Weekly Colonist

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Lumber from New Westminster.

The steamer Belle has arrived from New Westminster with two scows with cargoes of lumber for consumption at this port. The Belle will return to the Royal City this morning.

Esquimalt District School.

In reply to the junior member for Esquimalt, on Friday, Hon. Mr. Robson said that as soon as it was proved to the satisfaction of the government that Rocky Point and Sooke Harbor (east) had reached a status to entitle them to schools, the same would be provided.

A Good Appointment.

Hamilton Lipsett, for some time freight-clerk on the Princess Louise, has been appointed to the purser-ship of the steamship Sardonyx. Although sorry to part with him on the Victoria-Vancouver route, travellers between the two ports join in congratulating him upon the excellent position he has attained.

On the Ways.

The steamer Alaskan, which has been hauled up on Cook's ways, will probably be launched again in time to take part in the spring trade. The schooner Eliza is in the same yard and is receiving a new bottom. The Juanita, which had a hole stove in her bottom at Shoal bay, is on the Star ways and will be ready for the sealing grounds in a few days.

New Steamer.

The keel for a new steamer will be laid at the Star ship yard to-morrow. She has been ordered for the Fraser river trade, to be used in connection with the canneries. Her length will be sixteen feet over all, eight feet beam and five feet deep. The model is taken from a San Francisco steam yacht, and, when built, it is said she will present an elegant appearance. Special attention is being paid to the engines and boilers, and it is confidently expected that a high rate of speed will be attained.

Coast Trade.

The steamship Barbara Boscowitz, which has been on the ways for some time, having undergone a thorough repairing, will be launched in a few days, and will leave for the north on the return of the Sardonyx. The latter, which has been purchased by the C. P. N. Co., in contemplation of a large increase in business along the coast, will run in conjunction with the Boscowitz. This will be a great accommodation to the traders of the northwest coast and will greatly facilitate transportation and increase trade with that part of the province.

A Bad Fix.

The only case before the police court yesterday morning was that of Robt. Golding, charged with housebreaking. It appears that the gentleman in question went to call upon a friend in James bay, but being unable to get an answer to his repeated knocks he broke a pane of glass and thus gained an entrance to the house. He was found there by Officer Robb and subsequently locked up on the above named charge. His honor remanded the prisoner until to-morrow.

Brickmakers in Trouble.

On Friday the Kempster Brothers, who have been engaged at the Gorge for some months in the business of brick-making, boxed up every moveable article they could lay their hands on and engaged passage for Seattle. Their movements fortunately came to the ears of Larkin, Connoly & Co., who hold a lien on the property and who sent the sheriff to seize the articles. About forty packages were secured on the C. P. N. Co.'s wharf. Having recovered the property the creditors allowed the fugitives to leave on the steamer.

The Girls' Own Paper.

We reproduce entire in the supplement of to-day the first number of "The Girls' Own Paper," a monthly issue of which will be published by the young ladies of the high school. Its perusal will bear out the assertion that it is a production creditable in the highest degree to the writers of the various articles contained in it. The boys of the same school issue a semi-monthly paper, and if report be correct they so far remain second to their fair rivals in the excellence of their efforts. The getting up of these school papers, if kept within bounds, will result to the best advantage of the youthful writers.

Removal.

Messrs. Goodwin & Jordan, the well-known piano manufacturers and tuners, have removed from their premises, Rock Bay, to a store on Fort street, two doors west of Broad street, where they intend going into piano manufacturing on a large scale. The instruments which these gentlemen have already put upon the market have given general satisfaction and it is the opinion of all who have tried them that they compare most favorably with the best that have been imported. Goodwin and Jordan are now making contracts for tuning and regulating pianos by the year.

Extensive Alterations.

The steamer Teaser, which has been at the Star ship yard for some time, has been receiving extensive repairs. A new keel was laid a few weeks since and she has been lengthened twenty-one feet, now making over all 144 feet. The engines, which are building at Thos. Gowan's foundry, are of the compound type, with a 12x18 cylinder. A new boiler is being imported from Montreal. Instead of the twin screws a single screw will be substituted, the propeller being six feet, six inches, with a ten inch pitch. Captain Cavin expects to have his vessel ready for the spring trade, and when she comes out it is thought she will be equal to anything of her size, both in speed and beauty, in these waters.

Book Review.

Verily this is a day of cheap books. We have to thank the B. C. S. & P. Co. for a specimen copy of McMillan's Colonial Library. The work is "Mr. Isaacs, a Tale of Modern India," and the author that charming writer, F. Marion Crawford. The books appear monthly, are nicely bound in blue, and the type is as clear and distinct as is possible, while the charge is very reasonable. Only standard works have place and an opportunity is offered book-readers to exchange trashy sentiment and impossible trash for healthy, stimulating literature. The work in question is filled with choice bits peculiar to this gifted novelist, while the tale is one of extraordinary interest and has gained fresh laurels at the hands of critics for the now world-renowned author of "Doctor Claudius," "Zoroaster," "A Roman Singer," etc.

