From THE DAILY COLONIST, Dec. 4.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

County Court.

The County Court was opened, yesterday, by the Chief Justice, and a number of suits disposed of, none which were of any public importance. The sitting will be continued to-day.

First of the New Fruit.

The Empress of China, just arrived, brings as part of her cargo, a large quantity of Japanese oranges, the first of the new crop, which will be particularly welcome as the Californian fruit is not yet ready for market.

Works of Art.

Messrs. T. N. Hibben & Co. have at present on exhibition in their windows a number of charming water color sketches, from the brushes of Mr. John Vantreight, of Gordon Head. The little gems of art are local in subject, and very prettily executed.

No Proof Against Him.

The provincial police, yesterday, located the man suspected of Wednesday's robbery on the steamer Islander. He denied all knowledge of the affair, and as there were only suspicions against him, he was not arrested. The victim of the robbery was drunk at the time it is said to have been committed.

Evans-Randolph.

At the residence of the bride's mother, No. 2 Mears street, Mr. Harry Evans was, last evening, united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Randolph. Both Mr. and Mrs. Evans are Victorians, well known to many friends. The groom is a son of Mr. Benjamin Evans, usher of the Supreme Court of the province.

Police Court.

Yesterday was a busy day in the police court, and the receipts were accordingly substantial. Five drunks, Indians, contributed $25; two Chinese, See Wah and Ah Jack, (not Ajax), were fined $10 each for fighting on the street. Charles Gilbert and Wm. Carey were found guilty of supplying liquor to Indians, and fined $50 each. An assault case and a case of injuring property were remanded.

L. O. L. Officers.

L. O. L. No. 1,426 met on Wednesday evening and elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: Isaac Walsh, W. M.; J. H. Brown, chaplain; G. Brimstone, Rec. S.; S. G. Campbell, F. S.; J. Clark, Treas.; T. Roberts, master of ceremonies; Hugh McDonald, lecturer; Wm. Hatch, Dr. Morrison, W. Jackson, J. Caldwell and R. McCullough, committeemen; A. McAffee, inside tyler; R. Blackwell, outside tyler.

The Grand Jury.

A meeting of the grand jury was held in their rooms in the court house, yesterday forenoon, for the purpose of considering their presentment. Several matters of local importance was discussed, and the presentment promises to be an unusually interesting one. Among other matters that will be dealt with are, it is understood, the civic management of public affairs and the importation of Chinese girls for immoral purposes. It is probable that there will be another meeting of the grand jury before they are called together by the judge on the 10th inst.

Quarantined.

The big Canadian Pacific Railway steamship, Empress of China, lay off the quarantine station all yesterday, her own physician, Dr. Meadows, and the Dominion officer, Dr. McNaughton-Jones, being busily engaged in vaccinating passengers and crew. The smallpox patient, a first-class passenger for New York, is, with her husband and daughter, isolated in the hospital. The ship, after being thoroughly fumigated, passes on to Vancouver, this morning. The ship Edward O'Brien, which arrived at Port Townsend from Callao, a day or so ago, also had two cases of variloid on board, and is now in quarantine.

Sons of St. George.

Last evening, William E. Ottaway, D.D.W.G.C., in company with Geo. Pinketh, P.P., Milton Lodge, visited Ottaway Lodge, Victoria West, to instal the following officers for the ensuing term: P.P., Bro. Brocklehurst; W.P., A. Watson; V.P., Thos. Wise; Sec., Geo. Hallett; Asst. Sec., O. Smith; Treas., Bro. Smith; Mess., T. Thompson; Asst. Mess., A. A. Dobbs; Chaplain, Geo. Sackerille; I.G., Bro. Wood; O.G., Bro. Clark; Trustees, Gibson and Sackerille; Physician, E. C. Foot. After the ceremony, the visiting brethren of Milton and Columbia spent a pleasant time speech-making and enjoying refreshments supplied by Ottaway lodge. An encouraging communication was read from G. Sec., Bro. E. Oliver, of San Francisco.

Victoria's Progress.

A North Saanich farmer, whose face and form have been well-known in Victoria for the past quarter of a century, but who is not very frequently in town, was noticed the other day talking to the sheriff. The topic of conversation was the whereabouts of a certain old-established firm, with which the Saanich man had been dealing for years. He, however, generally steered his way to the place by old land-marks, and since his visit to Victoria some months since these had been removed and replaced by substantial brick buildings, which knocked the old man out of his bearings. "This is not Victoria as I knew it," he ejaculated. "The city is growing so rapidly of late that an old hand would scarcely know it." Bravo, Victoria, may you continue to prosper!

"Gazette" Announcements.

Arthur Patrick Cummins, S. M., Government Agent at Donald, to be Official Administrator for the Kootenay County Court District.

Oliver George Dennis, of Fort Steele, to be a Registrar under the "Marriage Act" for the Fort Steele Division of the East Kootenay Electoral District.

