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THE CITY.

THE parties by whom the former Canadian-Australian liner has been chartered to run to San Francisco are the Spreckels Company.

MESSRS. Durie & Son, Ottawa, are the publishers of the Memoirs of the late Rt. Hon. Sir John Macdonald which was editorially reviewed in the COLONIST yesterday.

MICHAEL COOPER, the newly elected chief of the Songhees tribe of Indians, was yesterday morning married by Bishop Lemmens to Sara Albany. A number of friends of the bride and groom were present at the ceremony.

THE funeral of the late Mrs. E. A. McDonald took place yesterday, the services being held in St. Andrew's cathedral. The pall-bearers were: George Boker, John Boker, M. Conlin, N. Mulcahy, D. Driscoll and Charles Fish.

THE residents of Strawberry Vale have decided to build a hall and church on the Burnside road. The site has been offered by the owners of the Strawberry Vale estate, and Mr. R. Porter will give the price of the land towards the building fund. Other promises of assistance have also been made.

AN Indian boy five years old was accidentally shot in the leg yesterday by a man named Hennery. The boy was on the shore at Discovery island and Hennery who was in a boat shooting, fired towards the shore, a buckshot striking the child in the leg. Dr. Holden attended to the wound and removed the bullet.

THE golf championship of British Columbia is arranged to take place at the Oak Bay links on Saturday next, the 8th instant. Invitations have been extended to the Vancouver and Tacoma golf clubs. The secretary secretary will be glad to receive the names, as soon as possible, of any competitors who may wish to enter.

THE Collegiate Institute library has been enriched by the presentation to it by Professor Saunders, director of the Dominion experimental farms, of a complete set of farm reports and bulletins. There is a vast amount of practical information contained in these reports, and the pupils of the High school propose to have the advantage of it.

AUTHORITY was yesterday given to Mr. F. S. Roper, V.S., provincial veterinary inspector, to destroy the tuberculous dairy cattle in the district which he has for some time had under quarantine. Trenches in which to bury the animals have been dug, and it is likely that they will be slaughtered to-day. In all there are some 67 cattle quarantined.

THE following fires and alarms are reported for the month of November: November 3, 11:30 p.m.—Box 31, chimney fire; no loss. November 7, 6:15 a.m.—Box 41, fire at Thorpe & Co.'s soda water factory, David street; cause, lamp upsetting; loss estimated at $2,500; insurance $6,500. November 10, 6:20 p.m.—Box 31, false alarm. November 20, 9 p.m.—Still alarm; gas fire at broken main on Fort street; cause, carelessness. Total alarms, four; loss, $2,500.

VICTORIA council R. T. of T. held their regular meeting last night in the Sir William Wallace hall. After the usual business of the meeting had been disposed of the election of officers for the ensuing term took place with the following results: S.C., H. O'Neill; V.C., J. Molley; Chap., H. B. Ball; Sec., F. McDermid; Fin. Sec., E. Molley; Treas., J. Yeo; Herald, H. L. Harding; Guard, M. McGregor, and Sent., John Hepburn. The installation of these officers will take place at the meeting of the lodge in January.

LOYAL ORANGE LODGE No. 1,426 held its annual meeting in the lodge room, Workman's hall, Yates street, last night. Bro. A. McAfee, W.M., presided, with Bro. W. Clarke in the vice chair. After the usual routine business had been disposed of, Bro. Jackson (reasurer) submitted his annual report, which showed the lodge to be in a thriving condition. The election of officers next took place, the result being as follows: Bro. Wm. Jackson, W.M.; Wm. Clarke, D.M.; Isaac Walsh, chaplain; J. Cummins, recording secretary; G. McAfee, financial secretary; John Walsh, treasurer. H. Cummins, R. Beauchamp, H. Smith, A. Wilson and T. Baker were appointed as committeemen.

A SPECIAL meeting of the executive of the Liberal-Conservative Association was held last evening and a considerable amount of business was disposed of. The entertaining of Sir C. H. Tupper during his approaching visit to Victoria was considered and it was suggested to tender him a banquet, and also to arrange for a mass meeting of electors while he is here. The banquet will probably be held in the A. O. U. W. hall the tickets being placed at such a price as will enable all who wish to attend. The mass meeting will be held in the Victoria theatre or the market hall. The executive of the association have been appointed the reception committee and will meet this evening at eight o'clock in the Adelphi block to arrange details.

JOE TING GUE, the unfortunate Chinaman who was left to die like a dog by his employer, Sam King, on Monday last, was yesterday given a Christian funeral, Rev. Mr. Gardner conducting the services of the Methodist church. Sam King, who has been arrested on a coroner's warrant for the heartless neglect of the dying man, appeared before Magistrate Macrae in the police court, Mr. P. S. Lampman having been retained for the defence. As the depositions taken at the coroner's inquest held only a short time before reached the Magistrate, and he had not had time to peruse them, the case was not gone into. Until it comes up in the court this morning Sam King is a free man, on $250 bail. It is said by Chinese that the dead man having joined a Christian church his old friends would have nothing to do with him, and that herein lay the true reason of his abandonment to his fate by his countrymen.

