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From THE DAILY COLONIST, April 12.

THE CITY.

THE annual general meeting of the B C. Fire Underwriters' association is to be held in Vancouver on the 27 h inst.

THE extravaganza, "Ruins from Rome," is to have a second presentation at the rooms of St. John's church guild on Herald street on the evening of the 23rd instant.

NORTHERN residents now in the city predict a good salmon catch this year. One reliable indication is a good run of colachans and other small fish, which has already been noted in the Skeena.

MR JUSTICE DRAKE in chambers yesterday fixed the date for the trial of the suit of the Globe Furniture Co. v. Muirhead & Mann, Victoria School Trustees and Albion Iron Works, on April 24.

THE Law relief fund has now reached the handsome total of $986 20, yesterday's additions being as below reported: C. J. V. Spratt, $10 05; G. M., 50; and officers and crew of the Lorne, $24 50.

A MEETING of the members of Calvary Baptist church was held last evening to select a new pastor. After considerable discussion it was finally decided to extend a call to Rev. Ralph Trotter, late of Barrie, now of Toronto, Ont., a well known Eastern divine.

JOHN MCKAY was acquitted yesterday of the charge of stealing a pair of bracelets from Mrs Oleson. The bracelets had disappeared from a room occupied by the defendant at Mrs. Oleson's house, but there was nothing to convict him of having taken them. Mr. G. E. Powell appeared for the defence.

JOHN GORDON, arrested for the attempted burglary of 35 Chatham street on Wednesday evening was remanded till Saturday. Gordon claims that though he entered the house in question by one of the windows and went out by the back door his intentions were not burglarious. He has retained Barrister Frank Higgins to defend him.

THERE was a pretty little wedding at the residence of Mrs. Bloomfield, 113 Chatham street, last evening, when her daughter Carrie was married to Mr. E B Rooklidge, a well known and popular young man of this city The bride was supported by her sister, Lizzie Bloomfield and by Miss Rooklidge, while Mr. A J Bates acted as best man. Rev. Solomon Cleaver officiated.

THE provincial and city offices are closed to-day, and the former will remain so until Tuesday; the city offices will be open tomorrow but will be closed again Easter Monday. The regular meeting of the council will be held on Tuesday instead of Monday evening, and the time for receiving applications for the office of librarian has been accordingly extended until Tuesday noon.

YESTERDAY'S issue of the British Columbia Gazette contains formal notice of the dates and places at which Courts of Assize will be held during the present year. The Spring Assizes are thus arranged: Nanaimo, May 7; Westminster, May 17; Vancouver, May 21; Clinton, May 28; Kamloops, June 3; and Vernon, June 10, with special assizes at Donald on June 14 and at Nelson on June 19

A MOTHERS' meeting led by Mrs. (Dr.) Siddall was held by the W.C.T.U. yesterday. At the close of the meeting the president reported that she had received a letter from Ottawa which stated that the added three years for contempt of court to the sentence of John Simpson had been cancelled. Notice was given of a resolution to be moved at the next weekly meeting respecting the advisability of assisting in employing a missionary to the lumbering districts on the Mainland.

ENSIGN EDGECOMBE and Cadet Barber of the Salvation Army are arranging to leave by the Danube on her return trip, as passengers for Port Simpson, where they are to take charge of the post established originally by Indians of the Methodist church. The latter, it will be remembered, sent a delegation to Victoria during General Booth's visit and asked that their church be taken over by the Army. Their interview with the General has been productive of the desired result.

A SPLENDID rehearsal of "Il Trovatore," with orchestra, was held last night and a full dress rehearsal is to be held to-morrow night. The costumes are "dreams of perfection." Several of the photographs of the principals and others will be on view in Waitt's and Jamieson's on Saturday. The box seat plans for both nights and also for the matinee bespeak bumper houses to witness Verdi's dramatic opera. The matinee performance, it was decided last evening, will be given on Saturday instead of Wednesday as at first intended.

FROM the preparations being made, the third annual ball of the James Bay Athletic Association, to be held on Thursday evening next at the A O U W. hall, promises to be a thoroughly successful affair. The ball is under the patronage of His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Dewdney and Mrs. Dewdney. The committee expect to outdo former efforts, and are again ably assisted by the ladies' committee, to whose valuable help the success of former affairs has been largely due. Finn's orchestra of six pieces has been engaged to supply the music.

