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Salvation Army Social Work

Shelter Home to Be Shortly Re-opened Under New Management.

A Distinguished Army Worker Will Visit Victoria This Month.

Under the supervision of Adjutant Galt the social work of the Salvation Army will be soon in a state of efficiency. The Shelter Home, which has filled a want in the past, is soon to be re-opened under the management of Adjutant Donald and wife, who have until recently been in charge of the Salvation Army social farm a short way out from Toronto. They are now in Spokane but will arrive here shortly. The wood yard too in connection with the Shelter Home is to be put in operation immediately. So much is the Army now looked forward to in the way of assisting the needy that the Army find it necessary to keep up both institutions, having received several appeals for help of late from those who have become stranded here. In the matter of a reading room Adjutant Galt has also made provision. Therefore, it hardly gives her justice to state, as has been said, that there is no place in town where a young man can go to spend an hour or two reading. In the old Y.M.C.A. gymnasium there is a well equipped reading room comfortably heated and lighted with electricity in which one can find many of the latest magazines and Old Country, American and Canadian newspapers.

At the Army meetings on Sunday special interest was taken, the farewell gathering of Brigadier Howell in the evening being very largely attended.

Brigadier Mrs. Read, secretary of the women's social work of the Salvation Army, will be in Victoria on the 29th and 30th inst. to conduct special meetings.

Mrs. Read is one of the best known officers in the Salvation Army, and in connection with her work among the poor and fallen has travelled thousands of miles conducting special services in their interest with the most successful results.

The Brigadier is a well known literary light in Salvation Army circles, is a frequent contributor to the War Cry, and has edited several papers in connection with her work, in addition to being the author of "The Life of John Read," which has called forth such kindly comment from the leading citizens and divines of this territory.

Mrs. Read is a splendid platform woman, and excels in this particular. She has a command of choice and chaste language, and never fails to deeply interest her hearers. Her manner of delivery is very pleasing, and her remarks are followed with the closest possible attention by her auditors. Her addresses on "Humanity's Drittwood," and "Important Topics of the Day," are very popular. The citizens will do well to hear Mrs. Read on the occasion of her visit.

"THE MESSIAH."

A Committee Will Co-operate With the City Council in Arrangements.

At the invitation of His Worship the Mayor about twenty gentlemen met in the city council room yesterday afternoon to consider the proposition made by Mr. F. Victor Austin to give the oratorio, "The Messiah," in aid of the Mansion House South African fund. The Mayor presided and Mr. Harris was appointed secretary. The Mayor stated that the object of the meeting was to appoint a committee to co-operate with the city council in arranging for the presentation of the oratorio, and generally to raise funds for the purpose referred to. The conclusion reached was that those present should associate themselves with the city council, but for the purposes of the oratorio alone. Some difference of opinion was expressed as to the feasibility of the proposal from a financial point of view. Mr. T. R. Smith and Mr. Austin expressed the opinion that the cost of producing the oratorio would not exceed $500, and that there might be $3,000 netted from admissions. Lieut.-Col. Gregory was of the opinion that the first step to be taken ought to be to secure the co-operation of the musical people. He also strongly objected to the committee to be appointed dealing with anything besides the oratorio. Mr. C. H. Lugrin thought the estimate of cost too low, and that of the receipts too high. He also thought that the first thing to be done was to see if the musical people would take the matter up, for if they did there was little else to be done. Mr. Phillips-Wolley thought the only result of the putting on of "The Messiah" would be to divert funds otherwise available for transmission to London, to the payment of expenses. He favored cheap, popular entertainments. Mr. Mc-Phillips strongly favored the idea of putting on the oratorio and believed it would be a success. There was considerable discussion on some other points, but in the end a conclusion was reached as above, and it was also decided that the secretary should communicate with several choirmasters and ask them to co-operate.

COLORADO'S BURNING MOUNT.

A Flow of Coal and Gas That Has Not Ceased During a Century.