THEOSOPHISTS listened with attention last evening to the third of the series of lectures by Mrs. Anna Blodgett. The teaching of the "secret doctrine," she says, "is that God is a universal spiritual principle; that the divine spirit in humanity partakes and is an emanation of the universal principle; that this is by Liebnitz called the monad, by Theosophy the spiritual soul, or the two higher principles of man. The object of the descent of the monad into matter, into this planetary system, is to gain experience, knowledge, of those planes of existence. When this object of involution into and evolution out of matter has been accomplished, then the monad attains to its original plane of consciousness, plus all the wisdom and knowledge it has acquired through and by its gyration through matter, through the different planes of consciousness making up the solar system. This acquired knowledge constituting what is called the third principle, counting from the top."

SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

Meeting of Seal Hunters—They Will Not Accept a One-fifth Lay.

Return of the "Thistle" From the Halibut Grounds—The San Francisco Steamers.

Hunters wages for the sealing season of 1895 was the subject of discussion at a well attended meeting of the hunters themselves yesterday afternoon. Of course the decision of the owners last week to pay a one-fifth lay and to pay only on actual realizations was thoroughly threshed out, the hunters claiming that with an average selling price in London of $10 a skin the vessel owners can well afford to give the hunters—who face the danger and does the hard work in order to give Miss Fashion her sealskin sacque—at least $3. A great majority of the hunters announced their minds already made up on the one point—that they will not accept one-fifth on the lay. They have trades ashore at which they can do better than that they say, and as landsmen they have a hundred comforts to one at sea. It was finally decided that a committee of hunters should wait upon the owners to-day and present their side of the case. The hunters are willing to accept one half lay and pay their assistants, boat pullers and steerers out of their own pockets, thus greatly reducing the financial responsibility now borne exclusively by the owners. Speaking about the matter last night, one sealer said: "We are willing to suffer with the owners to any reasonable extent, but we must live. I know that poorly cured skins seriously affected the London sales, and were it not for this many of the owners would be ahead financially for last year's sealing operations, or at least would be at no loss. I do not know exactly what the Indian hunters are asking this year, but I hear it is $3 a canoe. The Indians will not willingly submit to a cut in their wages this year, and it will take much persuasion to make them do so at all."

RETURN OF THE "THISTLE."

After an absence of three weeks the steam schooner Thistle, Capt. Langley, came into port yesterday morning with about a ton of halibut. This is all that was left of the big cargo she brought down from the newly developed halibut fishing grounds in an archipelago about twenty miles to the southwest of the mouth of the Skeena river. The bulk of the cargo, amounting to four carloads, was shipped from Vancouver to Boston and Chicago via the C.P.R. For shipment the halibut are cleaned and then placed in boxes, limited to 500 pounds capacity, with a moderate amount of ice. The number of fish to the box can easily be estimated when it is stated that the halibut averaged 150 pounds each. Though three weeks on her initial trip, the Thistle was by no means all this time securing her cargo, as it took her eight days to reach the fishing grounds and three more to return. Going north she had the old Isabel in tow, and as the weather was extremely rough her speed was greatly retarded. It only took about four days for the entire cargo of halibut to be caught. The small fishing boats—thirteen in number—which the Thistle also took North with her, secured as high as 100 fish in one day, working in from thirty-five to fifty fathoms of water. The weather, fortunately, was fine. The Thistle was all yesterday taking ice and box lumber aboard preparatory to returning North to-day. She will only be a short time away next trip, as a cargo is expected to be awaiting her.

THE "DETROIT" AND "MELROSE'S" RETURN.

Coincident with the bark Detroit's trouble, the bark Melrose put into Port Townsend, at almost the same time and in the same condition as the former reached Esquimalt on Monday night. Both vessels left here on Saturday last, their destination being San Francisco, whither they were bound with coal. All yesterday the Detroit's steam pump was in operation keeping the water down in her hold, into which it was pouring rapidly. When off Cape Flattery a few miles the Detroit began to leak, and it was not long before her well sounded a depth of eleven feet of water. She did not proceed far once the leak was discovered and as the Lorne, which towed her to sea from here, stayed around the Cape seeking her services were soon secured. What is to be done with the Detroit and the Melrose is as yet unknown. The Detroit will have to undergo repairs here and as she has 1,980 tons of coal aboard this will greatly inconvenience her owners. She now awaits an examination by the board of underwriters. The mate of the vessel and one of the crew are said to have fought aboard the ship yesterday morning, the sailor, named Brown, being somewhat badly used.

