

BRIEF LOCALS.

Cleanings of City and Provincial News a Condensed Form.

From Monday's Daily.

The Empress of Japan, due here April 10, has aboard 345 saloon and 325 steerage passengers and the following freight: 725 tons of overland freight; 125 tons for Victoria; 200 tons for Puget Sound and 400 tons for San Francisco.

William C. Bryant, who for a number of years carried on business as a horse-shoer and blacksmith on Douglas street, died at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He was aged 50 years and leaves a widow and a large family.

Justice Drake gave his judgment in the official cases at Vancouver Saturday. The injunction granted will be to restrain the defendants, their agents, servants and workmen, from creating or permitting a nuisance by polluting the water of the River Fraser with fish offal, or by allowing the same to collect on the foreshore of the river. The judgment does not allow costs to the prosecution.

A Port Townsend dispatch says the revenue cutter Corwin is actively searching the coast of southeastern Alaska for the B. B. B. Columbia whiskey smugglers. The cutter stopped at Dyea inlet, landed a detachment of marines who marched up into the interior and searched a party of miners bound to the Yukon. No liquor was found. The cutter is said to be doing some effective patrol work.

The Seattle News has the following concerning an old resident of Puget Sound, well known to Victorians: James Douglas was committed to the insane asylum today by Judge Langley. He was unable to appear in court, so the court went to him. He says the bed-clothes talk and make all kinds of noises. At one moment he will be laughing, the next crying and in a second he is threatening the lives of his attendants. Mr. Douglas is an old pioneer, and until within the last two or three years was engaged in the real estate and employment business. He is possessed of considerable property.

W. B. Townsend, distributor of seed, to the Fraser Valley sufferers says that the quantity of seed to be distributed is approximately as follows: Potatoes, 215,580 pounds; oats, 454,360 pounds; wheat, 57,053 pounds; barley, 32,820 pounds; peas, 138,983 pounds; timothy, 10,741 pounds; clover, 6304 pounds; corn and buckwheat, 1201 pounds; turnips, etc., 330 pounds. This gives a total of 923,654 pounds, and an estimated cost of which will be between \$16,000 and \$17,000. This quantity is being proportionately divided among about three hundred applicants, the returns from whom show nearly 9000 acres on the aggregate area they have under cultivation.

The Seattle Press-Times of Friday says: The halibut schooner St. Lawrence came into port last night with her two topmasts gone at the head. She had aboard about 30,000 pounds of fish. The vessel experienced some extraordinary weather, and for five days lay at anchor in the harbor of Cochinra far up the coast of the island, while outside a living gale raged continuously. Her worst experience, however, was on the voyage up to the banks. About two weeks ago she was caught in a gale and her fore-topmast parted at the head. The weight of this and the sail carried away the mainmast. The vessel, however, made the banks off Queen Charlotte's island, and succeeded in getting her usual cargo. No other material damage was done to the vessel. She was gone a month to a day. Her fishing mate, the Alcedo, is still out, and some anxiety is felt for her. She was not spoken, but was sighted on the banks and may have been caught during the five days' blow. If so, she probably fared badly. The sea, even after the gale abated, was tremendous.

The Seattle News has the following: A warm discussion between two men about Blanck almost led to a fight this afternoon on the Occidental square. One of the men, an Englishman, said: "If a man in England shot a defenseless man he would be given twenty-five years in prison." The other, an American, admitted it was a cowardly trick to shoot Blanck after he had held up his hands, but maintained that it was not a punishable offence to get rid of such a desperado as Blanck. The Englishman then burst out in a fit of ebullience and denounced the Americans as savages, declared their laws and institutions were corrupt to the core, and as a contrast told what a glorious country England was. This was too much for the American, who angrily asked his combatant if he liked England so well why didn't he stay there. By this time a large crowd had gathered and watched the discussion with interest while it grew warmer and warmer. It looked for a minute as though there was going to be a scrap, but a newsboy turned the tide by shouting:

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MOST PERFECT MADE.

A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant.

40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

Johnny get your gun, which caused a laugh, and the Englishman took himself off, leaving the American in possession of the field.

From Tuesday's Daily.

A letter has been received from John Hyland, who left Victoria a couple of months ago to return to Telegraph Creek, Cassiar. He had arrived at his destination after a very rough trip, the snow being soft and travelling very rough. On the way up from the coast both his Indian guide and his dog were taken sick and he had to draw his own sleigh, making only three miles a day.