A NOTICE has been sent out by A. F. Barham, provisional liquidator of the B. C. Pottery and Terra Cotta Co., calling a meeting of the creditors by direction of Mr. Justice Walkem, in the chamber court at the court house on Friday, April 19, at two o'clock p.m., for the purpose of ascertaining the wishes of the creditors as to carrying on the works of the company, with a view to effecting a sale thereof as a going concern, and for the appointment of a liquidator. The mode of preliminary proof of creditors' claims for the purposes of the meeting and entitling a creditor to a vote will be by filing affidavits with Mr. Barham at 44 Government street before noon on Friday, April 19.

IN accordance with instructions received from Ottawa yesterday Collector of Customs A. R. Milne has issued the following notice to sealers: "Notice is hereby given that of the amount allotted to hunters and seamen in the award of Her Britannic Majesty's government, as compensation for loss in respect of the modus vivendi in Behring Sea during 1891, a balance of the sum allotted to hunters and seamen on board certain of the vessels, whose claims have not yet been presented, remains unpaid. The lords commissioners of Her Majesty's treasury have granted an extension of the time for receiving claims from these hunters and seamen on lay (or their legal representatives) to share in the compensation, up to the 31st day of March, 1896. All outstanding claims must, therefore, be sent to the Collector of Customs, at the custom house at Victoria, British Columbia, on or before that date, and no claims will be received or considered thereafter."

FIVE IN IRONS.

The American bark Melrose, loaded with timber from Cowichan and destined for Santa Rosalia, Mexico, was to have sailed from Esquimalt harbor yesterday. Five of the crew, however, took it into their heads that they preferred to stop in Victoria. They had no complaint, they simply wanted to be paid off The captain remonstrated, and finally applied to the provincial police for help Sergeant Langley and constable Hoosen went aboard, and as the men sullenly refused to go back to duty, but acknowledged they had no complaint to make of either captain or ship, the result was, that in approved nautical style, they were "clapped in irons." This had a beneficial effect on three of them, who decided that work was decidedly to be preferred. The two others will probably give in to the inevitable soon, as the bark sails this morning Another seaman from the same vessel had failed to report aboard ship last night. He got an advance from Capt. Peterson yesterday and started up town to get some clothes. He bought the clothes all right and set his course for Esquimalt late in the afternoon with a big bundle under his arm. He probably made too many stoppages at the seamen's havens on the way as he was reported lost with all aboard. The Melrose will not await his arrival if he has failed to turn up before morning

CHIEF JUSTICE DAVIE.

Chief Justice Davie, who for several weeks past has been visiting Ottawa and other cities in the East, returned home last night. With the exception of arranging with the government at Ottawa for a settlement with the province of British Columbia of the questions in dispute about the land in the railway belt, the Chief Justice's visit was mostly taken up with his private business.

"Of course you will understand," he said last night, speaking of his trip, "in my present position I have put politics altogether aside. It was only because these land disputes had arisen and been the subject of negotiations during my connection with the government of the province that I considered it my duty to bring them to a close." The conditions of settlement have already been fully given in the press reports, so that there is no need of my repeating them. The only thing that remains to bring them into force is to have them ratified by the province."

During his Eastern trip the Chief Justice, besides his stay in Ottawa, visited Montreal, Toronto and one or two other places.

MR. WILSON'S LETTER.

TO THE EDITOR:—Having myself attended the recent quarterly meeting of the Board of Trade and heard what was there said on Mr. William Wilson's remarkable "British Pacific resolution," I—no doubt like many others—was almost petrified with astonishment on reading the letter appearing over Mr. Wilson's signature in the Times of last evening. For my part, and I am not alone by any means, I certainly did not hear either Mr. Earle or Mr. Prior use the language imputed to him in the Times' report. I am sure that neither gentleman referred to the British Pacific scheme or company as a "bogus affair"—directly or indirectly. It would have been the extreme of nonsense for them so to do, and, if they had, no doubt others than the Times reporter (whom Mr. Wilson quotes, though he does not assume the responsibility of vouching for the report) would have noted the remarkable expression of opinion. I will go so far as to say that the language reported to have been used by Messrs. Earle and Prior was not uttered by them at all, in word or in sense; and I have no doubt that had Mr. Earle or Mr. Prior observed the, to me almost unrecognizable, report of their remarks before leaving for Ottawa it would have had prompt contradiction.