A mountain, which has been on fire for more than one hundred years, is situated just west of Newcastle, Col. So close is it that its shadow envelops the town at 5 p.m. at this time of the year, and yet the people thereabouts think no more of it than of the beautiful Grand river which washes the feet of the huge pile where the fire has burned so long. To the tenderfoot, however, the glittering patches of deep red fire, where it breaks out on the side of the mountain and is exposed to view, there is nothing in all the state quite its equal.

The fire is fed by a big vein of coal which the mountain contains. Just how the coal became ignited is not known. The oldest resident says it was on fire when he came and the Ute Indians, who once lived there, say it was burning many years before the first white man crossed the continental divide. The supposition is that the coal was ignited by a forest fire at an early date in the present century. It has smouldered and steadily burned until this day. At night when the moon is dark is the best time to see the fire. Then it is that it resembles the regions of inferno as given us in the word-painting of Dante. The earth covering the coal is loosened by the heat and falls away, exposing the sheet of fire.

The escaping gas probably assists in stripping off the rocks and dirt, and wherever the vein of coal approaches the surface the fire can be seen. The first fire I saw was fully fifty feet square. It had a peculiar red tint, while the burning gas coming up at the base of the coal vein added a bright blue coloring to the scene. In many places the surface of the mountain has sunken, showing where the fire has burned out its course.

Efforts have been made to extinguish the fire. Some time ago a gas company which owns a large amount of coal land constructed a ditch from a point several miles above the mountain, into which it succeeded in turning the water which goes to form Elk creek.

Previously a shaft had been sunk in the mountain and into this shaft the water was permitted to flow. The shaft was soon filled, but the fire was above the level of the water, and the effort was a failure.—Kansas City World.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

KAMLOOPS.

James Young, carpenter, who came from Ashcroft on Monday last to the hospital, passed away, at the age of 57, yesterday morning at 8 o'clock. Deceased was in the hospital in December last, and since leaving that institution has been more or less unwell. He was a Scotchman by birth, and has resided in British Columbia the greater part of his life.

On Wednesday morning last Wong Sing appeared before J.P.'s W. F. Wood and C. R. Austin, and was fined $20 and costs for playing a gambling game known as "chaw fow."

Alex. Shields has arrived from Ashcroft to assume management of the new sawmill. He will reside here permanently. It is expected that the mill will be in running order in the course of a few days.

A Chinaman bound, "in bond," for New York, died of heart disease, on the train between Spence's Bridge and Ashcroft last Tuesday night. The body was removed from the train here, and an inquest held. Dr. Proctor made the post-mortem examination and found cause of death as stated above.

On Tuesday last German Johnnie, an Indian, was sentenced by G. T. Tunstall, S.M., to two months' hard labor for being drunk and disorderly on the reserve. Pierre Harry, another Indian, was charged with procuring whiskey for German Johnnie, and was sentenced to four months' hard labor or $50 and costs. Pierre confessed that Ah Sing supplied him with the liquor, and on making enquiries the police proved the case to the judge's satisfaction, and Ah Sing will spend the next five months in the chain gang.

An enterprising burglar gained access to the Hudson's Bay Co.'s store on Wednesday night, by way of the window on the east side, and helped himself to several bottles of brandy and the best Scotch whiskey. He also pocketed a few cigars, and small change to the value of about $5. Considering it was a bright, moonlight night, and the entrance was made at the most exposed part of the building, the burglar certainly did not lack nerve. The police think a drunken Indian did the trick. So far no trace has been obtained of the midnight marauder.

