

MARINE MOVEMENTS.

Burned to the Water's Edge—Sealing Fleet at Sea Earlier Than Usual.

The Wrecked "Norway" Heard From—Coast Steamships Changed Schedule.

The steamer City of Stanwood, belonging to the Stanwood Navigation Company, was burned to the water's edge at Port Susan, a landing about seven miles this side of Stanwood, Snohomish county, Sunday morning. The steamer was on her regular run from Stillaguamish river points for Seattle and had a full cargo of hay and oats. She touched at Port Susan, and at the time the fire broke out was taking on wood for fuel. She had a number of passengers aboard and, as far as could be learned, the fire broke out and was under full way before any one scarcely realized it. Indeed, so quickly did the flames spread that in five minutes almost the entire vessel was in flame from stem to stern. Captain Hartman, master, at first tried to scuttle the vessel and cut her loose from the dock to prevent the flames from spreading to it. The quick movement of the flames prevented the proper scuttling of the vessel, and she was run upon the beach as well as the time would permit and then abandoned by the crew. The loss is quite severe, the vessel being valued at about \$3,000, with insurance at \$5,000.

THE SEALING FLEET.

The forest of masts which looms up so conspicuously over the upper part of the harbor every winter has disappeared this year, earlier than ever before. All the sealing schooners which will hunt in the Japanese coast waters, and which number about half the fleet, have with many others which will cruise along this coast taken their departure. It is not probable that the steam schooner Worlock, which has wintered in Yokohama, will be fitted out there for this season's operations, as it is said her maiden cruise was a most unprofitable one. The crew still remain with the vessel and, it is understood, are determined not to leave her until their wages are forthcoming. Since the vessel left here, however, she has changed ownership, being now in the hands of Mr. S. L. Kelly's assignees.

A CHANGE IN THE SCHEDULE.

According to new regulations the Pacific Coast Steamship Company steamers will, after to-day, leave Victoria for San Francisco at 5 o'clock in the evening instead of 11 a. m. To bring about this change of time the next steamer will sail from here on Sunday, four days instead of five from yesterday. The five day system will then be continued.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS.

The act respecting partnership, submitted in the Legislature in fulfillment of the promise made in the speech from the throne is a comprehensive measure consisting of 85 sections besides the four schedules giving the prescribed certificate of partnership; declaration of co-partnership, declaration of dissolution of partnership, and the form of the register. It is a digest of the present law relating to partnership, making provision for the formation of limited partnerships as well as for the registration of business firms. It defines the nature of partnership, and the relation of partners to persons dealing with them and to one another; treats of the dissolution of partnership and its consequences, and sets forth the responsibility attaching to limited partnerships. The matter of registration deals with this bill is one which received a good deal of attention from the Board of Trade, by whom it was recommended to the government.

The act respecting witnesses and evidence is a digest of the law of evidence and the production of documents before the court. This was one of the bills promised in the speech. Another very useful measure is an act for the better prevention of fraudulent or misleading statements by companies and others. This is very short, and in substance provides that where any advertisement, letter-head, postal-card, account or document issued, published or circulated by or for any corporation, association or company, purports to state the subscribed capital of the company, then the capital actually and in good faith subscribed, and no more, shall be stated, and any violation of this provision calculated to mislead any person having any business with the said corporation, association or company, shall, upon summary conviction, be liable to a penalty not exceeding \$200 and costs, and not less than \$50 and costs, or imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months and not less than one month.

THE MEMBERS' ADDRESSES.