The general impression of the meeting when Mr. Wilson's resolution was introduced was, as Mr. Gray expressed it, that Mr. Wilson was endeavoring to perpetrate one of his ponderous jokes, but had not considered that it might result disadvantageously to British Columbia and Victoria. This view of the matter was, I believe, shared by Messrs. Earle and Prior, for they could not believe that Mr. Wilson would confess himself so deficient in ordinary business sense as to ask the board to urge upon parliament the granting of a guarantee before the railway company sought or required it. Nor, in my opinion, did the majority of those present imagine Mr. Wilson to be so ignorant of the canons of good taste and so barren of provincial patriotism as to endeavor to induce the board to intrude upon the private preliminary operations of the railway company, with the only possible object of hampering the company and delaying the construction of the railway which all true-hearted British Columbians desire to see an actual reality as soon as possible.

The stand taken by Messrs. Earle and Prior was simplicity itself and requires little space for its definition. They said that while ready to give Mr. Wilson credit for good intention, the British Pacific promoters had not yet sufficiently matured their project to approach the Dominion house for assistance; that when they were ready to ask it would certainly be time enough for the board to support the application; and that the record of the past showed that there is no reason to believe that the Dominion government would refuse any reasonable request for aid which, when the proper time comes, may be made. It would, they said, be foolish for the board to move in advance of the parties most interested. This is certainly common sense talk, and common sense people will see the force of it.

BYSTANDER.

Victoria, April 11, 1895.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

The Lacrosse Club and the Association—A Cyclist's Narrow Escape.

Thos. G. Moody, jr., who is wheeling with the "Olympic's" messengers as far as Portland, writes to the COLONIST as follows from Seattle; which city the wheelmen reached Wednesday evening at 9:30: "The boys had a rough trip from Vancouver to Seattle, and Howe had a narrow escape near Whatcom yesterday. He was riding railway ties when the storm came up and took wheel and wheelman about four feet. Howe was carried almost over the trestle which at this point is some sixty feet high. All that saved him was his leg catching between the ties as he fell; otherwise he would certainly have been killed.

"The boys in this city are all counting upon being in Victoria for Queen's Birthday The Vancouver club is practically dead and will not make much of a showing this year. Howe beat Barker in a five mile race on the Brockton Point track, 'for sport of course.' The Vancouver boys are anxious to have them locate in the Terminal city and try their luck against the Deemings."

ATHLETICS.

To-morrow's athletic meeting of the Victoria Rugby Football Club, which is to be given at Caledonia park under the patronage of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, promises to be a conspicuous success. The entry list, already published in the COLONIST, is large and satisfactory, while the grounds were never before in as fine condition. Patrons of sport must have viewed with satisfaction the progress made in athletics in the past few years, in this city in particular and in the province generally. The different branches have in their proper seasons been well before the public, but it must be admitted that the absence of a fixed, at least annual, athletic meeting where the members of the lacrosse, football and other clubs can meet and test their powers in sprinting and long distance races, etc., has been felt. The Victoria Rugby football club have recognized this want and it is to be hoped that their commendable and sportsmanlike undertaking will be crowned with every success. The entries are numerous and should be closely contested. The athletic brethren on the Sound are well represented in the open events. Finn's band will be in attendance during the afternoon, and Mrs. Dewdney has graciously consented to distribute the prizes at the conclusion of the sports.

The officers of the day are thus announced: Committee—H B. Haines, E A. Carew Gibsen, J. F. Foulkes, Q D H. Warden, J. M. Mills, C. G. Skene and J Fraser, (honorary secretary); J K. Macrae, (honorary assistant secretary); Judges—W. C. Ward and F. B Gregory; Referee—Captain C P. Wolley; Starter—Captain Barnes, R M A; Timekeeper—Dr. Douglas Corsan; Clerks of the course—W. E Fisher, G L Sidey and F. Wollaston.

The following are the rules adopted governing the various events:

Drop kick—From behind a given line; each competitor to have three kicks, the longest to count; ball to alight between two posts fifteen yards apart.

Place kick—Each competitor to have three kicks in each position, first kick to be taken directly in front of goal, subsequent kicks in distances five yards from the starting point, moving towards touch line; if two or more competitors shall remain in the competition after goals have been kicked from the touch line, each competitor so remaining in shall have a try at goal from a point upon the touch line five yards further back from the goal line than the longest successful kick; if two or more competitors tie they shall retire another five yards and so on ad infinitum. The winner shall be the competitor kicking a goal from the furthest point. Each competitor entitled to three kicks from any position. The preliminary stages of the place kicking contest will take place at 2:30 this afternoon.