THE SAN FRANCISCO LINE.

Passenger traffic between Victoria and San Francisco on the Pacific Coast steamship line has been very light for several weeks, and what little business there is seems to be from this end of the line. In proof of this a good comparison is found in the two passenger lists below, that of the incoming steamer and that of the outgoing one in port yesterday. The Walla Walla, which arrived inward with a little over 70 tons of freight, only carried the following saloon passengers for this city: Mrs. T. Tyler, A. Downey, F. Claffin and Malcolm Lamott. The outgoing cabin passengers on the City of Puebla in the evening were: W. R. Wessell and wife, Mrs. Thompson and two children, Captain R. Buckman, H. P. Sellon, Mrs. Charles Hambey, Miss Isaac, Mrs. T. J. Connor, C. Stevenson, T. Gaffikin and P. W. Lindsay.

PROTESTANT ORPHANS' HOME.

The ladies' committee of the P. O. Home acknowledge the following donations during September: Child's quilt, etc., Mrs. Maclure; clothing, Stoneyhurst working party, Mrs. Cliff, Mrs. Thomas; fruit, Mrs. Jack, Mrs. Brecklehurst, Mrs. J. D. Pemberton, Mrs. Archibald; fruit, clothing, two salmon, corn and flowers, Mrs. Earle; milk daily, Mrs. Knowles; fruit and flowers, Rev. Mr. King's mission; fruit, ham, bread and tea, Mrs. Howard; vegetables, Mrs. Jackson; invitation to B. C. Agricultural exhibition.

October—Milk, Mrs. Ross; fruit, Mrs. Hayward, Mrs. Jack; ice cream, A.O.U.W. hall; sandwiches, Philharmonic hall; car tickets, Mr. McCready; vegetables and fruit, managers St. Barnabas church; clothing, Stoneyhurst working party; Mr. W. J. Stevens, Mrs. Goodacre, Mrs. Hutcheson, a friend, Mrs. H. G. Walker; invitation to harvest festival, St. Luke's Cedar Hill; fruit, vegetables and cake, St. Luke's church; magazines, Mrs. Brecklehurst; two boxes rubbers, a friend; two boxes biscuit, M. R. Smith & Co.; squash and cabbage, Mrs. Jackson.

November—Clothing, Mr. Bowker, a friend, Miss Mayo; Daily Colonist, from proprietors; 27 pieces new clothing, a friend; 10 lbs. tea, T. H. Knight, agent Holts Tea Co.; milk, Mr. Knowles.

ALD. MUNN'S MOTION.

Owing to want of space the discussion in the city council on Monday night on Ald. Munn's motion to rescind the council's decision to purchase the watershed until the filter beds were made and the borders of Elk and Beaver lakes cleaned, was crowded out in the report of the proceedings published yesterday morning in the COLONIST.

ALD. MUNN having introduced his motion, Ald. Dwyer opposed it because it would be breaking faith with the ratepayers on the conditions set forth in the $150,000 by-law. When the members of the council had once come to a conclusion after careful consideration of the subject they should carry it out. Anyone could see the condition of things around the lake, where the essence of barnyards and pig styes was running down in the small streams into the lake. That was the reason why the purchase of the watershed was needed. The council were going to be careful in the expenditure of the money, and it would not be wasted. The filter beds could be put in for $50,000 at the outside, $70,000 would purchase what land was required, and $30,000 would be sufficient to do the cleaning up and the other work necessary.

ALD. HUMPHREY said the preamble of the resolution was misleading. It was not intended to buy 1,600 acres of land; the assessor had only been instructed with a view to purchasing the worst part of the watershed.

ALD. BAKER had favored the by-law and he did not think that it was the intention to buy up 1,600 acres; it was wise, however, to secure certain portions which were causing the pollution of the lake.

HIS WORSHIP believed that the first consideration of the by-law was the building of first class filters, and secondly that the edges of the lake should be cleared. Supposing the filter beds cost $50,000 and the cleaning out $20,000, that left $80,000 to expend in purchasing the watershed.

ALD. LEDINGHAM held that buying the watershed was very necessary to keep the water of the lakes from being polluted.