The following are the city addresses of the members of the legislature:
Adams, Wm., 23 North Park street.
Anderson, G. W., 29 King's road.
Baker, Hon. James, Esquimalt road.
Beauchamp, Hon. Robt., 22 Vancouver street.
Booth, J. P., Windsor hotel.
Brown, J. C., New England hotel.
Cotton, F. C., Deirdar hotel.
Croft, Henry, Esquimalt road.
Davis, Hon. Theo., Saanich road.
Eberts, D. M., Gorge road.
Fletcher, Thos., 181 Fort street.
Forster, T., New England hotel.
Grant, John, 2 Cadboro Bay road.
Hall, E. H., 30 Henry street.
Higgins, Hon. D. W., Cadboro Bay road.
Horne, J. W., Drilard hotel.
Hunter, Joe., 49 Birdseye walk.
Keith, T., New England hotel.
Kellie, J. M., Oriental hotel.
Kitchin, T. E., Oriental hotel.
McKenzie, G. C., 130 Fort street.
Milne, Dr. G., 400 Dallas road.
Pooley, Hon. C. E., Esquimalt road.
Punch, Jas., Oriental hotel.
Rogers, S. A., Drilard hotel.
Semlin, C. A., Drilard hotel.
Smith, A. W., Drilard hotel.
Stoddard, D. A., Oriental hotel.
Sword, G. B., Oriental hotel.
Turner, Hon. J. E., 1 Pleasant street.
Vernon, Hon. Forbes G., 73 Cook street.
Watt, Dr. A. T., 35 Fort street.

Ayer's Pills are constantly advancing in the estimation of those who use them. They improve the appetite, promote digestion, restore healthy action, and regulate every function. They are pleasant to take, gentle in their operation, and powerful in subduing disease.

PARIS, Jan. 22.—It is learned that Sarah Bernhardt had a narrow escape from death by poison while performing in her new piece, "Les Femmes de France." Her new Dahomean servant, Kerim, who attended her at rehearsal, put some laudanum in her cup of tea by mistake. Bernhardt noticed the strange taste before she drank enough to do her any serious harm.

THE CITY.

FROM THE DAILY COLONIST, JAN. 25.

MAYOR TAYLOR yesterday paid a personal visit to the water works, in connection with the recommendation in Engineer Wilnot's reports of recent date.

MISS BELLA ROBERTSON, whose father died recently in this city under circumstances peculiarly sad, returned by yesterday's direct steamer to her relatives and friends in San Diego, Cal.

A LITTLE bootblack of Seattle, who had run away from a good home, was detained by the police here for safe keeping yesterday. He was on his way to San Francisco, to which city he had planned to "beat his way."

TENDERS have been invited by the City Council for the supply of provisions for the Home of the Aged and Infirm, for the printing and binding of the annual report, and the construction of sidewalks during the current year.

MR. J. S. YATES made an application yesterday in Chambers for the release from jail of the defendant in the case of James V. Sheppard, who had been imprisoned for refusing to pay "maintenance money." His Lordship refused the application.

A FINE collection of mineral specimens, just received from the Sloon, is on view in Mr. Henry Croft's window, Government street. There are about 800 pounds of ore samples, nearly all of the best known mines in the famous district being represented.

REV. CANON BRANLAND will preach at special services at Nanaimo next Sunday, in connection with the celebration of the thirtieth anniversary of St. Paul's church. St. Paul's is the oldest church in the Coast City, and the rector, Rev. Canon Good, is one of the pioneer residents of the district.

THE Cowichan football players will hold a dance at Duncan to-morrow evening. Richardson's orchestra has been engaged for the occasion and will leave on the E. & N. railway to-morrow. An invitation was extended to the Victoria Rugby team, but owing to their engagement with the Vancouverites it could not be accepted.

OFFICER JAMES HILDRETH has resigned from the City Police force and has been succeeded by Officer Kavanagh, the city by the operation losing one good and efficient officer, and gaining, it is to be hoped, another. Mr. Hildreth returns to his old home in Welland county, Ont., the good wishes of all who have known him in the West going with him.

THE young men of the congregation of St. John's have, with a little assistance, organized a first class minstrel company, who will have their first rehearsal in the school-room on Herald street this evening. There are twenty-two good voices in the semi-circle, including Mr. Clement Rowlands and Mr. Ernest Wolf, L. M., and Mr. E. A. Pauline is the musical director.

