Weekly Colonist

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25TH, 1889.

From THE DAILY COLONIST, Jan. 19.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

The New Arrangement.

On Monday morning the new time table of the O. R. & N. steamers will come into effect, the steamers of the line leaving Victoria for Sound ports at 7 a. m. and arriving from Tacoma, Seattle and Port Townsend at 5.30 p. m. each day.

Obituary.

James Sumner, of Somenos died on the evening of the 15th instant, of cancer of the tongue, from which he has been suffering for the past year. He leaves surviving him a wife and seven children to mourn the loss of a kind husband and loving father.

Incoming Passengers.

The following passengers are on board the steamer Umatilla which left San Francisco for Victoria yesterday: Morris Moss, A. McCandless, H. Morris, Mrs. J. Dorman, Mrs. D. Webb, M. P. Leamy, J. B. Preston, Wing Chong and R. Jones.

To Go to Westminster.

George Adams, who was returned from Westminster, where he had been sent for confinement as a dangerous lunatic, a week or so ago, will be returned to the asylum there on Sunday morning, as the law will not allow his committal to the lock-up or the provincial jail.

Port Townsend's Big Blaze.

On Thursday afternoon, fire broke out in a candy store on Water street, Port Townsend, and in a few minutes the entire block was in a blaze. After an hour's hard work, the firemen assisted by the tug Pioneer succeeded in getting the flames under control. Four business stores were destroyed by the flames and the loss is estimated at $40,000.

Y. M. C. A. at Vancouver.

The Y.M.C.A. of Vancouver is making good progress. The association has increased in membership to 132, and the finances are in excellent condition, all the current expenses having been met and a slight balance left. The association has been re-organized and the constitution of the San Francisco association adopted. The new officers are: President, T. C. Gray; first vice-president, E. B. Sentell; second vice-president, J. M. Murray; Treasurer, G. W. Phipps; secretary, Jas. England.

From Texada.

The C.P.N. Co.'s steamer Maude came in at about ten o'clock last night from Departure Bay. On her last trip she carried a prospecting party to Texada Island, several Victorians being among the number. They found many there before them and prospecting was being carried on with feverish excitement, which reminded the old timers of the days of yore. The Maude brought down no fresh news from the reputed land of hidden treasure. She encountered a heavy gale on Wednesday evening, but fortunately sustained no injury.

The Great Carnival.

Tremendous interest is being taken in the approaching carnival in Montreal. The Governor-General is to inaugurate the festivities and give the entire week's programme his patronage. State Governors, Lieut.-Governors and prominent people from all parts of the world are to view the spectacle. Letters are pouring in to the committee from Europe and the United States, enquiring for particulars. The committee are making extraordinary preparations for a magnificent carnival. Those who cannot go to Montreal for a week of wondrous merriment, will, we hear, find the events in all their marvellous beauty reproduced in the carnival number of the Montreal *Star*, which it is said will be a perfectly stunning number.

Peculiar Accident.

The Vancouver *News-Advertiser* reports a peculiar accident which occurred in that city on Thursday afternoon. A team of valuable horses was standing on Cordova street, when a runaway horse attached to a delivery wagon took fright further up the street and came dashing along at lightning speed. The team of horses was directly in front of the runaway, and being unable to stop his speed he attempted to jump over the other two animals. The result was that the team was knocked down, and one of the animals had its leg broken, and had to be shot to end its pain. The shafts of the delivery cart had penetrated several inches into the body of the other animal, inflicting fatal injuries. The runaway, however, was uninjured. The team of horses destroyed was worth over $500, and was owned by Hayes & McIntosh, butchers.

Complimentary.

The following is from the Toronto *Empire*:

"The special New Year's number of our esteemed contemporary, the Victoria COLONIST, reflects great credit on the management and staff of that enterprising newspaper. The COLONIST is one of the best dailies published west of Ontario, and the issue now before us surpasses any of its previous efforts; it is brimful of valuable information on topics affecting the well-being of the Pacific Province; it contains a goodly amount of suitable light reading, with several sketches of racy reminiscences of the old pioneer days; and the quality of the illustrations, typography, paper, etc., would reflect credit on any journal in Canada. We congratulate our excellent co-laborer on the success of the past, and hope that increased prosperity may reward the efforts of the future."

Victoria's Ex-Piano Agent.

The *Post Intelligencer* says: Sheriff Cochrane has gone into the musical instrument business on a large scale, having captured eight pianos yesterday. These instruments were shipped here from Vancouver, B. C., by Hermann Peters, who received them on consignment from an Eastern house for which he was agent. After being brought here the instruments were stored in a warehouse at the corner of Third and James streets, whence they were distributed throughout the city to parties who had bought them at their own prices. In this way Peters got away with fifteen or sixteen pianos and organs in Seattle before the manufacturers discovered his rascality. Sheriff Cochrane was instructed by the attorneys for the manufacturers to seize the instruments as stolen property, and yesterday he succeeded in finding eight at various places about town. An agent of Peters' called at several of the places where pianos had been left on Sunday and erased the numbers from them by using acid. Peters transferred the instruments sent to Seattle to W. G. Moodie by a bill of sale dated January 2.