ALD. KEITH-WILSON was more than surprised to hear such a resolution as that proposed by Ald. Munn at this late day. It was never contemplated to purchase 1,600 acres of land, however desirable it would be to own the whole watershed. Therefore the whole preamble of the resolution was misleading. What the council had agreed to and carried by special resolution was read to a public meeting, which unanimously approved of it, namely, to spend the money, if voted by the ratepayers, first, in building the filter beds; secondly, in purchasing a portion of the watershed, and thirdly in cleaning round the lake, etc. Now here came Ald. Munn with his misleading and unfruthful resolution to try and undo what was the wish of the ratepayers in public meeting assembled. Why did not Ald. Munn come forward at the public meeting like a man and give his views, and not now try and spoil the good work that was begun. It would be interesting to know his motives for bringing forward such a resolution—it certainly was not in the interests of the city. Was it not a fact that certain aldermen in the past had plotted and planned and schemed to build up a rival water works, and consequently wilfully neglected Elk Lake and allowed its works to fall into decay and ruin. This resolution seemed a step in the same direction, and he was going to vote against it. He here read from the report of the American water works convention, recently held at Minneapolis, to show that nearly all American cities were looking for water sheds free from pollution, especially from dairy and farm defilement. It could easily be proved that water courses, such as run into the lake could become contaminated and permanently impure from water passing over manured fields and through farm yards, as was now actually the case at Elk lake and what the council had proposed was to purchase as much land as is now a source of danger to the water supply with the funds now at their disposal, after providing for the other necessary items of expenditure. In borrowing this money it was not lost sight of that its expenditure would be in the best interest of the working men of the city. Something between seventy and ninety thousand dollars would go directly to the working men of Victoria according to the calculations as building the filter bed and making the necessary improvements round the lake would be practically a matter of labor, and as the stone, gravel and other necessary kinds of material were on the land. As to the cost of filtering water that was an item to consider; although necessary to filter nearly all lake water in summer there were many months in the year that filtration would be unnecessary if the source was an unpolluted one.

ALD. MUNN held that the engineer whose report the council were following said that it was necessary to purchase 1,600 acres of land. The speakers who talked now of the terrible pollution of the water supply had at the public meeting showed analyses of the water claiming it was purer than Thetis lake.

ALD. WILSON—That was in the summer time, when the source of the evil was dried up.

ALD. MUNN maintained that many of the speakers claimed then that no filtration was necessary at all. The council would find that time would justify his resolution.

ALD. STYLES spoke in favor of the resolution. He had always considered that some $70,000 would have been enough. His plan had been to cut off Beaver lake altogether by a dam, near the present dam there was seven to twelve feet of mud.

ALD. WILSON asked if he had expected to find the bottom of the lake concreted.

ALD. STYLES requested Ald. Wilson not to interrupt him, and went on to claim that the smaller expenditure he had advocated would have been quite sufficient. If they undertook to clean out the lake however, the expenditure would be a considerably bigger undertaking than they imagined.

The resolution was lost as was stated yesterday, Alds. Munn, Harris, Styles and Vigelius being counted in the affirmative, and Alds. Wilson, Ledingham, Dwyer, Baker and Humphrey in the negative.

In the legislative committee's report, clause 5, empowering the council to levy a special rate to pay the sinking fund and interest necessary for the repayment of loans, was not passed. It appeared in the draft of the report, but was not in the report as presented to the council.

THE Thunder Hill Mining Co. case came up yesterday before Mr. Justice Drake and was further adjourned till January 30.

Dyspepsia arises from wrong action of the stomach, liver and bowels. Burdock Blood Bitters cures Dyspepsia and all diseases arising from it, 99 times in 100

ROME, Dec. 4.—Queen Margherita gave audience to-day to Emil Zola, the French novelist, keeping up a conversation with him for three-quarters of an hour. Zola afterwards expressed surprise at the Queen's erudition and delight to find that she was acquainted with all his works.

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THE CITY.

CAPTAIN WESTERLAND, of the schooner C. D. Rand, has not yet succeeded in raising his fine and is still a prisoner at provincial police headquarters.

TENDERS for ten miles of weather proof copper wire for the city electric light system are being advertised for. Tenders will be received at the City Clerk's office until 4 o'clock on Monday next.

AH LAO, the unfortunate Chinese woman who became insane on account of the loss of her husband, has been taken from the police station by her friends and will be sent to China on the Empress on Monday.

THE Christian Endeavor Society of the First Presbyterian church held an At Home last evening at the residence of Mrs. Gill, Catharine street. Games, music and other amusements helped to pass the time very pleasantly.

IN HIS report for the month of November, Dr. James McGregor, city librarian, gives the following statistics: Books loaned, 1,735; issued to ladies, 761; to gentlemen, 974; highest issue in any one day, 140; average daily issue, 70; new members, ladies, 12; new members, gentlemen, 28.

THE announcement in the Times that yesterday was set for the provincial government inquiry into the management of the Old Folks' Home is not correct, Caretaker Sutherland being distinctly informed that the commission would meet at an early date of which he would receive ample notice.

AT a meeting of the local union of the Young People's Societies held in the Y. M. C. A. rooms last evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing six months: F. W. Davy, president; F. A. Small, vice-pres; A. Robb, secretary, and G. F. Waites, treasurer. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the retiring officers for their pains in making the union a success.

