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DELAYED DISPATCHES.

CALIFORNIA.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 16.—This morning the insanity commissioners examined and committed to Napa insane asylum Jas. Lynnis, a 15 year old boy, who has regularly attended Coroner O'Donnell's morgue. During the past week the boy has been talking of blowing up British warships and thinks he has thrown forty into the bay. He neither eats nor sleeps. He says that O'Donnell is behind and that with his aid he will blow up the Bank of England.

EASTERN STATES.

DENVER, Jan. 15.—Report reached here from Benkelman, Nebraska, that two settlers, Fohr and Burns, who left there a month ago Monday, on a hunting trip on the Republican and the middle fork of the Republican, were found frozen to death 8 miles from town. Both evidently attempted to return home after the blizzard became up, but became lost in the blinding snowstorm. Fohr had stuck the butt of his gun in the ground and fain near it and died. Burns managed to go 200 yards further on before he was overcome. Both were under large drifts of snow, and would not have been found before the gunstock sticking out of the drift. A teamster and herder were found dead near the same place yesterday, and brought to town.

A severe storm on the eastern line of Colorado, reports several persons frozen in the same way. They are supposed to have been cattle steaders, living a great way apart, and settled on land late last fall, and are wholly unprepared for severe weather. Some of the bodies, when found, showed that they had been attempting to reach a neighboring ranche, when they were overcome. Never in the history of the west have so many persons perished with cold as in this storm.

TOPEKA, KS., Jan. 15.—Reports were received to-day of the finding of the bodies of three more men in the southwestern portion of the state, victims of the recent storm. This makes twenty-four bodies in all that have been found.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Shortly before two o'clock last night, two distinct shocks of earthquake were felt in every part of Queens county. In Nyack, pictures were shaken from the walls and the ice in the river along the shore was broken. In Corona, Spring Valley, Piedmont, Spark Hill, Halvestraw and Rockland Lake the shock was very heavy.

FRANCE.

PARIS, Jan. 16.—De Freycinet to-day read a declaration in the deputies of the policy which the new cabinet would follow. He said the colonial policy would be as adventurous than that of its recent predecessor. This statement was received with cheers by the chambers.

The treaty of peace between France and Madagascar has been ratified.

Prince Krapotkine and Louise Michel have been liberated from prison.

IRELAND.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—Nothing will be decided regarding the government of Ireland until the parliament is formally opened by the Queen next week.

DUBLIN, Jan. 16 —The Freeman's Journal to-day says that the cabinet, at its meeting yesterday, discussed the propriety of issuing a proclamation declaring the National league an illegal organiza-

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THE PRINCESS LOUISE AT PORT MOODY.—The steamer Princess Louise will not take freight or passengers to-day for Port Moody, owing to the heavy ice that has formed at that place.

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FAMILY MARKET REPORT.

SATURDAY Jan. 16.

BUTTER—Choice Island, 50c ⅌ lb; Island Roll, 75c; New Grass Cal., $1 ⅌ roll; White Clover, 55c.; Canadian Keg, 50c

CHEESE—Canadian, 20c; Cal., 25c.; Eastern Cream, 30c; B.C., 25c.

EGGS—Fresh Island, 50c. ⅌doz.; Sound, 40c.

COMMEAL—50c ⅌sack of 10lbs.

OATMEAL—62½c ⅌ sack of 10lbs.

FLOUR—Extra, $5 50 ⅌ brl.; $1 50 ⅌sack; Super $5 ⅌brl.

OAT CAKE—12½c. ⅌lb.

HAMS—Lima, 8c.⅌lb.; Small White and Bayou, 9c

PEAS—Split Peas—12½c. ⅌lb.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, 1c.⅌lb.; sweet 4c⅌c. ⅌lb.; Onions, 5c⅌lb; Celery, 75c ⅌ doz; Carrots, 25c⅌lb; Rhubarb, —⅌lb; Lettuce, 50c. ⅌doz; Cauliflower, $1 00⅌doz; Asparagus, —c⅌lb; Radishes, 50c⅌doz bunches; Squash, 2c ⅌lb; Turnips, 2c. ⅌ lb.; Green Peas, —c ⅌ lb.; String Beans, —c; Cucumbers, —c ⅌doz; Cabbage, 5c⅌lb; Tomatoes, —c⅌lb; Green Ochra, —c⅌lb; Chili Peppers, 25c⅌lb; Green Corn, —c⅌dz; Dry Squash, 2c⅌lb.

BACON—Home Cured, 20c. ⅌lb; Chicago, 20c.; Oregon, 20c; Shoulders, 18c.

BACON—Breakfast, 18@20c⅌lb.

HAM—20c. ⅌lb.

