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For Port Angeles.

Arrangements are now about completed by a Victoria real estate firm, for an excursion from Nanaimo to Port Angeles on Sunday, November 30th. A special train has been chartered by the E. & N., and the Olympian will carry the excursionists from this city.

New Pastor for Vancouver.

Rev. George B. Maxwell, of Three Rivers, Quebec, left there Wednesday afternoon for Vancouver, in response to a call from the First Presbyterian church of that city. He was the pastor of St. Andrew's church at Three Rivers, and was very popular.

To be Placed on the Market.

It is announced that the piece of property west of Cook street, and extending past the Jewish cemetery to the Cedar Hill road, will shortly be placed on the market. It has a gentle slope to the south, and will cut up into good residence sites.

Closely Watched.

Fong Ling Din, who is at present confined at the Provincial jail awaiting his trial for murder, is behaving himself well. He has little to say to anyone, receives no visitors, and is sulky almost all the time. He is not allowed to be alone at all, a jailor being constantly on guard in his cell to prevent any attempt to commit suicide.

Council of Catholic Prelates.

The Catholic prelates of the Oregon province convened in council, at Portland, on Wednesday, to discuss disciplinary subjects. Those present were Archbishop Gross, of Portland; Bishop Junger, of Washington; Bishop Lemmens, of British Columbia and Alaska; Bishop Brondel, of Montana, and Bishop Glorieux, of Idaho. The council will conclude to-day and the prelates will forward their decision to Rome for consideration by the Holy See. The decisions will not be made public till then. The prelates were tendered a reception on Wednesday evening.

The Union Pacific.

Mr. A. D. Scroggy, travelling agent of the Union Pacific Railway, who arrived in town on Wednesday night, states that business keeps well up on their transcontinental system, both in passengers and freight, and much the same may be said as to their Sound service. The prospects for the winter are excellent. Large quantities of wheat are being carried from Washington and Oregon, and there is much yet to handle. It is announced that, having been fully repaired, the steamer Michigan has been placed on schedule time by which, barring accident, she will make her trips in the future.

Wharf Lighting.

The Attorney-General's department, ably seconded by Turner, Beeton & Co., are pressing upon the city council the necessity of having the wharves and slips along the water front better lighted and protected. It is urged that, under the present condition of things, life and property are both in danger, and something must be done at once. At the last meeting of the council a report was asked for upon the subject from the street and light committee, and they are now working upon it. They think that the wharf owners should supply their own lights, and will probably endeavor to make them do so.

Unique Indian Table.

The Indian table previously referred to as having been brought down from the north by the Danube on account of J. J. Hart & Co., Johnson street, has been unpacked, and is a handsome specimen of Indian stone work. It is of black stone, from Queen Charlotte Island, and measures 3 feet 6 inches by 2 feet 6 inches. It is elaborately chiselled in the most grotesque symbolical designs, representing, among other things, the heads of the most remarkable animals that were ever seen,—if, indeed, they were ever seen at all. Some 36 pieces of mother of pearl, and 66 pieces of walrus ivory have been inserted to increase the effect, which is of a very striking description.

Heard in His Absence.

Johnnie, a Siwash, who, when captured, was fondly treasuring a bottle of the vilest smelling old rye that the police have been called to sample in a long time, was the first and only victim brought before Mr. Edwin Johnson, Q. C., S. M., in the city police court, yesterday morning. The charge was read, Johnnie said "Nowitka," and a fine of $25 was entered on the books, paid.

One summons case, that of William Sullivan, charged with using insulting language, was next taken up, although there was no William in sight. The evidence of the complainant was received and the absent defendant was fined $5 and $2.50 costs; which sum the record says shall be raised, levied and collected by distress upon Sullivan's goods and chattels, his lands and tenements, for the use of our soveriegn lady, the Queen.

Arrested on Suspicion.

