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THE CITY.

THE statistics of the Provincial jail for the month of November are in abstract as follows: Daily average number of prisoners, 46; received during the month, 26; discharged during the month, 27; highest number any one day, 50; remaining in custody, 47.

THE Inland Revenue collectionf for Division No. 37, Victoria, during the month of November, amounted to $10,821.68, which total was made up as below: Spirits, $6,460 03; malt, $1,421.90; tobacco, $1,937.25; cigars, $802 80; and petroleum inspection, $199.70.

THE funeral of the late Mrs. Isbister took place yesterday from the family residence, Foster's pier, Esquimalt, to Ross Bay cemetery. Rev. Dr. Campbell officiated at the house and grave, and the pallbearers were Messrs. Rendall, Knight, Buckett, Pottinger, Lismore and Ker.

THE Canadian Trade Review, of Montreal, comes to hand much improved in appearance. It has been enlarged in size and is printed on a superior class of paper. Its proprietor is manifestly determined to keep abreast of the times, and this the advertisers seem to appreciate.

SEVERAL sportsmen, among whom were F. B. Gregory, E. Brammer and F. S. Gore, left for Port San Juan on the steamer Maude last evening, where they will spend a few days hunting. Besides these gentlemen the Maude carried seven or eight passengers who are on their way to Alberni. The steamer also had a big freight.

CHIEF OF POLICE H. W. SHEPPARD is in receipt of a telegram from Mr. W. Seitz, secretary of the Foreign Department of the California Midwinter Exposition, announcing the desire of the managers of the fair to have the Victoria lacrosse, cricket and football clubs participate in the big celebration. Very liberal terms are promised, and a letter now on the way is said to contain full particulars.

SHORTLY after Christmas a grand potlach is arranged to take place at Saanich, the hosts being George and Jack, two well-to-do Indians. Preparations are now being made for the festivities, which will last a week, and the guests will include all the Indians who can find the opportunity to come from Saanich, Becher Bay, along the E. & N. line, and from the Mainland. It is expected that there will be between three and four hundred Indians present.

MRS. JOSEPH KUNA, whose serious illness was announced in yesterday's COLONIST, died at her home in Chicago during Thursday afternoon, and last evening Mr. Kuna started on his sad journey with the remains to this city, where the interment will take place. Though born in England, the late Mrs. Kuna spent her girlhood in Victoria, whither her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Shaw, removed while she was yet in early youth. It was here that the marriage was solemnized, and here many sincere and affectionate friends are left to lament her death.

COUNTING each of the several trades as a separate contract, as it really constitutes, there were about 250 tenders sent in for the contracts about to be awarded for the construction of the new Government buildings. Taking the average, this gives about thirty-five tenders for the complete work, though of course there were more for some trades and fewer for others. The work of examining and comparing the tenders was in progress again yesterday. It is understood that the prices in the tenders are quite satisfactory.

A MIDDLE-AGED man, of Scandinavian origin, giving the name of Christian Pierson, or Petersen, is at present occupying a cell at the Provincial police station, having been arrested yesterday by Officer Hutchinson on suspicion. The facts are somewhat peculiar and are thus narrated by Special Officer McNeill, who gave the information to the police: About three weeks ago a stranger came to Shoal Bay, and was seen from the McNeill homestead approaching the orchard stealthily, slinking from bush to bush, and apparently endeavoring to conceal himself. He reached the orchard in this way, picked a few apples, and then rushed away as if alarmed. A few minutes later he was seen entering Mr. Green's house, where he remained. Col. Peters and two other gentlemen coming along shortly afterwards they were informed of the circumstances, and the Colonel ordered the fellow away. About a week ago smoke was seen on the beach and the same man was noticed about an Indian hut. Yesterday morning he was again in possession of the hut, and D. H. McNeill visited him there and asked what he was doing. He answered that he was duck shooting. McNeill then asked to see his gun, and the reply was, "Oh, I use a revolver," the stranger at the same time exhibiting a revolver and bowie knife stuck in his belt. After some further conversation McNeill left and communicated with the Provincial police, the result being that Officer Hutchinson also called during the afternoon. He at once recognized the coat and vest worn by the man as answering the description of certain property stolen in Nanaimo, and accordingly put the wearer under arrest. He told a somewhat rambling story at the police station, and his pockets, when searched, disclosed a revolver, bowie knife and razor, besides a silver watch and chain, small looking-glass, soap, tobacco and matches.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY

The Sir William Wallace Society held their St. Andrew's celebration last night, when there was a very large gathering of members and friends in their hall on Broad street, a good programme of songs, readings, recitations, Highland dancing, piano and violin selections being furnished. In the middle of the programme an interval took place, during which the members of the society served out refreshments of tea, Scottish oat cakes, scones and sweet cake. The following was the programme:

Pipe selection.....Mr. Robertson
MacGregor's Gathering.....Mr. Paterson
Remarks.....Chief Jameson
"Annie Laurie".....Mr. Jameson
Robin Tamson's Smiddy.....Mr. Muir
Highland Fling.....Miss Strachan
French Song.....Mons. Quentin
Recitation, "Jessie Brown at Lucknow.....Miss Chapman
Scottish history sketch.....Mr. Tate
Dance, "Sheen Trews".....Mr. Anderson
"Bennie Loch Lomond".....Mr. Muir
Reading, from Jeems Kaye..Rev. M. Chisholm
"Caller Herring".....Miss Jameson
"The Bonnie Wee Widow".....Mr. Russell
Burn's Address to a Haggis.....Mr. Tate
Duet, Piano and Violin....Mr. F. Bourne & son

Miss Strachan's dancing was indeed splendid, and she gave the highland fling in her usual perfect manner. Miss Chapman's rendering of "Jessie Brown at Lucknow" was worthy of special praise; she responded to a well earned encore by "The death of my Mother-in-Law." She is a reciter of much promise. Rev. Mr. Chisholm's recitations were well appreciated. Mr. Russell's songs and all the other parts of the night's entertainment were most enjoyable, and from the enthusiasm shown indicated that the company assembled fully appreciated the efforts of the society.

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THE CITY.

THE Indian brought down on the Danube on the charge of stealing $400 from Mr. Donohan's store at Port Essington, will be taken to Nanaimo to be tried there.

THE statistics of the Victoria Free Library for the month of November are in abstract as below: Total number of books issued, 1,740; to ladies, 791; to gentlemen, 949. Highest issue in any one day, 130; average daily issue, 73. New members—ladies, 11; gentlemen, 24.

THE new revenue cutter Grant was to have sailed from New York on the 30th ult., and the expectation was that the voyage round to Port Townsend would take about one hundred days. The Perry will not leave for about two months. She is now undergoing repairs at Wilmington, Del.

THE will of the late Joseph Despard Pemberton was filed for probate yesterday. It shows an estate valued at upwards of half a million dollars, which in the main is bequeathed to the widow of the deceased. The executors named are Wm. C. Ward, of the Bank of British Columbia, and F. B. Pemberton.

THE services in memory of Mrs. Booth at the Salvation Army barracks, last evening, attracted a large crowd, and consequently conserable money was secured at the door and otherwise for the benefit of social work throughout the Dominion of Canada. Adjutant McMillan exhibited a number of magic lantern views which were appropriate to the occasion.

BETWEEN 12 and 1 o'clock on Friday night an attempt was made to burglarize Captain McCoskrie's house over James Bay. Some of the occupants, who were all in bed at the time, were aroused by a noise on the roof. On investigating the cause of the disturbance, the eldest son discovered a man over the bay window, and immediately procured a weapon and started after the stranger, who jumped down and fled, leaving his tracks in the soft sod. Captain McCoskrie had just returned from the North yesterday morning, but says he would be willing to meet the stranger some time when he is at home.

REV. E. T. DEMBY, B.A., B.D., who has been working in British Columbia in the interest of the American Methodist Episcopal church (colored), has recently organized a congregation at Ganges Harbor, Salt Spring Island, and reorganized the work in Wellington. The favorable reports received of Mr. Demby, who is said to add to his scholarship rare eloquence, have induced the colored people of Victoria to seriously discuss the organization of a church here under his direction. Those who heard him preach in Victoria lately are quite enthusiastic on the subject. If the proposed church be established it will be open to all who desire to join, and not to colored people alone.

