stormy interview with Martin Julian. The champion had just partaken of a hearty dinner, and had a cigar in his hand, and, turning to a friend at his elbow, remarked: "I have quite training and here goes my first smoke." So saying, he lighted his cigar and leisurely puffed at it.

"I will leave here to-morrow morning with my party for St. Louis. I have lost four months in training, and allowing myself to be dragged from point to point. I am satisfied now that this man Fitzsimmons does not want to fight, and will not be here to meet me. If he is anxious to fight, why doesn't he come on right now, before there is a law passed in this State to prevent us from meeting? He won't fight, and I don't intend to lose any more time fooling with him."

Julian had only to say that on the morning of the 31st Fitzsimmons' name would be found on the register of the Arlington hotel; that he would be ready to meet Corbett then, and no sooner or later, and that if Corbett was not here he would claim the forfeit and the championship of the world.

An hour later Corbett changed his mind and came to St. Louis, and gave it out that he would remain here until after the 31st, come what would.

BRAZILIAN MONARCHICAL MOVEMENT.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Oct. 23.—It is currently reported here that the heretofore secret movement which is said to have been going on in favor of the restoration of the monarchy under Prince Pierre of Saxe-Coburg, is assuming larger proportions. The agitators are reported to have become emboldened by success and to be attracting adherents by openly advocating the candidacy of the Prince. The latter is a son of Prince Louis Auguste of Saxe-Coburg, and Princess Leopoldine of Brazil. He was born in Rio de Janeiro in 1866. An official of the Brazilian embassy in London says that Prince Pierre of Saxe-Coburg is in a lunatic asylum in Austria, and that there is no force in the report of any movement in Brazil in favor of the restoration of the monarchy. In regard to the dispute between Great Britain and Brazil on the subject of the island of Trinidad, the Brazilian officials say that no action is expected before the next cabinet council at Rio de Janeiro.

THE IRISH VOTE.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—The Times this morning publishes a letter from Prof. Goldwin Smith, dated Toronto, Oct. 10, referring to the *Sackville* West pamphlet. He says: "The Irish vote is the bone of all Anglo-Saxon communities. In my intercourse of thirty years I have not met Americans who have not felt ashamed of this subservience. He adds: 'Whatever the American politicians are, they are not the American people. Their nervous fear of unpopularity sometimes leads them astray. Had President Cleveland mastered courage enough to treat the *Murchison* letter with the spirit of high-minded gentleman, he would have gained more votes than he lost.'

INTERNATIONAL COMPLICATION.

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 23.—International complications may arise out of the building of a dam at Rainy River, Rat Portage, Ont. It is claimed the level of the water in the lake will be raised four feet by the dam, and that sixty thousand acres of fertile land be flooded. The Baltimore Packing Co. also claims that it will cost \$250,000 to reconstruct its fishing plant. The Canadian shore is high and precipitous and Canadian interests will not be affected. A formal complaint lodged with the Federal authorities resulted in dispatching special agents to investigate.

SCOTTISH RITE MASONS.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—The Scottish Rite Masons yesterday elected Thomas Hubbard Caswell, of San Francisco, grand commander. The other officers were: Odell Squire Long, Charleston, W. Va., lieutenant grand commander; Erasmus T. Carr, Leavenworth, Kan., grand prior; Samuel Emory Adams, Minneapolis, grand chancellor; Martin Collins, St. Louis, grand minister of state; Frederick Weber, Washington City, secretary general; Gilmore Meredith, Baltimore, treasurer general; R. C. Jordan, Omaha, grand almoner; S. M. Todd, New Orleans, grand auditor.

THE SEALING MONOPOLY.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—The case of the United States against the North American Commercial Company to recover \$214,233, due since April 1, 1895, on the contract for the exclusive right of taking fur seals on the islands of St. George and St. Paul in Alaska, was called for trial on Monday before Judge Lacombe in the United States district court. The counsel for both sides claimed that the case was one of such magnitude and importance that the trial could not possibly be completed during the present term of court, and consequently it was adjourned until next term.

By lighting his hot-houses at night with electric lights of 5,000 candle-power, all told, Dr. Werner von Siemens, an eminent German electrician, ripens raspberries in seventy-five days, grapes in two months and a half, etc. The expression "in season" may soon lose significance in this connection, since by the application of electricity fruits and vegetables can be had at any time of the year. The fruits thus produced are remarkable for brilliant color and fine aroma, but are not as sweet as those ripened by the sun. The process, however, may serve to amuse the wealthy scientist, but it is not likely to come into universal use.

Photography is one of the favorite amusements of the British royal family. The Queen, has a great fancy for photographs and possesses a large collection of photographic of eminent personages. Some of them date back to the time when Daguerre first made his discovery, and many of these ancient pictures are so indistinct as to look almost like badly developed spirit photographs.

TEN THOUSAND YEARS.

Ten thousand times over Hagar's Footstall has proved itself a sure cure for coughs, colds, croup, asthma, sore throat, quinsy and all pulmonary complaints.

FORT HELL.

To Colonel Albert A. Pope, of the 35th Massachusetts Infantry, who gallantly held Fort Hell against overwhelming odds at the siege before Petersburg, Va., April 1865, and on the last attack led his regiment into the city.

Fort Petersburg, in '65, when carnage swept down death in every hideous form, thinned our patriot band. When, in the morning, comrades would extend a warm hand clasp. 'Ere night that same hand was stiff, in death's relentless grasp. That was the time when men were known, proved in each other's eyes. Tested and tried to the full extent, 'neath those sullen Southern skies. With deadest foes before us, bulching their cruel greed. Cutting wide swaths in our devoted ranks, piling up countless dead.

The nearest point of the Federal line, as you'll remember well, Was the staunch round-cornered citadel, which the boys had named Fort Hell. Here poured the Rebel fire, from Forts 'Damnation' and 'Mahone.' And the shot and shell, from Fort 'Heaven,' seemed directed there alone. The men of the Thirty-Fifth were holding it that day. When the gallant Fourth Division cut through the men in grey.

'Twas just before the reveille, the men were resting on their arms. Worn out with constant fighting, and war's depleting ranks, and new made graves, faces of ash and blue. Told of the deadly struggle 'twixt the boys of grey and blue. The awful firing, through the night, ceased at the approach of dawn. And the great streaks breaking in the east foretold another morn.

The Colonel of the Thirty-Fifth stood on the slender strip of shore, a man, his face aglow with hope. Gallant and brave he stood, erect his soldier's crest. His fierce eyes a'flame grew, as they sought his men at rest. He turned to a wounded soldier, a cheering word to speak. When from Fort Mahone came a puff of smoke, and a bullet whirled past his cheek.

Then from all the Rebel lines arose that demon yell. And screeching shot and cannister and deadly bursting shell. Spit through the air with frightful speed, hurling all aside. Laying many a father low, and many a mother's pride. This was the chosen moment for the last out-break of hate. This the supreme effort for which Mahone laid wait.

From every trench and outpost, from Damnation and Mahone. Came volley after volley, robbing many and many a home. The shrieking shots from the mortars, the clash of crossing rifles. As the Rebels charged upon us, causing our lines to