FISH—Cod, 6c. ⅌ lb; Salmon 12½c ⅌ lb; Boneless Cod, 10c; Soles, 10c; Halibut —c; Varmouth Bloaters, 25c. ⅌ doz.; Sal. Bellies, 3 for 50c; Herring 5c.; Flounder, 6c.; Smoked Oolachans at Salmon, 15c. Smelt, 6c; Sturgeon, 6c; Whiting, 7c.; Shrimp, 50c; Salt Oolachans, 5c.; Crabs, 75 cts. ⅌ dozen; Smoked Herring, 12½c.⅌lb; Salmon Trout, 8c; Oolachans, 8⅌lb; Spanish Mackerel, —

PICKLED SALMON—1lb tins, per doz., $2.

FRUIT—Lemons, 50@75c⅌doz; Oranges, 50@75c⅌doz Limes, 37½⅌doz.; Apples, 2@3⅌box; Cranberries, 50c ⅌ gal.; Quinces, 2c. ⅌ lb. Pears, 5c; Grapes, —c; Bananas, —⅌doz Cocoanuts, 20c ea.; Cherries, —c ⅌ lb Apricots, —c⅌lb; Strawberries, —c; Gooseberries, —c⅌lb; Raspberries, —c.⅌lb; Plums 5c⅌lb; Peaches, —c. Pineapples, — ea. Watermelons, —c. each; Muskmelons —c.

DRIED FRUITS—Lemon, 50c. ⅌lb; Mixed, 50c.

PLANTS—Zante, 15@16c⅌lb.

NUTS—English Layers, 15c ⅌ lb.; Cala., 25c Sultana, Valencia and Eleme 25c.

Walnut, 37½@50c.⅌lb.

GROUND SPICES—25c.⅌ tin.

MUSTARD—$1 per 6lb. box; 25c per lb.

COFFEE—Coffee, ground, 50c. ⅌ lb; green, 25c.⅌lb; Tea, from 37½c. to $1.25 ⅌ lb.

SUGARS—Crushed or Cube, 7½c for $1; Granulated or No 1, 8lbs. for $1; D or No. 2, 9lbs. for $1.

NUTS—Enc. Walnuts, 20c. ⅌lb.; Cocoanuts, 12½c.; Almonds—Paper Shell, 37½c.; Jordan, 75c Brazil, 37½c. Chestnuts, 37½c.

CORNED SPICED BEEF—12½c. ⅌ lb.; Ox Tongues75c. ea.; Smoked Tongues, $1 ea.

BEEF—Choice Cuts, 12½c.⅌lb; other cuts, 10c; Soup meat, 8c.

MUTTON—Choice Joints, 12½c.⅌lb; Stewing meat 8c.

VEAL—12½c.⅌lb.

PORK—12½c.⅌lb.

POTATOES—$1.25 per quarter.

BUTTER—15@18c. ⅌lb.

EGGS—15c.⅌doz. ⅌lb.

DRESSED PIGS—$2.50@3.00 ea.

LAMB—Tame, $1 ea; Wild, 75c ⅌ pr.

CHICKENS—Spring Chickens, $5@$7 ⅌ doz.

TURKEYS—37½c. ⅌lb.

GEESE—Tame, $2 50 ea.

LARD—12 ⅌ tin; ⅌ can, $2.75.

BACON—75c. ⅌ quart; Canned, 37½⅌can.

HAY—$13 per ton.

OATS—1½c.⅌lb.

BARLEY—1½c.⅌lb.

FEED—Chop Feed, —c. ⅌lb.

FLOUR—Willow, 75c ⅌ pr; Blue, $1.

BRAN—Hindqtrs, —c⅌lb.

DRESSED SALMON—12½c⅌lb.

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THE WEEKLY COLONIST.

NOTICE.

A SPECIAL EDITION FOR SOUTH SAANICH, LAKE, METCHOSIN, SOOKE, COMOX AND OTHER DISTRICTS NOT REACHED BY PEDDLERS' MAIL IS PRINTED EVERY TUESDAY MORNING AND DISPATCHED THROUGH THE POSTOFFICE.

Local and Provincial News.

From the Daily Colonist, January 23

AN EXTRAORDINARY DOCUMENT.

Petition from Indians of Port Essington to the Government.

PORT ESSINGTON, B. C., Jan. 13, 1886.

To the Hon. John Robson, M. P. P., Provincial Secretary, Victoria.