To be Justices of the Peace:—Major Thomas Dowling and Francis Ross, of Donald, Edward T. Johnson, of Windermere, and John Gibson, of Golden, for the East Kootenay Electoral District.

Frederick S. Roper, of Victoria, to be an Inspector under the "Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, 1891.

The Scottish Temperance Life Assurance Company, Limited, has been registered to transact all kinds of business in the United Kingdom, or elsewhere, which are at present, or which may become, incidental to the business of a life assurance, accident assurance, or reversionary company. The amount of capital stock is £100,000 in £1 shares. The place of business is located at Vancouver.

Application will be made, next session, to the Legislature of British Columbia, for an Act to amend the "Esquimalt Water Works Act, 1885," conferring on the company authority to divert and appropriate water from Goldstream River and its tributaries, and also to lay necessary pipes for conveying such water to the town of Esquimalt and the peninsula adjacent thereto, as defined by section 8 of the said Act.

Can This Be Beaten?

On Wednesday, the bark Hawthornbank, of Glasgow, came into port to be overhauled. She was placed in the dry dock at Esquimalt, and, having been thoroughly examined, scraped and received two coats of paint, obtained her certificate to go to sea within twenty-four hours of the work being commenced. She goes to Tacoma to load. This is remarkable expedition, and it is questioned if anywhere the work could be better or more quickly done.

About Smuggling.

A correspondent of the Seattle Telegraph, signing himself "Subscriber," and, writing from Victoria, says: "Having seen several items in your paper about smuggling, I beg to state that for every one vessel engaged in that line of business belonging to this place, there are 10 belonging to Puget Sound, and for every Chinaman and every pound of opium, carried into these States by small boats, there are ten carried on the steamers, and many believe the customs officers are aware of it."

A New Industry.

The rapid growth of Victoria is evinced by the number of splendid buildings which are rising in all directions, as much as by the new industries which every day are springing up in the city. An important addition to our manufactures is the fruit preserving establishment of Messrs. Okell & Morris, situated on Work street. Although the concern has been in operation but a short time, work is carried on late and early to fill the orders which are daily turning in. The proprietors are practical men at their business, and just out from England, where they have had large experience in putting up whole fruits as well as the manufacture of marmalade, etc. Their factory will well repay a visit. A COLONIST reporter dropped in yesterday, and found everything in full swing. The machinery used is the most improved known in the business, and as the fruits are all treated by steam, burning of the delicacies is rendered impossible. The place was scrupulously clean, and a number of hands were busily engaged in preparing the fruit for the copper boilers or the glass jars. Messrs. Okell & Morris are at present somewhat pressed for storage room, but, with increasing trade, this of course must be supplied. All sorts of jams, marmalades and conserves are on hand, which for flavor, appearance and general excellence cannot be beaten. Only good, sound fruit is used, and by some secret of trade, known only to themselves, the plums, etc., are put in glass with the full bloom on them. The goods turned out from this establishment must prove a boon to the people of this province. They are put up only in air-tight glass jars. The capacity of the factory is about eight hundred-weight per day, but will become increased as the quality of the out-put becomes better known. The new industry will not alone afford a considerable amount of employment in the city, but it must have the effect of giving an impetus to the fruit growing of the province. From a long experience of fruit growing, Mr. Morris declares that this Island, and the province generally, is capable of producing the best of apples, pears, plums, raspberries, strawberries, currants, etc. "I am prepared to purchase tons of these fruits," said he to the COLONIST, yesterday, "and I hope the people of this country, now that they have a ready market, will cultivate a good class of fruit. There is money in it."

A DELIGHTED VISITOR.

B. C. Has "an Atmosphere of Hope and Faith in the Future."

In the Aberdeen (Scotland) "Weekly Free Press," of Nov. 15th, appears the following: "The Countess of Aberdeen seems to have been greatly charmed with what she saw, last year, of British Columbia. 'The atmosphere of hope and faith in the future of the country make British Columbians,' she says, 'a very delightful people. There is a spirit of enterprise in the air which, coupled to natural advantages, makes success a certainty. This belief in the future was rather amusingly illustrated by a huge signboard, which was found stuck into the ground on the borders of a dense forest, with no house in sight. The notice ran thus:

There is a tide in the affairs of men.
Which, taken at its flood leads on to fortune!
This is the tide of your life!
Invest in the city of the future, Steviston,
And become
A MILLIONAIRE.

Of the landscape in which Victoria, the capital, is set, Lady Aberdeen says: 'So we sail out of Vancouver, and the sunset fades into moonlight over a delightfully calm sea long before we reach Victoria, the beautiful capital of British Columbia. Is it indeed Victoria and Vancouver Island where we have arrived? Has not the 'Islander' lost her way, and brought us by a short route back to England, and landed us at Torquay? The resemblance has almost a touch of the ridiculous in it—the same scents, the same sort of greenness all round, the same sort of ferns and foliage and surroundings, and, on that day, at any rate, the same moist feeling in the air, developing later on into a steady downpour. The English voices and faces abound, and English customs predominate so largely that the illusion would be complete if we were not recalled to our whereabouts by the presence of the Chinese pig-tail everywhere."

