

From the DAILY COLONIST, August 11.

THE CITY.

MISS C. M. HALL has been appointed teacher of the Rocky Point public school.

The Similkameen Gold Gravel Exploration Co., Ltd., has been incorporated with a capital of \$100,000 in \$25 shares.

THE W. C. T. U. were unable to hold their regular weekly meeting yesterday afternoon, owing to business in connection with the agricultural show.

There were meetings of creditors of the late Adam Grant Home, of Nanaimo, which was to have been held in Victoria yesterday, has been postponed sine die.

THE Manitoba Free Press says that Mr. Chas. Meredith, who has been conducting a large tea business in Winnipeg, is to move, with his family, to Victoria, B.C.

Lieutenant-Colonel Holmes, of "C" Battery, yesterday received a telegram to the effect that the battery would be ordered to the east on Aug. 21. No destination was specified.

FAR WEST LODGE, No. 1, K. of P., has been duly incorporated under the Benevolent Societies act of 1891. M. J. Conlin, R. L. Fraser and William Duck are the first trustees.

AN Ottawa dispatch announces that Major Muirhead of the Royal Engineers, is now on his way from England to take charge of the construction of fortifications at Esquimalt.

THE latest report concerning Rev. A. R. Reams is that he is acting as cook for a party of loggers getting out ties for the Victoria & Sidney railway. Contractors have given this story its quietus by explaining that there is no party getting out ties.

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A LITTLE excitement was caused on several of the main streets yesterday morning when one of the "B" batteries of the Victoria & Sidney railway, which was being disposed of by auction during October, in lots of 40 acres. All particulars are given in the maps and circulars which have just been issued.

THE various local courts of the Anselm Order of Foresters met last evening for the purpose of perfecting arrangements for the reception of Seattle brethren who will be here to-morrow. The members of Court Friar Tuck and those who accompany them will be given a hearty welcome.

THE Edmonton Bulletin says: "Mr. Davis, trader, of Peace River, generally known as 'Frat' Davis, arrived from the Landing to-day, on his way to Victoria, B.C. Mr. Davis has traded on Peace River for over twenty years, coming and going by way of Rocky Mountain Pass, and is on his second trip by Edmonton. His fur is also coming out this way."

THE report is received from Lytton that the Van Winkle syndicate, near that place, washed up in the neighborhood of \$3,600 last week. The length of time the ore was accumulating is not mentioned, nor is the amount verified. There is plenty of ore piling up on near Lytton at present, the indications being that almost all of the claims being worked will turn out well.

THIS police were advised yesterday morning that burglars during the previous night had got over the transom and ransacked the show cases in Nolke & Co.'s optician goods establishment, making a profitable haul. Investigation showed that the cash in the till had not been molested, nor had the most valuable portion of the stock, the missing articles aggregating in value about \$56.

D. C. GORMAN, a compositor dubbed the "Parson" by his associates, is again in the city. About two months ago the "Parson" boarded the Movers on the spur of the moment and shipped to the Anselm Order a little trifle of this country and was desirous of bettering his fortunes in a far away land. He left with \$2.50 in his pocket and returned with ten cents. A few days in that city caused him to think that Victoria was a pretty good sort of a place after all, and he proceeded to make arrangements for a return trip on the same vessel that carried him away. He is now back after his experience, and there is no place like Victoria.

UPWARDS of two hundred and fifty excursionists arrived down from the Terminal city on the steamer City of Nanaimo early yesterday afternoon. The excursion was under the auspices of the Vancouver City band, which was in attendance and supplied inspiring music at intervals all the way down from the mainland. In order that the excursionists might derive the full benefit of seeing the Agricultural show, the steamer did not return until midnight, thus affording the greatest opportunity of enjoying it. During the afternoon the band played a fine programme of music on the Agricultural grounds, while many of the visitors who did not attend the show drove or walked about the city.