DEAR SIR:—We, the council of the Indian village of Port Essington, wish to send you a few words. We were all in the dark here before the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ was brought amongst us. Our hands were filled with blood. Years ago Mr. Duncan came to us and first pointed out the right way to us. After a while the blood was stopped by his work. Then Mr. Crosby came, and he pointed us the way to Heaven. After a further time Mr. Green came to the Nishas, and he led the people on in the same good way. Time passed away and Mr. Jennings came to the Kit-se-lash village at Port Essington, and he further opened our eyes to see the truth. These missionaries have shown us the right way and we are trying to walk in it; and to lead our children upon the good way, keeping them from the evil. About two years ago another missionary came down from Stickeen. The bishop of Caledonia gave him work to do, and he settled on the Skeena river. His name is Mr. Sheldon. Before Christmas he (Mr. Sheldon) gave strong drink to four young Indians. One of our young chiefs is nearly dead on account of the same he took the strong drink that Mr. Sheldon gave him. He promised to give strong drink again to the Indians when in the canoe as he did before. Again, two of our Indians bought strong drink of a Chinaman, Mr. Sheldon's cook, before Christmas.

At the same time, Christmas eve, a young half breed gave strong drink to four Indians. All the village was greatly troubled about it; and we cried because the strong drink had come again. We believed that the law had come among us that no Indian should drink a drop of strong drink.

As long as we have lived in our own wet, cold country we never have drunk a drop of ginger or whiskey to save us from the cold; but Mr. Sheldon, the minister, has begun to give strong drink to the Indians when they are cold. He does not show us a good example. He teaches us to drink.

Mr. Elliott started the trouble in this place for he helped what we think was bad. He took away our power in the council over the young people; for since they have not listened to us as they did before. The young men do not obey the law now. They want to have strong drink and to do other bad things.

We caught two young men who had taken the shawl off from a young woman's back while she was on her way home from church. Mr. Elliott helped these young men by saying we were wrong in stopping them from doing what they did in our own way.

One of the magistrates, Mr. Dempster, wants to put the right law before the white people of this place. He showed that the law does not allow any liquor to be drunk by the Indians; but the white men here say that Mr. Dempster has not used the right law.

So we hope that you gentlemen, who represent the Queen, will help us to put the liquor away from our village. Because the liquor makes us great trouble this year.

We came to this place to learn the right way to God, and we want to see no evil among us.

Are the laws for the Indian, the half-breed, the Chinaman, and the white man all different? They punish the half-breed and the Chinaman; but the white man want to let the white man go free. If this is right please tell us. The white man is the same guilty as the Chinaman.

We understand the white men of this place do not want Mr. Sheldon fined. They oppose the good way and the law.

All the white men here want to take away the power from Mr. Dempster, because he wants to have the law kept. Mr. Dempster wants to keep the whisky from us. So we want you not to let the white men take the power from him, because he hindered us from the whisky.

These two things, Mr. Elliott stopping our council, and the whisky, have given us great trouble this year. We hope you will help us in these things.

We will remain, dear sir, your loyal people,

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JACOB KEYNOR X.
mark.
and many others.

The Weather.

For the past ten days Victoria has worn a very wintry aspect, and the cold and snow of yesterday have improved sleighing wonderfully. Sleighs are flying around with merry loads, and those back men who are fortunate enough to possess one are liberally patronized. The prices charged are moderate, with the exception perhaps of a few unprincipled drivers, who seem to have received their education in the hack line at Niagara Falls; and do not hesitate to charge an exorbitant rate where possible. It is wise for those wishing the novelty of a sleigh ride to make a cast-iron bargain in the first instance or patronize the vehicles of responsible men or companies. The ice has thickened with the continual cold, and safe and excellent skating is to be had on several lakes and ponds. There is also a fine opportunity for the securing of a stock of pure ice for summer use, and anyone who will store it will realize a handsome profit. Such a long cold snap has not been experienced in Victoria for many years past, and is rather a contradiction to the semi-tropical assertions that Victorians occasionally make about their climate. While it is disagreeable to the majority of the people, it benefits many, and the farmers especially are satisfied with the state of the thermometer.

What Some People Say.

That an epitaph on the headstone of a grocer's grave reads: "The world isn't worth a fig; and I have good raisins for saying so."

That a commercial traveller representing a number of American firms, neglecting the application of Mr. W. K. Bull to take out his license, on being served with a summons from the police court, promptly paid the amount demanded.

That what is styled the first agrarian measure proposed in the states has passed the federal senate. It is directed against the Mormons; and its author is Senator Edmunds. It enacts that Mormon wives can testify against their husbands in cases of criminal prosecution; that the property of the corporation shall be confiscated and sold, and that fourteen federal trustees of another faith shall be appointed to take charge of the Mormon church property. The act, it is asserted, will be upset upon its unconstitutionality.