Opposition Tactics.

The Nanaimo *Free Press* says: The legislative assembly have been occupied for the past few days and nights in discussing the budget speech and the estimates. The opposition complain that Cowichan and Nanaimo districts are getting the lion's share of the expenditure, and blame Mr. Dunsmuir, our senior member, for it. Nanaimo would not object if her members obtained a still larger grant, for in years gone by, it was a general complaint that Nanaimo was not fairly treated in the matter of expenditure. The opposition appear to have an exhaustless mine of personal grievances that they are airing under the thin gauze of attacking the fiscal policy of the government. Mr. Higgins is right when he says the rules of the order should be amended so as to compel the members to keep to the subject under discussion. The house will not be prorogued until next week, owing to the obstructive tactics of the opposition members.

A FULL assortment of Weale's Series of Mechanical, Scientific and Engineering Works, at T. N. Hibben & Co.'s.

Humphrey's Deposit.

The case of Sehl v. Humphreys was argued yesterday and their lordships reserved judgment, which will be delivered at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

An Official Notification.

Messrs. Baker and Shakespeare have been officially notified by High Sheriff McMillan, returning officer, over date of 15th March, that they are the duly elected representatives to the commons for the electoral district of Victoria.

An Evening With Dickens.

By reference to our new advertisements it will be seen that the third of a series of lectures will be given in the Cathedral school on Tuesday evening. The subject will be Charles Dickens and the lecturer Rev. Arthur Beanlands.

Outgoing Passengers.

Per steamer Mexico for San Francisco: M. Billings and wife, Miss Allie, F. Bush, Thos. G. Moody, H. S. Pratt, Miss Wright, Mrs. Whitlaw, H. Gilmore, wife and 3 children, Wm. Rogers, Jas. Fitzgerald, Jno. Fraser, Mrs. Steele, Miss Steele, and 10 in the steerage.

Credit to Whom Credit is Due.

A communication in last evening's *Times* gives the credit of originality in the matter of a west coast life-saving station to Mr. W. A. Robertson. Some two years ago Mr. E. C. Baker, M. P., brought the matter strongly before the house in an able speech while in committee of supply.

Successful Meeting.

One of the most enthusiastic meetings ever held in Saanich was that which took place last evening in the Agricultural Hall, South Saanich. Messrs. Gordon and Planta addressed the meeting, and both made good speeches. The latter, however, carried the meeting in his last address and, as a result, Mr. Gordon was refused a hearing, the meeting breaking up in disorder. Messrs. N. Shakespeare, M. P., and ex-Mayor Carey, were present from Victoria. It is stated that Saanich will go solid for Planta.

Another Pioneer Gone.

Wm. Pottinger, aged 73 years, and the oldest pioneer of the province, died at his residence, Hillside, at seven o'clock yesterday morning. He was a native of Westry, Orkney Islands, and came to this country in 1837. For many years he was in the service of the Hudson Bay Company, and those who knew him then say that he was one of the ablest workers the company had in those days. Since his retirement from the service in 1853 he has lived on Hillside farm where he entered the employ of the late Mr. John Work.

Opening of St. Ann's Convent.

Yesterday was a day of rejoicing for the Sisters and all others connected with St. Ann's convent on the occasion of the formal opening of the institution in its enlarged and renovated form. On Friday the building was blessed throughout and yesterday it was opened by a solemn High Mass, Father Verbeke being celebrant, Father Jonckeau deacon, Father Mandart sub-deacon, and Father Van Nevel master of ceremonies. The singing of the choir, composed of Sisters and pupils, was of the highest order, the "Sanctus" and "Agnus Dei" being exceptionally good. The convent church, once a familiar structure on Humboldt street, with its interior now gilded and repainted, presents a very attractive appearance. The altar is especially beautiful. Everything about the building, which has already been fully described in these columns is most complete and the Sisters may well feel proud of their new quarters. The convent is without an equal on the coast north of San Francisco.

THROUGH TRAINS.

East-Bound Train to Start To-Day—The West-Bound Train to Arrive To-Morrow.

Mr. D. R. Munro, local C. P. R. agent, arrived from Port Moody last night and states that the latest advices are to the effect that the east-bound train would leave Port Moody to-day at one o'clock, and that the through west-bound train was expected to arrive on Monday.

BLUE RIBBON CLUB.