Rules for Starting—All starts shall be by report of pistol. The competitors will get on their mark, and when everything is in readiness the starter will say "Are you ready?" after which the pistol will be fired without further notice. A snap cap shall be no start. There shall be no recall after the pistol is fired. Any competitor starting before the signal shall be put back one yard. For the second offence another yard, and for the third shall be disqualified. He shall be held to have started when any portion of his body touches the ground in front of his mark.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

The Rugby football season will close on Monday next, when the Island v. Mainland match will take place at Nanaimo. The Island team will be composed of eight players from Nanaimo and seven from Victoria, as follows: H. Petticrew (Victoria), full back; S. Webster, E. Marshall (Nanaimo), J. M. Miller and J. F. Foulkes (Victoria), three-quarter backs; J. Quine (Nanaimo) and F Smith (Victoria), half backs; G. Lister, M. Woodburn, J. Neens, M. Duffy, A. N Ocher (Nanaimo), Q D. H. Warden, E. A. C. Gibson and J. P. Hibben (Victoria), forwards.

LACROSSE.

WILL GO TO OAK BAY.

The executive of the new Capital lacrosse club held a special and important meeting last evening, when two propositions as to grounds were considered—the one from Mr. W. A. Ward, representing the Caledonia Park syndicate, and the other from Mr. Hedley Chapman, for the tramway company. The latter was considered the most advantageous offer and the one best calculated to advance the interests of the national game. It was according unanimously accepted, with a vote of thanks to Mr. Chapman as representative of the company. A lease for three years will be prepared immediately, upon terms which practically give the club the use of the grounds rent free after the first year. Grand stands and other necessary structures will be erected as quickly as possible and in the meantime the club will take advantage of Mr. Virtue's generous offer of the use of dressing rooms in the Mount Baker hotel. A vote of thanks to Mr. Virtue for his thoughtfulness in this connection terminated last evening's proceedings.

READY TO SAY GOOD BYE.

VANCOUVER, April 11.—(Special)—R. Hall, A. Larwell, E. A. Quigley, J. J. Cambridge, James Leamy and James Read met at the Hotel Vancouver to-night, with R. Hall in the chair. Those present discussed the resignation of the Victoria lacrosse club from the association, and read and discussed the official announcement of the result of the meeting of the Victoria club Wednesday night. After all present had spoken at length, the following resolutions were put to the meeting and unanimously carried:

"Moved by J. Leamy, seconded by A. Larwell, that the resignation of the Victoria Lacrosse Club be accepted."

"Moved by J. J. Cambridge, seconded and carried, that the annual meeting of the provincial association be postponed till Tuesday, the 16th April, to be held in the city of Vancouver at the Hotel Vancouver at 4:30 p.m.

THE GUN.

The Victoria Gun Club will have their first club shoot and outing of the season at Langford plains to day, the match for the club trophy taking place at one o'clock In the class shooting the club give the following six prizes in each class—gun case, two pounds Amberite, fishing basket, 300 Blue Rival shells, fly book, and silver flask. There will also be a consolation shoot today in which three handsome prizes presented by Short & Sons will be contested for.

FOR READY REFERENCE

In view of the difference between the close seasons for game on the Eastern and Western sides of the Cascades mountains and of the numerous amendments which have from time to time been made in provincial legislation, it is only the man who makes the law a constant study that can avoid rendering himself liable to severe penalties for unwitting infractions of it. Superintendent Hussey, has, however, materially simplified matters by preparing a tabulated summary of the act, which, at a glance, shows the close seasons for the different varieties of birds and animals, cites the sections relating to them and also indicates when it is unlawful to buy, sell or expose them for sale. O her important and interesting matters on the subject are also made so plain that "he who runs may read," so that altogether the synopsis which is contained in about two pages only of a sheet of note paper, is one of the greatest interest and value. This synopsis may be had free on application at provincial police headquarters, and it is certain that many people will avail themselves of the opportunity for keeping themselves posted without expense and at the least amount of trouble and inconvenience to themselves.

WESTMINSTER RIFLEMEN.

The Westminster rifle association have elected the following officers: President, Captain Forin; patron, G. E. Corbould, M P; secretary-treasurer, H. R. Townsend; committee, George Turnbull, S. A. Fletcher and Ralph Wilson. Mr. A. Henderson was elected an honorary member for 1895.