That Mgr. Langevin, bishop of the diocese of Rimouski, has issued a document to his people in which he denounces the dangerous excitement and demagogic spirit produced by men who have, for political reasons, endeavored to bring about a rising of the masses. The bishop's remarks are clear and pungent. They will bring hundreds of French Canadians back to their senses.

That Jim Westfall, a Chinese contractor on the Oregon Pacific railroad, was naturalized last week in Linn county, Oregon. He is the first Chinaman naturalized in that section.

That a well informed correspondent of the Montreal Gazette in Prince Edward Island, states that if a general election takes place with Riel as the issue, there will not be one reformer returned from the island.

That the Chinese syndicate which recently offered $2,000,000 for the Palace hotel in San Francisco, and was prepared to pay $1,500,000, finally concluded that the investment would be an unwise one at the present time.

That one of the stockholders in a New York brewing company asked the president: "Don't you think the advance in hops will have some effect on our stock?" "Humbug! The little amount of hops we put in our beer is not going to affect the shares of stock."

That "what did you do the first time you got into a battle?" said a young lady to an old soldier. "Of course you didn't run!" "Oh, no, I didn't run, miss; not at all. But if I had been going for a doctor, and you had seen me, you would have thought somebody was awful sick."

That the best time for a young man to take his girl sleighing is during a "driving snow storm." He can wrap her, his arms to hold his girl in the sleigh, and let the snow storm do all the "driving."

That an eminent statistician has calculated that a man spends nine dollars per annum more than a woman. This may be accounted for on the ground that a man generally has to buy his wife's clothes as well as his own.

That George Hingston, of Walron, New Zealand, recently died from a bee sting.

That the duke of Portland is known among his friends as "Jumbo," the pet name being "Jummy."

That the queen of Italy is the patroness of the Roman society for the protection of animals.

That Mrs. Catharine Dunne has given to a church at San Jose, Cal., a $5,000 altar of Carrara marble and onyx.

That Lady Hesketh inherited nearly $5,000,000 by the death of her father, Senator Sharon, of San Francisco.

That Mrs. Belva A. Lockwood is lecturing. An old benedict says there are lots of women doing the same thing, but they don't advertise the fact.

That Mr. Stoker, who accompanied Henry Irving on his tour through this country, says it seems to him that the gentlemen in America took as their text of social law and attention to ladies the best page of an old work in chivalry.

That Princess Isabeau, who recently inherited $1,000,000 from her mother, keeps twenty dogs and twenty cats in her Parisian palace, who, being fed to the full, agree very happily together. She is going to found a home for the aged and indigent of both races.

That Dr. S. G. Howe was found once by Francis Bird with his feet swathed in flannels and extended upon a chair. Calling the next day, finding him in like position, he said: "Howe, what is the matter?" "I have the gout," said Howe. "You have the gout, such a temperance man as you?" "Yes," said the great philanthropist. "Yes, Bird, my ancestors drank wine, and I must foot the bills."

That "what is sweeter than to have a friend you can trust?" asked Sawkins. "To have a friend that will trust you," replied Dawkins.

That the following is, perhaps, one of the most laughable incidents that ever occurred in reference to a locked-up jury: A Galway bailiff having been questioned as to whether he had spoken to the jury during the night, gravely answered, "No, my Lord; they kept calling out for me to bring them whiskey, but I always said, 'Gentlemen of the jury, it is my duty to tell you that I'm sworn not to speak to you.'"

That the contract for the tunnel has been let to Mr. Nelson Bennett, and the rapid completion of the Cascade division is assured. This means that the present year will be a period of unexampled prosperity on Puget Sound, and especially in Tacoma.

That Adolph Sutro, the tunnel man, will build a costly aquarium near San Francisco for the public.

That a baronetcy has been conferred on Mr. Stephen, president of the Canadian Pacific railway.

That since the British elections three members of the new parliament have died, and a fourth, George Latham of Crewe, is not expected to live.

That the recent illness of the Princess of Wales was a serious attack of diphtheria.

That in Montreal the latest warning cry of love is: "Don't, George; you hurt my vaccination."

That a telephone message is now called a hellogram.

That it was a cautious old tramp who, upon being asked whether he would have a drink of whiskey or he was beginning a job of sawing wood, or would he have it when he had finished it, answered: "Well, mum, I think I'll take it now. There has been a pile of sudden deaths lately."

That a minister at a fashionable church wedding said: "Whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder. Let us unite in prayer." Bride (kneeling, whispering)—"Remember, George, we are to pass down the right aisle, and do try and not be awkward. You mortify me to death sometimes."

That a Kansas boy won a nice Bible by committing ten hundred verses to memory, and then he traded his Bible for a shotgun and accidentally shot his aunt in the leg.

That the Congo railway syndicate has appointed Henry M. Stanley manager of the work of laying the line of railway into the Congo country.