MR. A. W. VOWELL, Superintendent of Indian Affairs for the Province, returned from a tour of inspection to the Northwest Coast yesterday, which required his absence from the city for nearly a fortnight. A passage was taken on the Islander to Metlakatla, where, accompanied by Mr. Todd, the departmental steamer was boarded and trips made up the Nass and Skeena rivers. Mr. Vowell reports that much disappointment is manifested by both employers and employees at the canneries on the Skeena and Nass because of the falling off of the salmon catch. There has been only about one-half the usual number caught this year, being accounted for by the late season and the closeness of the water, which enabled the fish to dodge the nets set for them. As far as could be learned, the run of salmon was fully as heavy as at other seasons, but the fish slipped past the nets, and the result is that they never were so plentiful at the headwaters of the streams as they are at present. The natives have, consequently, secured an abundant supply for winter use, with much less trouble than usual. When it was because of the falling off of the salmon that the efforts of Rev. J. B. McCulloch, missionary for the Church of England, saw him had been started at Alyanah, Gitksan, Gitksan, and other places. This was made possible by subscriptions of friends of the natives living in England. After enough lumber is sawn to erect a church and other mission buildings the mill will be turned over to the Indians, several of whom are employed at it. The Indian school building at Alert Bay is complete and ready for occupancy. During Mr. Vowell's absence rainy and otherwise disagreeable weather was encountered.

THE following game law comes from the editor of a paper in this city, but applies all over the world. Book agents may be killed from Sep. 1, to Oct. 1; poets and canvassers, March 1, to July 1; scandal mongers, any time; the man who waits until the editor leaves his room and then appropriates the most valuable exchanges, as well as the antiquarian two-penny business man who says advertising doesn't pay, from January 1, to December 31, inclusive.

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MR. JOHN TEAGUE has announced himself as a candidate for school trustee to fill the place of Mr. F. G. Richards, Jr., resigned.

SEVERAL large Indian canoes brought in big catches of salmon from Becher Bay yesterday. The natives report the salmon run down there as very large.

MR. E. E. SHEPARD, of Toronto, who not long ago visited this city, will establish a weekly paper in Winnipeg, upon lines similar to those of Toronto Saturday Night.

MR. JOHN WHITE, who is now on his way East from this city, is having machinery built in Ottawa for a new mill, which he is establishing on the St. Lawrence, either at Edmonston or Battle River.

THE Totnes Times and Devon News in the issue of July 1, speaks of the remarkable ability of Mr. Frank Bourne, of this city, in highly flattering terms. The newspaper is published at the old home of Mr. Bourne.

EDWARD HOLMES, the pedestrian, who left Winnipeg on July 1 with the expressed intention of walking to the Coast, has reached Becher Bay, accompanied by his little dog, his only travelling companion. He will push on at once.

MR. C. J. HICKS, of New York, the railroad secretary of the International committee of Young Men's Christian Associations, will be here to take part in the convention next week. He is considered to be an able worker, as well as a brilliant speaker, by Association men.

IT is reported in the Mirror that Mrs. Rhea, whose popularity in Victoria will never fade, was married to her leading man, Mr. E. W. Hart, shortly after the arrival of the steamer from Seattle. The bride, about twenty years younger than his bride and has been a member of her company for the past year.

JUDGE GILBERT B. REED, of the State Court of Appeals of Colorado, was in the city yesterday, Victoria, being a "port of call" in his recent visit to the coast. Judge Reed says he has every confidence in Denver and Colorado, and expresses the firm opinion that they will come through the financial crisis strong and safe.

IN THE Police court yesterday Hsu Sheu and Ye Young, employed as domestic servants at the Telegraph Hotel, were charged with larceny of a watch and a ring. The judge said he has every confidence in the jury, and the case was committed to them.

BETTER racing weather than that which favored the B. C. Agricultural Association was experienced. The races not having all filled, the programme was very much altered. In the morning the races were good, but the first race called was the free for all trotting and pacing, mile heat, best three in five. This brought out D. W. J. Gannon at the ribbon, and the Canadian Boy in charge, and D. W. J. Gannon, and Elford's One-Eyed Johnny, T. Gannon driving. From the outset it was a race between D. W. J. Gannon and Elford's One-Eyed Johnny, and a fight between the Gannon brothers over the seat and on the sulky. D. W. J. Gannon was a hot favorite but did not win because of some "monkey business" on the part of Elford's One-Eyed Johnny.

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Grand Racing Weather and Keen Sport on the Track—How the Results Stand.

Running mile and repeat, open, purse \$200. Trotting and pacing, for horses that have never won public money, gentlemen drivers, mile heat, best three in five, presented by J. S. Bowker, Esq., value \$75.

Trotting and pacing, free for all, two-mile dash, purse \$150.

Run in, open to blue jackets, half-mile dash, post entries; first \$20, second \$10.

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