THE OAR.

The boating committee of the J B A.A. held a meeting last evening. Last year's senior crew has been picked to start work as soon as the shell is ready, which will be in the course of a week.

The usual list has been posted on the bulletin board for the names of members who are to start work for the Queen's Birthday regatta.

The committee wish to have the names of those intending to row entered at once so that no time may be lost in forming the crews.

CRICKET.

A well attended meeting of the Victoria College Cricket Club was held yesterday evening at the College, Beacon Hill, when the following officers were elected for the present year: President, Ven. Archdeacon Scriven; vice-president, Principal Church; captain, F. B. Ward; vice-captain, G Wilson; secretary-treasurer, A R. Green. Committee—W. R Wilson, R. C. Trimen, J. H. Lawson, A. Langley and A. Goward. The secretary briefly alluded to the successes of the last season, and expressed the hope that a similar success would attend the coming one. The committee was instructed to make arrangements for the forthcoming matches with the various clubs.

AS OTHERS SEE IT.

Referring to the refusal of the United States Congress to pay the award of $425,000 offered to Canadian sealers, the Sydney Morning Herald says:

"There appears something singularly paltry in the refusal of the United States Congress to pay up on the award over the dispute on the Behring's Sea fisheries. One feels it difficult to reconcile this with one's ideas of a great nation when any kind of principle is no longer in question, and it is merely pay or not pay what has been agreed to be paid. The feeling is increased when we bear in mind that the sum in question is less than the actual award, the objections of the American government—or, rather, the request for a decrease of the amount—having been generously and promptly conceded by the British government; and now when the decreased amount, obtained as it were by chaffing, has been fixed, the congress refuses to liquidate the debt. We contrast with this the action of England in relation to the Alabama claims. There were many who strenuously objected to the concessions of principle in relation to the basis on which the award should be made; but once made there was never a voice raised against the payment, and paid it was so unstintedly that a large surplus appears to have remained in the hands of the American government after all the discoverable claimants had had their claims discharged. We may possibly explain the refusal by the ascendency for the time being of party feelings in congress, resulting in the temporary ignoring of all sense of responsibility and public honor; and we may indulge the hope that the good sense of the American people will save the national character from the stigma of what would be nothing less than repudiation of a discreditable kind. The whole amount can be of but little importance to the American treasury or to the sixty six millions of the American people. But, as casting a shadow over the great principle of arbitration for the settlement of international disputes, the incident is one in which the whole world might feel concern. The American government appears to be willing enough to maintain the national honor; but the authority that holds the power of the purse has caused the block, which no doubt will sooner or later be removed under the force of the sense of national honor of the American people."

It is difficult to over-estimate the value of the assistance which our colonies receive from the authorities at Kew Gardens. "In fact," says Mr. R. G. Hamilton in his report on the Island of Dominica, "but for their action in directing attention to the benefits to be derived from the establishment of botanical stations, I doubt whether any of those stations would be in existence at all. Kew, moreover, not only lends her powerful aid in inducing colonial governments to introduce such stations, but she also finds curators for them, supplies them with plants, and is always ready to give counsel and advice, from experience collected from all parts of the world, as to the descriptions and methods of cultivation most suitable for the different colonies, and the most approved ways of preparing the various products and putting them into their most marketable shape. The colonies themselves are fully alive to the value of the services that Kew renders to them in the development of their resources, but I doubt whether the important part that she plays in such matters is fully known, or is appreciated as it ought to be."

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder
World's Fair Highest Award.

KILLED BY FIRE.

Henry Horne Suffocated While Trying to Escape From His Burning House.

His Dead Body, Charred Beyond Recognition, Found in the Ruins.

By a fire that started in the bedroom of his little three-roomed house on View street Henry Horne was yesterday morning burned to death.