CITIZENS' BALL TO THE FLEET.

A Large and Gay Assembly.

One of the most pronounced successes of the season was the Citizen's ball tendered at the Skating rink last night to Rear Admiral Sir Michael Culme-Seymour and officers of H. M. squadron and naval establishments. A dozen bluejackets from the flagship had been kindly detailed by the naval authorities to assist in decorating the scene of the festivities, and the result of their three days' preparation, combined with the numerous ensigns loaned for the occasion from the Triumph, (and which included those of all nationalities on the Pacific station) their efforts were successful indeed. The main portion of the building was partitioned off by canvas hidden by the gayest of bunting, which also covered the rafters above, thereby making a complete ceiling out of the same material. This—the ball room—was some ninety feet long by sixty wide, and its floor, lately planed and waxed, presented an excellent surface for dancing. The committee, who were most assiduous in their determination that nothing should be forgotten that would conduce to the comfort of the guests, had seen to it that they should be kept warm, and had provided numerous stoves whose pipes ran round the rooms in a manner that was prohibitive of low temperature. The walls were festooned with ensigns thirty feet in length (the largest carried by the flagship) including the flags of Guatemala, Mexico, Peru, Brazil, Germany, Costa Rica, Italy, Portugal, Austria, Bolivia, Russia, Equador, France, Holland, Colombia, United States, Chili, and white ensigns, Union Jacks, etc. Sofas, lounges, settees and chairs were furnished in profusion; while from the suspended platform above the dancers, Conductor Agius superintended the discourse of the "ravishing strains" to which so many feet beneath were beating time.

Following are the lists of subscribers (most of whom were present), and of the invited guests:

Messrs Wm Angus, J R Anderson, R S Byron, G H Burns, J B Brophy, Sir M B Begbie, H P Bell, W Bennett, W F Bullen, E V Bodwell, J E Bodwell, F S Barnard, J Boscowitz, E M Bovill, A Brealey, Wm Bowman, A Cowan, H E Croasdaile, H Croft, Lindley Crease, Theo Davie, Dr Dearden, B Drake, Dr Davie, R Dunsmuir, A Davie, J Davies, Lieut Dumbleton, Mr. Drummond, T Elwyn, Judge Elliott, H R Ella, Thomas Earle, R Finlayson, James Fell, P Gray, J H Gray, John Grant, A A Green, G Gillespie, C Cowan, D R Harris, Rout Harvey, B Harvey, H Helmcken, J Helmcken, Col Holmes, D W Higgins, P R Irving, John Irving, R W Janion, A Jones, R E Jackson, M T Johnston, H Kent, W Irving, P Leach, A J Langley, J Lowen, Captain Lewis, A McLean, A McLeod, McFarland, McFarland McCallum, F Mellor, McQuade, Sir R Musgrave, W J Macdonald, J A Mara, A Mount, E Marvin, H S Mason, J Nichol, H Nathan, J Oppenheimer, D Oppenheimer, O'Reilly, C E Pooley, W Pember, C E Perry, E G Prior, H K Prior, J D Pemberton, A Pinder Pike, R P Rithet, Geo Raymur, C E Renouf, — Redmond, John Robson, C E Redfern, H B Roycroft, — Smallfield, Hon William Smithe, H K Smith, N F Snowdon, T R Smith, Mitchell, Chas Speing, H Saunders, Col Stevens, W J Taylor, J Thain, T Tye, J H Turner, Dr W F Tolmie, H J Trutch, H R Troupe, Forbes Vernon, B Van Volkenburgh, — Vidler, Jos Wilson, Wm Wm Wilson, J Y Wootten, W C Ward, R Ward, Judge Walkem, E A Wilmot, M W Waitt, Adgt. Wolfenden, C Wilson, Judson Young. Most of the above will be present, accompanied by ladies.

INVITED GUESTS.