After about six months of watching and waiting an arrest has been made in connection with the Cariboo stage robbery, which took place on the 14th of July. The man held is now being examined before Mr. F. Hussey, Government Agent, and Mr. J. Lehman, J. P., at Ashcroft. He was arrested on suspicion by the provincial constable at Ashcroft, having in his possession about $900 worth of gold dust and being unable to give an explanation of how he obtained it that was satisfactory to the officer. Roland, the suspected robber, states that he was mining the entire season on Scottie's Creek, about 18 miles north of Ashcroft; where Mr. S. Tingley, who brings down the news, says—prospecting and work have been going on for 25 or 30 years, and never with any better results than $1 or $2 a day. His dust, too, is of different colors, and there are other points in his story which do not hold together. It is thought that the Crown have a strong case against him.

British Columbia Fruit.

The following is taken from the Montreal Herald, and will be of interest to the readers of THE COLONIST:—"Our Pacific province has for some time been celebrated in the edible line for her salmon, both fresh and canned, which, since the advent of the Canadian Pacific railway, has been largely imported into Ontario and Quebec, but British Columbia bids fair to be a strong rival in more than her supply of her famous salmon. A new enterprise, a small shipment of which has arrived lately in Montreal, and met with an extremely rapid sale, consisted of canned cherries and plums. These goods have been put up by D. J. Munn & Co., of New Westminster, and are branded as famous Pacific fruit from the Fraser valley. They are of the finest quality, and competent judges claim that no finer canned fruit has ever reached the city. This is claiming a good deal, but the old saying that the proof of the pudding is the eating of it, can be easily verified by tasting the green gages and cherries which some of the largest grocery houses in the city have obtained through Lockerby Bros., Munn's agents here. The prices are also nearly 25 per cent. less. Some of the largest fruit farms on the Fraser river are situated near Chilliwhack and Delta, where peaches, pears, apples, apricots, plums and cherries grow to a large size, and of fine flavor and quality. Next year all these varieties are to be canned, and a large market in the East is anticipated."

Ever Improving.

The Sir William Wallace Society is not a standing-still organization. At every meeting some new feature or improvement is suggested, and generally adopted. The society has now decided to purchase a first-class piano for use in concerts, and also for the use of members attending the reading-room, which is to proposed to open in the course of the next few weeks.

Off for England.

Clipper ship Titania, Capt. Norman, which was towed to sea yesterday by the tug Pilot, carries the following salmon cargo:

	Cases.
Findlay, Durham & Brodie	4,000
Canoe Pass Canning Co.	746
M. M. English	1,000
Duncan, Ratcheior & Co.	12,350
J. H. Todd & Son	3,000
Garry Point Canning Co.	9,449
Total	31,547

Redwood Trees in Washington.

A discovery has recently been made of a grove of giant redwood trees in Pierce county, Wash., similar in character to those of the Yosemite National park in California. Some of the trees are said to be 300 feet high and 13 feet in diameter. The people of Tacoma are agitating the subject of having a flag pole made of one of the tallest trees and sending it to Chicago as one of the contributions of the state of Washington to the World's exposition.

Nanaimo Board of Trade.

At a special meeting of the Nanaimo Board of Trade, recently held, a committee was appointed to inquire into the fruit best suited for canning, to furnish the information obtained, and about to lay out orchards on those intention being to start a local canning enterprise as soon as there is enough fruit grown to justify the expenditure. It was also decided to petition the Provincial Legislature to amend the County Court Act so as to accord more to the provisions of the Ontario Act in regard to the speedy collection of debts.

Religion in Public Schools.

Mr. C. B. Reynolds, who was for fifteen years a minister and twelve, an evangelist, but who now is an exponent of the doctrines of Col. R. J. Ingersoll, addressed a full house at Harmony Hall last night, his subject being "Religious Exercises in Public Schools." The gist of his argument was that the use of the Bible or of prayers in the public schools was improper, as it was impossible for a teacher even to read any portion of Scripture, without expressing his own opinions and deductions, if only in manner and emphasis. He will speak again to-night on "Why I left the Pulpit."

A Complete Clean Up.

Richard Bray, hackman, met with an unpleasant surprise last evening on returning to his room, which adjoins the stable at 34 Blanchard street. Some intruders had mysteriously entered the place in his absence—between 2 and 7 p.m.—and appropriated all his clothing, including two suits, almost new, and a good overcoat. They had also helped themselves to sundry articles about the room, taken even the bedclothes from the bed, and attempted, though unsuccessfully, to break open a trunk. The police have been notified in the matter, and are at work, though with very little to work upon.