The large audience at Temperance hall last evening appreciated the splendid programme provided for the occasion. Rev. Mr. Barss opened the meeting with prayer and referred to the petition which was presented to the local house, containing 1500 signatures. President S. Gray, in a good speech, referred to the prosperous condition of the Blue Ribbon club. The band, under Prof. Stevens, played a fine selection. Mr. Samuel Gray sang two nice solos and received an *encore*. Miss Burgess favored the audience with a recitation. Mr. Dobbs gave a solo, which was followed by a recitation entitled "The Polish Boy," given by Miss Hyams. The recitation was by request and received thunders of applause. Mr. Muir's reading was well received. An instrumental duet by Miss Henrich and Prof. D. S. Bearnstein brought forth the high musical abilities of the lady and gentleman, and was repeatedly *encored*. Miss Shaw recited "The Ship on Fire" in a clear, pleasing manner. The president referred to the Esquimalt club and stated that eighty members attended the last meeting at that town. The meeting closed by singing the national anthem.

B. C. RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The annual general meeting of the subscribers to the British Columbia Rifle Association was held at the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. on Friday evening. A large number of the active militia as well as citizens were present, and much interest was shown in the success of the association. The secretary read the annual report of the proceedings of the association for the past year as well as a statement of the receipts and expenditure the latter showing a satisfactory balance on hand. Embraced in the routine business which followed it might be mentioned that the association decided to renew the lease of the present rifle range at Clover point until September next. A committee of five was at the same time appointed to enquire into and report on the best location for a new range, the present site being considered too exposed. The necessary repairs will be made on the present range forthwith. It was decided that the province be again represented by a team of five at the annual meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association at Ottawa, in September next, and the regulations for the selection of this team will be arranged by the council. A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously tendered to Mr. E. C. Baker, M. P., for the interest he had taken in the welfare of the association and his successful efforts in procuring reduced transport and other conveniences for the team which visited Ottawa last year, and he was enrolled as a life member of the association.

The following council was elected by those present to carry on the affairs of the association for 1887: Mr. E. C. Baker, M. P.; Lieut.-Col. Wolfenden, Major McDonell, District Staff and Major Prior, Surgeon Trew, Capts. Peele, Bole, Jones, Fletcher, Dorman and Woolacott, Sergt. H. H. Roper, Gunner Winsby and Messrs. C. E. Pooley, M. P. P., and Geo. Thompson, M. P. P. Messrs. E. C. Baker, M. P., and D. Chisholm, M. P., were elected representatives from the association to the council of the Dominion Rifle Association for the year and the meeting adjourned.

A meeting of the newly elected council was afterwards held, when it was resolved that the lieutenant-governor should be asked to be patron of the association, and the following vice-patrons: Mr. Justice Gray, the premier of the province, the mayor of Victoria, Mr. Dunsmuir, M. P. P., and Colonel Baker, M. P. P. The following office-bearers were elected: President, Mr. E. C. Baker, M. P.; Vice-Presidents, Lieut.-Col. Wolfenden and Capt. Peele; Secretary, Capt. Fletcher; Treasurer, Capt. Dorman; auditor, Capt. Snowden. After a vote of thanks to the chairman the meeting adjourned.

MARINE.

Tug Pilot will probably go to Cape Flattery this morning, seeking.

Captain Meyer will command the steamship Sardonyx on her northern trip.

The Geo. E. Starr passed a barkentine in the straits yesterday afternoon, bound up the sound.

Steamship Empire will leave East Wellington for San Francisco, with coal, to-morrow night.

Ship Commodore, which was towed to sea on Friday morning, had a cargo of 3,050 tons of Wellington coal.

Ship Wilna completed her cargo of V. C. Co.'s coal last night and will leave immediately for San Francisco.

Pilots McIntosh and Thompson leave for the Cape this morning, where a number of vessels are reported and others are expected.

Ship Bundaleer, with 2,465 tons of Wellington coal for San Francisco, was towed to sea on Friday by the American tug Holyoke.

Ship Fanny Tucker completed her cargo of V. C. Co.'s coal, Friday, and was towed to sea, bound for San Francisco, by the American tug Tacoma, yesterday.

The bark General Butler and the ship Edward O'Brien, inward bound, collided opposite Dungeness on Friday morning, slightly damaging both vessels. At 9 o'clock that evening neither of the vessels had arrived at Port Townsend.

Bark Viola was brought around from Esquimalt by the Pilot yesterday at noon, and will commence discharging her cargo of merchandise, etc., at Welch, Rithet & Co.'s wharf to-morrow morning. Diver Harmon went down at 6 o'clock yesterday morning, and found that the vessel had sustained no damage by running on the rocks in McCallum bay.

During the past fortnight the following vessels have been chartered to load coal:—For Nanaimo—ship Mount Washington, 1,162 tons, from San Diego; ship Ocean King, 2,434 tons, from San Pedro. For Departure Bay—British ship, J. V. Troop, 1,295 tons, from San Pedro; Iroquois, 2,025 tons; ship, John A. Briggs, 2,023 tons; Bolivian bark, Don Carlos, all from San Francisco.

[BY TELEGRAPH]

SAN FRANCISCO, March 10.—Cleared—ship John A. Briggs, Nanaimo. Sailed—British steamer Wellington, Nanaimo; ship St. Nicholas, Port Townsend.