Drs. T. J. Jones, A. R. Baker, Curry, Holmes and Gatewood have been appointed examiners under the amended dentistry act passed at the last session of the legislature. The dental society submitted ten names to the government, and the five above named were selected by the government. They represent different parts of the province. The first examination will be held shortly, the new act providing that any dentist wishing to practice in the province must pass an examination fixed by the board.

Mrs. Josephine Bates and son, of this city, have been summoned to appear in police court at Vancouver in the hearing of the bigamy case of John S. Bates, in which Annie Struthers is prosecutrix. Bates, it is understood, sets up the claim that when he married Mrs. Josephine Bates her former marriage to General Dauphin, of Louisiana lottery fame had not been dissolved, and that the ceremony binding him to her was therefore worthless. They were married here six or seven years ago and while they lived here had considerable trouble.

Capt. James Hunter was rather un-fortunate in the courts today. The appeal in the case of supplying liquor to Indians and for which he was fined \$200 by Magistrate Macrae went against him. Justice Drake upheld the decision of the lower court. Capt. Hunter claimed that the Indians were in conspiracy against him and had sworn falsely. The case of trading without a license was up in the provincial police court. Magistrate Macrae fined Hunter \$164 and \$20 for a certificate. The contention of the defence was that the trading was done 200 yards at sea, and that the statute did not apply in that instance.

The Empress of China, Captain Marshall, sailed outward last evening on the 21st voyage she has made that way. She was off the outer wharf at 7:30 o'clock and the tender was alongside shortly after. Professor J. C. Ballagh, wife and daughter of New York, were the only white passengers who joined the ship here. There were twenty-three steerage passengers who went aboard here. The Empress had a good list of passengers and a big cargo of freight. She headed for the straits at 8:30. The Empress of Japan is due here on April 10th and the steamship Tacoma sails outward on Friday next.

Commencing next Friday a new timetable will go into effect on the E. & N. railway. For three days in the week there will be a two-train service each way. Daily a train will leave Victoria at 8 in the morning and arrive at Wellington in the afternoon. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday trains will leave here at 4:30 in the afternoon and arrive at Wellington at 8:25. Coming south on these days the trains will leave Wellington at 5 in the afternoon and arrive at 8:30 at business considerably increased.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The Walla Walla arrived in port at midnight. She had a heavy sea entering the straits. Her passengers numbered 282, of whom 52 were for Victoria. There were one hundred tons of freight aboard for here.

Five thousand dollars, appropriated for the unemployed of Vancouver, by the city council of that place, have been spent, and now there is talk of voting another sum. There are large numbers of laboring men in want in Vancouver.

Wong Maw, a well-known Chinaman living on Government street, died yesterday of heart disease. He was owner of a trading schooner and quite well-known. The funeral will take place tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The Law relief fund has almost reached the \$600 mark. Professor Gleason, the horse trainer, took up a collection at his exhibition last night, and in a few minutes \$50.20 had been contributed. He started the collection with \$20.

Mrs. Cooper, wife of Dr. Cooper, died at Westminster on Sunday and was buried yesterday, the funeral being attended by the members of the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias and also of the Daughters of Rebekah. Mrs. Cooper was a young woman, only 29, at the time of her death.

President Nordstrom of the Norwegian colony at Hesquiot is still in the city and will not return to the west coast until the 8th instant. He expresses himself as well satisfied with the state of the affairs of the colony. Some additions are expected to the colony from the east before long.

Mrs. Butler, wife of Capt. J. W. Butler of Victoria Crescent, died this morning. She was a native of Dartmouth, England, aged 67 years. Mrs. Butler came to Victoria five years ago and has been an invalid for two years. She leaves a husband, three sons and four daughters. The funeral takes place on Saturday at 2:30 from the family residence.

The British bark Cupica, bound from London for Portland, is long overdue, and grave apprehensions for her safety are entertained by her owners and underwriters. On February 20 she was sighted off the Columbia river bar, but stormy weather coming on she ran out

to sea. On the following day tugs were sent out to look for her, but their search was unavailing and the vessel has never been seen or heard of since.

J. C. Calbreath of Telegraph Creek, is registered at the Oriental. Mr. Calbreath reports that there has been a large mortality among miners in the Cassiar country this year. He says mining is not very promising, in fact the mining population is steadily on the decrease. Men who have got claims stick to them and try to make out what they can, but very few new prospectors are coming in. The winter has been a keen one and the country is well frozen up. The fur-bearing animals caught have largely exceeded in number the catches of previous years.