Business Gossip.

F. A. Boechlofsky, of Vancouver has been succeeded in business by T. Treer.

The stock of J. B. Thornton, grocer, Vancouver, was, last week, damaged by fire to the extent of $1,200.

G. S. McConnell, wholesale hats and caps, and F. R. Stewart, wholesale produce and commission, have opened in Vancouver.

Brown & Griffith have succeeded J. Meldram, as proprietors of the Ship Inn, Wharf street.

C. E. Jones, formerly with Moore & Co., will open shortly with a carefully selected stock of drugs, in the premises now occupied by the C.P.R. telegraph company.

U. P. R. Steamers.

Capt. J. W. Troup, manager of the Union Pacific water lines, came over from Portland, last evening, to arrange for docking the Olympian, just as soon as the Islander resumes her regular route. The Sound flyer has not been thoroughly scraped for a couple of years, and this work is to be done at once, the Sehome taking her place while she is in dock. Capt. Troup states that the Victorian will be ready for service in January, when the Olympian will be retired for a month or more, taken to Portland and there thoroughly overhauled, repainted, recarpeted and refurnished. When the Olympian is again brought into use it will be on her old route, the North Pacific merely dropping out to give place to the Victorian. There is a proposition at present under consideration to place the North Pacific on the Port Angeles-Port Townsend-Victoria route, and also another project to have her replace the Starr on the Angeles-Townsend run.

British Columbia's Beef Supply.

J. D. Greaves, manager of the Douglas Lake Cattle Co., who has been spending several days in Victoria, left by the Islander, this morning, for home. In conversation with a COLONIST representative at the Oriental, yesterday, Mr. Greaves said that in Nicola they had about 30,000 head of cattle. He thought the total number of head in the province would foot up to 80,000. The consumption of beef, of course, was principally in the cities of the coast, they taking about 11,000 head annually, the interior consuming, perhaps, 5,000 more. Beef on the hoof had been bringing a fair price during the past couple of years, and would probably go higher, for, at the present time, there was no surplus in the province.

Mr. Greaves stated that stock was now in fine condition, and, though he had given up prophesying about the weather, he thought the indications assured a mild winter. Whenever the summer proved more than ordinarily wet, the winters were mild and open. They had to take the weather as it came, however, and weather calculations had been so frequently at fault that cattle men now provided against a rough winter.

When asked about rates on stock from the interior charged by the railway, Mr. Greaves said he had nothing to complain about. The number to be hauled was small and the railway company were most accommodating. Cattle now were sold at Kamloops by stock men, the butchers being required to take them principally from that point. This made Kamloops the centre of the stock-raising country.

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A Novelty Here.

Invitations have been issued by Mrs. H. C. Beeton to an "At Home" at Armadale, on Wednesday week, to which the guests are required to come in dominoes and masks, not to be removed until midnight.

Going Round the World.

Mr. Isaac Fisher, manager of the Bank of British Columbia at New Westminster, left by the Parthia, yesterday, on a tour around the world. He goes alone, and will not return to Westminster for twelve months.

A Very Sad Case.

R. F. Dod, the Hudson's Bay Co. agent at Massett, who was injured in a recent railway accident over the line, is still confined to the hospital at Salem, with a badly broken leg. He was on his way down, travelling night and day, to the bedside of his sick wife in San Francisco. Mrs. Dod's life is despaired of.

All in Confusion.

Christ Church Cathedral is in confusion at present, the organ pipes and parts being distributed all about the building. The work of repair is progressing steadily, Mr. Schoenstein working every day, up to midnight. For a few weeks, however, the services at the cathedral will be held under difficulties.

Banqueting their Employer.

On the occasion of his resignation from the employment of Mr. J. C. Lewis, purchasing agent, the latter treated him to a banquet at the Shamrock on Saturday night. The spread was of the best, and afterward came speeches, songs and toasts, as well as a farewell complimentary address to Mr. Leask.

Why This Delay?

Victorians, whose importations from China and Japan reached Vancouver over ten days ago by the Parthia, are complaining of the loss and inconvenience entailed upon them by the non-arrival of the goods in this city. The Parthia has discharged, loaded and yet the Victoria consignees have not brought over from Vancouver.