Early Wednesday afternoon word was brought into town from Mellors' ranch that Eddie "Vic" had attempted suicide by cutting his throat. At that time he was not dead, and Dr. Lambert immediately hurried out to the ranch to render any medical aid possible. Upon arrival the Doctor found that there was practically no hope of saving the poor fellow's life, as the wound inflicted was of a very serious nature and there had been a great loss of blood. He decided, however, to have him taken into the hospital. Eddie was then conscious and asked for a drink of water, but he expired on the way into town. The deceased was quite a young man, being but 24 years and 6 months old. He was a son of the late Victor Guillaume. Coroner Wade held an inquest. The witnesses called were J. A. Lavery, the Chinese cook on the ranch, and J. T. Noble. Upon the evidence edduced the jury returned the following verdict: "That the deceased Edward Victor Guillaume came to his death from the effects of a wound in the throat, the said wound having been inflicted by a knife in the deceased own hand; that we believe the deceased was at the time temporarily insane from the effects of alcoholic liquors. We would also call the attention of the authorities to the fact that deceased was supplied with liquor whilst he was under the ban of the 'Siwash Act.'"

VERNON.

A terrible shooting accident is reported by which Herbert McClusky, a young man of about 18 years, lost his life. The details of the sad affair are given by the News thus:

Leaving the ranch of Mr. Furniss, near Okanagan Mission road, young McClusky and two companions—one of whom was a boy named Albert Carey—started on a deer hunt last Saturday night. They camped that night in a shack some six miles away, and early next morning started out on the hills. McClusky and Carey had each a shotgun and rifle, and finding no trace of deer they used the former in killing some grouse. About 10 o'clock in the morning they came to a steep declivity of loose rock, and before starting to descend it, some of the party suggested that they, for safety's sake should remove the cartridges from their guns. This was done by both McClusky and Carey as far as the rifles were concerned, Carey also taking the shells from his shotgun. After removing the rifle cartridges, poor "Herb" asked him if he did not intend to empty his shotgun as well. Hardly had these words been spoken when McClusky stumbled, and his shotgun went off, sending the charge of the shot into his arm, and practically tearing away the entire muscular section between the elbow and shoulder. The lad was brought to the city hospital here, but his life could not be saved. He died on Tuesday.

The deceased was a son of the late W. McClusky, for some years manager of the B.X. ranch. He leaves a mother, Mrs. Furniss, and several brothers and sisters to mourn his sudden end.

GREENWOOD.

The Yale & Columbia Lumber Co., Ltd., which is the partial consummation of the effort to consolidate all the lumber mills of Yale and Kootenay, has been organized and includes the Genelle and Poupore mills, Nakusp, Robson and the Arrow Lakes; also the Blue mills of Rossland and Ymir, and Fisher's mills at Eholt, Phoenix and Rock Creek. The company is to be incorporated for half a million. P. Genelle, Rossland, is to be manafacturing manager, Mr. Poupore general financial manager, and A. Fisher local manager at Greenwood. The company has leased a piece of land near the depot here as a lumber yard, upon which a planing mill and sash and door factory will be erected. Two more mills, the machinery for which is on the way, will be erected in the district by the new company. The Miner is at liberty to mention that Long Lake is one of the points referred to.

Matters took an unexpected change on Monday night last with the coming of Hugh Sutherland, presumably on behalf of the Dominion Copper Co. He made an offer for the lighting on a considerably reduced basis, with the result that the Mackintosh syndicate met the cut, and at the time of writing at least has the prospects of carrying out the combined undertakings of lighting the city and building a tramway to Phoenix. No time will, or should, be lost with respect to either. The town is suffering from the want of electric light, which, notwithstanding its enterprise and energy otherwise, it has been very slow in obtaining. Greenwood should have been lighted long ago, and moreover, the city should have owned its own system. As it is now, there is neither time nor money to undertake the work municipally; and under the schedule of prices agreed upon Monday night Greenwood will have cheap lighting, while with the men there are at the head of it, no time will be lost. We are reasonably sure of getting the light early in the coming year. What the prospects are for obtaining a franchise for a tramway it is hard to say; but for a passenger and light freight tramway there ought to be no opposition. Naturally the C. P. R., after building its extensive system of spurs into the various mining camps, would object to opposition from the city in hauling ores. As a matter of fact, however, a tramway could not carry ore in competition with the railway company, whose facilities are very much better. Of course, in the case of ores on the line this side of Phoenix, it should be able to handle them without trouble, and without really coming into competition with the railway, until at all events the latter had built its spurs to the mines.—Miner.