PERSONAL.

G. Robertson and J. J. Blake, Vancouver; D. E. Brown, Port Moody; D. R. Munro, and Captain Gaudin, city, were passengers by the Louise, last night.

On Thursday last Mr. Alexander Mayer, one of Nanaimo's pioneer merchants, attained the 75th anniversary of his birth, and is still in the enjoyment of robust health. Mr. Mayer arrived in Nanaimo on March 1st 1861, on the first trip of the steamer Emily Harris.

WHAT SOME PEOPLE SAY.

That there is room for everybody in this big world. Friction comes through the fact that too many want the front room.

That a copy of the original Latin edition of the letters of Columbus, printed in 4493, has just been sold at Cologne for $1,750, the highest price ever paid for a book in Germany.

ESQUIMALT BLUE RIBBON CLUB.

On Tuesday evening a very interesting meeting was held in the new hall at Esquimalt. After singing and prayer, Mr. S. Gray gave a short address, which contained some good advice, warning the members against indulging in personalties, but to unite in waging a relentless war against the liquor traffic. Mr. Saunders, of H. M. S. Cormorant sang a splendid song, for which he was *encored*. Miss Nellie Rudge gave a very pleasing recitation, which elicited well-merited applause. Mr. Quirk, of the Cormorant, sang a solo which pleased the audience immensely. Mr. Rudge congratulated the club on the success they have achieved since, being organized less than two years ago, they already had a fine hall of their own. It was a great credit to the temperance people. Miss Keeler, a very young lady, gave a short recitation, for which she was warmly applauded. Mr. Booth, of the Cormorant, treated the audience to a song, which deserved an *encore*. Miss Jennie Rudge recited "The dying child" in a very fine manner, and Mr. Chapman recited "The publican's bar," for which he was *encored*. At the conclusion of the programme the following officers were elected for the ensuing quarter: President, Mr. Newham, of the Cormorant; 1st vice-president, Mr. Chapman; 2nd vice-president, Mr. McNevin; secretary, Mr. White; treasurer, Mr. Keeler; pianist, Miss Bunting; ushers, Miss Cessford and Miss Carter.

THE LOCAL MILITIA.

Resolutions Adopted at the Meeting Held on Thursday Evening Last.

Following are resolutions passed at a meeting held in the City hall on Thursday evening last, for the purpose of devising ways and means of keeping up the strength of the militia:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this meeting it is very desirable and highly necessary that a more centrally situated drill shed should be obtained for the active militia of Victoria. Moved by B. Williams, seconded by H. L. Salmon and carried.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this meeting it would be an aid to the marksmanship of the active militia if the butts and range at Clover Point were under the direct control of the militia of this city. Moved by B. Williams, seconded by W. P. Winsby and carried.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this meeting the adoption of nine hours as a standard day's work, without any reduction of pay, would much facilitate the organisation of an effective volunteer force. The hour each day being taken on Saturday, thus giving one afternoon each week for either practice, parade or review. Moved by J. M. Duval, seconded by J. H. Huches and carried.

Resolved, That the officers of the artillery and rifles be requested to form themselves into a committee to urge the citizens of Victoria to assist the volunteer movement either by themselves joining the militia, or by becoming honorary members of the force and by giving all men in their service a half day on Saturdays. Moved by C. Dubois Mason, seconded by W. P. Winsby and carried.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this meeting it is desirable that the mayor should call a meeting of the citizens of Victoria, particularly the mercantile portion thereof, to take into consideration the suggestions brought forward this evening. Moved by J. Nicholles, seconded by B. Williams and carried.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

A Chinaman Meets His Death at the Wellington Collieries.

On Monday afternoon, says the Nanaimo *Free Press*, the boxes in the No. 1 self-acting incline in No. 4 pit of the Wellington collieries, ran off the track and knocked out a number of the props. The boxes were a long time in coming out, and Mr. A. Clarkson went up the incline to see what was detaining them, and found the boxes off the track, the props out, and the Chinamen trying to get the boxes on the track again. Mr. Clarkson at once asked the Chinamen if the roof was all right, and they answered yes. He listened a moment and everything being quiet, he also thought the roof safe. He stooped down to assist in putting the cars on the track, when a small piece of coal falling from the roof caused him to straighten up, and before he had time to look at the roof down came a piece of coal 24 feet long, 10 feet wide and 2½ feet thick, estimated weight to be about 17 tons. This piece fell within a few inches of Mr. Clarkson, and had he not stood upright when the small piece fell, the mass would have caught him on the head and shoulders. This monster piece of coal fell partially across the boxes, and caught two Chinamen—Ah Clan and King Lun. Ah Clan had his leg badly broken and King Lun received injuries about the chest, and which caused his death on Wednesday evening.

A Good Motive.

