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## BOGUSBURG BUGLER BLASTS.

From the Bogusburg Bugler.

CORA.

Oh, Jake! will you be true to me,  
When storms of trouble roll,  
And waves of anguish dash and drive  
Against my trusting soul?

JAKE.

Yes, Cora dear, you need not fear,  
Nor dread the tempest's shocks,  
Because my love for thee, my dear,  
Is founded on the "rocks."

1. And Moses arose and said:  
"Let Issachar, he that was one of  
the spies to spy out the land of  
Bogusburg, be brought unto me."  
And they fetched him.

2. And Moses spake unto him,  
saying: "O, Issachar, it is a matter  
of common report that thou wast  
one of the spies that wentest down  
into the land of Bogusburg for the  
children of Israel, to appraise it."  
And Issachar replied: "Thou  
speakest truly."

3. Then Moses spake, saying:  
"Likewise do they bring me word  
that thou didst visit Bayoak and  
didst talk with the sons thereof."  
And Issachar inclined his head, but  
spake no word.

4. Thereupon Moses pointing  
with his finger at him said: "O,  
Issachar, a captive taken at the fall  
of Bayoak brings the report that  
thou didst buy an option upon  
Rameses' Outlots to the city of  
Bogusburg and didst plan to sub-  
divide them and sell them in 6 foot  
lots to the children of Israel, thereby  
causing scandal among the sons of  
men. And I have caused search to  
be made in the registrar's office at  
Bayoak, and find a plat thereof  
filed and for record. Likewise,  
Issachar, I find that thou didst re-  
turn and report these barren, sandy  
outlots to be a land flowing with  
milk and honey, whereat the child-  
ren of Israel did invest heavily in  
these barren rocks, and are now  
cast down in spirit.

5. And Issachar looked upon the

ground and at first answered  
nothing. Then he said: "O,  
Moses, there is a big future ahead  
of Bogusburg. The country back  
of it is rich and the tillers of the  
soil are an industrious race. Bogus-  
burg is bound to boom."

6. Then Moses arose in wrath, for  
his son-in-law had bought from  
Rameses' outlots four 6-foot lots  
and paid all shekels down and had  
given back no mortgage. And he  
did issue a decree that the Rameses'  
outlots now remaining in Issachar's  
name should be taken for a public  
park and that the Children of  
Israel who had bought property  
there should appraise the price to  
be paid Issachar.

7. And Issachar went out of  
Moses' presence heavy in mind and  
he did murmur against Moses to the  
Children of Israel. But it was use-  
less, for what Moses said went.

8. And Issachar went and dwelt  
with the Phillistines.

## PUBLIC RIGHTS.

The Commercial Journal has the  
following to say concerning the re-  
cent attempts of the Victoria Tram-  
way Company to beat time:

"Sincethe Tramway Company secured its  
charter and obtained permission to do its  
business upon the streets of Victoria it  
appears to have become utterly oblivious  
to the rights of the public, and life and  
limb are scarcely worth consideration by  
it. An inquest was held the other day by  
Mr. Coroner Morrison and a special jury  
upon the remains of its latest victim, a  
poor little boy, the verdict being "that  
Samuel Harry Hatcher met his death on  
Thursday, the 7th day of April, 1892, by  
being accidentally run over by a tramcar  
on Douglas street, in the city of Victoria.  
No blame can attach to either motorneer  
or conductor, but this jury is of opinion  
that the scheduled rate of speed, viz., 10  
(ten) miles per hour, is too high a rate  
to be run with safety within the city  
limits. We are also of opinion that the  
tramcar motorneers are not a sufficiently  
trained body of men to be entrusted with  
the lives of the public."

"Here is a censure on the management of  
the road—firstly, that the rate of speed  
(ten miles an hour) is too high for safety—  
and secondly, that the motorneers are not  
a sufficiently trained body of men to be en-  
trusted with the lives of the public. This  
verdict was, moreover, arrived at after  
Chief of Police Sheppard had, in the most  
irregular, uncalled for and improper man-  
ner, interfered with the examination. The  
Chief, as it has been well said, has no status  
in the Coroner's Court, and has no author-  
ity to examine a witness or to take any  
part in the proceedings, and the Coroner  
should not allow him or any one else to ex-  
ercise the authority, and to perform the  
duty which he, and he alone, is authorized  
to exercise and perform. Albeit it has

been his custom to interfere whenever he  
possibly could, and, not unfrequently, when  
he has not been there, ordinary policemen  
have been allowed to discharge functions  
that are peculiarly those of the Coroner."

"In the case now specially referred to, the  
motorneer appears to have thought that  
he had done his whole duty when he  
whistled and slowed up; nevertheless he  
might have done more than this. Besides,  
it seems to us that a case would lie both  
for a criminal and civil prosecution, which,  
were it properly carried out, the rights of  
the public, as contrasted with the privi-  
leges allowed to a company, which at best  
is but on sufferance, might be better de-  
fined. The city is under no obligation to  
the tramcar people."

It has been remarked that our  
citizens are a little hasty in con-  
demning the tramway company, in  
fact a correspondent suggests that  
in case of war with the United  
States, Victoria could turn a couple  
of tram cars loose and work fearful  
destruction with the enemy. "Cry  
havoc, and let slip the dogs of war."

## SOUNDS AND ECHOES.

OVER twenty exchanges have  
copied extracts from the Bogus-  
burg Bugler articles appearing in  
this paper. Thus does the great  
townsite boom.

THE North American immigrat-  
ing Chinaman is now singing the  
refrain:

Of Nelson and the West  
We'll sing the glorious booming town, etc.

HAD not that lop-sided gunboat,  
the Mohician, sought a haven of  
refuge in the Esquimalt graving  
dock, we are credibly informed that  
her men would have been hum-  
ming from the depths of old salt:  
"And we never came back, but  
we'll meet on that beautiful  
shore."

IF marriage is a lottery love let-  
ters should not be permitted to go  
through the mails.

"PAUL, sit still, or you'll get a  
thrashing." "Mamma, if you pun-  
ish me, I will tell the conductor  
that I was five years old yester-  
day; then you'll have to pay."

OUR little legislature is as mad  
as a wet hen after a general pur-  
loinment of her eggs. The Messrs.  
K. think it all O. K. to lacerate the  
reputations of that band of patriots  
that hive over James Bay. The  
hive has begun a-buzzing, and the