Reported Missing.

Rev. [illegible] Murray, of Nicola, who has been unable to [illegible] present whereabouts. He left Vancouver on the following evening, for the purpose of visiting the Indian reserves in the interior. Rev. G. R. Maxwell, late of the city of Three Rivers, province of Quebec. Rev. J. A. Jaffray, B.A., of Richmond, moderator of the Presbytery, will preside; Alex. Tait, of Langley, will preach, and E. D. McLaren, B.D., of Vancouver, will deliver the charge to the congregation. The next ordinary meeting will be held in St. Andrew's church, Vancouver, on Tuesday, December 9, at 3 p.m.

MARINE HOSPITAL.

Yesterday a COLONIST representative visited the Marine hospital which was found to be in a clean and sanitary condition. There are six patients, one of whom is ready to be discharged. [illegible] Thompson, one an Amoy man and the other a full blooded son of China. The institution has, as is well known, been attended for some years by Dr. Davie, and is occasionally visited by several philantropic and Christian ladies. In conversation with some of the inmates it was learned that they have absolutely nothing to read; a few imperfect and odd volumes constituting the entire library. Among these are several bibles and testaments in English, French and German, several old English Reviews, whose contents could in no way interest, instruct or amuse a sick man; a copy of Bell's "Modern Practice of Physic, dated London, 1768, Humboldt's Travels in Cuba, The Vicar of Wakefield, Kindness in Woman, New Brunswick and its Scenery and a Grammaire de Grammaires. These with several tattered unknown, and superintended by Mrs. Siddall. All appear to be happy and in good health. Among the seven is Mrs. Routledge, who is said by the matron to be a quiet, gentle woman and a very affectionate mother.

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Sudden Death.

Thomas Lancaster, a resident of this city, in business as a scavenger, died very suddenly, on Thursday night, from cramps in the chest. This affliction, fatal in his case, is said to be very common to those engaged in his business, and resulting in some unaccountable way from the work.

The Methodist Church.

Owing to the scarcity of stone-masons, work upon the new Methodist Church has scarcely progressed as rapidly as had been expected. It is, however, hoped that there will be no further delays, and that the edifice will be ready for occupation close upon the time originally announced.

At the Rescue Home.

There are seven inmates at present at the Rescue Home, on Cormorant street, conducted by the W.C.T.U., and superintended by Mrs. Siddall. All appear to be happy and in good health. Among the seven is Mrs. Routledge, who is said by the matron to be a quiet, gentle woman and a very affectionate mother.

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Mr. Turner's New Building.

Owing to the character of the lot on which Mr. Turner's new building is being put up on Store street, it has been necessary to take the foundation 23 feet below the ordinary level. This will enable the cellarage accommodations to be of the best. There will be extensive accommodation for [illegible] street, [illegible] by the steamer Yosemite, which lay over night near the light-house, at Plumper's Pass. Building operations in Victoria and City are, he says, progressing very satisfactorily. The Young Men's Christian Association building is now to be roofed, as is also the new school-house. Other buildings, under the direction of other architects, are making headway, while, as for money, it is more plentiful.

Ended at Last.

One of the longest continued stories that has ever dragged its chapters through the city police court, reached its "finis" yesterday. It was that arising out of a quarrel between two Mongolian secret societies, and will be known to history as the "Chinese perjury case." In August last, the trial commenced, and the interest gradually waning, there was no more evidence to be procured yesterday, and the matter was dismissed.

In an Insane Asylum.

About six months ago letters were received by Supt. Sheppard from Ontario, enquiring after a father named Graham, who was here for some time, and who had left a family in the East when he came to the Pacific Coast seeking work. No tidings of the missing man were obtained for some time, but it is now learned that the unfortunate man has been for some time past an inmate of the insane asylum at Steilacoom, Wn. His wife has not yet been informed of his fate.

Re-organized.

The Victoria Electric and illuminating Co. has been practically re-organized, the capital being increased and other changes made, with a view to increasing the capacity of the plant and enlarging the territory illuminated. The new directorate is as follows: President, Mr. L. Redon; Managing Director and Secretary-Treasurer, pro. tem., Mr. E. C. Baker; Directors, Messrs. W. P. Sayward, Joshua Davies, W. J. Taylor, and the president and manager. Mr. M. Hutcheson continues as superintendent.