Harry Ricardo, of Toronto, agent for Fine Art Publications, states that he was so troubled with deafness for eight years that he could scarcely attend to business, until he tried Yellow Oil. He desires to make this cure known for the benefit of others afflicted. tu-th-sat-dw

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Laid at Rest.

The remains of the late Wm. Pottinger who died on Saturday, were interred in Ross Bay cemetery yesterday afternoon. The funeral was well attended.

A Royal Birthday.

The Emperor William of Germany will celebrate his 90th birthday to-day. He was born on the 22nd of March, 1797, and is the oldest living person wearing a crown.

A Fog Bell.

A fog bell has been erected by the marine department at the light house on Berens island at the mouth of the outer harbor. It will be rung by hand, and only when steamers blow their whistle on entering during a fog.

Another Death.

Andrew Hogg, a native of Silkerkshire, Scotland, and aged 32 years, died on Sunday night at his residence, Rock Bay, from hemorrhage of the lungs. The deceased leaves a widow and three small children to mourn their loss.

There was a "Senator" named McLeese,
Who was somewhat allied to the geese.
He made a great clatter,
But nothing was flatter
Than his speeches, which never did cease.

Didn't Connect.

The foot race announced to take place on the Jackson street bridge, yesterday, says the Seattle *P. I.*, seems to have fallen through, owing to the non-appearance of the Victoria runner. Quite a number of persons assembled at the bridge at the appointed time to see the race.

Obituary.

Austin Ward aged 51 years, a native of Ontario, died at St. Joseph's Hospital Sunday night. The deceased was a pioneer of the province, and was a prosperous miner during the Cariboo excitement, since which time he has followed the trade of a blacksmith. The funeral will probably take place to-day.

To Be Buried.

The funeral of James Walter, youngest son of Coun. John Braden, will take place to-day from the parents' residence, View street. The death of this little fellow is a sad blow to his friends, as he was an exceptionally clever, bright child. Mr. and Mrs. Braden have the heartfelt sympathy of their many friends in their sudden grief.

Returned to Tacoma.

According to the Tacoma *Ledger*, the two Kane brothers who were sent from the Puget Sound college hospital several days ago by their mother in Saanich, British Columbia, returned to Tacoma Thursday evening and are now at the hospital. It is said that their mother grew tired of keeping the two children and stated that their step-father was not fond of them, hence their return here to be a charge upon the county.

Stenhouse was a man of great fame;
In Britain he bore a great name.
He got in for Comox
Because he'd the rocks,
And so into Parliament came.

Spring-Time.

Sunday was a typical spring day at Beacon hill, where hundreds of saunterers enjoyed an outing. The scene was idyllic. The green sward dotted with the "meek-eyed" daisies, the peacefulness of the straits shimmering in the sunlight, the grandeur of the snow-capped peaks on the American side—all made up a picture worthy the pencil of a Master. Towards evening as the sun sank to rest in the west, flooding the earth with a rich, mellow light and touching the hilltops with a gleam of gold, the view presented was inexpressibly grand. In the gardens near the hill the early spring flowers were blooming and the trees bursting into bud. It was a day for "happy lovers" and scores of them took advantage of the occasion. Yesterday was only a continuation of Sunday and we may well believe that at last the spring has come.

New Westminster Southern Rai way.

The New Westminster southern railway bill which passed through committee in the house yesterday, provides that a company composed of Donald Chisholm, T. J. Trapp, Wm. McColl and such other persons as in pursuance of the act shall become shareholders in the company, may construct, equip, maintain and operate a railway with double or single tracks of four feet eight and one-half inches guage from some point near the 49th parallel of north latitude between Semiahmoo bay and township 16 in the district of New Westminster to some point on the south bank of the Fraser river opposite the city of New Westminster. The property of the company shall be free from provincial or municipal taxation for five years. The head office of the company shall be at New Westminster. The capital stock will be six hundred thousand dollars. Work upon the mainland shall be commenced within two and completed within four years.

The Paper Chase.

An exciting paper chase took place on Saturday afternoon. A start was made at 3 p.m., two well-conditioned hares being allowed fifteen minutes to get a long start. When the time came for the hounds to proceed to business they were let go, and bounded off at a smart pace, and after a stiff run round Mount Tolmie and Cadboro Bay one of the hares was caught at the bottom of Cedar hill. The other, however, gally continued to lead his pursuers and ran to the top of the hill, where he enjoyed the scenery for several minutes. Recovering from his laborious climb, he passed through by Lost lake and reached home at 6 o'clock, having covered a distance of about eighteen miles. The hounds eventually reached the summit of Cedar Hill, but the beautiful scenery was soon shut out from their gaze by volumes of tobacco smoke; but thirst soon compelled them to seek a lower level, and after swimming through Lost lake they struck the Saanich road and arrived home two hours after the hare, whom they found enjoying a good dinner. All who took part in the affair were hospitably entertained by a prominent citizen in the evening, and those who were unable to take part missed not only a good run but also a most enjoyable time.