THE executive of the Victoria and Vancouver local Council of Women will meet at the city hall on Monday next at 3 o'clock, when the presidents of all societies which have affiliated with the council are invited to be present as members of the executive. A public meeting will be held in January, when each society affiliating will, through their president, give a five minute paper on their work.

THE sixth sale of a preference for a loan from the Queen City Building Loan and Saving Association, Limited, was held in the office of the association, 46 Fort street, last evening. The bidding was spirited and the preference was finally obtained by Mr. T. Henderson. The price paid was 32¾ per cent. premium. Even at this seemingly high figure it is claimed that the loan will cost the borrower very little over 8 per cent. per annum.

THE annual meeting of the B. C. Pioneer Society was held last evening, when the following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year: John J. Austin, president; William Humphrey, vice-president; Allan Graham, secretary; Edward J. Thain, treasurer; J. B. Lovell, J. Clearihue, T. Tugwell, A. Jack and H. P. Orton, directors; Dr. J. S. Helmcken, physician. The annual dinner of the society will be held in the Victoria hotel on Thursday, the 13th instant.

THE Single Tax Club held their first meeting of the season last night in their room at the corner of Government and Yates street. An address was given by Mr. Sinton, one of the first men to take up the single tax movement in the city. Messrs. J. B. Kennedy, M.P.P., R. McPherson, M.P.P., Mallet, W. Berridge, John McMillan and Lettice also gave short addresses. Next Wednesday the system of proportional representation will be followed out in the election of officers for the year. The nominations were made last night as follows: Messrs. J. McMillan, Berridge, Fraser, Cohen, Harrison, Howell and Lettice.

THE petition of E. Wolff and others against the occupation of houses on Chatham street by the women of the demi-monde is not likely to be productive of the desired result. The communication, which was considered by the city council at their meeting last Monday and referred to the police commissioners and chief of police, declared itself to be the petition of residents of Chatham street. Many of the signers are not, however, residents of the locality, so says Chief Sheppard, and the women will not be molested—not just now in any event. The police are of the opinion that no better quarter could be taken possession of by the women than lower Chatham street.

ALEXANDRA lodge, No. 116, Sons of England elected officers last evening with the following result: Past president, Chas. Winters; president, J. G. Taylor; vice-president, W. Bull; chaplain, H. Wager; treasurer, Chas. Beaven; secretary, James Critchley; first committeeman, H. Smith; second, J. John; third, Charles Holmes; fourth, Andrew McPhee; fifth, W. Gabriel; sixth, F. Babbege; outside guard, Geo. Millet; inside guard, J. P. Nankervell, and trustees Jas. Hillier and Geo. Watkins. Dr. F. Hall was appointed lodge physician, and H. Watts, F. T. Plows and J. R. Williams auditors. The installation of the above officers will take place on the first Wednesday in January. The lodge though only in existence four years has now a membership of 100, and stands $1,253 75 ahead financially.

FOR two hours last evening Mrs. Tytler held the closest attention of a fashionable audience gathered in the schoolroom of Christ Church cathedral, to hear her talk on the Indian mutiny. Mrs. Tytler's thorough acquaintance with the mutiny, gained by adventurous and thrilling experiences throughout it all, enables her to give those who hear her an excellent idea of its origin, progress and termination. Her descriptions of the Cawnpore massacre and the Delhi and Lucknow troubles were told in a dramatic and very interesting way; the speaker's own reminiscences of the mutiny would make volumes of instructive reading. On Friday she will lecture on Modern India, and as this lecture is to be illustrated with stereopticon views it will more than repay all who hear it. On Saturday Mrs. Tytler will lecture again on the subject she spoke upon last evening.

Two or three witnesses were examined before Magistrate Macrae yesterday in the case of Sam King, arrested on the warrant of the coroner and charged with neglecting to provide ordinary comforts for Hing Do in his dying moments. It came out in evidence that the man died in the little shed beside the laundry because the expressman who had been engaged to take him to the hospital would not touch the sick man until assured by a white doctor that his malady was not contagious. A great portion of the responsibility resting upon Sam King was removed by the testimony of the expressman, and when the hearing of the case was adjourned until this morning Magistrate Macrae remarked that the taking of the proffered bail was a mere formality; had the defendant asked it he would have had no objection to releasing him without bail. Mr. P. S. Lampman appeared for the defence.

THE second fifteens of the Victoria and Nanaimo Hornets Rugby football clubs meet in the Caledonia grounds on Saturday next, when the local team will endeavor to wrest the laurels from their opponents, who as yet have not lost a match this season. The Victoria team have been training hard under the care of Professor "Bob," and feel confident of giving a good account of themselves. The team selected to play the Hornets is as follows: Full back, K. Scholefield; three-quarter backs, A. C. Anderson (captain), J. S. Byrn, H. W. F. Pollock and P. B. Eteson; half-backs, F. B. Ward and Beamish; forwards, A. Crease, A. Langley, C. J. Wintour, Hanson, J. K. Macrae, F. Macrae, W. Duncan and F. Duncan.