JAPANESE ABDUCTIONS.

A rescue of two abducted Japanese women at Fremont, last night, by Special Officer John Caldwell terminated a very sensational case and furnishes some disclosures in the traffic of Japanese women. The women are known as "Mary" and "Toka," and the abductors were George Elliott and George Harrington, keepers of a saloon at Snoqualmie. The opening of the transaction dates back several weeks, when the saloon-keepers engaged the women to go to their place at Snoqualmie. The arrangement was made through a Jap named Mochi Desiki, who represents the company which imported the women, and whose slaves they are until they buy their freedom.

Elliott could not be found, and it has not yet been decided to prosecute either him or Harrison. The police will probably take some action as to them to-day.

Two other Japanese women are missing from Whitechapel, and it is supposed that they also have been spirited away. The police are now at work on one of the cases, and developments are looked for to-day. One of the women disappeared Tuesday night, and the other one yesterday.—Seattle Telegraph.

IN CHAMBERS.

Before Mr. Justice Drake.

Bennett vs. Howard—This was an application to amend writ, and an order was made accordingly at plaintiff's cost. A. P. Peacock for plaintiff, Bodwell & Irving for defendant.

MARINE MOVEMENTS.

Alberni Coming to the Front as a Rich Agricultural Section.

Insurance on the Eastern Oregon—The Sealing Fleet from Nova Scotia.

ALONG THE WATER FRONT, Dec. 3.

The return of the Maude from Alberni, early this morning, was the most noticeable movement in local shipping. She reported the roughest of rough weather, which prevented her landing at Nitinat, Carmanah, Clayoose and Port San Juan. The cargo brought is included a number of prime hogs, fattened on milk and pease, and several hundred sacks of fine potatoes, the first received from the flourishing West Coast settlement. The "murphies" are of the very best size and quality, and show that the agricultural resources of Alberni are being developed, and will before long become a prominent factor in the commerce of Victoria. After discharging her cargo of produce, the Maude cleared for Anacortes to load oats for the Brackman & Ker Milling Co.

Roche Harbor sent over its contribution to the B. C. food supply, by the schooner North Star, this morning, in the form of a cargo of turkeys and geese, which had been contracted for by local dealers. The Lottie returned to Mud Bay during the day, and will return about the end of the week with a produce cargo. The Fraser River supply continues to tax the carrying capacity of the Yosemite, and considerable shipments are al o made from that fruitful section by the Islander.

The coasters are all busy to-day. The Belle brought over hay from Westminster; the Badger brought in produce from Cowichan and cleared again for Genoa; the Hope arrived from Hardwick Island with logs; the Lois brought lumber from Vancouver; and the sloop Nellie produce from San Juan.

During the day the work of scraping and painting the Hawthornbank was completed, and it is expected that she will come out of the dock to-night and leave for the Sound in the morning.

Of the most notable schooners in the fleet now coming round from Nova Scotia to go into sealing, the following brief description will be found interesting:

"The Ariel is light years old, a substantial and well built craft, and has been previously employed as a packet between Halifax and Lockport. She is of about 73 tons register, and will doubtless make a handy and comfortable sealer, for her owner and master, Capt. McLeod.

"The Agnes McDonald, Captain Cutler, has been known in the past as a Government cruiser. She is, indeed, a beauty, and a credit to her designer, Burgess. In fact, her design was the last this famous naval architect executed; and the schooner was built by J. McGill of Shelburne, N.S. As she lies at her dock she is the admiration of hundreds, who are particularly taken with her novel rig—the short foremast, and the long bowsprit and jibboom, in one piece, 60 feet in length. Another peculiar feature is that the schooner draws five feet forward and 14 feet aft. She is a fast sailer, particularly in the light trade winds, and her friends expect her to make the trip to Victoria in 100 days, beating the Geneva's record of last year.

"The Arielis, Capt. Martin, is a vessel of 86 tons, five years old, purchased in Lunenberg, and formerly employed in the fishing trade. She is a staunch boat, and said to be a good sailer, in the latter respect being conc ded by many a match for any of the fleet. She cleared for Victoria on the 21st of November."

A Halifax correspondent sends the following in regard to the departure of the new schooners for this port: "On the 17th of November, at 2 p.m., the Agnes McDonald weighed anchor and sailed up the harbor until abreast of De Wolff's wharf, where lay the Dora Sieward. Both vessels exchanged salutations and the Sieward hoisted the signal "Pleasant Passage." The Agnes tacked ship, and, with jibs to windward, jogged along until abreast of the Ariel, Capt. McLeod. As soon as the latter had weighed anchor, both vessels filled away and stood for sea, the Agnes piloting the way. On the 19th, at 4 p.m., the Dora Sieward, Capt. Balcam, also weighed anchor, and, although the wind was light, she made a pretty showing, every one of her new sails set like a board, and the vessel, on the whole, having rather a yacht-like appearance. She is, as Capt. Sieward jocosely remarks, like her namesake (his wife), "a wholesome, substantial and rather good-looking craft." The name was given the ship in appreciation of Mrs. Sieward's heroism in accompanying her husband around the Horn on the Geneva. To her presence, he gallantly attributes the favorable gales that carried the Geneva so safely and swiftly around the dreaded Cape."