MESSRS. Kitchen & Waterhouse of Nanaimo have been instructed to arrange for the sale of the China Creek gold mines, owned by the West Coast Gold Mining and Prospecting Co. It is understood that English capitalists have applied to this firm for property in question, and are prepared to invest heavily in the development of the mineral wealth of Vancouver Island.

SHERIFF MCMILLAN yesterday morning received a telegram from the Secretary of State, Ottawa, containing official notification of the Governor-General's decision that the law must take its course in the case of Albert J. Strubel, sentenced to death for the murder of John Marshall of Huntington. The execution will take place here, probably at 8 o'clock, next Tuesday morning.

THE following have been selected to play for Victoria against Vancouver at Brockton point next Saturday: H. Pettigrew, back; J. F. Foulkes, H. B. Haines and A. J. Crease, three-quarter backs; F. Smith and C. W. Ward, half-backs; H. F. M. Jones (captain), L. Crease, W. H. Langley, J. Fraser, H. Warden, D. Sullivan, E. A. C. Gibson, P. Gibben and F. Wollaston, forwards. There will be a practice game at Beacon Hill this afternoon at 4:15.

IN a grave beside her father's, in the quiet churchyard at St. Luke's, sleeps all that remains of Emily, eldest daughter of Mrs. M. C. Brown. The last and leave taking occurred yesterday afternoon, when the funeral procession left the mother's residence for Cedar Hill. His Lordship, Bishop Perrin, officiated at the service for the dead, assisted by the new rector, Rev. Mr. Flinton, and the choir. The members of the family were the chief mourners, and the pallbearers were B. Williams, T. M. Miller, W. J. O'Neil, H. O. Litchfield, Charles King and O. C. Bam.

COL. A. J. KANE, who was referred to in a dispatch of Tuesday as having interested himself in the construction of a dry dock at Nanaimo, yesterday explained his position in the matter to a COLONIST reporter. He has, he says, been looking into the matter in behalf of a number of New York capitalists who succeeded in interesting a few years ago in the St. John, N. B., dry dock scheme. He will require a verification of the engineer's estimate and the statistical data of tonnage visiting the port, before recommending the Nanaimo project to his friends. Personally he is not interested in the matter.

THE regular annual meeting of St. Andrew's Presbyterian congregation was held last evening. The meeting was opened by Rev. Mr. Winchester, who, owing to other engagement, withdrew after Dr. Milne was called to the chair, and Mr. Beithone to the secretaryship. The reading of the minutes of the last annual and four special meetings was proceeded with, after which the chairman stated that the various reports were not ready, and that their completion would occupy a fortnight, and suggested that an adjournment be made for two weeks for their reception. After some discussion, and the hearing of a verbal statement by the secretary of the Supply committee concerning pulpit supply, the suggestion of the chair was adopted, and the meeting adjourned until February 7, at 8 p. m.

THE Toronto Empire, referring editorially to the report that an expedition is being formed in British Columbia and the Northwest for the service of the Queen in Hawaii, says: "It would be a grave mistake for Canada to let the expedition set out. It is probably controllable now, and it is not absolutely so, can be so hampered by official interference that it can be prevented or its object defeated. It is necessary that such an expedition should be prevented leaving our shores, and if that cannot be successfully accomplished such action should be taken as will relieve Canada of all responsibility connected with it. It might be difficult, as a matter of fact, to stop a band of marauding youths embarking on an adventure like this, but in view of the complications such an expedition might involve in every effort should certainly be made to do so."

so. If not possible to capture the youths, it is at least possible to see that no arms or ammunition are shipped from a Canadian port.