Admiral Sir Culme-Seymour and staff, the gun room officers of the Triumph, Flag-Lieut. Garforth, Secretary Tobin, son, Capt Hope and officers of the Pelican, Lieut-Governor Cornwall, Lady Douglas, Bishop Hill, Colonel, Mrs and Miss Haller of Seattle, W T, Rev Mr, Mrs and Miss Jenns, Rev Archdeacon and Mrs Scriven, the officers of the U S Garrison at Port Townsend, Mr L A Hamilton, Dr and Mrs Tunstall of Kamloops, Mrs Foster, Miss Rose, Rev, Mr and Mrs Good of Nanaimo, Miss Galley, Mrs Gaudin, Mr, Mrs and Miss Hall of Nanaimo, Miss Armstrong, F Bartlett Jr, Rev Mr Beanlands and Mrs Beanlands, Miss Bushby, Mrs Blaiklock, Mr J Bowron of Cariboo, Mrs Clayton, Mr and Mrs Cartmel, Dr Cluness of Nanaimo, Mr and Mrs Cooper, Mrs Jas Douglas, Mrs Douglas, Mrs Dupont, Miss Hickey, Mrs and Misses Heathfield, Miss Jackson, Mrs Kent, Mrs Keast, Miss King, Mrs D Kurtz, Miss Livingstone, Miss Lawson, Mrs Leach, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Mowatt, Mrs Miles, Mrs and Miss McKay, Miss L Work, Misses Pears, Misses Preston of Seattle, Miss Renouf, Mrs Stewart, Mrs Skinner, Miss E J Wallace, Miss Wade, Miss Wylde, Miss Walbaum, Mrs and Miss Wake, Mrs. G Wake, Mr R Williams, Mrs Whitlow, D A McFarlane of Cowichan, Mrs J O Graham, Mr, Mrs and Miss Brady, Miss M Petri, Miss Lena Neilson, and others whose names were not learned.

The admiral, who arrived at about nine o'clock, was greeted by the managing committee while the band appropriately played "Rule Britannia." This was the signal for the opening of the ball, and couples took their places in the sets for the Lancers—he first on the programme, which was arranged as follows:

PROGRAMME.

1.	Lancers	Variety
2.	Valse	Off Duty
3.	Valse	Under the Stars
4.	Polka	Jolly Vagrants
5.	Lancers	Madame Angot
6.	Valse	Estudiantina
7.	Polka	Ma Mie
8.	Mazurka	Ivy Leaf
9.	Valse	La Jolie Patineuse
10.	Lancers	See Saw
11.	Valse	Original
12.	Lancers	Wyoming
13.	Valse	Idalinte
14.	Valse	Twilight Dreams
15.	Polka	Soldiers' Leader
16.	Valse	Mariana
17.	Highland Schottische	Blue Danube
18.	Valse	Bride des Nuits
19.	Valse	Les Sylphes
20.	Valse	Sweethearts

At midnight supper was announced, the curtains raised aside, and the assembled guests seated themselves at table that had been laid for two hundred and fifty persons.

SOUP.

Consomme Royal.

HORS D'OEUVRES.

Assorted Sandwiches, Olives, Anchovies.

PIECES RADIANS.

Paten de Fois Gras aux Truffes,
Mayonaise of Chicken a la Vallere,
Galantine of Turkey a l'Imperial,
Cup Salad a la Creole,
Pates of Grouse a la St. Hubert,
Boletons of Veal a la Soire,
Fillet of Beef, piqueaux Cressons,
Smoked Tongue en Arcade a la St. Lambert.

ROTS.

Roast Chicken, Stuffed Grouse
Turkey Truffe a la Periole.

SWEETS.

Maraschino, Champagne, Claret,
Madeira, Orange,
Vanilla and Lemon Ice Cream.

PASTRY.

Trifles, Biscuit de Savoi,
Genoise Glaze, Marayque,
Macaroons, Ladies' Fingers.

DESSERT.

Cake, Fresh Fruit, Tea.

HARN & MARRIOTT, Caterers.

THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

A Slight History of that Organization.

With the beginning of the new year the apparatus of the volunteer fire department was formally handed over to the city, and that organization which has flourished for so many years became a thing of the past. This being the case, and the new order of a paid department ushered in, a slight history of the inception and progress of the old will be appropriate. Such a history must necessarily be of a general nature, as the information has chiefly to be obtained from the recollections of those who have been connected with the service from its beginning.

VICTORIA IN 1858

was without any organized institution for the purpose of fighting the fiery element, and it was in this year that the first fire occurred. This took place in a small wooden building used as a tailor shop by a German, on the site of Bowman's stable, immediately opposite the Driard. At this fire the old "Tiger," the first engine in the province, and owned by the H. B. Co., was pulled out of the fort for the first time and over the rough roadway to the fire. Water was secured from the well at the old H. B. bakery, immediately in rear of the present Forester's hall. The old engine is now at Nanaimo, having been purchased by that city when the new engines were secured for Victoria. In 1858 Victoria was

A CITY OF TENTS,

there being but few buildings outside the fort, the white canvas dotting the whole present site of Victoria. From 10,000 to 12,000 people were thus housed, and times were lively. Water at this time for drinking purposes was procured at Spring Ridge and round in barrels to the town, 25 cents a bucket being charged.