Dr. Schon, the city health officer, has written to the council in reference to the disposal of refuse and also to an economical method of securing electric light. Dr. Schon suggested that a committee be formed to enquire into the practicability of burning the solid sewage and refuse in one of the blast furnaces attached to the smelter which is about to be erected. Dr. Schon had a conversation with Mr. Paul Johnson on the subject and he saw no difficulty in being able to burn it. His object in bringing the subject before the council at so early a date was that arrangements might be made with the smelter company so that any modification of construction of furnace to meet requirements might be effected from commencement. There can be no question as to the efficiency of this process of disposing of this solid refuse; the next question to be considered will be the disposal of the liquid part. This can only be carried out by a system of drainage throughout the city, the house slops, etc., being drained into a series of tanks; these being subject to a chemical process, after which the principal effluent might be allowed to find its way ultimately into the water course. "Some very expensive plan of drainage for this rapidly increasing town may become necessary in the future, but I think the adoption, such as I am suggesting, would not cost a very great deal and would answer the purpose for some time to come."

Dr. Schon suggested another idea to the effect that the city burn all its refuse and thus be able to generate electricity to light the town. This has been successfully done in England, notably in the parish of Shoreditch, in east end of London, and has proved not only an excellent means of disposing of refuse, but also a source of profit to the process.

The British Columbia Copper Company, Limited, ask the city to purchase for the smelter site 36 acres of land. The application was made through their solicitors, Hallett & Shaw, at Monday night's meeting of the council, but owing to the consideration of the electric light franchise, was not taken up. The letter follows:

The British Columbia Copper Company, Limited, now arranging to erect a smelter at Greenwood, has secured an option on 36 acres of land adjoining the proposed smelter site, which land is very necessary to the company for the purposes of their smelter. The price is $3,600. Hitherto the company has asked nothing of the city. Believing that the city appreciates the value of such an industry as the smelter will be willing to partly compensate the company for the bonus lost by their locating in Greenwood, the company with full confidence in the justice of the city has requested us to ask your honorable body, by way of small bonus to the company, to take up said option.—Times.

REVELSTOKE.

The Salmon Arm Co-operative Association, a district farmers' organization for the purpose of economical handling and disposal of farm products, has just completed a fine store in Revelstoke, which is under the management of Richard Davis, formerly one of the principal farmers of the Salmon Arm district.

A sucker is born every minute, so 'tis said! Edwards, the Australian salesman, found a few suckers in Revelstoke last Friday night. He succeeded in cleaning up about $140 by selling tin watches at all kinds of prices and cigars at $10 each.—Kootenay Mail.

GRAND FORKS.

Grand Forks, Nov. 12.—The construction of a new city hall and fire station at a cost of $3,500 will be commenced sortly.

Sinking in a winze on the Phil. Sheridan, of the Earthquake group on the North Fork of the Kettle River, is being continued with two shifts, and the workings are all in ore. Supt. Evans claims he has the same ledge as the Golden Eagle, a rich adjoining property.

A surface strike of 6 feet of good ore is eported to have just been made on the Mystery group in the Burnt Basin. The find was made on the lower portion of the claim, the ledge running into the side of the mountain in such a way that a short tunnel can tap it at a depth of 700 fet. The values are in gold.

A. W. Ross, of Vancouver, B. C., inspector for the Mainland board of fire underwriters, was here this week inspecting the various structures, and examining the system of fire protection, with a view to the reduction nd re-arrangement of the insurance rates.