There was a vain fellow named Grant,
Who talked the most arrant rant;
Though he loved Chinese niggers,
He was a way off on "Niggers"
And to turn out the government he can't.

Mr. Humphrey's Deposit.

Sehl *vs.* Humphreys. As this matter has not been generally understood by the public we will explain the position of all parties. Mr. Sehl recovered a judgment and issued execution against Mr. Humphreys. The writ of execution was lodged with the sheriff, which commands him to take a certain amount of the goods and chattels of Mr. Humphreys. At the recent election Mr. Humphreys was nominated a candidate and made the usual deposit. The returning officer is also the sheriff. Mr. Humphreys obtained a sufficient number of votes to entitle him to the return of the deposit of $200. The deposit was subsequently seized by the sheriff under the writ of execution in Sehl *vs.* Humphreys. Mr. Walls then appeared on the scene and claimed the $200. The sheriff to protect himself against any action that Sehl or Walls might bring against him for the $200, commenced proceedings called an "interpleader," by which proceeding he is allowed to withdraw from the matter and compel Sehl and Walls to fight out the question as to who is entitled to the $200. The sheriff applied to the chief justice for an interpleader order which was granted, and he therefore deposited the $200 in court. From this order Mr. Walls appealed, contending that the sheriff was not entitled to interpleed under the circumstances. Mr. Richards, Q. C., appeared in support of the appeal. Mr. S. Perry Mills appeared for the sheriff, and Mr. Helmcken appeared for Mr. Sehl. The divisional court (consisting of Cresse, McCreight and Walkem, J. J.,) gave judgment dismissing the appeal, Mr. Walls to pay the costs of the sheriff and Mr. Sehl. The next proceeding will be the trial of the issue.

A Liberal Donation.

Mr. Siewerd, of the Concordia, has handed over to the sailors of the wrecked schooner Rustler $52, the amount taken in at the performance Friday night.

Naval Practice.

H. M. S. Cormorant left for Burrard Inlet yesterday morning at 11 o'clock. It is said that while on the trip a practice of her big guns will be had.

The Northern Pacific.

Mr. Robert Irving, agent for the O. R. & N. Co., received telegrams that there would be no impediment to traffic, though the floods at Bismarck, Dakota, might do considerable damage. Passengers and mails would be transferred so as to cause no delay.

Vernal Equinox.

Old Sol crossed the celestial equator yesterday on his journey to the north, bringing spring to the northern hemisphere and consigning our friends of the south to autumn and winter, which, by the way, are longer than their summer.

There was a bold Milesian named Bole,
Who the choicest Hiberian could roll.
In his own estimation
He runs the whole nation
And to lead the noble seven's his goal.

The Mails.

Messrs. Baker and Shakespeare last week telegraphed to the postmaster general, Ottawa, as follows: "We strongly recommend immediate attention to Board of Trade representation and request regarding mail matter." On Sunday a reply was received as follows: "The postmaster general is informed that the C. P. R. will be open immediately." From this it will be seen that our members have been on the alert in the matter.

"An Object in Life."

Ven. Archdeacon Scriven delivered a lecture with the above title to a fair-sized audience in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. last evening. The subject proved to be a most engrossing one, and the lecturer held his audience spell-bound from the beginning to the close of the discourse. It abounded in happy hints as to life's guidance and was couched in most feeling language. A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered the reverend gentleman for his kindness in delivering the lecture which netted a considerable sum to be devoted to the funds of the association. In the absence of the president, Mr. John Jessop occupied the chair.

The Famous Gilmore's Band.

The agent of the C. P. R. at New York has telegraphed Mr. D. E. Borwn asking if the musical people of Victoria would guarantee sufficient patronage to induce Gilmore's band to give a season of their famous concerts. An attempt is being made to arrange an excursion from New York city over American lines to San Francisco, from thence to Victoria, returning *via* the C. P. R. to St. Paul, Minn., accompanied by Gilmore's band of sixty pieces. If guarantees can be secured at Victoria and Winnipeg that the organization will receive sufficient patronage the arrangements will be consummated. There can be no doubt that if the band were to stay at Victoria for a season of three nights that they would be generously patronized.

Released.

Frederick Golding was yesterday discharged from custody by the police magistrate. Golding was charged with breaking into Mrs. Swanson's house on James' Bay. Mrs. Swanson who was called as a witness, said that the prisoner was a friend of hers and he occassionally visited her. Mr. Johnson then said there were only two things for him to do, either to discharge the prisoner, or send him to the higher court. Although the prisoner had been very foolish he did not think he had broken into the house with any criminal intent, and he would accordingly discharge him. Prisoner was overjoyed at this and thanked the magistrate heartily.

There was a pert fellow named Orr,
Who his friends think a kind of a bore.
At the next general election
He'll find a defection,
For Westminster'll show him the door.

The Railway Blockade.