The insurance on the steamer Eastern Oregon, burned at Olympia a few days ago, was £14,000 ($70,000), in British companies. Her original cost was $180,000, but she was bought by the Oregon Improvement Company for $93,000. She was valued at the time of her destruction at over $150,000.

Had the new steamer Flyer been 26½ instead of 21½ foot beam she would have been able, with her excellent power, to make two miles per hour more than she can now, with the ballast that is necessary to hold her up." A gentleman who has been in the steamboat business 25 years made this statement the other day while discussing Puget Sound steamboats. Continuing, he said: "The ballast which the Flyer is compelled to carry holds her down one and one half or two feet in the water below her water line. With a good bow and stern she could make much faster time with four or five feet more added to her beam. Her length demands a wider boat. She cannot be stopped suddenly without careening. Still she is a very good boat, and not as faulty in construction as some of the other Sound boats. The Victorian, for instance, is not well stayed. Her construction cost Superintendent Troupe his position, and the faulty construction of the City of Seattle may cost Superintendent Jackson his. Both of these boats cost, say a quarter of a million dollars each. That is a big lump of money to put in a boat. The Seattle shakes too much, her engines not being balanced. The Gatzert is a very good boat of her kind, but she is of rather a poor kind. All four boats referred to are of faulty construction. These defects could have been obviated if an expert in steamboat architecture had been employed. The experts on such matters can tell just how much water a boat is going to draw, and tell all about the displacement of water caused by the movement of the boat through the water before the model is constructed. For the money expended, $160,000, the Kingston is the best all round boat on the Sound. Another thing, on the Sound, where there are so many logs to encounter, a socket blade screw should be used, so that when a blade is chipped off, your boat can be repaired at low tide without going on the dock. It cost $1,000 to repair a blade in the Victorian's wheel, besides the loss of time, as she has to go on a dock. The Premier has a socket blade screw."

The City of Topeka is expected to clear for Port Townsend, to-morrow, being now in better condition than ever. From the Sound the Topeka goes to Alaska direct.

The City of Carlisle is rapidly discharging her cargo, in which the first breakage has yet to be discovered. The freight is turning out in remarkably good condition throughout.

WEATHER FOR NOVEMBER, 1891.

ESQUIMALT, B. C., Dec. 2, 1891.

Atmospheric Pressure—The mean atmospheric pressure reduced to sea level was 30.033 inches. The greatest pressure (30.447) occurred at 1 p. m. of the 15th, and the least (29.450) at 5 a. m. of the 2nd, giving a monthly range of 0.997 inches.

Temperature—The mean temperature was 45.8, being 2.1 above the average, and 0.5 higher than in 1890. The highest temperature (57.3) occurred on the 2nd, and the lowest (31.3) on the 14th, giving a monthly range of 26.0. The warmest day was the 25th, mean temperature 51.6, and the coldest days were the 15th and 16th, mean temperature 35.5.

Humidity—The mean humidity was 85.

Cloudiness—The mean amount of cloud was 0.83. There were 9 cloudy, and 21 partially cloudy days.

Precipitation—Rain fell on 23 days to a depth of 7.19 inches, being 3.25 inches above the average, and 5.45 inches more than in 1890. The greatest day's fall was 92 inches, on the 20th. Snow fell on 16th, melting as it fell, to a depth of .03 inches, making a total precipitation of rain and melted snow of 7.22 inches.

Wind—The total miles in wind was 6,651, being an average velocity without regard to direction of 9.24 miles per hour. Most windy day, the 20th, 497 miles, mean velocity of 20.70 miles per hour. Least windy day the 5th, 81 miles, mean velocity of 3.38 miles per hour. Greatest velocity in one hour 36 miles, from 5 to 6 a.m. of the 2nd.

Fog—On 4th, 8th, 19 h, 20th, 24th, 26th.

Frost—On 10th, 14th, 15th hard.

Snow—On Sooke Hills on 11th; slight fall on 16 h, melting as it fell.

Lunar halo—On 9th.

Earthquake—Slight shock on 29th, 3.30 p.m.

E. BAYNES REED,
Observer.

THE EVANGELISTS.

The large hall of the Y. M. C. A. was so crowded at the afternoon service, yesterday, the adjoining parlors had to be thrown open, and even then the accommodation was none too much. Rev. J. E. Hunter gave a brief address, founded on Acts II., after which he called upon his hearers generally to participate in religious discussion. The invitation was largely responded to, and many asked prayers for relatives in addition to written requests from outsiders for like good services.