A Tacoma dispatch says: "Thomas Hayden, alias O'Connor, is under arrest charged with the burglary of the residence of T. B. Wallace March 10, when garments, including two sealskin cloaks, were stolen. One of the cloaks has been recovered at Victoria, where it was pawned by Hayden. He recently completed a four years' term in the state penitentiary at Walla Walla for the burglary of Capt. R. W. Derickson's house. A fine set of burglar's tools taken away from him at that time form a portion of the local police museum."

The Post-Intelligencer has the following about a character who will be remembered by Victorians: "Laula, the gigantic Samson chief who swung Lis Henry by the club in the days at the Madison Park pavilion last summer, is one of the stars of Barnum's circus, now exhibiting in New York city. The sporting people are deeply interested in him because he looks so much like the late King Kelly, the baseball player, and Henry's folks regard him with favor because of his intimacy with the late Robert Louis Stevenson."

John Holman, of this city, died at Metchoin. The deceased was a native of Castorville, Cornwall, England, aged 75. He was a pioneer of '48 and was well and favorably known as a successful miner in Cariboo in the early days of '61, '62 and '63. Of late years he had retired from business, and was at the time of his death the guest of Mrs. Gleed at Metchoin. He was an Odd Fellow, being a member of Victoria lodge, No. 1, for many years, and will be buried by the fraternity from the hall on Douglas street, on Friday at 2:30. He was unmarried and had no relatives in this country.

Alex. McLean, who was discharged from the Old Men's Home by resolution of the city council on the strength of a report from the committee, refused to move this morning and kicked up a row. Chief of Police Sheppard was called into the case, and it took Constables Carson and Carter and a carriage to get McLean to the city lockup. McLean has, it appears, always been a trouble maker. Down in the old home he was kicked over the head with a chair and kicked a chair from under another inmate. Chief Sheppard said this afternoon that he did not intend to place any charge against McLean, but would turn him out. What will become of McLean is hard to say.

John Stewart, the man who assaulted Constables Palmer, Perdue and Mont yesterday, was in the police court this morning. The officers testified that Stewart was having some trouble with another man and when the police separated them and ordered the crowd to disperse he refused to move on. He used filthy language to Officer Palmer and then struck him. He resisted the attempt to arrest him, fighting to free himself from the hands of the three constables and on the way to the station tripped Officer Mont. The latter fell against a post injuring his shoulder. Stewart was sober according to the testimony of the officers. Magistrate Macrae declared him guilty and ordered him imprisoned for a month and fined \$20, and directed that he serve an additional month in the event of the fine not being paid.

Max Katzner, well-known in Victoria, was one of the gang of Chinese certificate forgers who were recently arrested in San Francisco, an account of which appeared in Saturday's Times. Katzner first came here as agent for Bossowitz, the New York fur buyer, and was afterwards engaged in the wholesale liquor business, being manager of the California Wine Company. Most of his time, however, was spent in gambling and small smuggling schemes. His latest breach of the law, for which he was arrested, was on a larger scale, and his accomplices having gone into the business of manufacturing bogus Chinese certificates, and from all reports they were very successful, it being almost impossible to detect the bogus certificates, which were exact counterparts of the genuine ones. John Devereau, a sailor of Victoria, is said to have done the forging and J. C. Vernon, of this city, is also implicated.

From Thursday's Daily.

Donald McPherson was married last evening to Olivia, daughter of Mr. James Fairfull, Rev. W. Leslie Clay officiated.

Mrs. Gerrie, of 88 Pandora street, died yesterday evening at the age of 42 years. Mrs. Gerrie's family came from Florida, Ont., where she belongs to a lodge of the United Workmen. The funeral will be on Saturday afternoon.

A movement is on foot in the Okanagan district for co-operation among the farmers. A telephone system is recommended with Vernon as centre, and connected with farms in Mission, Spallumcheen and White Valley. Produce can then be shipped more quickly.

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday of each week, on which days there will be a double train service on the E. & N. railway. Return tickets to all points will be issued for a fare and

highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

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A quarter, good to return not later than Sunday.

The American barkentine C. C. Funk, 512 tons, Captain Glaser, has finished loading her cargo of lumber at the Brunette mills, Westminster. Her cargo consisted of 628,000 feet of fir lumber and 336,000 laths. The Funk will be towed to sea to-day by the tug Mystery. Her destination is San Francisco. This is the second cargo of lumber carried from Westminster by the Funk this year.