THE city police are at present engaged in a crusade against the small class of men who make a living by piano playing in houses of ill-fame. Allen McDonald, one of these "professors," was summoned to appear in the magistrate's court yesterday, charged with being an habitual frequenter of 22 View street; he did not answer the summons and a warrant for his arrest was issued. The Japanese Anti-Prostitution Society, supported and endorsed by Consul Kito, are waging war against the disreputable houses maintained by Japanese in Victoria and have adopted a new system in their effort to repress vice. They will not molest the mistresses or inmates of the resorts, but keep a close watch upon their visitors and cause their systematic prosecution.

CHRISTIAN PETERSEN, arrested by the provincial police on Friday under suspicion because of facts reported by Special Officer McNeill, was charged in the Provincial court yesterday with stealing a coat and vest, the property of Andrew Derome, who is a section foreman on the E. & N. Railway, near Shawnigan lake. He was sentenced to three months imprisonment. Before he gets out there will no doubt be a long array of charges against him. It appears that every article of his clothing, and the entire contents of his shack have been stolen. He had laid in a good stock of provisions, part of which have been identified by Mr. Grice as those stolen from his store. The goods have been removed to the police quarters, and it is expected that the greater part of them will be promptly identified. He was armed with a first-class six-shooter and a bowie knife. It is possible that a number of the highway robberies and burglaries which occurred here within the last few months will be traced to this man.

EVERYONE has heard of the poverty of the church mouse; the church dog is, however, even worse off. The wisdom of this will be fully endorsed by an unfortunate pointer which spent five days of last week a prisoner in the porch of St. John's. It had acquired the—for a dog—bad habit of attending divine service, and went to St. John's accordingly last Sunday night. Not understanding the rules, his dogship went to sleep near the front door, and escaped the notice even of the sexton, who closed and locked the doors and took his departure. During the next few days ghostly sounds and unearthly wailings were heard in the neigborhood of the church, but could not be located. No one thought of looking in the porch until Friday evening, when Mr. L. H. Jenns discovered the prisoner, so weak that he could no longer stand. He was carefully taken in hand and by yesterday had fully recovered and took his departure from the rectory. During his confinement he had eaten into the cedar walls of the porch in half a dozen places, no doubt in the endeavor to gnaw his way to freedom.

THE sale of work and attendant attractions drew a large crowd to St. James' hall yesterday afternoon and evening, and in consequence the funds of the Ladies' Aid Society of St. James' church benefited very materially. The sale was successful even beyond expectation, nearly everything being disposed of. The affair was under the general direction of the president of the society, Mrs. E. C. Baker, who had the assistance of a zealous and capable staff of ladies. The refreshment department was looked after by Mrs. Wilmot, Mrs. Solley, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Kains, Mrs. Gregg and Mrs. E. M. Johnson, and so great was the custom that they and other assistants who volunteered were kept very busy. A tea devised so as to be specially attractive to the children was supervised by Mrs. James Raymur and Mrs. Jay. At the fancy table, which was exceedingly well equipped with the most artistic wares, Mrs. Byrn, Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. P. Goepel were in attendance. At what was known as the children's table, the articles were all well suited for the requirements of the little customers, and the price limit being fixed at twenty-five cents helped to increase the popularity. Miss Storey, presiding at the candy stall, found the stock disappear with the most satisfactory rapidity. The 5 o'clock tea was under the skilful direction of Mrs. Mallandaine. In the evening there was an exhibition of Mrs. Jarley's waxworks, which caused no end of amusement.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

British Columbia Municipal Association to Meet in Westminster To-Morrow.

Ships Waiting to Load Coal at Nanaimo—Snow at Union.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Dec. 2.—The fish exporters are bringing snow from Glacier to pack fish in.

La grippe has laid up about half the prominent people in town.

The Municipal Association of British Columbia meets here on Tuesday. The principal topic for discussion will be the draft of the Rural Municipalities bill. A number of points have been selected by the Council for special consideration, including the question of the councillors' term of office; the date of elections; powers of legislation by by-law; priority of ranking of debentures, and the protection of sinking funds. It is further proposed that assessment appeals should be decided by a board of arbitration, and not by the County court judge. Other questions will be the power to enforce payment of taxes, with the suggestion that more summary procedure be available; road tax and statute labor, with a suggestion that no man should have to pay more than once in any one year.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Dec. 2.—Dr. Young of Comox is still a very sick man; in fact he is in a precarious condition, and his recovery is far from certain.