Both Were Talkative.

The most interesting case before the city police court yesterday was that of one Jacob Lakava, charged by a fellow-countryman named Marks, with using abusive language to him on Store street. The evidence in the case was not very voluminous, but the explanations, cross-questioning and debating occupied a considerable portion of the time of the court. A fine of $5 was the punishment inflicted, which Marks contended loudly was entirely inadequate.

The Late Mrs. Irwin.

The funeral of the late Mrs. H. Irwin (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Innes) took place at Westminster, on Friday afternoon, from Holy Trinity church to the English cemetery, at Sapperton. The casket was literally covered with flowers and a large number of people attended the ceremony. The services were conducted by His Lordship Bishop Silliton and Rev. G. E. Tovey. The pall-bearers were Messrs. MacFarlane, Schetky, Bell, Edmonds, Clinton, Freeman, Cross and Pelly.

Indian Curiosity.

A large quantity of Indian curiosities of all descriptions, collected along the North Pacific coast, have been got together by Mr. J. J. Hart for the Columbia exhibition, which is to be held in Chicago. Included in the list is a model of an Indian hut, a suit, including head piece for a "brave" about to take part in the Bear dance, a quantity of grotesque masks, bows, arrows, rude implements, totems and household gods, in wood and in black slate.

Waiting for Evidence.

Little Jimmy Gibbons is a juvenile offender about as well known to the police as the more notorious Caffire boys. He has appeared in court on a variety of charges at different times, and on each occasion promised to reform, but, somehow, he fails to keep his promises. Yesterday, he was again before His Honor, in company with an associate of about his own age, both being charged with vagrancy. They pleaded "not guilty," and were remanded until to-morrow. The circumstances of their arrest are as follows: Chief Sheppard and Officer Robt. Walker were promenading the streets late on Friday night, when they saw the two boys engaged in conversation on a certain corner. The boys also saw them, and ran. This was suspicious, and the officers gave chase, captured the youngsters and took them to the station, where they were searched. Six brand new varnish brushes and an assortment of door keys of various sizes were found in their pockets, and, believing the brushes, at least, to have been stolen, Chief Sheppard decided to hold the boys and make enquiries. He has some further evidence in the case to present to-morrow.

Should be More Careful.

Richard Bray, the hackman whose room was robbed of a quantity of clothing, several nights ago, has identified one of the suits in a second-hand store on Johnson street. The proprietor of the place says that he did not pay much attention to the man who sold him the clothes, and could give no description. He noticed that the man was "pretty well dressed," that was all. As he declined to give up the missing property, it is expected that Bray will summon him for being in possession of stolen property, and thus test the merits of the case. The police suggest that, in future, to avoid trouble, the buyers of unusually cheap second-hand goods, should keep a book in which to record the names, addresses and description of the sellers.

Very Unfortunate.

Deputy Sheriff Siddall is having a very unfortunate experience, and in consequence goes about with a bandage round his head that gives him the appearance of having emerged from the business end of a threshing machine. The tale of woe is told thusly. The deputy sheriff was afflicted with a little red pimple between the eyes, which, in the hope of destroying, he pricked with a pin that had been sticking in the wall paper. Some poison from the paper must have attached itself to the pin, and the sore, for the little wound developed into what resembles a bad case of blood poisoning. Mr. Siddall's friends hope that his case will not become any more painful or serious.

Information Wanted.

Stott & Wright, a detective firm of Rochester, N. Y., are making inquiries here in regard to the present whereabouts of a man named E. B. Kimball, who deserted his wife in Rochester about one year ago. Nothing has been heard of him by the deserted wife from the day of his departure until this; but not long ago he wrote to another woman in his native city, and through this correspondence it was learned that he was in Victoria. He is described as medium size, dark hair, years of age, and weighing [illegible] lds. Although a baker [illegible] ught to be thriving here, when he left his wife in [illegible] circumstances and sick; she is now clerking in a dry goods store there. The police of the Eastern city would gladly receive any news of the man for the unfortunate wife.