CITY POLICE COURT.

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

Ah Sun and Ah Yuen were brought up on remand, charged with gambling. Mr. Charles Wilson appeared for the prisoners, and on their behalf pleaded guilty. A fine of $20 was imposed in each case, the lightest penalty provided by law.

Mr. McNamara, of Seattle, from whom George Williams was charged with stealing a watch, was not able to appear and prosecute, and the case against Williams was accordingly dismissed.

The much-remanded case of Mee Wah and other Chinese washee men, again came up, and Mr. Wilson, counsel for the defendants, asked for a dismissal of the case. The magistrate wishing to consider the legal points a little more fully, again adjourned the case for one week.

THE FINAL MEETING.

The Board of Aldermen for 1888 Meet for the Last Time—The Mayor Thanked for Services—The Reporters Come in for a Share of the Good Words—The Final Business of the Year Transacted.

A special meeting of the board of aldermen—the last meeting of the council of 1888—was held last evening in the mayor's office. There were present, Mayor Grant, in the chair, and Ald. Braden, Kelly, Coughlan, Vigelius, Wilson and Styles.

Ald. Coughlan stated that tenders for printing the reports had been received, and Mr. Cohen's was found to be the lowest.

Ald. Braden said he had much pleasure in making a motion. Since the beginning of the past year much had been done. He had been glad to see that the mayor had stuck to his duty during the year. Had the last mayor done as well, much of the trouble of the year would have been avoided. He had always found the mayor energetic, faithful and efficient, and moved a vote of thanks from the council of 1888 to his worship. The work of the aldermanic board was hard and thankless. It cost every member of the board at least $1,000 a year, and the mayor not less than $2,000 a year, to meet the expenses incident to their work as members of the council. In regard to the general audit, he wished to say that he was the first man to speak of it on the platform, in 1886. Mr. Pearse followed, and said that he would assist. In the council afterwards he had introduced the motion in regard to the audit, but it was amended to make the mover Mr. Pearse, while he seconded the motion. Nothing came of the matter, Mr. Pearse stated afterwards that he had obtained legal opinion, and had decided that it was impossible for the council to order an audit for any year but the one the council were then working in. Ald. Braden then proceeded to review the difficulties the aldermen experienced in taking action in regard to the audit, owing to Mr. Fell's habit of leaving the chair each time the matter came up, and the incidents in connection with the audit up to date, and the part that he had taken in it. Since he had been in the council, Ald. Braden thought that he with all the other members of the board, had done their duty. He thought the incoming council was composed of capable, determined men. There would be many important matters, drainage in particular, for them to consider and carry out. He had much pleasure in moving a vote of thanks to Mayor Grant.

Ald Vigelius, in seconding the motion, hoped that the resolution would be prepared in suitable style. He congratulated Ald. Braden on the feeling he had expressed. He agreed with him in regard to the harmonious working of the board during 1888. Opposition at the council board, as in every other form of government, was necessary to progress and satisfactory work. He agreed with Ald. Braden that the work of the council was very thankless. He referred to a communication which appeared in THE COLONIST as a sample of the compliments that aldermen receive for hard and faithful work. In the future he would endeavor to do his duty so that no one could accuse him of neglecting Yates street ward. He though the council of 1889 would do their duty.

Ald. Kelly also spoke in approval of the motion, which was carried.

Ald. Harris, Styles and Vigelius were appointed a committee to draft the address to be presented to Mayor Grant.

Mayor Grant had very little to say. Although at times there had existed a difference of opinion about the board, he thought all would agree that he had tried to do his duty and assist his council in every way in his power. He was pleased that his associates at the council board recognized that he had tried to do his duty. He did not think anyone could accuse him of ever allowing any private feelings to interfere with the discharge of his public duty. He was glad that the election turned out as it did, although, in a manner, sorry that he had to again assume the responsibilities of the high position of mayor. He promised to lend all the assistance possible to the new council and thought that they would work together in perfect harmony. In regard to the sewerage system, he was becoming a convert to the new separate system in preference to the old combined system. His worship concluded by thanking the council for their expression of approval.

Mayor Grant referred to the great benefit to the public, which was the result of the reporters' work in connection with the meetings of the board. He referred to the hardships and difficulties, as well as careful and effective work of the newspaper reporters of Victoria.

Ald. Braden and Ald. Vigilius had the pleasure of moving a vote of thanks to the reporters who had done good work at the meetings of the council during the year. Ald. Braden and Ald. Vigilius were particularly happy in their remarks to the resolution, which was carrried unanimously.