As Constable Kavanagh was passing the corner of Blanchard and View streets yesterday morning at twenty minutes to five his attention was attracted by a dense column of smoke rising from 34 View street, a small one-story frame house, a little below the Roman Catholic cathedral. He immediately rushed over, and opening the front door, which was unlocked, stepped inside and shouted an alarm in case there should be any inmates. As the smoke was very thick he could not see across the room, and, hearing no answer to his shouts, he went to the nearest fire box and turned in an alarm. The firemen soon had a couple of streams playing on the fire and got it under control. Before the fire was out, Chief Deasy entered with a lantern and as he was passing from the front room to the middle one he stepped upon the dead body of a man. The body lay upon its face the clothing entirely burned off the back, only the boots on the feet and a few shreds of underclothing remaining on the charred and blackened corpse. Though burned beyond recognition it was evident that the unfortunate man was Henry Horne, a somewhat notorious character well known to the police, and bearing the reputation of being decidedly peculiar. He had lived here for many years and was known as a worthless sort of fellow, his wife having taken her children and gone to live with friends in another place as he had failed to provide for his family. Only a few weeks ago Horne, under the delusion that he possessed the authority of a policeman, arrested an Indian and took him to the police station and was for this offence arrested himself.

An inquest was held by the coroner, Dr. Hasell, yesterday afternoon in the city hall. W. G Stevenson, proprietor of the Bodega, stated that Horne was in his saloon at an early hour yesterday morning and had left at a quarter to three. He came back a few minutes afterwards and got some matches, and then went home. He was apparently sober at the time. George W. Greig, who lived opposite Horne's house, saw the deceased somewhat under the influence of liquor, the evening before, and heard him singing in his house about midnight.

Constable Kavanagh and Chief Deasy gave evidence as to the fire, Chief Deasy giving it as his opinion that the fire had originated close to Horne's bed. This, from the fact that Horne was a heavy smoker, seems to point to the fire starting from Horne smoking in bed and falling asleep. Then awakened by the fire, he was on his way to the door when overpowered by the smoke and flames. Dr. Lang, who made the post mortem, showed that there were marks of burning on the body both before and after death. From the condition of the heart and brain death had been caused by suffocation and shock.

The jury brought in a verdict to the effect that death had been caused by suffocation and shock through the burning of the house, but that the cause of the fire was unknown.

The house, which is one of a row of shacks owned by S. C Smith, was almost totally destroyed, and about $25 of damage was done to the next door shack. The loss is, altogether, only about $200, and the insurance on the two houses is $300 in the British American.

Horne's funeral takes place this afternoon.

THAT HACK STAND.

The hackmen's delegates and the city council had a conference on the hack question yesterday afternoon. All the council except Ald. Wilson were present, the hackmen being represented by Messrs. A. Henderson, R. Bray, John Bartlett, Charles Minckler, Charles Marston and J. A. McDowell, secretary of the meeting of hackmen held the night before.

Mayor Teague in introducing the subject said that as it was apparently the general opinion of citizens that the hack stand should be moved from Government street, the city council desired to get the opinions of both sides, and so had invited the hackmen to give their views.

"What is the charge against the hackmen?" was asked by Mr. Bartlett.

The Mayor replied that there were no charges, but the people complained that there was not room on Government street for the stand and that it was a nuisance, particularly in the summer months.

In reply Mr. Bartlett maintained that there was no offensive smell since the streets had been properly cleaned. The hackmen paid a special tax of $6 a year and should have some consideration shown them. Government street was the best street for the hack business and to move the hacks to streets where there was no traffic would in a measure, at least, deprive them of their livelihood. However, if they were to be moved they should be placed on the nearest streets. Some of the cries against hackmen were due to spite. He was sure there was plenty of space for the hacks where they now are.

Mr. Henderson did not think there was any very strong feeling against the hacks standing on Government street. He suggested that if the council thought the streets were too crowded the hacks might be placed further apart. He took the same view as Mr. Bartlett, that since the streets had been kept clean the stand was not objectionable.

Other members of the deputation spoke in a similar strain, and Mr. Henderson thought the council should wait for a petition from citizens before taking action.

Ald. Macmillan explained that the meeting was not to settle the question but only to hear what the hackmen had to say. The deputation having expressed their views retired.

ORDER! ORDER!

TO THE EDITOR:—There is nothing to be admired in the Mayor's novel expedient of disposing of an unpleasant question by declaring the council meeting adjourned. At the best it only relegates the trouble to another session, besides exhibiting a want of knowledge of ordinary procedure not at all creditable to a presiding officer.