A Visitor from Revelstoke.

Mr. W. A. Jowett, of the firm of Jowett & Haig, mining, timber and real estate brokers, of Revelstoke—arrived in the city yesterday to make arrangements for the investment of Victoria capital in Revelstoke property, which will be sold at auction on the 27th inst. The lands in question form part of the old townsite of Farwell, and are at present held by the Dominion Government. It is not thought that prices will rule high, as money is quoted as scarce in Revelstoke just now. Mr. Jowett says that mining circles are very quiet at present, almost everyone having "come to town" for the winter. Placer mining for the season has been generally good, notably at Lardeau and Big Bend, where the few men who have been at work have made good wages, say from $5 to $7 per day. On Trial Creek, the latest camp, 30 or 40 men will winter; they are satisfied with the prospects in that vicinity. The best developments for the year have been made at Hot Springs Camp; while the prospects of Illecillewaet are uncommonly good for next year. Ainsworth boomed up well this season. The Revelstoke Mining Co., with about one month's actual work, are reported to have taken out about 1,500 tons of good galena this year, which they value at $60 per ton. The company has refused an offer of $60,000. Ore is being bought at the smelter, and there is money there to buy any quantity of ore that is brought in. Work will be begun at the smelter as soon as the river opens.

RIDER HAGGARD.

Visit to Victoria of a Brother of the Popular and Peculiar Novel Writer.

Captain Andrew Haggard is written in a bold, decisive hand on the register at the Hotel Driard. The possessor of the above name is the brother of probably the most successful literary man now alive—i. e., provided that the test of literary merit be solid financial success and wide-spread appreciation among the masses. It is evident that the Haggard family has what might almost be called a "corner" in literary ability, or rather on the market at which its products may be disposed of. The mother of Captain Haggard, who, unfortunately, died last summer, was a woman of wide culture and distinct literary and artistic talent. She was, withal, a woman of decided character and great intellectual gifts, "and," remarked the captain, "only the fact of her busy, though secluded, station, as the wife of a country squire, prevented her name from becoming illustrious in the field of literary art."

Her talent was transmitted in a greater or lesser to seven stalwart sons. Capt. Haggard is a large and muscular man, but he says that his younger brother, Rider, is considerably bigger than he, and very powerful and active. His taste for field sports is very pronounced, and he and his English publisher, Mr. Lang, have issued the shooting at Bradamene Hall, Norfolk, which is the homestead of the Haggards, and where the pater familias still resides. The great novelist is indefatigable in pursuit of the pheasants, and is, the captain allows, becoming a very tidy shot; "although," he added, "I can beat him out and out at snipe."

Captain Haggard says that his brother's literary methods are not in any way peculiar. He is an enormous and omnivorous reader, and a rapid and persistent worker when he takes pen in hand. His daring in literary conception is without a precedent, and his facility in the construction of romantic plot and conception of character equally marvellous. He makes very few corrections in his first draft of a story, before it goes to the type-writer. When it comes back, however, he cuts, slashes and alters with a liberal hand. His latest novel, "The World's Desire," is a pertinent instance of this, and, by the way, Captain Haggard told the reporter that Rider's first idea in the conception of this story was to make it a continuation of "The Odyssey" and to name it the "Song of the Bow."

Rider has now several romance in manuscript, which he is making arrangements to publish. He has gained greatly in financial acumen since he first began writing for publication, and is now disposed to reap all the legitimate emolument out of his literary fame and labors.

Captain Haggard said that his brother was shortly going to make a trip to the home of the Aztecs, in Old Mexico, where he is interested financially in some mining property. The journey has also a literary significance, and romantic materials are so richly and abundantly plentiful in that wonderful region that it cannot be doubted that his fertile pen will find plentiful occupation among the relics of the Montezumas.

ANACORTES.

Ocean to Ocean—The First Northern Pacific Train.

It has been arranged by the Northern Pacific officials that their first train shall enter Anacortes on Tuesday next. A large number of invitations have been issued to prominent officials and others in Portland, Tacoma and Seattle, and over 300 guests are to enjoy the excursion.