Ald. Braden referred to the resolution recently passed in reference to the enlargement of the cemetary. A direct offer of a very satisfactory piece of land containing between 9 and 10 acres had been received from Percival R. Brown and he hoped that it would be accepted in preference to any other, as he thought it was the best that could be obtained.

Ald. Vigelius remarked that Mr. Brown had offered the land to him for $4,500. He would suggest that the mayor be authorized to purchase the land, at the price mentioned.

Ald. Styles referred to the situation of the land, which he did not think was quite all that could be desired. He would advise a little delay, so that the council could look about for other and more suitable land.

Ald. Braden thought that the present offer was one which would not be made again. He did not think it would be well to neglect a good bargain.

Ald. Styles considered that it would be unwise to take any action until the council had a chance to see the ground.

Mayor Grant remarked that it would be well to lay the matter over for future consideration.

The suggestion was acted upon and the communication tabled.

Ald. Braden, before the council adjourned, asked the mayor to give Yates street a fair share of representation in the formation of committees for 1889. He did not think Yates street had been fairly treated during the past year.

Ald. Styles, Wilson and Braden indulged in a semi-humorous, semi-official discussion of Yates street ward and Yates street, and the council adjourned at 10 o'clock.

A Business Letter.

Tilsonburg, March 15th, 1887.

T. Milburn & Co.,

Sirs,—Please ship at once three dozen B. B. Bitters. Best selling medicine in the shop. Sold seven bottles to-day. Yours truly, C. Thompson.

The above sample is but one of hundreds of similar expressions regarding B. B. B. *tts

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

THE SKIL FISHERIES.

Return of the Cariboo Fly from Queen Charlotte Islands.

Interesting Notes of the Trip by Capt. Meyer—The Fishery Station at Saunders' Harbor—Mild Weather—The Fishermen on the Island in Good Health—Loss of the Schooner Skeena with Nine of Her Crew—A Son of Mr. Cunningham's Among the Lost—Wm. Faulkner Drowned on the Skeena.

The steamer Cariboo Fly, Capt. Meyer, returned from Queen Charlotte Islands and the Skeena River last evening. We are indebted to Capt. Meyer for the following interesting notes of the trip, and the particulars of the loss of the schooner Skeena, by which nine persons, including a son of Mr. Cunningham, were drowned:

THE SKIL FISHERY.

It having been found last year by Mr. Henry Saunders and associates, that the prosecution of the skil fishery, at Queen Charlotte Islands, could not be carried on regularly by sailing schooners, on account of the uncertainty of communication, and delay from bad weather, it was decided by the above gentlemen to establish fishing stations on shore, near the fishing grounds, provided regular communication could be had by steamer between Victoria and such stations. Such could easily be arranged by the regular northern coast steamers, provided they could use a passage separating Moresby from Graham Island; but it having heretofore been considered impossible that steamers of any capacity could go through it, the Cariboo Fly was sent to inspect the passage.

Captain Meyer reports that he found no difficulty whatever in going through this passage, and says that if the Dominion government would take some interest in the matter, and erect three or four *day beacons* in certain parts of the channel, any steamer up to twelve feet draught, could go through at the proper stage of tide, thereby being enabled to make the trip from Skidegate to the fishing station at Saunders harbour in from four to five hours, whereas the same distance around either end of the Islands might take so many days, on account of the changeable weather around these islands.

Captain Meyer also reports that he found two good harbors near the fishing grounds, not indicated on the admiralty charts, either of which would be more easy to reach from Skidegate than the one at present selected for stations.

The weather on the west coast of Queen Charlotte's was found to be considerably milder than in the same latitude on the mainland. Not a speck of snow could be seen, except near the tops of the mountains, whereas on the mainland everything was covered down to the water line. Four fishermen left last fall at Saunders' harbor, by McLean Bros., were in good health, and had put up some buildings for a station.

A DEAD WHALE.

A large whale had been cast on shore recently at Saunders' harbor, some of whose bones were brought down by the Fly.

LOSS OF THE SKEENA.

On the 15th of December last, while Mr. Cunningham's schooner Skeena was on her way to Skidegate, she sprung a leak during bad weather, and sank. A son of Mr. Cunningham's, and eight out of fifteen Indian passengers being drowned, while the captain, and a white boy, named Johnson, and seven Indians were saved in a boat.

DROWNING ACCIDENT.

On the Skeena River, a white man named Wm. Faulkner, and an Indian, were drowned by the capsizing of a boat, while crossing the river. Neither bodies or boat have been found so far. The boat was a good Columbia River fishing boat, and it is supposed that the accident was caused through not having ballast in her.

CHANGEABLE WEATHER.

The weather experienced by the Fly was very changeable, from fine sunshine on the west coast of Queen Charlotte's, to heavy snowstorms on the mainland side.

TOWN TOPICS TERSELY TOLD.

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

Two fresh cases of smallpox have developed at Tacoma, W. T.