The second fire was in 1859, at Patrick's corner, where Lawrence Goodacre's butcher shop is now situated. This was a "stiff" fire, the saloon, which was totally consumed, the large stock of liquors on hand flowing over the street into the Johnson street ravine. At this time there was a detachment of marines stationed at James Bay, ready to start for San Juan island to take part in the expected encounter between the Americans and English. They were marched over by the commanding officer, Capt. Beaufoyte, and worked hard to save the property. It was this fire that led to the organization of the

UNION HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY,

with Capt. Pickett as foreman, the meeting house being opposite the city barracks where Mr. Lawson's residence now stands.

In 1860 the two companies still known as the "Tiger" and "Deluge" were formed, with Mr. J. Thain as chief engineer of the three companies, Mr. D. W. Higgins being the first president. Two hand engines were purchased, one at Honolulu, the other a "Button & Blake." The "Deluge" meeting house was on the site of A. & W. Wilson's tipshop, Fort street, the "Tigers" meeting on Johnson street, next to the old Transfer stable.

An act passed the legislative council in 1860, Sir James Douglas, governor, which was named the "Firemen's Protection Act," and was amended in 1861, 1863, 1872 the uses and procedure of the department. In 1863 this act was further altered and amended so as to exempt members of the department from jury duty. This was assented to in 1864 by A. E. Kennedy, governor. In 1872 the apparatus was handed over to the

VICTORIA FIRE DEPARTMENT,

managed by a board of delegates, still retaining the chief and assistant engineers, president, etc. The "Firemen's Protection Act" was further amended in 1873 to meet the new order of things.

On September 5th, 1872, the ceremony of transferring the fire apparatus to the city took place. This was while Mr. Frank Richards, Sr., was chief and was quite a grand affair. There was a general parade, with guests from New Westminster and Olympia. The fire apparatus, before, the individual property of the companies, was then handed over to the board of delegates, after which the president, Mr. C. Gowen, transferred their keeping to the chief engineer, who in return transmitted them to the care of the foremen of the companies. After this part of the ceremony all proceeded to the council chamber where they were met by the executive council and city council, where addresses were made, congratulatory and complimentary. These finished, the procession reformed and marched to the engine houses, where the machines were again deposited. This ended the ceremony of transferring the apparatus, and with it a very pleasant and imposing day.

In 1875 the constitution of the department was amended to bring into existence the

"VICTORIA FIRE DEPARTMENT CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION."

This was established in order to create a fund for the relief of members who had been injured or disabled at fires, and the relief of the widows and orphans of members who had been placed thus by the death of a member from injury or accident; and also to assist in defraying funeral expenses of any member so killed. This fund has been a very useful one, and there is still a considerable amount in the hands of the treasurer, while several city and suburban lots are the property of the charitable association.

It was in 1879 that the Deluge Engine company built the commodious fire hall on Yates street, and when the addition to the city hall was erected in 1880, the Tiger Engine company also secured suitable quarters. The two engine and one salvage companies grew into considerable proportions, and the good work that they have accomplished is well known to every citizen. The annual election of a chief and assistant often provoked keen competition for office, all of which, however, was conducted out in good part. The annual picnic of the department on the 1st of July has ever been a pleasant and interesting event and one of the established occurrences of the year.

THE FAST INCREASING POPULATION

and building improvements during the past several years had advanced to such a stage last year that it was felt that the city should assume the sole control and expense of a fire department, and to this the late council and the people assented, and on the first day of 1886 the apparatus was quietly handed over to the mayor and fire wardens, and the old volunteer department passed out of existence.

It has now to be proven whether a paid department, on the basis introduced, will be as successful as the old in battling with the fiery element. The citizens showed their appreciation of the worth of the old by electing Engineer Phillips and Assistant Deasy to those positions at the vote taken for the purpose.

The following are the names of those who have been chiefs of the fire department since its inception: J. Thain, J. McOres, J. S. Drummond, Thomas J. Barnes, John Dickson, J. O. Keenan, Samuel Kelly, John Kriemler, Simeon Duck, F. G. Richards, sr., Wm. Lohse, Jos. Wrigleworth, Frank Saunders, C. J. Phillips.

A DARING BURGLAR.

He Enters Mr. Prevost's House, Hides While Being Hunted for, and Escapes.