An amateur entertainment is to be given in St. Paul's Institute on Monday evening, in which a number of the best local performers are taking part. The farce "My Turn Next" and selections from the comic opera "Robin Hood" form the programme.

The total average daily attendance at the city schools last month was 522.75.

Complaints have been made regarding the inadequacy of the High School staff, but as several of the pupils are from the districts outside the city limits, the civic authorities are not inclined to make any addition.

The half-yearly examinations for entrance to the High School will be held here on Monday.

Frank McQuillan has sent out a gang of men to work on his claim on Hiwatches creek.

UNION.

UNION, Dec. 1.—S. H. Davis, the I.O.G.T. lecturer, spoke on the liquor problem Friday evening, Rev. John Robson, occupying the chair. Mr. Davis also lectured again Saturday, and on Sunday evening the Methodist and Presbyterian congregations united in the hall and listened to a very eloquent and common-sense temperance address by Mr. Davis. The attendance at each of the meetings was good and clearly showed that the people fully appreciated the speaker's remarks.

Grant & McGregor have been awarded the contract for building three new cottages for R. Grant, of Union sawmill. The contractors have lumber on the ground for two houses of their own, but the heavy snowfall has stopped all operations at present.

The Thanksgiving service at the Methodist church on Sunday last was a great success. In the afternoon the Sunday school children, assisted by the choir, rendered a service of song entitled, "The Crowning of the Year," to a large and appreciative audience, the principal solos being taken by Miss Anthony and Miss G. Piket, whilst Mrs. Robson acted as accompanist. The school house was tastefully decorated with evergreens, fruits, flowers, etc., the work being done by the Ladies' Aid Society. In the evening the Thanksgiving service was also largely attended, despite the inclement weather. The pastor, Rev. John Robson, B.A., delivered an eloquent sermon, and the audience seemed rejoiced that another opportunity was granted them of returning thanks for the bounties and blessings of another year.

Chas. Hardy, A. Lurch and E. W. Barrett, of the real estate firm of G. A. McBain & Co., of Nanaimo, arrived on Saturday on the steamer Esperanza.

James Abrams is steadily inproving. His wife and family came up from Nanaimo on the Joan yesterday.

Sam C. Davis, manager of Union hotel, has a keen eye to business. He has had a large bath room added to the premises, as well as a butcher shop and cold storage room, making it one of the finest equipped hotels on the Coast.

S. S. Mineola is loading for Port Angeles, and the ships Margaret and Richard III. are anchored in the bay waiting to load.

Superintendent Little arrived home from Victoria, yesterday.

Rev. J. Robson is ill and unable to leave for regular service at Denman, this week.

A new lodge of the U A.O.D. was organized here last week, with a membership of thirty-six. It is named "Cumberland" Grove, in honor of the new townsite.

Nearly twelve inches of snow has fallen this week, and there are signs of more.

MINING IN CARIBOO.

(News-Advertiser.)

A representative of the News-Advertiser called upon Mr. J. B. Hobson, who together with Mr. Warner has recently returned from the Cariboo District, where they have had the management of the mines belonging to the Horse Fly Hydraulic Mining Co., Ltd., Mr. Hobson gave a very sanguine account of the progress already made and the prospects ahead. The company in question possesses eight mines located on the Horse Fly River, fifty miles north east of the 108 mile house on the Cariboo road, and these cover in all an area of over 1,000 acres. It is intended to open up the "Discovery" mine in the first place, and there are at present seventy-five men engaged upon work in connection therewith, including thirty-one Japanese, who are almost exclusively employed in excavating ditches, etc. One ditch in particular will be ten miles in length, and is designed to convey water from Mussel creek to the mines, there to be utilized for hydraulic pressure. In addition to ditch, a pipe has to be constructed, thirty inches in diameter and 8,300 feet in length, which will be used in carrying the water across four depressions, two of them fully 200 feet in depth. The steel of which this pipe is made will weigh 170 tons, and Messrs. McGillivray & Armstrong are the firm who have its construction in hand. It will be completed and conveyed to Cariboo this winter on sleighs.

With respect to the richness of the region in gold, Mr. Hobson stated that all the rivers' gravel deposits are very extensive and of much higher grade in their gold tenure than those of California. Sample lots have been washed and gave results varying from 20 cents to $3 per cubic yard. In all probability the mines will be fully equipped and running next year, when 150 men will be employed by the company. Wages for white men run from $40 to $60 a month with board, according to the respective efficiency of those employed.

The Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Company, another company engaged in prospecting the district, have also secured several properties on the south bank of the Quesnelle river near Quesnelle Forks, and are at present engaged in equipping the same for working by hydraulic pressure with three inches of water. Twenty miles of ditch will be excavated next year and this ditch, together with other work, will necessitate the employment of 150 men next season, during the settlement of which the mines will be fully equipped and running. The rivers gravel deposits in this region are also very extensive and probably the richest in the world, according to Mr. Hobson, whose twenty years experience of this nature in California has eminently qualified him to judge in such a matter. In conclusion, Mr. Hobson stated that there is an abundance of water and all other requisites, which should ultimately transform the Cariboo district into one of the richest gold producing countries in the world. All that is required is sufficient capital to open up its vast resources. Explorations in Cariboo were began by Mr. Hobson on behalf of his company a year ago last June, and he was employed fully twelve months in the work.

When Mr. Hobson left the district the thermometer had already registered 30 degrees below zero and as in addition, the climate is excessively damp, the terrible discomfort he has had to endure can be better imagined than described. The cold was so intense at times as to freeze the eyelashes together and split timber asunder with a series of startling reports. Mr. Hobson will remain in Vancouver during the winter, and the town must doubtless come as a pleasant change after the solitary wilds of Cariboo.

LABOR DELEGATES AT VICTORIA.

(Nanaimo Telegram.)

As will be observed by the report of the conference between the delegates of the various Trades' Unions of the Province and the Provincial Government which appeared in yesterday's Telegram, what might have been fraught with beneficial results to all parties concerned, has for the time at least come to naught. This is to be regretted because, had the delegates met the Government in a proper spirit, and on the lines laid down for them by their respective organizations, we have no hesitation in saying much good would have been accomplished. We believe that in order to avoid friction between capital and labor, and the disastrous results of misunderstandings which are always liable to arise between employer and employed, it is necessary for Parliament to constitute a competent authority to deal with such matters, but in doing so every precaution must be taken to guard the interests not only of organized labor but unorganized labor, and the employer must also receive equal consideration. We believe this was the principle kept in view by the various labor organizations in selecting their delegates to go to Victoria. We do not believe that it ever entered the minds of those bodies when appointing their representatives that those representatives were simply to go on a billet hunting expedition for themselves and friends.

It has been claimed on behalf of the delegates that they were not qualified for the mission entrusted to them by their respective unions, and that they did not understand the purport of the of the resolutions which they submitted to the Government. Whether this is the case or not will remain for the delegates themselves to say. One thing is certain, their conduct has been a serious blow to the interests of labor.

Of the seven resolutions as represented below, it will be observed that only two refer in any way to the Arbitration Act, viz., five and seven.

One to four deal exclusively in "demanding" positions, while six would shut out almost one-half of the best workmen in this Province. In reference to resolution six, we are at a loss to know where the delegates would draw the line. As a matter of fact a number of the delegates themselves were aliens; many of the best union men in this city and other parts of the Province are aliens; yet the majority of the delegates would exclude all these from the right to work on Government contracts.

As we said before, we regret the outcome of the conference, because it has failed to accomplish the purpose it was intended for, and has thereby caused a breach in the negotiations wide enough in itself, but being already made broader by the Opposition press and political demagogues for the purpose of making capital against the Government.

THE TRAMWAY PRESIDENCY.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the National Electric Tramway and Lighting Company held last evening, Hon. D. W. Higgins, who for nearly five years has been president, and who has also for the last six months managed the company's lighting plant, handed in his resignation as a director, having found the duties of the dual position too onerous. The board passed a resolution accepting his resignation and thanking Mr. Higgins for his past services, and eulogising him for the zeal and integrity shown in conducting the company's affairs. A further resolution was passed appointing Major C. T. Dupont as president, the election of a director to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Higgins' resignation being deferred.

It is understood that the retiring president has decided to devote his whole attention to the management of the lighting interests of the company, which are to be largely improved and extended early in the new year.

CHINA CREEK MINES.

The latest advices from the Golden Eagle claims in Alberni were those received on Friday. A letter received stated that No. 1 tunnel was in fifty feet and that work had just begun on No. 2 tunnel. Another gang of six practical miners left on the Maude on Friday night for the camp, to engage in the work of development which will be pushed in all three tunnels.