The mayor and aldermen for 1889 will be duly sworn in on Monday morning.

It is reported that the *Morning Argus*, published at Port Townsend, has been sold.

A genuine hailstorm visited the city yesterday. The stones were not large enough to do any damage.

A new, handsome and thoroughly modern wire sign has been placed on the top of E. G. Prior & Co.'s business block.

The Saanich Agricultural Society held a very successful and very pleasant ball on Thursday evening. Haynes' orchestra supplied the music.

The officers-elect of Colfax Lodge, Daughters of Rebecca, will be installed by the officers of the Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F., on Tuesday evening next.

Devlin, the grocer, is making a specialty of his teas and coffees, and offers a sample of his goods free of charge to all who call upon him.

A young married woman, living near Christ church cathedral, is said to have gone to Alaska, leaving behind her many unpaid bills as unpleasant souvenirs with Victoria merchants.

The late Wm. Faulkner, who was drowned in the Skeena river, was a young man aged 28 years and was employed by the B. A. P. Co., being held in high esteem by his employers.

Nightwatchman Samuel Palmer, of the Hastings sawmill, met with a painful accident on Wednesday night, falling down an open trap-door to the floor below, a distance of 18 feet, fracturing his leg near the thigh.

The tower of the Oriental Hotel was illuminated for the first time last evening, the effect of the brilliant electric light streaming through the different colored glass being very pretty and pleasing.

David Craigie, Riley Robbins and their three companions, who were arrested a few days ago, charged with having property in their possession stolen from a Chinese cabin, will appear for trial in the Speedy Trials court on Monday.

Miss Louisa Alcock, daughter of Mrs. M. J. Alcock, of Vancouver, died in that city on Thursday morning of tubercular consumption. The young lady had been rapidly sinking of late, but her demise was not expected so soon. She was a favorite with her acquaintances, who much regret her early death.

A correspondent of the Nanaimo *Free Press*, through the columns of that paper, states that Messrs. Welch, Rithet & Co. are arranging for the establishment of a sugar refinery in this province. While the firm have had in contemplation the venture referred to, they are of the opinion that it would not be a wise or profitable one until there is a better market.

Diphtheria.

"Last January," says J. N. Teeple, of Orwell, Ont., "there appeared diphtheria in our neighborhood. Doctored a night and day, but I kept right to Hagyard's Yellow Oil and brought my children through all right." Yellow Oil cures all painful complaints and injuries. *tts

SUPREME COURT.

(Before Hon. Mr. Justice Walkem and a Special Jury.)

Stephen Jones vs. The Guardian Insurance Company.—This was an action to recover $4,000, the amount of insurance upon the International hotel, Esquimalt, and furniture, which was destroyed by fire on the 15th February, 1888, the defendant's policy being for $2,000 on the building and $2,000 on the furniture.

The defence set up was that the plaintiff had delivered a fraudulent claim of his losses, as regards the furniture, placing the same at about $3,900, the actual value of the furniture being less than one-half of that sum, and clause 11 of the policy, which provides that a false or fraudulent claim should vitiate the policy, was relied upon. The defence also relied upon the failure of the plaintiff to deliver a sworn statement of the loss.

The plaintiff claimed that the conditions of the policy, so far as they related to the absence of the sworn statement, were waived by the offer which was proved to have been made by the defendant, of $2,500 in settlement.

The plaintiff was not called as a witness, and the defendant's counsel tendered in evidence a sworn statement with reference to the loss, signed by the plaintiff and given before E. Harrison, Esq., S. M., who held an inquest into the cause of the fire. The learned judge ruled that the sworn statement was inadmissible.

The learned judge in his summing up left the whole case to the jury, and overruled the exception of defendant's counsel that the specific question of whether the claim made by the plaintiff was accurate or wilfully false, should be left to the jury.

After an absence of three hours the foreman of the jury announced that 7 out of the 8 jurymen had agreed upon a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for $3,500. His lordship accepted the verdict, and denied a motion by the defendants' counsel to deprive the plaintiff of costs.

Judgment was entered accordingly.

Mr. Taylor and Mr. Walker for the plaintiffs. Mr. T. Davie, Q. C., instructed by Mr. Yates for the defendants.

FULL COURT.

(Before Sir M. B. Begbie, C. J., Crease, J., and McCreight, J.

Wilson vs. Whitten.—This was an appeal taken by the plaintiff against a judgment of Mr. Justice Walkem, delivered at Kamloops on the 23rd day of October last.