THE secret of the Seattle yacht Grace Felitz's cruise around Vancouver Island last month is fully explained in a letter recently received by Mr. A. W. Huxon from his sons at Cape Comorin. It will be remembered that the yacht caused a considerable sensation when fitting out at Seattle for the expedition. The party who made the trip on her were A. M. Towle, Eugene Peters, William Newman and son, and James Holcomb, an old beach miner, who gathered bar gold on California's bars and ocean beach for 17 years. They took with them a new invention in the form of a machine for mining gold, and this with other paraphernalia which they had, aroused the suspicion that the party was on a gold hunt. So resolute were all concerned in regard to their enterprise that nothing of a definite nature was published in regard to their trip, although it was pretty well known at the time what the real object of their mission was. When the party returned from the cruise a few weeks ago they contradicted the reports published about their gold mission, saying that they were simply on a pleasure trip. Mr. Huxon's letter, however, states that the party called at Cape Comorin on their way back and were intending to operate their machine along the beach there, but finding that Mr. Huxon's sons had the advantage of them by being there first, proceeded on their way around the island. The Messrs. Huxon have got the right of way "to mine along the beach" as they state, and consequently could not be driven from their claim. When the weather is fine Mr. Huxon says the gold can be readily gathered.

THE NEW DRILL HALL.

It did not need the finely engraved invitation cards or the promise of a select amateur programme to awaken an interest in the formal opening of the new drill hall by His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Dewdney last evening; the interest was general without any outside inducement, in the mere fact of the volunteers having some place to which they could creditably give the name of home. The consequence was that the drill hall was far too limited to hold the congregation of admirers of the Queen's uniform, the companies of the battalion being cramped for room in going through the ordinary drill. There was a full turnout of both officers and men, and a very good show was made. After the usual parade the men were lined up, when they were inspected and addressed by His Honor, who, in presenting, and in outlining the history of the effort to obtain a suitable drill hall in Victoria, expressed his gratification at the completeness of the institution. It might not be overestimated on as elaborate a scale as some of the other structures of its kind in the western Canada, but it was one that the men had good reason to be proud of. He was surprised to hear that the Government had transferred to the battalion the bare building, when he found that the men had put their hand so earnestly to the plow that already the various quarters were comfortably furnished. Of course they might not be complete, but that was merely a matter of time. Therefore he congratulated the volunteers on the interest they had manifested in their new home, and he further congratulated the citizens of Victoria in having such a fine structure for the brigade. There was no small credit due to members of parliament in the matter, especially to the gallant colonel, who had won the greatest zeal in obtaining this beautiful home for the B. C. B. G. A. In conclusion he had great pleasure in declaring the hall open.

His Lordship Bishop Perrin then came forward and was greeted with the utmost warmth. The right reverend gentleman was proud to say that he had won the volunteerism in the town where he lived in England. After a few humorous remarks, His Lordship addressed himself directly to the men and the duty that lay before them. One volunteer is worth ten pressed men, said the Bishop, and he proceeded to contrast the times in England when men were pressed into service with the period when volunteers left their homes and placed themselves in readiness to defend their country. It is this movement that has formed a grand chapter in the history of Britain and her colonies. But a great duty and responsibility rested on the volunteers; it was their province to set an example, not only when they wore their uniforms, but in their everyday life to raise the standard of morality, honesty, honor and truth.

Captain Hughes Hallett, R. N., remarked that, because sails and masts were going out of fashion, and smokestacks and guns were coming in, people thought that sailors had to do a good deal of soldiering. Well, they had, and had been chafed a good deal about it, but afterwards those chaffers came along and said the sailors didn't do soldiering so badly, after all. It was the same with the volunteers; they were chafed, but they could live it down. They were called "amateur soldiers," but it was the amateur soldier that rendered unnecessary in Britain and her colonies, the custom of conscription that obtained in almost all other countries. (hear, hear.) One thing had to be observed, and that was a spirit of what is called comradeship. An instance of this was witnessed in Esquimalt the other day when a lad of an officer saw a comrade from the ranks struggling in the water, and did not hesitate a moment in going to his rescue. The captain also referred to the famous "die hard" of the Fenian war, as it was known to the men before him to sink individually for the sake of the general success. To those not in the ranks he would say that it was their duty also to foster this movement, which had for its object the safety and welfare. The volunteers saved their pockets as well as their lives, inasmuch as but for the volunteers the people would have to pay heavy taxes to maintain an army for the protection of the country. Therefore he exhorted the people to do their duty, and the soldiers, their reminding them of the words of one of the greatest statesmen that ever floated, who said that "England expects every man to do his duty." (Cheers.)