Mr. Crossley spoke from Matthew XXVII., 22—"What shall I do, then, with Jesus, which is called Christ?" There were various answers to the question—sometimes in words, but more frequently in actions, which spoke more eloquently. Many practically said, "I will not receive Him," while others rejected or denied Him. Peter first denied Christ by act, and then by words, to the enemies of his Master. They should say, "To whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." Judas sold his Master for $18.50; but Pilot did the meanest thing of all when he tried to shirk the responsibility of his act. The evangelist concluded by an earnest appeal to all to accept Christ, assuring them that "as many as received Him, that to them gave He power to become the sons of God."

There will be no service on Saturday. On Sunday, in the morning one of the evangelists will preach in Calvary Baptist church, and the other in the Pandora Avenue Methodist church. In the afternoon the evangelists will address a mass meeting of children at four o'clock, in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. In the evening they will commence services in Pandora Avenue Methodist church, and continue there every night next week. On Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, next, bible readings will be given in the Reformed Episcopal Church.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

WRESTLING.

Fitzsimmons has not as yet covered Dan McLeod's deposit of $200 dollars, although he declared he would give Dan a chance to make good his boast, as soon as he was through with Acton. "I have nothing against Fitzy," said McLeod to a Free Press reporter, on Wednesday, "but, I will either make him wrestle or pull in his horns. If he will politely decline to meet me, or will cover my deposit, then I will say no more. In reply to a question regarding the coming match between Beacher and Maher, Dan said, "I have not thought at all about it, Beacher has been casting insinuations about what he could do with me. If he wins his match with Maher, I will make a match to throw him ten times in one hour and thirty minutes, in private, for $500 a side; or I will meet him for gate receipts, or for fun, if he chooses. If Beacher can win one fall from me in the same time I will make him a present of $50.

BILLIARDS.

The Hotel Vancouver billiard tournament is over, and another one is to be commenced. The final tie was played, last evening, between Messrs. G. Coleman and W. E. Green. After a keen and interesting contest Mr. Green proved victorious by 98 points. Green's largest break was 27, Coleman's 17. Mr. Green, therefore, became owner of the first prize, a silver tankard, and Mr. Coleman of the second, a billiard cue. The next tournament will be commenced on January 5th, 1892.

THE RING.

A New York dispatch of yesterday says; A friend of Frank P. Slavin and Charley Mitchell arrived in this city from England, last Tuesday. He had a long talk with Slavin just before sailing regarding his proposed visit to this country. He said that Slavin, his backer, Geo. Pease, and Charley Mitchell will sail for this city on Tuesday, December 8, on one of the White Star steamers. Slavin intends to cover Sullivan's deposit of $2,500 and challenge him to fight to a finish under Marquis of Queensberry rules for as much money as Sullivan can raise. Slavin stipulates that the fight must take place within six months after signing of articles. He also says if Sullivan cannot be induced to meet him within that time he will fight either Jim Corbett or Peter Jackson under the same conditions.

That Powder Magazine.

The removal of the powder magazine from Beacon Hill park has been considerably delayed through the demoralization of the Public Works Department at Ottawa, but the matter has not been allowed to rest, and the following assurance from Sir Adolphe P. Caron, Minister of Militia, was received by the chairman of the Park committee, last evening:

OTTAWA, Nov. 27, 1891.

DEAR SIR,—In answer to yours of the 16th inst., I beg to state that the matter of the powder magazine is in the hands of the Department of Public Works, and I have given instructions to proceed without delay with the building of the new magazine, and so soon as it is completed we will transfer the powder from the old to the new one and remove the old.

I have the honor to be, etc.,

(Signed) ADOLPHE P. CARON.

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A Home for Himself.

Mr. D. R. Young, of the real estate firm of Young & Bartlett, has purchased a very pretty and picturesque portion of Grant's addition to Oak Bay, where he intends to erect a handsome modern residence for his own occupancy.

Extraordinary Yields.

On the farm of Robt. Prowse, Chilliwhack, were grown oats one hundred bushels to the acre. These were all cut by the reaper, proving the excellence of the straw. White carrots, weighing seven and a half pounds each, are also an ordinary product on this farm.

Out on Bail.

James Gray, who is awaiting trial before the Assize court on charges of perjury and conspiracy, was released on bail Thursday evening, his own recognizance of $500 and two sureties of $250 each being accepted as satisfactory. The bondsmen are Mayor Grant and Mr. Henry Clay, of Fort street.

Making Arrangements.

Mr. John W. Hanna, the live and energetic manager of the Seattle Opera House, is now in Victoria in the interests of the W. T. Carleton Opera company, who will open at The Victoria on the 22nd inst, continuing the following night. The Carleton company is one of the most powerful on the road.

County Court.