The citizens of Anacortes are fully alive to the great importance of this event to them and their young and rising city. At a meeting held at Anacortes, last Tuesday, a committee was appointed to arrange for a fitting reception to the excursion, and liberal subscriptions rapidly flowed in. It was decided to decorate the principal streets and give a large banquet in the freight shed on the Oregon Improvement company's wharf. After December 1, it is intended to put on regular trains from Portland and Anacortes, with a sleeper attached. Those of the excursionists who may have visited Anacortes earlier in the year, will be surprised at the substantial improvements that have taken place there during the last few months. Several good brick buildings have been completed, and others are in course of erection, while stores and offices are readily rented.

Next to Seattle, Anacortes has, to-day, the best wharf accommodation of any city on the Sound, and the station houses at the terminal docks of the Oregon Improvement Co. and Northern Pacific railway are superior to any thereon.

Although this energetic baby town is but ten months old, it will shortly have in operation some ten miles of electric street way along its streets, and connecting it with the town of Fidalgo, on the southern shore of the island. The road-bed for this line is already graded nearly its entire length, cities strung along and the rails are expected daily from Vancouver, where they arrived via the C.P.R., some days since. From its position Anacortes is certain to have close trade and shipping connections with Victoria in the future; and when the Northern Pacific completes the direct line from that port to Spokane Falls, there can be no doubt that the Victoria merchant and traveller will take advantage of the shorter sea passage and direct transcontinental route.

AND HE WENT.

Lee Whong Gee Makes His Bow to the Chief Justice.

Sir Matthew B. Begbie, the Chief Justice has not yet fallen in with the new order of things, and when it devolves upon him to hear Chambers' applications, he hears them, as in the past, in his own room. Yesterday, Mr. J. P. Walls had a Chinaman named Lee Whong Gee brought before His Lordship upon a writ of habeas corpus, in order that enquiry might be made into the reason why he should not be released from custody at the provincial jail.

The particulars of the Chinaman's case are briefly that his [illegible] fellow-countryman, who, on its maturing, was not to be found. Lee Whong Gee said that he had no money, and he was accordingly arrested for the debt on a writ of capias ad respondendum. Final judgment was not long after signed in the case, but, notwithstanding that the proceeding was still in progress, he was still kept in confinement without a capias being issued as it should have been.

On Warden John appearing with the prisoner before His Lordship, yesterday, he was asked upon what warrant he held the man. He replied that he was given in charge by the sheriff's office, the warrant being held by the sheriff.

"And you had no written warrant nothing but the verbal order of the sheriff?" asked His Lordship.

The warden replied that that was all, and that it was customary, in the case of prisoners being held for debt, for the sheriff to deliver them to him, stating that the warrant of commitment was held by the sheriff.

His Lordship strongly condemned this course of action, and instructed Mr. John in future to detain no one at the jail without written authority. To do otherwise, His Lordship said, was to violate the fundamental principle of Magna Charta. No reason had been shown in the present case why the Chinaman should be held prisoner; he was at liberty to stay in jail or go out, whichever he pleased. "I suppose he wants to go out?" His Lordship remarked to Mr. Walls.

"Oh, yes, I think so," responded that gentleman; then turning to the Chinaman, he asked: "You want stay in jail, or go out, John?"

"Go out!" responded the party addressed, distorting his face with a prodigious grin, that brought into prominence a set of the dirtiest, most neglected teeth ever seen in a human mouth.

"Then, your lordship," continued Mr Walls, "I suppose he can go?"

"Oh, yes, let him go," was the response, "and,—let him brush his teeth."

"Good-bye," called out the Chinaman, as he disappeared through the door, and turned to nod to the Chief Justice.

"Good-bye," returned that dignatary, as he, as well as all present, enjoyed a laugh at the scene.

In the hall the Chinaman met one of the officers of the court, who, thinking he would have a little fun, roughly asked "Where are you going?"

The Chinaman smiled a sickly smile and explained "The judge, he say I could go."

"Oh, he did, did he? Well, then, you'd better go quick, or someone else 'll catch you."

The word of advice was fully enough for Lee Whong Gee. He went down the stairs in two flying leaps, and when last seen was still flying in the direction of Chinatown at a pace that Tom Watson would find it difficult to imitate.

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