VICTORIA WEST Methodist church will be the centre of attraction in that part of the city on Monday next. The ladies' aid society will then hold their annual sale of work which is to commence at 2 p.m., and be continued all afternoon and evening. A great variety of articles, both ornamental and useful, will be offered for sale at low prices. It will be a grand chance to purchase Christmas toys and gifts for children, as one stall will be devoted to this class of goods. Another stall will contain an abundant supply of candy made expressly for the occasion by the firm of Okell & Co. Supper will be provided, and an excellent programme of music and singing rendered during the evening.

THE FALL OF "TAMMANY."

Lee Hin Yim, Chin Toi, Ham Hip and Lee Yuck Foon were duly arraigned in the city police court yesterday on the charge of playing in a common gaming house, and as anticipated in the COLONIST of yesterday the cases went over by consent until the 12 h instant.

The arrest of Lee Hin Yim fell "like a bombshell" among the Chinese gamblers, and at a meeting of the Wong to which he belongs, held in the Chinese town hall on Fisgard street Tuesday evening, opinions seemed to be widely divided as to the expediency of the course taken by the Highbinders. Many even of Yim's friends strongly deprecated the war which has been initiated against the white gamblers, as it is very plain—they pointed out—that the result can only be confusion to the white man and the Mongolian alike.

The proprietors of the games are only too eager to throw from their necks the yoke of the Highbinders, who have taxed them to the limit for their protection from Highbinders themselves; whilst the dealers and attaches who form a considerable portion of the Chinese population now find themselves deprived of their means of making a livelihood and are loud in their expressions of indignation.

Both classes are only two willing to shut out competition but they do not see the joke when they themselves have to close up. As a result, Lee Hin Yim, ex-hatchetman and all-round Fisgard street politician, is not as popular as he was. In fact should he escape conviction, it will take him a long time to recover his prestige, and the Chinese Tammany Hall will probably elect a new leader.

The Yep-we-dai-gun-fui, which freely translated means The Gamblers' Protective Association, with headquarters on Fisgard street, has its hands full sooner than it expected. Formed three weeks ago, with an admission fee from each member of $2, its coffers are hardly yet in a condition to withstand a combined assault upon its resources, and the managing directors are thinking seriously of handing in their resignations.

Yesterday afternoon the court held a special session to hear the charge of obtaining money under false pretences which had also been laid against Lee Hin Yim. Mr. P. S. Lampman again appeared as counsel for the defence, and the hearing of the first witness was to the effect that he (the witness) had paid Yim 50 cents on four different occasions for the protection of his tables, the threat being made that unless the tax were paid promptly the games in which witness was interested would be closed up as the white games had been. The case will last several days.

THE UNLUCKY THIRTEEN.

Alfred Allan, Joseph Sanson and Thomas Gray were in the city police court yesterday, the charge against them being chicken stealing. The raid was made on Mrs. McTavish's hennery on Tuesday night; conviction followed fast, and sentence was distributed as follows: Sanson, twelve months; Gray, nine months, and Allan six months, all at hard labor.

The story of the arrest and trial contains more than one amusing feature. Sergeant Hawton and Constables Perdue and Palmer were standing at the corner of Broad and Johnson streets late on Tuesday night when the three men passed, Allan carrying a bag. He parted from the others a little further down the street, and the officers following him asked him what he had in the bag.

"Potatoes," he replied, and just then one of the constables noticed blood on the sack. With visions of some hideous discovery before their eyes, the officers proceeded to investigate.

"There may be a chicken or two in it," suggested Allan, seeing that he was in for it, and examination of the sack disclosed not "a chicken or two," but eleven headless and two perfect fowls.

These with Allan were taken to the police headquarters and Sanson and Grey were rounded up in the Jubilee saloon. They had gone to their cabin after meeting the officers and changed their clothes, which bore signs of blood and chicken feathers that pointed conclusively to the fact that they had had a hand in the deal.

In the morning Mrs. McTavish reported that her fowls had disappeared, and was at once given possession of their cold remains. Her Chinaman appeared at the police court trial to identify the birds. He had found the dozen heads in the hennery and produced them in court, fitting each head on the neck to which it had been attached and thus making his point most effective. The Sherlock Holmes method adopted by the Chinaman was too much for the accused. Allan, who is a novice in ill-doing, pleaded guilty at once; his tough companions anticipated their conviction before the trial was half over.

"What could they expect?" commented one court room spectator, "any men that will pick out thirteen chicks why I ain't got no use for 'em." And now the trio are firmly convinced that there is such a thing as bad luck in thirteen."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Venezuela's political troubles have ended, according to a dispatch received by Senor Andrade, the Venezuelan minister in Washington. The dispatch is as follows: "Caracas, Dec. 3. An amnesty has been proclaimed by the government and the political prisoners are at liberty. The peace is firm and solid. General Crespo is the strongest. Confidence is complete. Business is active and the coffee crop is excellent."