Recent visitors to Republic were W. Godfrey, manager of the Bank of British North America, Vancouver, W. E. Oliver, manager of the same bank at Rossland, J. B. Johnson and A. E. Palmer, of Rossland. They inspected the Mountain Lion property. Mr. Palmer represents the Canadian element in the Mountain Lion, he having conducted the negotiations last spring, which resulted in the purchase by a Canadian of 300,000 shares at $1 per share. The visitors were greatly pleased with the pay chute in this property, which is now 350 feet long, and from 10 to 30 feet wide. The Mountain Lion mill will begin operation in January, when its bullion product is expected to reach $2,000 a day.

No one knows better than those who have used Carter's Little Liver Pills what relief they have given when taken for dyspepsia, dizziness, pain in the side, constipation, and disordered stomach.

The Railway To Chilliwack

Petition to the Council Asking For Submission of a By-law.

Special Committee Appointed to Confer with Committee of Citizens.

The petition asking the council to submit to the ratepayers a by-law embodying what is known as the Victoria-Chilliwack railway scheme as arranged by a citizens' committee, was read at last evening's meeting of the board of aldermen and referred to the city assessor to report on the signers. The letter accompanying the petition and the petition itself follows:

Victoria, B.C., Nov. 18, 1899.

To His Worship the Mayor and the Aldermen, City of Victoria:

Your Worship and Gentlemen: We have the honor on behalf of the petitioners to submit herewith, in conformity with the provisions of section 69 of the Municipal Clauses Act, a petition requesting your honorable body to pass, and submit to the ratepayers of the city of Victoria, a by-law authorizing the corporation of the city of Victoria to subscribe for capital stock to the par value of not exceeding $500,000, in any company incorporated for the purpose of acquiring and operating the Victoria and Sidney railway, and of extending the same into the business part of the city, and also to some convenient harbor north of Sidney; and for the purpose of establishing and operating a ferry system between such extension on the Saanich peninsula and some convenient point on the Mainland of British Columbia south of the Fraser river and north of the international boundary; and also for the purpose of building, equipping, owning and operating a line of railway from such point as aforesaid on the Mainland through the municipalities and districts of Delta, Surrey, Langley, Matsqui, Sumas and Chilliwack, or such portion or portions of the proposed undertaking or any alernative as may be deemed most in the public interest.

We beg to suggest in order to facilitate its prompt preparation for submission to the city council and the vote of the ratepayers that a select committee be appointed by the council to act with the undersigned for the purpose of framing the by-law as requested by the petition.

We have the honor to remain, Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen, your obedient servants,

J. A. SAYWARD.
C. E. RENOUF.
WM. MUNSIE.
DAVID SPENCER.

PETITION.

To His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen of the Corporation of the City of Victoria:

Victoria, B.C., 14th October, 1899.

The petitio nof the undersigned ratepayers of the city of Victoria humbly showeth:

That whereas it is proposed to incorporate a company for the purpose of acquiring and operating the Victoria & Sidney railway and of extending the same into the business part of the city, and also to some convenient harbor north of Sidney, and for the purpose of establishing and operating a ferry system between such extension on the Saanich peninsula and some convenient point on the Mainland of British Columbia south of the Fraser river and north of the international boundary, and also for the purpose of building, equipping, owning and operating a line of railway from such point, as aforesaid, on the Mainland, through the municipalities and districts of Delta, Surrey, Langley, Matsqui, Sumas and Chilliwack;

And whereas such railway will connect the city of Victoria with three transcontinental railway systems;

And whereas your petitioners are of the opinion that the growth and importance of this city now demand that greater and better facilities for fast travel between Victoria and the said Mainland, such as would be afforded by the above project, should be established, and your petitioners believe that the completion and operation of such a scheme as outlined would be so conducive to the welfare of this city and advance its commercial supremacy to such an extent that it should receive substantial aid from the corporation of the city of Victoria.

