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From THE DAILY COLONIST, August 25.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Naval Supplies.

The following tenders have been accepted for naval supplies: Hudson's Bay Co. for sugar, tea and flour; Jas. Stewart for milk, butter, eggs and fowls; J. T. Pearce for sweeping chimneys; J. H. Scafe for hospital washing, and Sing Lee for yard washing. All other offers have been declined.

Dominion Rifle Association.

The successful Nova Scotia competitors for the Dominion team are: Corporal Longuel, 63rd; Sergeant Blair, 78th; Lieut. Fisk, 63rd; Major Garrison, H. G. A.; Sergeant Elliott, 63rd; Major Egan, 63rd; Capt. Corbin, 63rd; Bombardier Campbell, H. G. A.; Lieut. Dimock, 78th; Private Reynolds, 63rd; Capt. Spike, 66th; Sergeant Barris, H. G. A.; Capt. Adams, H. G. A.; Sergeant Cribb, 78th; Major Weston, 66th.

He Fought for Her.

On Wednesday two young men who entertain for a young lady feelings of love and admiration met at an unlucky moment and quarrelled. They came to blows, and one of the lovers was so badly done up that he had a warrant issued for the arrest of his successful rival, and the latter was locked up. Thursday morning he was committed to durance vile for a period of three months, thus leaving his rival a clear field to the affections of the unconscious cause of all the trouble.

The Opium Conspiracy.

Three additional arrests have been made at Chicago in the opium conspiracy. The details will be made public in a few days. The San Francisco *Chronicle*, referring editorially to the matter, says: "Justice, though somewhat leaden-footed, appears to have been speedy enough to overtake E. A. Gardner, one of the principals in the Puget Sound opium smuggling ring. Being thus taken red-handed, he will not find it easy to escape this time, and his conviction will be a step towards breaking up a ring which has thus far defied the law."

"The Town Major."

The "Town Major" of the *Times* is a "comical cuss," and no mistake. He manages to keep up a "tempest in a teapot most" of the time. The gallant "Major" has just acknowledged publicly that "he takes a great deal of whiskey in his water." This probably accounts for the Major's style. He gets off a pretty good one though on some Victoria papers when he says: "Some sheets, which require mangling, have letters from Paris or London. * * * Parisian letters wrote in Victoria are very interesting." So they are, Major, but not more so than the last sentence quoted.—*Columbian.*

MARINE.

Steamship Abyssinia falls due from San Francisco.

Steamship Albany passed up to the Inlet from Yokohama and Hongkong yesterday afternoon.

Danish brig Anne Catharine has been chartered by Robt. Ward & Co. to load redwood at Eureka for Australia.

Ship Koison sailed from Bangkok on Thursday for Victoria with a cargo of paddy rice for the Victoria Rice mills.

Chilian bark India, of Valparaiso, 952 tons, Capt. Schwauwadel, has arrived at the Moodyville mill to load lumber for Valparaiso.

Br. bark Norcross, Roop, from Cardiff with Welsh coal for the navy yard, arrived in Esquimalt yesterday and will commence to discharge at once. She has been chartered by Robt. Ward & Co., to load salmon for London.

Steamer Idaho arrived at Nanaimo yesterday morning and will load coal. It is thought she will be ordered to San Francisco on arrival at Tacoma to take the place of the steamer City of Chester, recently lost in the collision with the steamship Oceanic off Golden Gate.

FOREIGN PORTS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 24.—Cleared—Steamer Michigan, Portland; ship Invincible, Port Townsend; Bark F. H. Drew, Burrard Inlet. Sailed—Ship Ivanhoe, Seattle.

POLICE COURT.

(Before Judge Richards.)

F. E. De Veulle, summoned by E. Mallandaine for shooting a dog, the property of complainant, in a field near Menzies street, James Bay.

Miss Pauline Medans said she saw Mr. De Veulle in the field; heard shots fired and saw the dog run and yelp.

Miss Lizzie Deasy, sworn—Live on Toronto street, James Bay; on Sunday evening last was in her house when she heard two shots; heard a dog yelp; saw the head of a man over the fence in the rear of a house near by; also saw the wounded dog.

Further hearing of the case was adjourned till Wednesday next.

Thos. Golightly, charged with obstructing the public thoroughfare, was fined $5.

Lizzie Reid entered a charge against her husband, but failing to appear the case was dismissed.

Gavonia, an Italian, was charged with beating his way on the steamer Yosmite.

Mr. Briggs stated the case for the C. P. N. Company.

The Superintendent of Police said the offence was committed outside the city limits, and objected to the city having to pay for the keep of delinquent against the rules of the company.

The magistrate said Mr. Briggs should apply to the provincial magistrate or to a provincial J. P. for redress, and remanded the prisoner for one day.

Angelo Apostoli was charged with stealing a revolver.

Sergeant McLaren, of the Vancouver police force, appeared to prosecute.

The magistrate decided to release the prisoner, which was done.

Apostoli was immediately re-arrested by Sergeant McLaren, and was taken up to Vancouver this morning where he will be tried on the charge.

RAILWAY EXPANSION.

TO THE EDITOR:—Whatever the people of Victoria may be disposed to do in the way of giving subsidies to branch railways, there is one question of paramount importance which they ought to keep steadily in view, that is the necessity for a through continental railway having its *termini* at Esquimalt and Victoria. Such a line by Pine River Pass, Bute Inlet, Seymour Narrows, through the Comox and Nanaimo coalfields to Victoria is quite feasable, and looms up in the near future, and any subsidy given to it, however large, would be wisely applied, as it would secure to Victoria benefits too vast to be here enumerated, suffice it to say, that our most sanguine expectations would be eclipsed. In the hands of a vigorous company such a line of railway by reason of its most convenient outlet on the easily accessible deep water harbor of Esquimalt, would be in a position far superior to all competing lines. Let us see to it that we conserve our resources to promote this great work. I believe the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Co. is prepared to extend its railway to Seymour Narrows just as soon as the eastern part of the proposed railway is commenced.