SEALING FINANCES.

Friendly Negotiations Between Owners and Hunters About Wages for Next Season.

Prospective Settlement of Ancient Claims—Modus Vivendi Damages Yet to Be Discussed.

The meeting yesterday between the owners of Victoria sealing vessels and the hunters, did not result in anything, and the question now stands in exactly the same position as before.

A committee of the hunters called upon Captain J. G. Cox in the afternoon and presented to him a resolution passed by the hunters, asking for pay on the lay system at $2 50 per skin, if skins were worth $9, and $3 per skin if they brought $10 or over at the London sales.

The question was amicably talked over, but nothing was gained by it as Captain Cox simply declined to entertain any such proposition. The decision of the owners had been made after careful consideration, and the offer made by them of one-fifth lay was all that they could pay while hunters during the coming season.

So far the only hunters signed seem to be those from Mr. R. Hall's two schooners, which will work on the Japanese side during the coming season. The hunters secured have all signed under the one-fifth lay agreement, with the exception of a couple of men who had signed before the owners settled on that figure. Speaking of the situation yesterday, one of the owners said:

"We simply cannot afford to pay more than a one-fifth lay. We are not anxious to cut the men's wages, but it is a question of whether we should cut down expenses or tie up our schooners. I have heard one owner say that it is likely that even at the one-fifth lay he will tie up his vessels, as he expects even at that figure, with the low price of skins, it would not pay to go into the business this season."

One of the hunters who was on the committee yesterday, thought that if the owners adhere to their decision they will find it difficult to get the best hunters to ship this season. "Of course," he said, "they might get men of a certain kind, but the really experienced hunters will not, I think, consent to take a one-fifth lay."

The question of damages which Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper says he is going to discuss with the sealers during his visit to Victoria, is supposed to be the compensation which has been claimed for exclusion from Behring sea during 1892 and 1893 under the modus vivendi between Great Britain and the United States. On account of 1891, when the closing of the sea against Canadians was decided upon after the vessels had left here outfitted for the season's operations, Great Britain has already paid about $100,000. At the time it was supposed that this money was only advanced by Great Britain pending a decision as to the liability of the United States, but it now seems that the latter is to escape any charge under the modus vivendi, and that in addition to the $100,000 mentioned the British Government will have to find whatever compensation is to be recovered by the British Columbia sealers on account of the extensions of the modus. The $425,000 which President Cleveland recommends to be paid "in full satisfaction of all claims" arising out of the controversy, it is understood is simply the amount calculated as the fair compensation for the seizures by the United States in 1886, 1887 and 1889, when twenty-one Canadian vessels were unlawfully seized for operating in Behring sea. Interest for the long term during which the claims have been outstanding is supposed to be included in the amount mentioned. Those here who are well informed in the matter do not take any stock in the report from Washington that congress will not accept the President's recommendation, as it was made a matter of honor with the United States that these ancient claims should be paid when, during the sittings of the arbitration commission, the more modern demands arising out of the modus vivendi were virtually shelved so far as the United States was concerned, upon the abandonment of the mutual agreement as to compensation by the party which should be found by the arbitrators to have been in the wrong.

ST. JOHN'S FANCY FAIR.

St. John's church schoolroom will present an exceedingly attractive appearance when the bazaar given by the young ladies of the church opens this afternoon. Ivy, flowers, bunting and other pretty decorations have been used to give a really delightful effect and the young ladies in charge of the various booths will all be dressed in picturesque fancy costume. There is to be a real corner grocery, presided over by Miss Munroe and Miss Twiss, where all the things usually sold in a genuine country store may be purchased, only they arranged much more attractively. Then the Busy Bees have a toy stall under the charge of Miss Lowe and Miss Bunting; there is a clothing and fancy work stall presided over by Miss Devereux and Miss Josephine Devereux; the doll booth will be attended by Miss Martin and Miss Mesher; candy and flowers will be dispensed by Miss Austin and Miss Byrn; and there will be a gypsy tent, with real gypsies imported expressly for the occasion, to tell fortunes and reveal the secrets of the past and future. Afternoon tea will be served by Miss White and Miss Levenue. Admission during the afternoon is free, the nominal sum of ten cents being charged for afternoon tea. Tableaux and music will form the evening attractions, admission to which will be twenty-five cents, and certainly the programme is an excellent one, Mr. and Mrs. Rowlands and other ladies and gentlemen taking part. The programme is as follows:

Pianoforte solo.....Miss Briggs
Tableau.....“The Flower of the Family”
Song—“That Man from Mullingar” Mr. Winter
Song.....Mrs. Rowlands
Tableau.....“Darby and Joan”
Tableau.....“The Miller and the Maid”
Song—“Gipsy John”.....Mr. Roberts
Song.....Mr. Rowlands
Song.....Mr. Foulkes
Tableau.....“Where are You Going” etc.
Tableau.....“Judgement of Paris”
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

QUEBEC, Dec. 5.—A motion introduced by Mr. Desjardins in the Quebec legislature to reduce the sessional indemnity from $800 to $600 was yesterday given the six months hoist.