The County court concluded yesterday morning, only a few cases having to be disposed of. There were listed in all, for the sitting, 35 cases, and these were got through very quickly. In many of the suits judgment was allowed to go by default. The cases, on the whole, were of interest only to the parties immediately concerned.

Who is He?

A San Francisco dispatch, of last evening, says: A passenger from Victoria on the Umatilla was taken violently with *delirium tremens*. He was locked up until he reached shore, and, when the officers came to liberate him, it was found he had barricaded himself so strongly that it was impossible to open the door. He finally capitulated, and was taken to the home for inebriates.

Big Ada in Trouble.

Police Officer McDonald, yesterday, conducted "Big Ada," a female character about town, to the city lock-up, where a charge of larceny was entered against her, and she was permitted to occupy a seat by the stove in the office. Ada is a buxom damsel, about thirty years old, and fairly good looking; she is, in the present instance, charged with stealing jewelry from the occupant of a cabin near her's.

In a Tight Place.

The Victoria Electric Light company had the big smoke-stacks at their power station, on Langley street, cleaned, yesterday, and to perform this work it was necessary for the sweep to go down the tall chimnies. He got down half way all right, and then found himself stuck fast. Twisting and turning were of no avail for some time, but he finally succeeded in releasing himself from the dirty and disagreeable confinement.

Tempered With Mercy.

Mr. Robert Ward and Mr. E. Pearson, J's P., tempered justice with mercy, yesterday, in dealing with the case of a young man named Joseph McGowan, who was charged with beating his way from Vancouver on the steamer Islander. He confessed himself guilty, but said that he had no money, and wanted to get here and search for work. He was fined twenty shillings or, in default, three days at hard labor.

The Small-Pox Case.

The Empress of China left, yesterday, at 1.30 p.m., having been finally inspected by Dr. MacNaughton-Jones. All on board were vaccinated, from the captain down. The ship was disinfected by sections of water-tight compartments—and twice thoroughly proven by the Quarantine Officer, who gave her every dispatch, an improvement on the old three or four weeks quarantine arrangement. The Phantom took the sick party from the ship to the hospital, and charged the little round sum of $100 for the service.

A Deceiving Light.

On the 18th of August of the present year the Department of Marine at Ottawa sent out notice that on the 15th of September a new light would be put in operation at Carmanah Point, and the news was very welcome, the new lighthouse being a necessity. But captains of several vessels and tugs are complaining that the notices containing particulars of its erection have not been give enough publicity, and that in several near by ports no word of the alteration appears. So, at present, the light, by deceiving mariners into believing that it is another light, is really doing more harm than good, and tending to bring about those very disasters that its presence is meant to render improbable.

"Anticipation Waltz."

One of the latest and prettiest waltzes issued is the "Anticipation Waltz," written by Miss Maud Snarr, of Toronto, Ont. The author is a young lady of eighteen summers, who has developed remarkable musical ability. Her chief gift is a sweet and sympathetic mezzo-soprano voice, of great compass and flexibility, which so far has been trained by Mr. Torrington. The young songstress has been heard in several of the leading cities of Canada, and received most favorable criticism. She is, besides, a brilliant pianiste, and has acquired local fame as a reciter. These several gifts, cultivated under good masters, should make Miss Snarr one of the foremost artistes of Canada. "Anticipation Waltz" is her first effort at composition, and is really a charming production, the time and rhythm being perfect.

A Verdict for Plaintiff.

The corporation of the city of New Westminster is in a somewhat peculiar position, having constructed wharves which are now in use and which the law decides the city shall not pay for. This state of things is the outcome of the civil action of Punch vs. the Corporation of New Westminster, tried before Mr. Justice Drake, yesterday, and decided in favor of the plaintiff, who was represented by Mr. W. J. Taylor, of Eberts & Taylor. The action was brought some time ago by Mr. Punch, to restrain the city of New Westminster from paying any monies on account of the construction of a ferry wharf in Surrey municipality, last summer. An interim injunction was issued restraining the payment out of the monies, until the trial of the matter, yesterday, when the injunction was practically made perpetual. The objection taken was that the City Council was not empowered to build a wharf outside of the corporation limits. This point was met with the contention that the charter privilege to construct and operate the ferry, gave the right to build wharves, etc., as a necessary portion of the system. To this, Mr. Punch's reply was that the charter was granted to the Municipalities of Surrey and New Westminster jointly, and neither had the right to act independently of the other.

The Wellington Mines.

Although all parties concerned declined to give any information upon the subject, it is hinted by those in a position to know, that the sale of the Wellington collieries to English capitalists has fallen through, for the time at least, owing to the unusual tightness of money in the English market.

He Owed Everybody.

Since J. J. McEnnery has departed for parts unknown, numerous and sundry bills against him are coming to light. McEnnery flew very high and very swiftly, and kept bachelor's hall in good style. Among his sorrowing creditors is his Chinese cook, of whom he borrowed $5 after "standing him off" for two months' wages.

The Thistle Club.