The residence of Mr. James C. Prevost, registrar of the supreme court, situate on Montreal street, James Bay, was entered at 11 o'clock on Friday night during the absence of Messrs. Prevost and Martin. The burglar gained entrance by breaking a window in the rear of the house and undoing the latch. A light was burning in the hall, and Mrs. Prevost and children were upstairs, having retired. Hearing a noise, Mrs. Prevost went downstairs and found that the dining and sitting rooms had been ransacked, boxes, etc., broken open, and strewed around the room, the thief apparently searching for valuables. However, the silver plate had been removed upstairs for safe-keeping on the suggestion of the Chinese servant some days previously. Mrs. Prevost locked the front door and awaited the return of her husband and Mr. Martin, who arived very soon. A search was made through the house, but no sign of an intruder could be discovered, and no traces were found in the snow at the rear of his having left the house. While the gentlemen were searching outside the house a second time, Mrs. Prevost saw the daring thief, who had all this time been secreted in the room where search had been made, dash through the hall and out at the front door and disappear in the darkness. Chase was given and the thief tracked a couple of blocks in the snow, but other tracks in the Dalla coat obliterated his tracks. Mr. Martin came to town, and met a policeman in front of the Angel hotel and informed him of the occurrence. In the surprise the thief did not succeed in securing any booty. Officer Guydon, who patrols the James Bay section, has been suspended, as he was reported at headquarters as having been in a saloon at the time of the robbery. An investigation will be held.

Who Hit Him?

That's what a pedestrian wanted to know yesterday afternoon on Wharf street, as a snowball struck him in the ear. He was just saying he would lick the man that did it, when another broke on the back of his head and distributed the snow down his neck. He became wild and danced around, threatening vengeance, when a small boy in an oil-skin suit, who was shovelling snow from a roof, dropped a small avalanche on his umbrella, making it rather limp and destroying its shape. This was the last straw, or rather the last snow, and using an abundance of words not found in Webster's, he gave leg ball, and disappeared around the corner, followed by a regular shower of snowballs. It is very little use getting mad when hit with a snowball—the majority of the public will only laugh at you.

The Failed Coal Company.

The Newport Coal Company, which recently made an assignment at San Francisco for the benefit of its creditors, has liabilities aggregating $242,000. Its nominal assets are as follows: Coal mining property in Oregon, the value of which is $122,000; seven sixteenths of the steamer Arago, $63,000; the steamer Arcata, $45,000; 1,179 tons coal, $5,295 50; cash on hand, $1 638.40; outstanding accounts, $8,504 56; coal in transportation, $25,000; merchandise at mine, $4,153; mules, furniture, etc., $3,500; total nominal assets, $253,093 46. The total actual assets realized are $226,000, nearly all the above property is pledged in some manner. Mr. Fred Peters, formerly of this city, had a large pecuniary interest in the Newport company and, it is feared, will suffer severely by the failure.

Religiously Mad.

John Swisher, of Danville, Ill., coal miner and Methodist minister, is holding a series of revival meetings in that city, and has wrought the people up to a high pitch of excitement. Four members of a family named Allan have become insane, and many others are in danger of losing their mental powers. Swisher is a man of massive physique and vocal strength. He froths at the mouth, jumps over the pulpit, writhes on the front seats, and says he will shake sinners over an open hell so that they can appreciate the climate in Heaven.

ANOTHER.—Mr. J. Maynard's shoe store, Douglas street, was again entered on Friday night, the thieves taking down a shutter and breaking a window pane. The noise made by the thieves aroused Mr. Maynard, and officer Hoosen was called and the thieves tracked to a cabin in Chinatown. This was entered, the stolen goods recovered and the two inmates arrested. They were committed for trial in the police court yesterday.

ST. ANDREW'S BALL.—The St. Andrew's and Caledonian society's ball will be held to-morrow evening in the old pavilion, Yates street. The committee have made every arrangement that will add to the success of the event, and it is anticipated that there will be a large attendance.

ANOTHER POULTRY ROBBERY.—On Friday night the residence of Mrs. John Duncan, Craigflower road, a short distance from the "Coach and Horses," were visited and thirty hens and two ducks stolen, all that were on the premises. A couple of weeks ago seven of the fowls were spirited away in the night. It makes little difference to the thieves who they steal from, though in this instance the loss of the birds will be severely felt. No tracks of the thieves were discovered, and it is now thought that they pass up and down the arm in a boat from Porter's wharf and Chinatown, thus easily covering up all traces of their depredations.

LEICUNRAN.—Mr. and Mrs. Manger, who have taken charge of the Gordon hotel restaurant, are successful in pleasing their many customers, having a first-class French cook, and placing before their guests a choice spread.

SUSPENDED.—Office Gaydon, whose beat is on the James Bay side, was yesterday suspended for dereliction of duty, and his case will be heard on Monday at 2 p. m. by the mayor and police committee at the city hall.

NO MEETING.—The agricultural exhibition committee were to have met yesterday for business, but there being no quorum the meeting was further adjourned till Monday next.

MAINLAND STEAMER.—By reference to advertisement it will be seen that if the weather will permit the Princess Louise will run to New Westminster on Monday and not to Burrard Inlet.

SPIRITUAL services will be conducted at Harmony Hall, View street, this day (Sunday), at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., by George P. Colby.

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