On the Maude also was J. C. Anderson, who located a ledge of milky white quartz on Effingham Inlet, which assayed well, and supplies were taken along to develop the property.

Assays recently made from samples of ore from a thirty-foot ledge, situated on a branch of China Creek, went $60 to the ton. This creek is twelve miles out of Alberni town and the ledge is two miles up the creek. Several locations were made here, and a Nanaimo company with a capitalization of $100,000 has been formed to develop some of them.

FOR SEVERE COLDS.

GENTLEMEN—I had a severe cold, for which I took Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. I find it an excellent remedy, giving prompt relief and pleasant to take.

J. PAYNTER, Huntsville, Ont.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

Minor Wins the International Trap-Shooting Tournament With a Run of Twenty.

Vancouver Footballers Triumphant—McLeod's Last Victory—Sporting Notes.

TORONTO, Dec. 2.—(Special)—C. W. Minor, of Victoria, won the international clay pigeon match at the Woodbine to-day, with a straight score of twenty birds, taking the first prize of $150. There were forty entries from the United States and Canada. Hardy, of Buffalo, and Enoud, of Toronto, tied for second prize ($90) with scores of nineteen. Minor and Hardy will probably meet shortly in a hundred bird match.

FOOTBALL.

VICTORIA V. VICTORIA COLLEGE.

Yesterday afternoon a match was played between two teams from the above named clubs at Beacon Hill. The College played without Higgins, Rithet and Scholefield, and the club had by no means a representative eleven. In the first half the college had the better of the game, though Victoria scored one goal. After ends were changed the weight of the club began to tell, and they had the game much their own way, though the College forwards, by some splendid combination, made several good rushes. A most enjoyable game ended in a win for Victoria by three goals to nil. For the College, the Gowards and the brothers Erb played a good game at back, while all the forwards passed well. Howard, Glen, Bland and A. Goward were the most conspicuous of the Victoria eleven.

ENGLAND V. COLONIES.

This match, on Beacon Hill yesterday afternoon, was a very interesting exhibition of Rugby football, being stubbornly contested from start to finish. The play was long in progress before a point was made, and the first recorded was a try for the Colonies. Before half-time England also secured a try, thus evening matters. In the second half neither scored, and the match consequently resulted in a draw.

SENKLER'S MEN SUCCESSFUL.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Dec. 2.—(Special)—The Rugby football match this afternoon was played in a cold rain. The teams were very evenly matched, the work of the backs of Vancouver, however, being rather more reliable than that of this division of the home team. Vancouver gained a try in the first half, while Westminster scored nothing, though just at the call of time they appeared certain of getting the ball across the line. Captain Senkler, for Vancouver, was the main stay of his team, and without him the result would certainly have been different.

YALE FRESHMEN BEAT HARVARD.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 2.—The thirteenth annual game between the Yale and Harvard freshmen was played on the Yale field here this afternoon, resulting in a surprising victory for the New Haven youngsters, with a record of thirty to four. The entire game was played without Harvard securing a score until within the last sixty seconds, when, crippled though they were, with a magnificent burst of spirit they pushed the ball down the field and over the line for a touchdown. The game was one of the best inter-collegiate class contests ever played here. The team work throughout the game was good on the part of Yale, and it is owing to their fine work that they made the great surprise.

WRESTLING.

AGAIN M'LEOD IS VICTOR.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—McLeod won the wrestling match against White at Oakland last evening. His contract called for five falls in an hour, and as the half hour passed it looked as if he had agreed to accomplish too much. To those who are experienced in the tactics of the wrestler, however, it was plain that he was tiring his man, and was ably judging his opponent's strength. At times the struggle was exciting, White narrowly avoiding a fall by some clever manœuvrings. But the work was telling on him and his resistance became weaker and weaker. Finally McLeod worked White's right arm into a hammer lock, and with little difficulty placed his opponent on his back with both shoulders on the mat. The time was 36 minutes, and after a minute's rest, the men were at it again. The terrible twist on White's arm had deprived him of its use, and a minute or so later McLeod secured a hammer lock and a fall. This ended the contest. White's arm was completely disabled, and when time was called he sensibly refused to continue, and McLeod was awarded the decision.

HERE AND THERE.