This closed the formalities of the evening, and the large concourse of people proceeded to inspect the building, listening at the same time to the music discoursed by the band, the programme of which has already appeared.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

BILBOA, Jan. 21.—A heavy gale prevailed in the bay during the last twenty-four hours, and a number of fishing boats have been blown out to sea. Twenty-five fishermen have been drowned.

THE READY RESPONSE.

Victorians Put Their Hands In Their Pockets to Aid the Distressed.

Valuable Hints on the Tople of the Day—Willing Workers Enlisted.

The number of distressed people principally unemployed men seeking work who have applied to the secretary at his office during the last week or two, have embraced in their ranks painters, plasterers, clerks, laborers and one druggist. Very many of these people appear to have come to Victoria seeking a livelihood from either the American side of the Sound country or the mainland of British Columbia. Some are married, but most of them single. I am of the opinion that it has become absolutely necessary that the attention of the Government should be directed to the subject at once, before we shall be without the means to cope with it. For it is but too fully apparent that the subscriptions we receive from only a few of the public are not enough to meet the required help to our resident poor, far less to the destitute and unemployed coming here from other places, some of them absolutely starving. I need not say that the Society is to keep up their reputation for usefulness which it has enjoyed for the last twenty-two years, the utmost efforts of those interested in its welfare and the benevolent purpose which it is its object to carry out, must be put forward to increase and establish its financial strength."—Extract from President T. J. Burnes' report to the annual meeting of the British Columbia Benevolent Society.

The readiness of the people of Victoria to hear and answer any appeal from the distressed or unfortunate was well illustrated yesterday. When the COLONIST was read at the breakfast tables, its story of want and privation, due to the lack of employment for the breadwinners of many a household, found a sympathetic audience. "Why, I had no idea the distress was so great," was the mental comment of not a few, who at once resolved to do their share toward relieving the very general distress. The good resolutions were not allowed to grow cold, and the first day's contributions to the relief fund were satisfactory indeed. Thoughtless ones it is to blame that steps were not sooner taken to give the needy a helping hand; Victorians, as a people, are generous and kind-hearted.

Yesterday's applicants for work at the office of the Benevolent Society were less numerous than in any day during a week past, Secretary Mason giving as the reason for the falling off the fact that the people had been waked up by the published article in the morning paper. "Many who read it," he said, "decided to give temporary work to those who stood in need of it. They did so, and consequently the unemployed seekers did not come to us in their distress. In consequence of the step taken by the COLONIST, I was able during the day to place one industrious, deserving man in work that will last him through the winter. Four others secured temporary employment. Altogether it was a red letter day for the distressed."

"If we can only get \$1,000 or so in hand, we will be able to take a progressive step that we have had in contemplation for some time past. We propose to apply to the Mayor and Council for permission to put needy men who are willing to work—and the great majority want nothing more—into service on the streets. The roads all need attention, and under the direction of the city street superintendent and the little army of the unemployed could make the city cleaner and brighter, and at the same time benefit themselves. We would have to give a good many a "square meal" to start operations with, for a hard day's work on an empty stomach is not to be looked for.

"If this idea can be put in force, the school children can help materially by furnishing lunches, as I see they are doing in San Francisco."

Not only did the "money for the poor" poor in during yesterday, but many practical offerings "in kind" found their way into the storehouse of the Benevolent Society. Some unknown friends left a large bundle of assorted clothing and the editorial rooms of the COLONIST; other wearing apparel which will keep some honest man warm was placed at the disposal of Mr. Mason. "A lady" sent in two sacks of flour; Mr. Clearhue contributed a stove, and Capt. Christensen gave an order for \$5 worth of groceries. A man of careworn but honest and industrious appearance approached a COLONIST reporter on the street and inquired:

"Aren't you on the COLONIST?"
Receiving an affirmative reply he continued: "I thought so; here's a half dollar for the fund. I'm out of work myself just now, but I've got a little put by, and I know what it is to be the way some poor devils are this winter."