Your petitioners would therefore pray your honorable body to introduce, pass and submit to the electors for their assent a by-law authorizing the corporation of the city of Victoria to subscribe for shares in the capital stock of any company that may be incorporated with or for the purpose of the above objects to an amount not exceeding $500,000 (five hundred thousand dollars).

And your petitioners as in dut bound will ever pray.

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Ald. Beckwith explained that the assessor had already prepared a statement which showed that the petitioners representing $750,000 more than was actually required by the act and the average amount of property represented was over $12,000.

Mayor Redfern explained that there must be an official report from the assessor so that the petition was referred to that officer and the communication laid on the table.

Later in the evening, the communication was again taken up and on motion of Ald. Beckwith, seconded by Ald. Brydon, the special committee was appointed as requested b ythe writers. The Mayor appointed Ald. Beckwith, Stewart and Hayward.

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There was little other business, the session lasting less than an hour.

Mr. W. J. Pendray drew attention to the defective state of the drain in front of his property on Humboldt street and also the condition of the road. Referred to the city engineer.

The secretary of the Jubilee hospital board of directors asked that something be given the Jubilee hospital as rental for the Old Woman's Home, upon which the hospital pays taxes, rent, insurance and repairs, while the city is allowed the use of the building free. It was explained that $100 a year would pay the expenses and the letter was referred to the finance committee.

J. W. Mellor petitioned the council to allow the elevated platform he had erected in front of his building on Mason street to remain there.

Mayor Redfern explained that Mr. Mellor had been given permission to erect the platform with the understanding that he would remove it if there was any complaint.

Ald. Beckwith thought that Mr. Mellor should be willing to comply with the by-law. The street was very narrow and there should be no obstructions. Besides, the platform there was a lot of straw and cases in front of the building.

Ald. Beckwith moved, seconded by Ald. Kinsman, that the platform be removed while Ald. Williams moved an amendment, seconded by Ald. Brydon, that the matter be referred to a special committee, Ald. Brydon making a plea for the platform.

The amendment was carried and Ald. Brydon, Williams and Cameron were appointed the committee.

The following report was received from the city engineer:

Victoria, Nov. 20, 1899.

To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit the following report for your consideration: Dr. Frank Hall and others re improvement on David street. Upon examination of the place in question I find that in order to put the whole street in good condition it would entail considerable grading, etc., but in my opinion about $100 could be spent to advantage on the easterly portion, and would therefore respectfully recommend this be done.

Communication from Hon. J. S. Helmcken re drainage of the park. I have made an examination of the section in question during the heavy rains of Saturday last, and can see no reason why connection cannot be made with the sewer. I would therefore respectfully recommend the construction of three catch basins and pipe connections in two places, thereby abating the trouble at a very reduced outlay to the proposal of 1898. Total estimated cost $180.

E. W. Whittington and brothers re road and drain on Pandora avenue. I have this morning examined this locality and find it will be necessary to construct a surface pipe drain for at least two blocks on Pandora avenue, before stone should be placed on said road. I would therefore recommend no action in the matter of road improvement until funds are available to construct the drain in question, which will be a somewhat expensive undertaking.

Communication from A. W. Jones re Fernwood Road drain. I may say I have already reported on this matter on August 21, 1899, with the exception of the outlet, which can be extended in a similar manner to that at Michigan street, in the spring, when low tides can be taken advantage of.

The city carpenter reports and recommends the construction of the following sidewalks: Cadboro Bay Road, south side, between Pemberton Road and St. Charles street, 6 feet wide. Estimated cost $160. Milne street, south side, 235x4 feet. Estimated cost $30. Springfield avenue, west side, a distance of 575 feet x4 feet wide. Estimated cost $69. Oswego street, west side, between Kingston and Michigan streets, 500ft.x6ft. Estimated cost $100. Oswego street, east side, between Michigan and Simcoe streets, being past repair, 550ft.x6ft. Estimated cost $112. Dunedin street, north side, easterly from Sumas street, a distance of 370 feet. Estimated cost, including grading, $55.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

C. H. TOPP,
City Engineer.

All the funds and "a little more" having been appropriated, the report was received and laid on the table.