This popular and successful social organization held their regular monthly dance in the Sir William Wallace hall, last evening, thirty-five couples dancing to good music until early morning. Raymond's orchestra supplied the music, and Mr. D. Rendall acted as floor manager. The present officers of the Thistle club are President Galbraith, Vice-President Wm. McCormack, and Treasurer Wm. Anderson.

The Guessing Match.

Lange & Co.'s list of guessers for the handsome and costly prizes is rapidly swelling as the holiday season advances. The competitors have to guess how many shot are contained in a glass jar, the shot being of various sizes and mingled together. Last year the principal winners guessed within a very few of the exact number. This year the shot are held in a different shaped glass.

Still Another.

Messrs. F. P. Watson and W. B. Hall, two well-known employes of the firm of Dixi Ross & Co., have decided to start in the grocery business on their own account. One of them has had eight and the other four years' experience with the above firm, and as they are both deservedly popular in this city, they may expect a goodly share of the trade. Their advertisement appears in another column.

Back from the Ball.

The non-commissioned officers of the British Columbia Brigade, Garrison Artillery, returned, last evening, from Seattle, where they represented the brigade at the first annual ball of the National Guard of Washington, a very brilliant and delightful affair, held in the Seattle armory, on Thursday evening. Victoria's representatives were Sergt. Maj. Ross Monro, Sergt. McConnan, Sergt. Williams, Sergt. Blanchard, Sergt. Hibben and Corp. Francis.

The Last Remand.

Joseph Bayley was once more before the magistrates—Messrs. Ward and Pearson—in the Provincial court, yesterday morning, the question of his sanity being in dispute. The court decided to again remand the case until Wednesday next, and promised Bayley that this would be last adjournment. The culprit urged that his case be disposed of as speedily as possible, and said that his reason was that he had promised to be at the bedside of his dying father before Christmas.

Provincial Land Surveyors.

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Examiners, held on Wednesday last, at the office of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, two candidates presented themselves for final examination, and having passed successfully were granted commissions as provincial land surveyors.

The names and addresses of the gentlemen to be added to the list of licensed surveyors are: Henry Beckler Warren, Vancouver, and Joseph Frederick Ritchie, D.L.S., New Westminster.

A Runaway Recaptured.

While the chain-gang were working in the rear of the provincial jail yesterday, one of their number, Joseph Elridge, alias Jas. Bolton, broke away and soon was lost to the guards. They were not long in giving chase, however, and the prisoner was recaptured within ten minutes, between Mr. M. Humber's residence and the Saanich road, by jailor Parsons and Guard Melon. He is serving a nine month's term for larceny, given him by Mr. E. Baynes Reid, J. P., of Esquimalt, and will be also reported for the jail breaking to-day.

What Next?

J. R. Rathom was arrested, yesterday afternoon, on a charge of obtaining goods under false pretences, the complainant being Jacob Isaacs, of Johnson street. It appears that Rathom, in the latter part of June last, obtained some clothes at Isaacs' store, giving an order on the government assessor's office for the amount. Nothing was heard of the matter again until yesterday, when he was arrested on a warrant. Later on Rathom was released on bail. It is understood that pressure was brought to bear upon Isaacs to enter the charge without making any further attempt to collect the debt, and that the arrest is the result of prejudice against the defendant because of his successful work for this paper in connection with the Chinese procuress' cases now before the court.

Mock Parliament.

The second meeting of the Victoria Parliamentary Debating Society was held last, evening, in the City Hall, Alderman H. A. Munn in the chair. After the adoption of the minutes of last meeting, the reports of the committee on selecting a hall, and the report of the committee on constitution were read. After prolonged discussion, they were adopted with some few amendments. The Sir William Wallace hall, on Broad street, was fixed upon as the place of future meetings, such meetings to be held on Monday evening of each week, at 7:30 o'clock. The meeting then proceeded to elect the following officers:

President, who is also to officiate as Governor-General of the House, Alderman Munn; Vice-President, Mr. Gordon Hunter; Secretary, Mr. R. E. Farley; Treasurer, Mr. J. H. Falconer; and Executive Committee, Messrs. C. H. Barker, F. O. Mickle, W. B. McInnes, J. F. Fell, G. A. Morphy, H. O. Litchfield, and A. G. McCandless. After the election of officers, the society was resolved into the House of Commons and a division was taken, when it was found that the Liberals were in the majority, and Mr. Gordon Hunter was called upon by the Governor-General to form a government. Mr. John Stevenson was unanimously elected Speaker of the House; Mr. W. C. Pope, chairman of committees, and H. E A. Courtney, clerk of the House. The Premier announced that he would require until Monday, the 14th, to form a cabinet, and asked that the next meeting be held on that night, which privilege was accorded him. A caucus of the government has been called for the evening of the 7th, at Morrow, Holland & Co.'s office. After a vote of thanks to Mayor Grant and the City Council for the use of the hall, the meeting adjourned till the 14th inst., at the Sir William Wallace hall. Last night's meeting was well attended and very enthusiastic.