The plaintiff Wilson was the recorded owner of the mineral claim in Nicola known as the "Mammoth." The claim was recorded on the 17th Dec., 1886. A certificate of improvements was issued on the 5th March, 1887. The claim was recorded on 10th Dec., 1887. On the 15th Jan., 1888, the *Gazette* contained a notice that "all mineral and other mining claims in the Yale district had been laid over by the gold commissioner from 15th January, 1888, to 15th June, 1888. No certificate of improvements was recorded between the 10th Dec., 1887, and the 15th June, 1888. The defendant, treating the claim as abandoned mining ground, staked and recorded it on the 26th June, 1888, as the "Domingo claim," and made and recorded improvements to the value of $100, in accordance with the mineral act. The plaintiff sought to eject him and brought an action at Kamloops, which was decided in the defendant's favor by Mr. Justice Walkem, on the ground principally that the plaintiff had not complied with any of the conditions of Sec. 8 of the Mining act, 1886.

From this judgment the plaintiff appealed to the full court, contending that the notice of the laying over of all mineral claims in Yale district absolved him from doing any work on his claim during the close season.

The judgment of the full court was to dismiss the appeal with costs, thereby confirming the judgment of Mr. Justice Walkem.

Mr. Chas. Wilson for appellant; Mr. Eberts, (Eberts & Taylor,) for respondent.

SPEEDY TRIALS' COURT.

[Before Sir M. B. Begbie, C. J.]

The man named Bauk, charged with the larceny of a gold watch, in the Speedy Trials court, yesterday, entered a plea of not guilty. Evidence was received, and the prisoner sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

PERSONAL.

Alex. Garvin, of Comox, is at the Oriental.

Wm. McKee, of Ladner's Landing, is at the Oriental.

Col. E. G. Prior, M. P., will leave for Ottawa on Wednesday.

Mayor Oppenheimer, of Vancouver, arrived down last evening.

Morris Moss is on board the Umatilla, homeward bound from San Francisco.

Ald. R. H. Alexander and F. V. Bodwell, of Vancouver, were passengers by Islander last night.

A. McCandless is a passenger on board the Umatilla, which left San Francisco

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

The Electric Tramway.

Subscriptions to the stock of the National Tramway Company have reached a total of $24,500, with a prospect of an increase to $30,000 during the coming week.

Cherry Creek Mine.

The latest news from the Cherry Creek silver mine is of a most encouraging character. A vein of exceedingly rich ore has just been found, and the prospects of a valuable mine being developed is assured. Samples of the ore may be seen at the office of F. G. Richards, jr., Yates street.

The Manufacture of Pottery.

Messrs. Popplewell, Henbrough and Borrie have formed a co-partnership at Westminster for the manufacture of flower pots and pottery ware, and have leased from Manshan Bros. the pottery works lately erected in the Royal City. The firm has now on hand orders for 10,000 garden pots, and indications are that this new industry will be pushed to its fullest capacity to supply the trade.

Colby, the Medium.

A. W. R. Colby, the slate writing medium, who recently sued the San Francisco *Chronicle*, to recover $150,000 damages for libel, has fled from that city, and is said to be now in Victoria. The *Chronicle* stated that Colby had been at different periods of his life a Baptist minister, revivalist, spiritualist medium, gambler, train-robber and dead-beat. For this statement the medium brought suit for libel, but it is now alleged that the *Chronicle* has obtained proof of the charges made, and Colby fled to avoid prosecution for perjury.

Vancouver Island Building Society.

The annual report of the Vancouver Island Building Society, just issued, shows the affairs of the association to be in a most flourishing condition. Since its inauguration, the society has held 30 drawings, with a result that 49 shares are entitled to an appropriation of $1000, making a total of $49,000 drawn for. Of this amount $36,000 has been paid in loans to 36 shares, leaving a balance of 13 shares entitled to an appropriation of $1000, for which no application for a loan has been made or granted. The amount received for subscriptions during the year was $13,989, as against $10,865 for the previous year, the increase being due to the fact that all the shares are taken up.

Darwin's Theory.

Darwin's theory of the "survival of the fittest" is simply that the weakly die, while the robust and hardy thrive and live. How true this is of seed growth, and how necessary to sow only that which is suited by nature to live and develop.

D. M. Ferry & Co., the great Seed Growers and Seed Dealers of Detroit, Michigan, supply only the best and purest, raising their own seeds by the most improved methods and with the greatest care, bringing to their business the invaluable aid of more than thirty years' experience. Their Seed Annual for 1889 is a real help to the gardener, and should be in the hands of all who desire to purchase pure and true seeds. Send your name to the firm's address at Detroit, Michigan, and they will forward you a copy.

Heine as an Organist.

Yesterday afternoon Prof. Josef Heine gave an organ recital comprising the gems of all the celebrated composers, both sacred and secular, in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. About three hundred ladies and gentlemen were present to listen to the treat, and a treat it indeed was. Heine is equally great as an organist as he is as a violinist. His touch is masterful and his interpretation of every class of music simply sublime. An effort is being made to induce the celebrated violinist to give a farewell concert under the auspices of the Pandora Street Methodist Church during the present week, although we hope to have him with us again before long, and we trust that it will prove successful, and Victorians will have still another opportunity of listening to his music.