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CABLE ITEMS

Nicaragua Wants a Revisi Clayton-Bulwer Treaty—Parliament.

Plenary Council of South Bishops—Germany E a Big Loan.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—General Bar envoy of the government of N England in connection with the of the dispute regarding the Mo tory, is negotiating with the S Foreign Affairs for the appoint British minister to Nicaragua i consul. He will also ask for so of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. Barrios argues that the expulsio caragua of the English consul, not be discussed as a violation o city of a diplomatic agent as Ha received his exequatur from the government.

King Humbert opened the Ita ment yesterday with a touchin to the suffering and ruin caused cent earthquakes. He added th industry was reviving; that th the country had improved, and t fidence manifested towards Ita it their duty to attain a bal budget. He also said that impo ures would be presented to parl the amelioration of the monetary and to improve credit. His m cluded with expressions of confid continued maintenance of the Europe.

The Berlin Reichsanzer anno the importation into Germany beef and pork and corned beef United States will be prohibited meats are accompanied by stating that the animals from meats were obtained were healthy

The steamer Albertine, from S London, arrived at Yarmouth o with her bows completely stove i ing badly. Her commander rep she was in collision with a large steamer. The Albertine struck t amidships, and the latter disap the fog which enveloped that p coast all Sunday.

Reginald Saunderson, son of a land owner, has been arrested a charged with the murder of a fall whose body was found in Kent midnight on Nov. 25, with a stab the neck.

James Canham Reed was hang for the murder last June of Miss Dennis, a young woman with who maintained improper relations. derer was a married man and in ble circumstances.

The naval recruits were sworn Monday in the presence of William, who exhorted them faithful to their oath both at abroad.

A life buoy and four hatch Kenmore were washed ashore mouth Monday. The steamship left Shields on November 18 for C

The German government has negotiations with the Rothschild for a loan of 76,000,000 flori which is required to complete th the currency. The syndicate al the greater part of the needed bu

A St. Petersburg dispatch to th that the proclamation of amnesty the Czar on the occasion of his m cludes the accused Lutheran cle the Baltic provinces. It is expect prosecutions will be dropped and for the expulsion of German of workmen from Russia will be resc

The London police have learn week ago a man, evidently insane, in woman's attire in the streets of ton and tried to stab several wo slashed two respectable women al killed the disreputable woman w was found at Holland Villa on th of November 26. He has not tured.

It is stated that a commission at the Vatican is arranging to plenary council of South America In case the council be called Cavicchieni will preside, assist Rev. Dr. Sottovia, rector of American college.

At the wool sales yesterday l were offered. The demand was full prices were paid.

The Prince of Wales arrived at day.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 4.—The Socia decided to have read in the cha protest against voting royal grant trary to their republican views. might be better utilized, they say sioning 7,000 aged workmen.

BERLIN, Dec. 4.—An usury to to that held in Hanover a few m has been opened in Berlin. Eig are accused, the chief of whom Trouhers. The victims are hig and civil officials and others.

BERLIN, Dec. 4.—Prince Bisma pected to reach Friedrichsruhe on inst., accompanied by Doctors Sc and Chrisander and his family. well and appears to be in good he

TRIESTE, Dec. 4.—A violent been raging here for two days, complete stop to navigation. dents have occurred in the town. ernment steamer Miramira with press aboard put out to sea in t the gale, but was compelled to at Pola after battling with the twenty four hours.

BERLIN, Dec. 4.—President statements regarding sugar and t islands have made a good impres

LONDON, Dec. 4.—Victoria actress, is dead.

MELBOURNE, Dec. 4.—The colo bly to-day further discussed the tax the unimproved value of posals to graduate the tax were r the government scheme was adop by the treasury will lose £160, loss will probably be met by an income tax.

MR. R. R. GRINDLEY RE

(From the Montreal Gazette, N

The agents and branch manag Bank of British North America ceived a circular from the court o in London, advising that they ha ed the resignation of Mr. R. R. who for more than two years had a wish to be relieved of his duties he found his strength incre adequate. In making this ann the circular advises that Mr. H. has been appointed general mana ceed Mr. Grindley, the change to on the 1st January next, and clo following high compliment: desire, in conclusion, to express appreciation of the invaluabl which Mr. Grindley has render bank, not only by long and fait