One of the female nurses in attendance at the isolation hospital has developed scarlet fever, and is quite ill. She contracted the disease while attending a patient suffering from it and being treated in the hospital. She is receiving every attention and will no doubt pull through. All of the other scarlet fever patients who were in the hospital have been discharged, all having fully recovered.

The nomination of candidates in Cowichan-Alberni district to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Hon. Theodore Davie took place yesterday at the government office at Duncan. Thomas A. Wood, farmer, of Quamichan, and George A. Huff, storekeeper of Alberni, both government supporters, were the only ones nominated. The election will be held on Thursday, April 18. There are 400 voters in Cowichan and 100 in Alberni.

Chief Sheppard has not yet heard from Chief Smith of Tacoma, as to burglar Tom O'Connor, alias Connors, alias Healy, alias Hayden, or from Detective Day of Portland as to "Spider" Johnson, taken from here as a witness in the Portland straw bonnet scandal. It is believed here that one of the sealskin cloaks recovered here at Aaronson's pawn shop has been identified as the property of Mrs. T. B. Wallace. It is expected that something will be heard in a few days on this case. The local police are anxious as they believe some of the jewelry and silver ware stolen here may be recovered in Tacoma. Some of the officers believe a member of the department should be sent to Tacoma.

The Willapa reached the Sound from Alaska on Tuesday. The trip from Juneau down was a remarkably rough one. The staunch little vessel stood the weather well but her rail was smashed in several places and she was otherwise damaged by the sea. She was obliged to put ashore at Queen Charlotte sound and go to anchor in shelter during the course of a storm. One of the crew fell overboard during the trip but was fished out promptly. Her bow was also damaged by striking some floating ice. The Willapa will leave the Sound this evening at 6 o'clock for Alaska. Her owners have decided to meet the cost rates now in force and will carry passengers for \$12 first class and \$6 steerage to Juneau.

Two officers have been added to the customs staff. James J. White has been appointed preventive customs agent at Sidney, and A. Blockley has received a similar appointment for San Juan harbor. It is probable that officers will soon be appointed at Quatsino Sound, Clayoquot, and Kyugout. With the appointment of these officers, and the co-operative action of the provincial police, whiskey smuggling from the West Coast will likely be considerably curtailed. At least a strenuous effort will be made in that direction. The establishment of customs posts on the West Coast will give a chance for small craft to enter and clear and thus further help the development of that section of the country. It is likely that the sealers will not come down to Victoria in May but will take their catch to any of the three places mentioned and from there it will be brought down by coasting vessels. The schooners could also get supplies there, and they would not run chances of losing crews through potlatches.

SHE IS VERY FOND OF HIM.

Mrs. Talney is Ready to Forget and Forgive Her Erring Husband.

Fred Schwartz, alias Talney, is wanted in San Francisco by his wife, who charges him with eloping with another woman and swindling her and his creditors out of a large sum of money. Schwartz is well-known in British Columbia and for some time used to run the Douglas restaurant. Mrs. Amelia Talney has written to Chief of Police Cary of Westminster, claiming to be Schwartz's wife and charges that the woman he was living with in Westminster was Mary Bosold, alias Siltersfield. Mrs. Talney tells the following tale of her erring spouse: Schwartz was first in San Francisco and had to fly from there. He then went to New York and afterwards to Chicago, where he did a bogus real estate business, clearing between \$400 and \$500 per month. Then he came to Westminster, and after leaving there for a few months, went to San Francisco, became reconciled to his wife (Mrs. Amelia Talney), who set him up in the saloon and restaurant business. According to the letter, Schwartz remained just long enough to raise a lot of money on the business, swindle the creditors and his trusting wife. When he left he took four trunks filled with goods belonging to his wife, and sailed to Victoria with the "Mrs. Schwartz." March 14th Schwartz sailed from Victoria to Yokohama on the China liner. But Mrs. Talney wants him back with her and is still

willing to forget and forgive, if he will turn over a new leaf. Schwartz was arrested at Westminster for stealing linen from the Colonial hotel, but the charge was withdrawn.

THEY BOTH CLAIM HIM.

Mrs. Dauphin and Miss Struthers Claim John Bates as Legal Spouse.