"What name shall we say?" asked the paper man.
"Oh never mind the name—just say 'a carpenter'."

During the afternoon other kind gifts came to the COLONIST office and to the office of the Benevolent Society. Mr. E. E. Blackwood sent a ton of potatoes; Mrs. Lavender, a sack of oatmeal; and others assisted with various necessities all of which will be found useful and are much appreciated.

The feeling prevails, or appears to from the general expression of opinion, that Victorians' citizens should and will look after Victorians' poor, and that no appeal for governmental assistance will be necessary.

"I don't exactly like that idea," said one gentleman prominent in charitable work, "and I don't think it is necessary. The people, I am sure, will respond liberally to the call for assistance. The Pythians are doing their part as a body, and I am told a number of prominent ladies are arranging for a monster benefit entertainment. There is one class who deserve far more credit just now than it is likely anyone thinks to give them. That's the boarding-house people, who during the hard times are letting dozens of men and women out of their homes, who are out of work run behind in their bills rather than turn them out in the cold, hungry and looking for work."

The needs of the deserving poor, the honest laboring people who are looking for work and cannot obtain it, are not to be relieved by one day's giving. The good work must go on.

And it will.

Yesterday's subscriptions in cash amounted to \$38.70, the givers being as below:

Mrs. J. D. Warren, \$5.00
Miss Poppenberg, \$5.00
Cappan Williams, \$5.00
Rev. Bishop O'Grady, \$5.00
Mrs. Blackburn, \$5.00
Dorson Jones, \$1.00
"A Friend", \$5.00
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Mrs. E. G. Davies, \$1.00
E. G. Davies, \$1.00
Two Little Girls, \$1.00
"A Friend", \$1.00
"A Friend", \$1.00
A. S. Starr, \$2.00
Mrs. J. L. Laidlaw, \$1.00
Henry Dumbarton, \$1.00
Mrs. Dunsmuir, \$1.00
"A Friend", \$1.00
"A Friend", \$1.00
"Mr Old Dutch", \$1.00

Subscribe for THE WEEKLY COLONIST.

It is "rumored" that in order to be absent of the times the following will probably be some of the candidates at the next election: Mr. James Dunsmuir will run for Nanaimo city, while Mr. John Bryden and Dr. Eberts will run for Nanaimo district; Mr. Little, of the Union mines, will run for Comox; Mr. H. Croft for Cowichan; Mr. N. P. Snowden for Saanich; Mr. Joseph Hunter for Victoria city, while Hon. C. E. Pooley will continue to guard the interest of Esquimalt district.

Dr. balance cash on hand, \$415.22
Taxes in arrears in 1893, 500.00
Road tax—Whites, do, 234.00
Road tax—Chinamen, do, 233.00
Real estate tax, do, 2,138.77
Real estate tax arrears 1893, collect, 180.00
In 1893, 15.00
Collector, 01

By expenditure on roads and bridges in 1893, \$3,074.25
Salaries, 1893, 453.00
Inquest fees, 1893, 13.60
Advertising and stationery, 1893, 98.18
Somenes Lake reclamation, 1893, 270.50
Treasurer, 16
Balance cash on hand, 45.79

\$3,905.62

Dr. balance cash on hand, \$45.79
Taxes in arrears in 1893, 311.61
Somenes Lake reclamation scheme, balance 1893, 85.00
Somenes Lake reclamation scheme, balance 1893, 270.50
E. Priest, Somenes Lake scheme, 109.00

By bills in Treasurer's hands—Collector's commission, \$172.80
Clerk's stationery, etc., 7.98
H. Fry, 60.00
A. N. Richards, 75.00
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Road tax—Whites, 234.00
Council's indemnity, 143.10
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