Aldermen Stewart and MacGregor drew attention to a drain that had been dug by the street railway company along side their track between Quadra and Vancouver streets on Pandora avenue, and Mayor Redfern said he would ask the city engineer to report on the matter.

G. H. Bates and others asked that the water main be extended along Baronet street. Referred to the water commissioner to report.

The usual financial committee reports were adopted.

The Legal Advisers' Amendment and Supplementary Estimates by-laws were finally passed, this exhausting the business.

There is no joy in this world equal to the happiness of motherhood. A woman's health is her dearest possession. Good looks, good times, happiness, love and its continuance depend on her health. Almost all the sickness of women is traceable directly or indirectly to some derangement of the organs distinctly feminine. Troubles of this kind are often neglected because a very natural and proper modesty keeps women away from physicians, whose insistence upon examination and local treatment is generally as useless as it is common. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription will do more for them than 99 doctors in 100. It will do more than the hundredth doctor can unless he prescribes it. It is a prescription of Dr. R. V. Pierce, who for thirty years has been chief consulting physician of the World's Dispensary and Invalids' Hotel, at Buffalo, N. Y.

Send 31 one-cent stamps to cover cost of mailing only, and get his great book, The People's Common Sense Medical Adviser, absolutely free.

LOCAL NEWS.

(From Tuesday's Daily Edition).

Social Dance.—The Daughters of Ruth will hold a social carnival in Odd Fellows' hall, Spring Ridge, on Thursday evening, the 30th instant.

Resigned His Position.—Mr. William M. Brewer has tendered his resignation as consulting engineer of the British Pacific Gold Property Co., Ltd. Ly., to take effect on February 19 next.

Photos of the Ball.—An interesting souvenir of the recent hospital ball is in the form of a flash-light photograph of the charmingly decorated supper room, which Savannah succeeded in catching. It was a picture secured under great difficulties, and is well worth preserving.

Receiver Discharged.—In Supreme court chambers yesterday, before Mr. Justice Drake, an application was made in Saunders vs. Warren for the payment out of court certain moneys. An order was made that the money be paid to judgment creditors and that the receiver and assignees be discharged.

Axe-User Did Not Appear.—Nikolas Capadukas, the fisherman who is said to have used an axe in a fight with another follower of the sea at the city landing a few mornings ago, did not appear in the police court yesterday morning to defend a charge of assault. A warrant for his arrest was issued.

The Drunks of a Day.—Four drunks were among the offenders in the police court yesterday, the list being headed by Joe Martin, who was assessed $2.50 and costs, or five days' imprisonment. Charles R. Thompson shared a similar fate, while two West Coast Indians paid fines of $5 each.

Stolen Nets Recovered.—Austin Gill and Harry Savory spent last night in a cell at the provincial police station, and this morning they will appear in court to answer to the charge of stealing two fishing nets from George Mitchell. The nets were stolen from Mitchell's boat at Beecher Bay and were found in possession of the two boys.

New Offices.—The C. P. R. Telegraph Co. are following the railway construction party through the Boundary Creek country, and are opening offices at all the principal points. Local Manager Christie yesterday announced the opening of offices at Camp McKinney, Rock Creek, Midway and Lardeau. Greenwood and Grand Forks are now direct offices.

Died at Johannesburg.—The last issue of the Jewish Chronicle (London) contains an announcement of the death at Johannesburg on July 25 last of Lewis Aaronson, an elder brother of Mr. A. A. Aaronson, of this city. The deceased gentleman, from whom Mr. Aaronson had not heard during thirteen years past, leaves a widow and two children, residing in West Kensington.

