

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL

News of the Day Selected from Thursday's Evening Times.

To Examine a Judge.

Mr. Justice Drake to-day dismissed an application on the part of the New Westminster Southern Railway for an order directing the examination of His Honor Judge Bole, one of the plaintiffs in the action.

To Change the Plan.

Mr. Justice Walkem will to-morrow hear an application on the part of the City of Kootenay Land and Improvement Company Limited, for leave to deposit an amended plan of lot 204, group 1, district of Kootenay, in lieu of the plan deposited on March 7th last.

Salmon Run Good.

Canneryman Alexander Ewen of Westminster, who is in to-day and reports in spring salmon this year very good. The salmon kings will can as many fish as they can, and there are no limitations on the pack this year.

Kingston Nearly Ready.

It is expected that the City of Kingston will make her first trip from Tacoma to Victoria next Sunday. She has been homeward bound since her departure from here. She might sooner have been on her regular route had it not been that the workmen had a dispute with one of the contractors for the repairs.

For the Dog Catchers.

In the police barracks this morning were found six dogs. They were each nicely wrapped up and were placed on the windowsill. For the dog catchers a placard marked "For the dog catchers" was placed on the window. The dog catchers attended the council meeting last night, heard the discussion on making the police dog-catchers and generously supplied them with their initial outfit.

Called and Admitted.

Mr. Allan S. Dumbleton, an English solicitor, who has been practicing for some time in Victoria, has passed a satisfactory examination for call to the bar and will henceforth be styled "barrister and solicitor." He is likewise a satisfactory examination and is entitled to be admitted as a solicitor. The examiners were Messrs. Richards, Q.C., and J. M. Eberts, Q.C.

Celebration Notes.

The regatta committee will hold a meeting to-morrow night, by which time all the entries for the races except the club events must be in. The programme of the regatta will be published to-morrow. Next invitations have been sent to the mayors of the Mainland, Island and Sound cities, as well as to other representatives of the regatta. The hand committee will meet to-morrow to consider tenders for supplying music.

To Go to the Asylum.

John W. Little, aged 15, who was brought into the police station two weeks ago for safe keeping and subsequently discharged, will be taken to the Westminster insane asylum to-night by Officer Abel. Little's parents, who are at Spring Ridge, have taken control of the actions of the boy. His case is not a very bad one, and it is thought that with the treatment he will soon be able to return to his relatives.

Why Was He Shooting?

Shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon Officer Carter heard a shot fired in the vicinity of the bear pit, Beacon Hill. He ran to the spot and saw a Chinaman, who asked the officer who did the shooting. The Chinaman refused to answer and was promptly searched, with the result that a revolver was found in his pocket. He was taken to the police station, where he gave the name of Ah Tel. Pending a further investigation a charge of carrying concealed weapons was registered against him.

Wilson vs. Perrin.

This case was tried last month before the Chief Justice and a common jury with the result that a verdict for \$600 against the defendant was brought in. The defendant gave notice of application for a new trial on the ground of misdirection and the plaintiff's solicitor at once made the usual application for security for costs. The latter application came before Mr. Justice Drake in Chambers and was by him dismissed on the ground that the plaintiff was not a party to the case. An appeal from this decision was taken to the higher court and to-day the Divisional Court, consisting of the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Cressie and Mr. Justice Walkem sat to hear the argument. Mr. Robert Cassidy supports and Mr. McPhillips opposes the appeal.

David Copperfield.

Some interesting facts connected with Dickens' "David Copperfield" have been revealed by Charles Dickens, the younger. "I have," he says, "my mother's authority for saying—she told me at the time of the publication of Mr. Foster's first volume, and asked me to make the fact public if, after her death, an opportunity should arise—that the story was read to her in strict confidence by my father, who, at the time intimated his intention of publishing it by and by as a portion of his autobiography. From this purpose she endeavored to dissuade him on the ground that he had spoken with undue harshness of his father, and especially of his mother; and with so much success that he eventually decided that he would be satisfied with working it into "David Copperfield."

A Wild Runaway.

The most exciting runaway which occurred in this city for many a day took place last evening about 7:30. A team of horses attached to a hack, the property of Walter Millington, took fright some distance up View street, and came down that thoroughfare at a frightful pace, the hack swinging behind them and seeming scarcely to touch the ground. The maned animal reached Broad street and tried to turn, but the momentum was too great and they crashed into the fence near Messrs. Williams' book-binding, smashing the timbers and

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