Cranky or Crazy.

One of the victims of the police drag net, yesterday, was a young man who for some time past has been identified with the Salvation Army in this city. His religion became a mania, and his actions at the Brunswick hotel, yesterday morning, were so strange that the police were telephoned for to take him in charge.

An Enterprising Victorian.

The sale of the vacant property on Johnson street adjoining Mr. A. R. Milne's new block, and known as Oliver's lot, to Mr. John Turner for $18,000, was reported yesterday, Messrs. H. F. Heisterman & Co. negotiating the transfer. It is understood that Mr. Turner will at once improve the purchase, continuing his policy of progress that has already done much for the city. Values on Johnson street are rising, $10,800 being offered only a day or so ago for thirty feet on the north side.

BROUGHT TO TRIAL.

The Chinese Prisoners Appear in the Police Court to Answer to the Charge of Procuring.

Yesterday morning all Chinatown was alive with excitement, and long before the usual hour of opening the police court, crowds of interested men and women surrounded the City Hall, waiting for the case against two of their number to begin.

It was not, however, to the interests of the members of the Chee Kong Tong Society, or highbinders as they are more commonly called, to have a large number of Chinamen in the court room during the trial, and, when they ascertained how far the general interest had been awakened, their emissaries were soon at work among the crowd and peremptory orders were issued to the effect that they should disperse, and go home again quietly. So it followed that, when the case was called, there were more white men than Chinese among the spectators.

But the proceedings were none the less interesting for that. Inside the rails were the leading highbinders on the coast, two of them notorious to a degree, and only coming to the front on a public occasion of this character. They watched the case very closely throughout.

The defendants were represented by Mr. F. G. Walker, of the firm of Walker, Pemberton & Dumbleton, who throughout the enquiry abstained from cross-examination of any witness.

The Chief of Police prosecuted, Mr. Thornton Fell being present in the interests of the Refuge Home.

The evidence adduced by four witnesses for the prosecution, while not substantiating in toto all the charges made in this paper last Sunday, gave complete proof of the truth of the greater portion of it. The story told by these witnesses and not denied by the defendants showed clearly that the girls had been bought in China, and on being brought over to this country were at once taken to a house of prostitution, where they were waiting until somebody should come along and buy them.

When the evidence had been heard, the magistrate, Mr. Belyea, contended that although the information as laid had not been proved there was quite enough to show that the criminal statute had been broken by the prisoner, Ah Hong, in two other ways, and therefore he thought that he would be right in sending the case on to a higher court.

Mr. Walker objected. He would have cross-examined the witnesses had he known that such a course was contemplated, but, as the Bench admitted, the information sworn had not been proved.

Mr. Belyea did not imagine that that made any difference. If a man were brought before him on a charge of perjury and found guilty of murder, it was his duty to commit him on the latter charge.

Mr. Fell argued that the Magistrate had a perfect right to order a commitment for any crime that might come out during an enquiry before him.

Mr. Walker asked the present enquiry to be quashed and a new information made on the proper charges, but Mr. Belyea thought this would mean a useless waste of time. However, it was finally decided to allow counsel for the defence a postponement until this morning, in order to enable him to cross-examine the witnesses, after conferring with his clients.

The case will therefore be concluded to-day.

THE EVANGELISTS

Continue to Attract Large Houses and Do Good Work.

There was, as usual, a large gathering at the First Presbyterian Church, last night. Rev. Mr. Hunter remarked that it very frequently happened that their Friday evening meetings were even more numerously attended than the others of the week. He hoped that regular church members would occupy their pews on the Sabbath, and give tha use of them to all comers for the special services. He gave a very impressive address from Matthew VI., 19, saying that one could generally tell where a man's treasures were by listening to his conversation, as he would generally talk of that which he most esteemed—where man's treasures are there will his heart be also. He (Mr. H.) said that he had not $500 in any bank, nor did he regret the fact, as he had no ambition for the world's riches. If he had plenty of money, he would not care to leave much to his children, as he felt that wealth would rather harm than help them. What he advocated was the wealth of education, and with this treasure there was little to fear as to one making his way through the world. Gathering money was like gathering nuts—you scratch your hands in picking them and break your teeth in cracking them. He gave 20 per cent to the Lord and so did Mr. Crossley.

Mr. Crossley quoted from Jeremiah xxx., 13, to show that those who sought the Lord would find Him. Those who were not saved were those who did not seek salvation. To those who doubted the real joy to be found in religion he would say "Try it, and be convinced." If they would only decide for Christ that night there was no power on earth, in hell or in heaven to keep them from salvation.

There was an unusually large number of requests for prayer.

The Queen City Club.

About 25 couples attended the second social dance, given by the Queen City Club, in Harmony hall, last night, when a most enjoyable evening was spent. A good programme of music was furnished by the Bantly family, and at about 11 o'clock an abundance of coffee and cake was served around. During the past few