British Columbia.

The Evening Register was lately started at Vancouver, but succumbed after two issues.

Over 200 Chinese left Vancouver on board the Alden Besse, which sailed for China.

The Queen of the Pacific has arrived at Port ' Moody from San Francisco, loaded with canned goods and tea, for shipment over the C. P. R.

Thompson Bros., stationers, etc., of Portage la Prairie and Culgary, are erecting a building at Vancouver, where they will open in the same

A "Mammoth Marble Head" cabbage weighing 25 pounds and grown by Wm. Phillips, of Sooke, was recently left at the Victoria Stand. ard office

Sir George Stephen and his associates have determined to proceed at once, with the six brick and stone buildings at Vancouver, for which plans were prepared some weeks ago.

A rumor in Victoria is to the effect that a party of surveyors have been sent out to survey a line for a railroad along the Columbia River, from the Canadian Pacific into Portland. Mackay is said to be at the back of the scheme

Selections.

"Just throw me half a dozen of the biggest of those trout," said a citizen to a fish dealer. "Throw them " queried the dealer. and then I'll go home and tell my wife I caught 'em. I may be a poor fisherman, but I'm no liar."

There is a class of women in Boston who impose upon dealers in the finer goods by having jewellery, rugs, books, pottery, etc., "sent on approval," which, after they are used for an occasion, are returned. These fashionable spongers are now classed into a "black list" by the retail merchants as rapidly as they are dis-

Whatever may be the extent of Mr. Robert Ingersoll's heterodoxy, he is certainly quite sound on some subjects. This is the way he expresses himself in regard to the alleged struggle between labor and capital :- "Here is a shoe shop. One man in the shop is always busy at work during the day-always industrious. In the evening he goes courting some good, nice girl. There are five other men in the shop who don't do any such thing. spend half their working evenings in dissipation. The first young man cuts out these others and gets a boot and shoe store of his own. Then he marries the girl. Soon he is able to take his wife out to a ride of an evening. The five laborers, his former companions, who see him indulging in this luxury, retire to a neighboring saloon and pass a resolution that there is an eternal struggle between labor and capital."

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