Deer hunting is in full force at Union, and scores of these animals are being shot down. Venison can be bought there at five cents a pound.

INDIAN WHISKEY TRADERS.

The departure of the steamer Mystery, bound for the West Coast, was unexpectedly delayed last evening, as the result of a visit paid by the police about 9 o'clock, very shortly before the little vessel was to have steamed away. The visit was the result of information secured by Officer Hutchinson of the Provincial police, who having reason to believe that a quantity of liquor had been placed on board to be delivered to Indians on the West Coast, secured the assistance of Sergt. Hawton and some constables of the city force, and having boarded the Mystery proceeded to make a search. This resulted in the discovery of three large demijohns carefully hidden amongst the freight on board, and the police promptly gathered in the whiskey and its convoy of four braves and three klootchmen. They also arrested Richard Roscoe, a white man, who appears to have sold the whiskey to the Indians, of whom Joe Jim is the leader. The whole party were locked up at the Provincial station, and the Mystery early this morning proceeded on her way minus these passengers and freight. Roscoe is an old offender in this line of business. The matter was very cleverly handled by Officer Hutchinson, who had valuable assistance from the city police who were called upon.

MARINE MOVEMENTS.

Regarding the purchase of the tug-boat Mogul by Victoria parties, which the COLONIST chronicled several days ago, a dispatch from Port Townsend to the P.-I., says: "Negotiations have been concluded for the purchase of the American steam tug Mogul, of this port. R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., of Victoria, will become the ostensible owners, although the Puget Sound Tug Boat Company, of this city, are also said to be interested. The purchase price agreed, it is said, is in the neighborhood of $12,000. She was owned by a local syndicate, which included Oscar Klocker, J. B. Alexander, estate of J. B. Stetson, J. W. Griffiths and A. Brotherton. The sale was made several days ago and the contracting parties have withheld the particulars until now."

THE "BOSCOWITZ" RETURNS.

Reports of cold weather constituted about the only news brought from the North by the steamer Barbara Boscowitz yesterday morning. A party composed of Messrs. Hawkins, Hooper, McKay, Caulkey, Andrews, Wilkis and Whelan, who have been surveying in the vicinity of Secharty Bay, were passengers down on the vessel. Others who arrived were S. A. Spencer, Miss Madden, Miss D. Kirch, W. H. Mercer, S. Jackson, H. Langley, A. W. Houston, H. Draney, C. Barthew and C. Barton. The Boscowitz brought as cargo box lumber and furs.

MARINE NOTES.

A. Grant, one of the shareholders of the steamer Mermaid, says the company do not intend to run in opposition to the Joan. The Mermaid will be commanded by Capt. Glaholm, until recently pilot on the Premier.

It was reported yesterday that Moran Bros. were about to abandon the San Pedro, the efforts towards raising her having been unsuccessful so far. The wreckers remained with the ship all yesterday.

H.M.S. Royal Arthur is expected back from the Mainland on the 16th inst., to sail South shortly after Christmas.

OUR NEIGHBORS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—According to the report of the Department of the Interior, an examination of the work of the Indian bureau furnishes proof of the wisdom of the policy which controls the administration of Indian affairs. Slowly but steadily the wards of the nation are being advanced to a condition suited for citizenship. The wars with the whites having ceased, they are increasing, rather than decreasing, and now number 250,000. The allotment of lands and school houses are having a marked effect upon this race. During the past fiscal year over 21,000 school children have been carefully trained in habits and customs of civilized life, as well as instructed in those branches taught in common schools. The recent troubles in the Choctaw nation are touched upon at length. The secretary urges prompt passage of the bill now pending before Congress extending the jurisdiction of the United States in Indian territory so as to include the right of removal of all cases where local prejudice is shown, without regard to citizenship.

On the subject of public timber and forests the report shows that an utter inadequacy of legislation has been provided for the legitimate procurement of public timber to supply the actual necessity of the people dependent thereon and at the same time develop the national resources of the public lands and to protect and preserve the forest for the conservation of the water supply and the needs of the future. The report recommends the passage of legislation which may lay the foundation for a wise, comprehensive forestry system. It urges the passage of a bill allowing the sale of such timber as can be properly removed to furnish a fund sufficient to inaugurate a thorough system of inspection and the selection of a forestry commission in connection with the land office, looking toward the education and use in this work of men thoroughly suited for it.

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