The Sealing Fleet.

The exodus of the sealing fleet is now well under way, and in another fortnight they will all have departed. The schooner Maggie Mac was the first to get out this year, followed yesterday by the Viva, (Capt. Baker), and the Pathfinder, (Capt. O'Leary). Both boats were in splendid sea-going condition, well-equipped and carried in all about twenty hunters and sailors each. The Annie C. Moore, (Capt. Hackett), expects to get out to-day, as well as the Mary Ellen, (Capt. Alex. McLean, sailing) for San Francisco on a hunting and fishing expedition. The Triumph (Capt. Dan. McLean) will also leave during the week. The Mary Ellen carries with her on this cruise in all about twenty-five men, and her fitting out is thoroughly complete in every particular.

Westminster's Municipal Election.

The municipal elections which take place at Westminster to-morrow will be decided largely on the railway question. The railway party and the injunctors have taken definite issues and intend to fight it out on those lines. Both have their committee rooms and their committee meetings, and have reduced the fight to systematic warfare. The injunctors in the absence of an organ are issuing fly sheets which have thorough distribution; while their opponents are using liberally the columns of the local newspaper. The former have made an elaborate calculation showing that in fifty years by granting a bonus of $150,000 the city will pay in the end $3,216,003, or nearly four times the value of the assessable property of the city, while the latter claim that in the statistician of the opposition a great financial genius has been thrown away.

Scott's What Has.

The Young People's Association of the First Presbyterian Church will give an entertainment in their hall on Tuesday evening next, which will indeed be "Twa hours at hame" to Scotchmen and their wives and sweethearts in the shape of a Scotch Concert, the programme for which we give below.

PART I.

Chorus, "There was a Lad Was Born in Kyle" ..... Burns
Choir.
Solo, (Humorous) "Duncan Gray" ..... Burns
Mr. J. G. Brown.
Solo, "Oh Whistle and I'll Come to you My Lad" ..... Burns
Miss Bertha Jameson.
Duett, "Oh Wert Thou in the Cauld Blast" ..... Burns
Miss O'Neil and Mr. Brown.
Solo, "Memories Dear" ..... Burns
Mr. W. D. Kinnaird.
Solo, (Humorous) "John Grumble" ..... Burns
Mr. J. G. Brown.
Solo, "'Twas Within a Mile o' Edinboro' toon" ..... Anonymous
Miss O'Neil.
Chorus, "Green Grow the Rashes O" .... Burns
Choir.

PART II.

Chorus, "Bonnie Dundee" .... Sir Walter Scott
Choir.
Solo, "My Heart is Sair" ..... Burns
Miss O'Neil.
Solo, "Robin Tamson's Smiddy" ..... Anonymous
Mr. J. G. Brown.
Piano Solo, Scotch Airs .....
Prof. Sharpe.
Solo, "My Love is Like a Red Red Rose" Burns
Mr. Kinnaird.
Solo, "The McGregor's Gathering" .....
..... Sir Walter Scott
Mr. W. Robson.
Chorus, "Caller Herrin" ..... Lady Nairne
Choir.
God Save the Queen.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

Bound for Frisco.

The steamer Walla Walla sailed for San Francisco yesterday afternoon, having on board the following passengers: A. C. Caldwell, J. A. Hale, W. H. Merritt, J. McKay and wife, M. M. English, Wm. Munsie, A. J. McFeeley, C. A. S. Austin, Ed. Martin and wife, Mrs. J. L. Raymur and child, Mrs. W. B. Wilcox and boy.

Heavily Afflicted.

Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Cunningham, of Skeena River, at the death of his eldest son by drowning. But one year ago, the beloved wife of Mr. Cunningham met her death in the Skeena River by the upsetting of a canoe, and the afflicted gentleman was but just recovering from the shock of this tragic event, when he received the sad news that the sea had robbed him of his son. Mr. Cunningham is at present in Victoria, and knew nothing of the loss of his schooner, the Skeena, and the death of his boy, until after the arrival of the steamer Cariboo Fly on Friday night.

Service of Song.

The following is the programme of the Song Service to be rendered in St. James' church on Wednesday evening, by the St. James Philharmonic Society, the proceeds of the service to be devoted to the organ fund:

Proper Psalm 137, "By Babylon's Wave" ..... Gounod
Anthem, "The Garden of Prayer" .. Vernon Roy
Mr. A. I. F. McKiernan.
Duet and Chorus, "I Waited for the Lord" ..... Mendelssohn
Mrs. Smith and Miss Arrowsmith.
Sacred Song, "Calvary" ..... Paul Rodney
Mr. W. R. Higgins.
Trio, "Where the Faded Flowers Shall Freshen" (From God is Love) ..... Mr. W. J. Goepel, Mr. A. I. F. McKiernan, Mr. C. W. Rhodes.
Mrs. Robinson, Mr. S. Y. Wootten,
Sacred Song and Chorus, "Jerusalem" .. Parker
Mr. C. Dempster.
Solo, "The Star of Bethlehem" ..... Adams
Mrs. W. J. Goepel.
Recitation and Angels' Chorus, "God is Love" Mrs. Jos. Robinson, Mr. C. A. Lombard.
Sermon.
Offertory Anthem, Solo and Chorus "As Pants the Heart" ..... Spohr
Miss Bate.
Sacred Song and Chorus, "Nazareth" .. Gounod
Mr. S. Y. Wootten.
Trio and Chorus, "O Thou Whose Power Tremendous" (Moses in Egypt) ..... Rossini
Mrs. W. J. Goepel, Messrs J. R. Worsfold and C. W. Rhodes.
Motet, "Hear My Prayer" ..... Mendelssohn
Miss Bowden.
Sacred Song
Mr. C. A. Lombard.
Trico, "We Pray Thee Father Eternal" ..... Curchman
Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Jay and Mrs. S. Y. Wootten.
Sacred Song, "The Shadow of the Cross" .. Barri
Mr. A. I. F. McKiernan.
Chorus, "Pilgrim's Chorus" (First Cross) .. Verdi
The Benediction.

TOWN TOPICS TERSELY TOLD.

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

Police court—*nil*.

A large black wolf was shot at Goldstream yesterday.

Officer Campbell left this morning for Westminster having in charge the crazy man Adams.

Ald. S. Kelly was given a surprise party at his residence, Yates street, on Friday evening.

Messrs. Hart & Isaacs, Johnson street, have dissolved partnership, Mr. Hart carrying on the business.

Mr. E. A. Jenns, barrister, has been admitted a partner in the law firm of Carbould & McColl, Westminster.

Tacoma is to have an electrical railway. Engineers are now surveying routes for the tracks through several of the streets.

Capt. Bole having resigned his position in the Westminster battery, has been succeeded by Lieut. C. M. McNaughton.

Mrs. Dickinson's dancing class and their friends spent a few hours very pleasantly together in Harmony Hall last evening.

Ontario turkeys are taking the place of game in the mainland markets, since the supply of ducks, geese and grouse has begun to run short.

F. G. Richards, jr., offers a number of James Bay residence lots for sale. They adjoin the Caledonian society grounds, and extend to the Dallas road, running along the sea front.

Joseph Nightingale, who met with severe injuries by the glancing of his axe, while out chopping at Cowichan, on Friday, was taken to the Royal Hospital, yesterday.

Andy Copeland while waiting with a crowd on Welch, Rithet & Co's wharf, yesterday, to bid the Viva good-bye, took it into his head to fall into the water. He was fished out looking like a very wet rag on the end of a pole.

Donald *Truth* now appears in four-page form, the pages being exactly double the old size. Though the appearance of our brisk, crisp little contemporary is somewhat changed, it's never-failing fountain of wit and wisdom apparently is in better order than ever.

PERSONAL.

L. Gibson, of Port Townsend, an old Victorian, is in the city.

Hon. Robert Dunsmuir paid a visit to the Wellington mines yesterday.

Jno. Teague, architect, who went up to Vancouver yesterday morning, returned last evening.

Wm. H. Paine, Victoria's best oarsman, left on the Viva yesterday, to try his fortune as a seal hunter. Good luck go with him.

F. S. Barnard, M.P., will leave for Ottawa on Wednesday, to take his seat for the first time in the parliament of the Dominion.

Mrs. Alex. McLean left for San Francisco yesterday, and will be absent several months. Capt. McLean goes out on a sealing cruise in a few days.

E. J. McFeeley, of McLennan & McFeeley, left for San Francisco, yesterday, and will visit New York and other eastern points before returning to Vancouver.

MARINE.

The steamer Olympian is being brightened with fresh paint.

Ship Kennebec, from Nanaimo, has arrived at San Francisco.

Steamship Costa Rica has cleared from San Francisco for Nanaimo.

The steamer Daisy leaves for Chemainus to-morrow. Her first trip after leaving the ways.

The steamer Rainbow stuck on the ways yesterday afternoon, and was not got off until evening.

Steamship Abyssinia will leave Yokohama for Vancouver on or about the 24th inst., reaching Vancouver about the 9th or 10th prox.

Steamship Walla Walla, which sailed for San Francisco yesterday, had a large cargo, over 1,000 tons of general merchandise from the east being shipped from Vancouver.

Steamer Danube arrived yesterday with 300 tons of freight from Vancouver, ex Steamer Parthia, and sailed for Portland last evening.

Steamship Parthia, for China and Japan, will leave Vancouver on Wednesday. The vessel has a full complement of freight this trip, and will have to leave 700 tons for the next steamship.