Mr. D. E. Brown has received advices to the effect that the line will be clear to-day and trains running. A passenger who arrived on Sunday night, and who walked over a portion of track in the Selkirks covered with snow said that the line would be open unless some further accident occurred, which was not very probable. Mr. E. C. Baker, M. P., yesterday received a telegram from Lieut. C. E. Kingsworth, of the Cormorant, now at Field, in the mountains, stating that he expected to get through by Wednesday. From the above it would appear that there is every probability that the trains are now running and that the long delayed mails and passengers will reach Victoria either to-night or to-morrow.

A Hardened Woman.

Maggie Wheeler, a "vag," was before Mr. Johnson yesterday morning. She was very impudent, breaking in every few minutes with some coarse remarks wholly unfit for even a woman in her sphere of life. When his honor asked her if she had anything to say for herself she said: "Look a' here, I tell you, you can do as you like with me, but I ain't agoin' to pay no fine, and you can bet your boots on that. I'm one of those sort that can darn socks and I don't care if I do go to jail." Mr. Johnson said: "Well I will give you an opportunity by fining you $10 of one month's imprisonment with hard labor." "Thank you, your honor, you let me down easy."

PERSONAL.

James Campbell, of Cache Creek, is in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Slevee returned from Shawnigan yesterday.

Mr. P. Neaule, of the Burlington road, is stopping at the Clarence.

James Crawford returned yesterday by the Northern Pacific from Montreal.

Jas. H. Ross, editor and proprietor of the Vancouver *News*, was in the city yesterday.

Geo. Kyle, Vancouver, came down on Sunday night's steamer, and returned this morning.

Hon. Mr. Smithe is steadily improving, and it is thought that in a few days he will be able to drive out.

Madame E. M. Loring and Miss Jellerson, of Boston, arrived by this morning's steamer from San Francisco, and will spend a few weeks in the city.

Mr. R. S. Weirs, representing the Miss Nellie Boyd Dramatic company, will begins an engagement at The Victoria theatre on March 28th, is at the Clarence.

Stipendiary Magistrate Blake, C. G Johnson, clerk of the county court, and Dr. McGuigan, of Vancouver, arrived down on Saturday night and are at the Oriental.

D. Wilson, B. A., the efficient and popular principal of the boys' school, New Westminster, spent yesterday in the city and returned to the scene of his labors this morning.

Among the passengers delayed at Kamloops was Mr. J. A. Hart, who, when the excitement of being detained had worn off, made up his mind to get eastward on foot. On Wednesday he left Kamloops by train, which would take him as far as Illecillewaet; from there he would have to walk to Beaver, where the line opens on the other side of the blockade. As Mr. Hart is on a very tender mission it might be said of him that love laughs at snowslides, landslides, and numerous other slides.—*Vancouver News.*

MAINLAND NEWS.

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The men who have been at work on the foundations for the C. P. R. machine shops and round houses, have been withdrawn and are now working between here and Port Moody. The company is making every effort to get the train into Vancouver and it is very probable two weeks more will see the work completed.

It is the intention of the C. P. R. to run a track along the wharf, which will greatly facilitate the work of loading and unloading vessels.

CABLE NEWS.

Municipal Council Dissolved.

PARIS, March 19.—It is expected that the government will dissolve the municipal council at Versailles because that body yesterday manifested approval of the Paris commune of 1871.

The French Budget.

The cabinet have agreed upon a budget for 1888. A sum of 19,000,000 francs will be created to balance ordinary expenses. The extraordinary budget will be maintained. It will be covered by the issue of treasury bonds to the amount of 40,000,000 francs, redeemable in 70 years and by a further issue of bonds to the amount of 8,000,000 francs, redeemable in 60 years.

Servia an Ally of Austria.

BELGRADE, March 19.—The newspaper *Autjeke* states that a military convention has been concluded between Austria and Servia according to the terms of which Servia is to be an ally of Austria in event of war between the latter country and Russia.

The Czar's Enemies.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 19.—Following is an authorized official declaration concerning the attempt on the life of the czar. It is not believed that the active society of the constitutional party has such an extensive and influential following as some foreign journals represent. The constitutionalists, instead of being wholly distinct from the nihilists, are nothing but executors of milder programme, cloaking the violent methods of nihilism so as to secure a certain amount of toleration from the educated and thoughtful classes in Russia. The czar's advisers are convinced from long observation that the influential classes in Russia do not consider the time has yet arrived in the political development of the empire for the introduction of constitutional government by his majesty. Nor do the pan-slavist party desire constitutionalism. On the contrary they declare that an autocratic form of government, tempered by a just administration of codified law, is desired until Russian territorial expansion has reached the limits set for it for pan-slavic ideas. Socialism recently promoted in Germany by Prince Bismarck, is being carefully studied by the Russian government, the czar, being well disposed in favor of such progressive economic changes in territory over which Russia has sway, as shall conduce to the happiness and welfare of the Russian people. The czar was deeply impressed by the terrible circumstances under which his father met his death. The last attempt upon his own life projected by the nihilists produced a feeling of horror. Still, it is unlikely that it will lead to a change of his policy. His majesty cannot but view, with mingled bitterness and regret, the position in which he is placed, threats and perils continually besetting him. He deplores the necessity which constantly exists for costly and extensive precautions for his personal safety when he desires to travel, or even to move beyond the vicinity of his palace, and which impede his movements and prevent his seeing his people as they are and judging for himself concerning their needs. The czar's aversion to plunging Russia into a ruinous and fruitless war continues as great as ever. No change in his condition in this respect is expected by his advisers, except in conformity with his views on Russia's imperial interests.