Funeral of R. George.—The funeral of the late Richard George, eldest son of Capt. W. E. George, took place yesterday afternoon from his parents' residence, Superior street. The Right Rev. Bishop Cridge officiated there and at Ross Bay cemetery, where the remains were laid to rest. The following gentlemen officiated as pall-bearers: Messrs. H. Rudge, J. Denny, P. Baker, J. W. Meldram, W. Millington and W. F. Fraser.

Thursday's Attraction.—Next Thursday evening at the Victoria theatre "A Stranger in New York" will be presented, with all its handsome scenery, brilliant stage settings and stunning gowns, with a lot of new things in the way of specialties and spirited music. This piece will be pleasantly remembered from its former visits as being a breezy comedy, full to overflowing with bright and witty lines and funny scenes and situations.

Baseball League.—The movement to organize a professional baseball league for the Northwest, including the Coast cities of British Columbia, Washington and Oregon, has not been dropped. A meeting will be held in Seattle shortly, and it is probable that both Victoria and Vancouver will be represented. It is proposed to sell 2,000 season tickets at each city and organize companies with a capital of $2,000, to guarantee the expenses. Ted Sullivan, the well-known baseball enthusiast, and McCluskey, the ex-Manager of Louisville, are interesting themselves in the proposal, which is a guarantee of its success.

Three Months' Reformatory Cure.—Little William Henry Bullock, who had confessed to the theft of a target rifle and silver watch from a lady residing on Caledonia avenue, was yesterday sentenced to three months in the reformatory—a punishment he escaped on a previous occasion owing to his tender years. The boy goes to the reformatory willingly, his home life having, he alleges, been full of harshness. Sergeant Redgrave was called in by neighbors some ten years ago in the boy's behalf, and found him with a heavy double dog-chain wound about his left leg and fastened with a padlock—his father, he said, having placed it there in order to prevent the lad running away.

Should Make a Good Insurance Man.—William Urquhart, whose fondness for the flowing bowl has brought him into the police court almost every week for months past, was on hand again with yesterday's array of drunks. He had been convicted only a few days ago and fined $15, with an allowance of time in which to raise the money. This he had not done, and the air looked dark for him in consequence. But William has a persuasive tongue. Not only did he satisfy the court of his firm and unalterable intention of paying the last fine entered against him, but he convinced His Honor as well that it would be well to defer sentence on the latest issue. And this was what was done.

An Exciting Runaway.—While out driving on Sunday, Mr. Garland, the Douglas street grocer, and Captain Owens and his two-year-old daughter were thrown out of the rig and more or less injured. The horse took fright at a street car on the Esquimalt road and bolting to the side threw Mr. Garland out across the rail. Taking his little daughter in his arms, Capt. Owens endeavored to jump, but was caught by his long waterproof coat in the wheels of the buggy. Not being able to free himself, he threw the little girl as far as he could along the road, fortunately not hurting her in the least. The child rolled over and over in the mud and was the only one that entirely escaped injury. Capt. Owens was bruised about the body while Mr. Garland has been confined to his bed ever since. The horse ran until the buggy struck a telephone pole near the Rock Bay hotel and then freeing itself raced out as far as the brickyards on Douglas street.

Versatility Of Rosebery.

He Has Been Discussing Everything From the War to London's Poor.

Her Majesty Shows No Signs of Fatigue After a Trying Ordeal.

By Associated Press.

London, Nov. 18.—Home affairs are chiefly notable for the speeches of party leaders, the activity of the Queen and the anticipation of Emperor William's visit. Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman's Manchester effort was by far the most important Liberal utterance in or out of parliament since the Transvaal crisis. He clearly laid down the lines of party policy which briefly summarized, are enthusiastic support of the campaign and bitter opposition to the tactics which made it necessary. This apparently has effected the cohesion of various elements in the Liberal ranks and is deserving the highest praise from organs hitherto taking divers views.

The reincarnation of Lord Rosebery is another notable feature. Never at any stage of his career has he been more active in speaking one day on the Transvaal and the next on housing