B. B. B. Stood the Test.

"I tried every known remedy I could think of for rheumatism, without giving me any relief, until I tried Burdock Blood Bitters, which remedy I can highly recommend to all afflicted as I was." Henry Smith, Milvelton, Ont. *tts

A Fatal Attack.

A fatal attack of croup is a frequent occurrence among children. Every household should be guarded by keeping Hagyard's Pectoral Balsam at hand. It breaks up colds, coughs, croup, asthma and bronchitis in a remarkable manner. *tts

From THE DAILY COLONIST, Jan. 22.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

For Texada Island.

The C. P. N. Co. have decided to despatch a steamer to the newly-discovered mines at Texada Island, and the steamer Maude will leave on Friday next at 4 p. m.

Rich Silver Mine.

The steamship Idaho arrived at Nanaimo on Saturday, and brought news of the discovery of an immensely rich silver mine at Ship Creek, seven miles from Juneau, Alaska. A careful assay showed $2,164 to the ton.

Obituary.

The remains of the late Joseph Webb arrived by the Umatilla from San Francisco on Sunday night, and were conveyed to Nanaimo yesterday morning by train. The funeral will take place in that city this afternoon under the auspices of Ashlar Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M., of which deceased was an esteemed member.

The Alberni Arson Case.

In the Nanaimo police court on Saturday, before Mr. Planta, S.M., Frank McQuillan was charged with having set fire to a house belonging to Mr. J. C. Mollett at Alberni. Mr. Norris applied for a further remand of the case until Monday, which was granted, bail being extended. Mr. W. J. Taylor (Eberts & Taylor) has been retained for the defence.

Speedy Trial.

In the Speedy Trials Court yesterday afternoon, before Sir M. B. Begbie, C. J., Darby and Grady, two of the five boys arrested on a charge of having stolen goods in their possession, were each sentenced to six months imprisonment. Craigie, Robbins and Sawyers, their three companions were discharged. Craigie and Robbins were a short time afterwards arrested on a second charge of stealing.

Memorial Window.

A proposition has been made to erect a memorial window in the parish church, Kamloops, in memory of the late Judge Haynes, of Osoyoos. Mrs. Haynes has coincided with the proposal, and Canon Cooper, now *en route* to England, will make arrangements for the manufacture of the window. A fund has been started and subscriptions may be sent to the *Inland Sentinel* office, Kamloops.

The Smallpox at Bute Inlet.

Mr. McTiernan, Indian agent, and Dr. McGuigan, have returned to Westminster from Bute Inlet. They report that there is now only one case of smallpox at that point. There have been 53 cases of the fell disease there during the last two months, the deaths resulting therefrom amounting to 24. The smallpox was entirely confined to the Indian camps. A strict quarantine will be observed and the necessary steps taken to stamp out the last vestige of the loathsome disease.

Rich Specimens from Texada.

Reports from Texada Island of the recent quartz discoveries are of a most favorable character. New ledges are continually being found varying in richness. The Nanaimo *Free Press* says one specimen brought down, as large as a goose egg, and taken from the "Golden Slipper" ledge by Mr. D. Carmichael, is exceedingly rich, the gold being plainly seen with the naked eye. It is estimated that the specimens will assay $10,800 to the ton. A sample sent down by Mr. Carmichael from his claim near the "Golden Slipper" assayed $300. The Island as yet has been by no means prospected, but so far, the north shore gives every indication of being much richer than the claims already taken up.

A Rich Ore Collection.

Dennes & Devine, the mining brokers on Stevens street, have a cabinet of rich ores from the lower Kootenai country. The ores comprise a complete collection from the Toad Mountain and Warm Springs claims, 175 in all. There are some fine specimens of ore from the Toad Mountain claims, of which there are 110. The Warm Springs claims number sixty-five. These two districts are being rapidly developed. They are located about 250 miles from here, in the most promising portion of the Lower Kootenai. The route to the Toad Mountain is by railroad, stage and water. From here to the Kootenai station it is seventy-three miles. Then the route is by stage, twenty-eight miles to Bonner's ferry. From the ferry to Warm Springs it is 142 miles by steamer, and from Warm Springs to Nelson, on Toad mountain, twenty-eight miles more. —*Spokane Falls Review.*

French Benevolent Society.

There was a large attendance of the French Benevolent Society at the annual general meeting, held on Sunday afternoon. The reports of the various officers evinced most satisfactory progress during the year, and it is to be hoped that during 1889 still more improvement will be made, and still more good accomplished. It is expected that the membership will be greatly increased during the coming year, as the difficulty in regard to the deeds has been satisfactorily arranged, and the property of the association now becomes common property, held in trust for each and every member. The election of officers resulted in the selection of the following gentlemen to manage the affairs of the society during the present year: Peter Steele, president; Thomas Shotbolt, vice-president; secretary, G. H. Brown. Treasurer, John Wenger; directors, Charles Braund and William Stevenson.

The Good Work Goes On.

On Sunday evening another raid on the gamb