The Queen Takes in the Circus.

LONDON, March 19.—Queen Victoria visited the hippodrome at Olympia today and spent three-quarters of an hour looking at the sights. Her Majesty was wheeled through the stables in a chair and appeared greatly interested in the lions with which the tamer gave an exhibition.

The American Exhibition.

Mr. Penfield, U. S. vice-consul-general in London, has resigned and accepted an executive position with the American exhibition. In connection with Mr. J. Gainersped he has taken charge of the preparations for the exhibition, which are making rapid progress. Many exhibits have already arrived.

Emperor William's Anniversary.

BERLIN, March 19.—The house passed the budget and loan bills in the form from which they came from Oberhaus. The Easter recess extends from March 27th to April 19th. The programme for the emperor's anniversary is as follows: On Sunday a family dinner will be given at the palace by the emperor and the empress to all the members of the royal families attending the celebration. At night a students' torchlight procession starts from Lastgarten and passes the palaces. The Crown prince and emperor proceed down Lenton avenue, Wilhelm strasse, Voss strasse and Konigsratzer at the column of victory. Afterwards the students will have a supper and will receive the congratulations of members of royal families and foreign ambassadors. He will dine at the palace of the crown prince and afterwards head a general evening reception in the white saloon, retiring the instant any symptom is exhibited of his strength being overtaxed.

The pupils of all the schools will march on Tuesday to the churches, where prayers of praise will be offered. Municipal authorities will go in state to St. Nicholas church, and a banquet will be given at the town hall. At night all public buildings and many private houses will be illuminated. On Wednesday the Crown Prince will give a reception which will be followed by *tableaux vivantes* and concerts. A special performance will be given at the opera house every night during the celebration. The emperor is in capital health and spirits. At a dinner, on Monday, covers will be laid for 85 guests. Most of the visiting royalties will reside at the royal castle and their suites at hotels. The Prince of Wales, Prince and Princess Christian, Grand Duke of Hesse, and Princess Irene, will stay at the palace of the Crown Prince.

Acquisition of Territory.

The *North German Gazette*, referring to the reported German acquisition of territory in Pondoland, says the English protectorate is undoubted and that no German enterprise is permissible in that direction.

The French Provinces.

The *Zeitung* publishes a letter from Strasburg stating that it is proposed to divide the Reichstag between Prussia and Baden, Alsace being incorporated with Baden and Prussia absorbing Lorraine. Should Baden decline to annex Alsace, both provinces will be incorporated with Prussia.

The Triple Alliance.

An article in the *North German Gazette* assailing M. Katkoff and the Pan-Slavists says, their efforts to create hospitality between Austria and Germany really facilitates the policy of the German government. M. Kathoff, the paper says, might be called an unwilling worker in upholding an alliance between the three emperors. The *National Zeitung* reproduces the article remarking the fact that the maintenance of the alliance between the three emperors is characterized by the government organs as the object of Germany's policy, justifying the view that it is the intention of the government to treat the alliance which has sometimes fallen in abeyance as still existing and as a prolongation.

The Lincoln Races.

LONDON, March 21.—This was the first day of the Lincoln spring meeting race for the Batthyanny stakes, about five furlongs. It was won by R. Craig's three-year-old colt the Gleamin, Sir G. Chetwynds five-year-old Gelding Goldsmith was second, Cravens three year-old filly, by Albert Victor, out of Pampano, third.

The Imprisoned Priest.

DUBLIN, March 21.—Father Kelleher is allowed to celebrate mass daily in his cell. He was allowed to receive visitors for half an hour, and read the newspapers sent him. Various donors have sent him articles with which to furnish his cell. Father Kelleher telegraphed his friends at Youghall that he is in excellent health and spirits. Father Ryan of the Hubertstown branch league has been summoned to give evidence in a case similar to that in which Father Kelleher was summoned. Father Ryan announces that he is determined to go to prison rather than give evidence.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Thos. McBan's tannery was destroyed by fire at Napa, Cal., on Sunday night. Loss $50,000.

Henry Burmsey, one of the injured in the Buffalo fire Friday morning, died yesterday.

It is rumored in Vienna that