It would be well for His Worship to remember that our young people carefully note the proceedings of our public bodies, and this example of irregularity cannot fail to be hurtful to them. Such rulings savor too much of tyranny to be acceptable in this age. In my experience, there is no precedent for a chairman presuming to decide when the meeting shall adjourn unless it is specially provided for by a previous resolution or by the rules of order. Had I the honor of a seat at the council board I should consider it my duty (even if in sympathy with the Mayor's views) to resent this interference with the rights of the members, and would probably do it in this way: "Hold on, Mr. Mayor, when we are ready to adjourn we will resolve to that effect; in the meantime you are excused, as you wish to retire; and forthwith appoint another chairman." A sudden pull up like this once in a while would have an excellent effect on a too officious chairman. Now, with regard to the proposal which annoyed His Worship so much, there is nothing on the surface to justify this exhibition of temper. Why should not tenders be carefully guarded until formally opened, by being placed in a sealed box? The very essence of tendering is secrecy, and there is no safeguard which should be neglected to prevent any tampering with the tenders, and it is most decidedly in the public interest that tenderers should have no doubt on this point. They are invited to send in sealed proposals; then why subject them to the chances of discovery by the aid of a strong light and a good glass, or of being substituted for an amended proposal? In the mother land tenderers or their agents attend at the time appointed with their tenders in their hands, and they are opened in their presence. This precaution is taken in consideration of the weakness of human nature, and even the Lord Mayor of London does not get mad about it. You are quite right, Ald Williams; the sealed box is the correct thing. SIGMA.

SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

A Groundless Report That Caused Intense Anxiety In Many Victoria Homes.

The "Quadra" Officially Locates a New Rock—Regarding the "Velos."

The whole city was in a state of great excitement yesterday morning over a rumor that the steamer Walla Walla, which left here on Monday for San Francisco, had foundered off the Columbia river bar. As far as can be ascertained the story started from Port Townsend and was brought over by the Rosalie. Then a telegram from Whatcom came, to the effect that the U. S. revenue cutter Grant had brought the rumor of the wreck from Port Townsend, a tug from Cape Flattery being credited with having reported the story. As the wires between Vancouver and Seattle were down, it was only by the roundabout way of Winnipeg and Chicago that a message could be sent to or received from San Francisco. However, a dispatch from the Bay City was received here in the forenoon that though the Walla Walla had not arrived she could hardly be expected before night if she had met head winds and a rough passage. In the meantime the friends and relatives of the sixty Victorians who were passengers on the Walla Walla were in terrible anxiety. The telegraph office was besieged by anxious ones asking for news, and from mouth to mouth the rumor spread till everyone in the city seemed to know of it. The wreck of the Pacific over twenty years ago was recalled, when so many Victorians were drowned. It was just such a rumor from the Sound that brought the first news of the shipwreck. Strangely enough Prof. Gleason, the horse tamer, who was a passenger on the Walla Walla, narrowly escaped from the Pacific disaster. He was then a member of the company of Rockwell, a horse trainer who was performing here, and by some accident was the only member of the combination who did not take passage by the ill-fated Pacific. It was with immense satisfaction that a brief telegram from San Francisco yesterday afternoon announced that no fears were felt for the safety of the vessel which was not yet due.

THE TROUBLESOME ROCK LOCATED.

The Dominion steamer Quadra arrived in port yesterday evening from Nanaimo where the harbor buoys have been receiving their annual overhauling. On the way here the Quadra stayed at Coal Island, Colbourne passage, and Captain Walbran located the reef on which the Joan grounded last week. The reef extends off the west side of Knapp Island for a distance of eighty yards from low water mark, and it was on the end of it the Joan grounded, as some of her copper was there picked up yesterday; in about two to three feet of water. The reef dries partly at low water. With the exception of this short spit extending from the Knapp Island shore, the passage between Knapp and Piers islands is a safe one, the least depth being 5½ fathoms.

THE LOSS OF THE "VELOS."

Collector of Customs A. R Milne has been asked from Ottawa for further information concerning the loss of the Velos. He has been asked if Captain Anderson was certificated to run a steamer, also if the Velos and the barge Pilot were licensed to carry passengers. To these questions the collector immediately forwarded answers to the effect that the captain was duly qualified as master; that the Velos was licensed to carry a certain number of passengers; but that the Pilot had no such certificate. It is not known yet what course the department will take in the matter.

MARINE NOTES.

The C.P.N. steamers Danube and Maude leave port on Monday, the former for the North and the latter for the West coast. The Danube will take several thousand cases of tin, ex ship Aigburth, now discharging cargo at the outer wharf. A fine new steam winch is being placed on the Danube's deck.

The "Walla Walla."

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—The Pacific Coast steamship Walla Walla, from Puget Sound and Victoria, arrived about midnight, all well.

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