The Bates Bigamy case has been in progress before Magistrate Jordan in Vancouver for two days. Very conflicting evidence has been given. The magistrate has reserved his decision.

Maximilian Dauphin swore that he lived with his mother in Victoria. His father lived in New York. He had letters from the latter. His mother married John Sewell Bates at Victoria in 1836. His mother was never divorced. She and the accused lived together as man and wife.

Martha Ida Struthers had lived with her mother until recently. She knew the accused, Bates. She met him last December. He came to ask her mother to go and cook for him. He came frequently. She remembers January 5th of this year. The accused was at her mother's house that night and had supper. Witness went out to the Royal Templars. When she got home she was surprised to find Bates and her mother in bed together. They told her they were married. Accused admitted afterwards the marriage. Accused told her that she would not have to go out to work any more. She never saw her mother wearing a wedding ring. Her mother spoke about marrying Bates at Christmas time. A note produced was not in her mother's handwriting, but the signature was Annie Elizabeth Struthers, the informant, deposed that accused had first wanted to engage her as cook. He then proposed that they unite their fortunes and get married. She agreed. They went to New Westminster and were "hired" by a man that looked and talked like a preacher. She said that she did not sign a certificate that she was not married to Bates. She signed a blank sheet once. The reason she brought this action was because she found him rooming with another woman.

Mrs. Kerr, a neighbor, said she had called at Mrs. Struthers' house. Bates was there. After some preliminary conversation Bates said that if she had come in a little sooner she would have found Mrs. Struthers on his knee. Mrs. Kerr asked if they were married. Mrs. Struthers said, "You tell." But Bates swore a shy little bird and replied, "Aw, no, you tell." After some more dove-like parleying Bates said, "That's what we be." Witness asked for their wedding certificate and both said that it was down town getting framed. She always considered them man and wife.

Bates, put on the stand, said that he married Mrs. Dauphin in 1836, and afterwards found out that her husband was living in New Orleans. Mrs. Dauphin and he separated. He met Mrs. Struthers on the 23rd of December, 1894. The second time he came they talked about marriage; he told her he could never marry another woman in this world; he had trouble enough with one in Victoria. As for Mrs. Struthers' story about them getting married there was no truth in it; he had only been in Westminster once and that was nine years ago.

Several witnesses stated Bates had introduced Mrs. Struthers as his wife, while one witness swore that Bates said he could not be married to Mrs. Struthers as he was married already.

NEVADA MINT ROBBERY.

Discovery of Another Bogus Gold Bar—Shortage Larger Than Expected.

Carson, Nevada, April 3.—Inspector of the United States mint Mason yesterday announced the discovery of a bar of bullion which was registered as gold, but which in fact contained no gold whatever. A detective from San Francisco told a friend yesterday morning that the shortage was much larger than has ever been published.

ANOTHER CASE FOR GRESHAM.

This Time an American is Insulted by Mexicans.

El Paso, Tex., April 4.—E. P. Thresher of Cambridge, Mass., and his family arrived here yesterday from Hot Springs, Mexico, where they had served a term in jail. His story, which is said to be verified by the conductor on the Mexican Central is that he stopped at the Palace Hotel, kept by George King. When leaving King charged him double the rate agreed on. The guest refused positively to pay it. King secured a policeman Thresher, his wife and three children were hustled off to jail where they remained till Consul Dwight Furness at Guanajuato interested. Then the mayor of the town suddenly discovered that it was a mistake and released the Americans with the most profuse apologies. Mr. Thresher will make an appeal to the State department.

The local union held a meeting at the Y. M. C. A. and plans for entertaining the delegates to the Christian Endeavor convention in May were discussed. The convention is to be held in May and the local members of the organization have ample time to prepare for their visitors.

THE MIN.

We call attention to which some of our papers are still in ignorance of the amendment to the which passed in the Provincial Legislature the following: "Section 26 of the Act of 1891, in the name of 'than one mineral vein or lode.' It is that a prospector bound down to hold in any one district many claims as he are on a separate is it needless to general approval with this piece of Good as this amendment might be introduced of the Legislature, that the Mineral being entirely objectionable hereby repealed, therefore any act of 1891, which drawn up and promulgated and the requirements of unity than is out of place. It is to be member, Mr. Gresham, are date take the consideration, and pre Mineral Act that is able, give satisfaction those representing of our country."

The four-master Meteor, Capt. Bjorn Angeles, has arrived will load lumber for Southern Calif

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