W. J. MACDONALD.

THE MENZIES CASE.

The Accused Found Guilty of the Offence Charged—He Makes a Statement—Sentence Deferred.

The adjourned case of Walter R. Menzies, charged with promoting illicit intercourse between Ah Lin and Ah Chee, came up yesterday morning in the supreme court, when Mr. Justice Gray delivered judgment.

His lordship reviewed the evidence at considerable length. Acting both as a judge and a jury, he attached very little importance to the evidence of the two Chinese witnesses. The turning point of the matter was that Menzies gave a receipt and worded it as he did, which to his mind was conclusive evidence of having deceived the Chinese. The Chinese evidence was valueless, except so far as it corroborated the evidence of other witnesses. The counsel for the defence, Mr. Drake, Q.C., claimed that they were married according to Chinese custom, if that was the case, why the mockery and trouble of another ceremony? In closing, his lordship said, "I find the prisoner guilty of the offence charged."

His lordship said, as he had been unable to allow the prisoner a chance to speak before the verdict was rendered, he would defer sentencing him until he made any statement he wished.

Mr. Drake—Mr. Menzies wishes to make a statement now.

His Lordship—Very well, Mr. Menzies, you can make any statement you wish.

MENZIES' STATEMENT.

May it please your Lordship:

I returned to Victoria, purposely, to give ventilation to these charges. It was not within my knowledge, at the time, that I would be able to offer nothing in my own defence, that I would be arraigned simply upon information and belief, as I have been, through the police authorities; no special charge being made against me, other than sworn to upon information and belief, brought about by the reports current in the newspapers. It has been for the prosecution—or rather persecution I might say—to rake your statutes from one end to the other for the purpose of bringing some charge to stick against me. Had I known that I would not be able to give a personal defence and explanation in this matter, I should certainly not have placed myself in the position in which I am to-day. I am satisfied that I have done no injury to the Province of British Columbia, nor its laws, nor have I sought to do any injury to my fellow-creatures. The coming of this girl to my house through my mother-in-law and Mr. Vrooman dates nearly two years back. From that time she has been under my roof, and under my protection, where she has been dependent upon me for supplies, clothing and provisions, and so forth. In the meantime changes have taken place, and this girl has been under the protection of the "Home." From the time she came to my place I had no desire to have anything further to do with her; and believing from information from Mrs. Fowler and others that she would be received, I offered one of them a situation with Mr. Cohen, and the other one I took into my family to assist the household. My family being about to remove from ill health to California, I took this girl to Mrs. Crawford on her stating that her daughter, Mrs. Whittier, would be able to employ her with regard to family usefulness. She took her upon many occasions backward and forward to Esquimalt with her, but she was unable to keep her. I was compelled under the circumstances to seek a different place for the girl, where she could be employed to her own benefit and to that of others; but in each case I failed. I applied to many families, even to public places. I was compelled to maintain the expense of Mrs. Crawford's house for the purpose of keeping this girl, at my own expense. During that time quite a period of months—nearly four months—elapsed. The girl had been nearly eight months prior to that under my protection, eating my food at my table, a period of nearly a year upon which she had depended for support. If, during that year, I did not expend more than $150 for provisions and other necessaries upon her, I should be very much surprised. I believe it far exceeded that. During the time that the girl was at Mrs. Crawford's she was treated with the greatest possible kindness. Several witnesses at Mrs. Crawford's have seen her throughout the yards in the place where Mrs. Crawford resided, no restraint being put upon the girl. At no time was the way to the thoroughfare closed, the girl having free access to the public streets, nor did Mrs. Crawford ever chastise her, except on two occasions. The girl had been a prostitute; you will please take that in to consideration. She was a rescued prostitute from one of the lowest dens in Chinatown. (Here the prisoner gave instances of the girl's depravity.) This is the character of the girl for whom I am to pay the penalty of the laws of British Columbia. Your honor, if I have done any wrong, I think it must have been done to the Chinaman with whom I sought all honorable means to bring about a marriage with her. This man and girl sought to obtain a marriage. I stated openly that he could obtain that license; there was nothing underhanded about that. Immediatly upon my return from the sheriff's office, according to stipulation, the Chinaman paid me down the money in Mrs. Crawford's presence. That receipt was then made by me, believing that there was no obstacle in the way of bringing about a proper marriage, and the consummation of the desires of each. I insisted with the man that he could not hold this girl five minutes from Mr. Vrooman, if he did not have the marriage performed according to the law of British Columbia. Following my leaving him, I went to each and all of the different ministers of Victoria. I was instructed by the Rev. Bishop Cridge, after stating the circumstances, and after stating the facts that this Chinaman had informed me of, that Mr. Vrooman had attempted to extort $200 from him as blood money; for I stated that to Bishop Cridge, as well as to Mr. Fraser, and you have seen that that gentleman in his last statement here, under oath, disclaimed that he had no further conversation with me, or knowledge in the matter, whereas, in the police court he does express it, and stated positively that I made that explanation to him. I went to each and all of those ministers and they refused. Then I went to Mrs. Crawford's place, after having my supper, having visited the Catholic father, Father Jonckau, who gave me about the same advice, that is to allow them to marry after their own fashion. The advice of Bishop Cridge was to allow them to take their own form of ceremony. If I have done wrong, I have done wrong on their own instructions. For myself, I am willing to take all the law can inflict upon me. I have, at least, manhood enough to stand anything in that character. Upon my own behalf, I ask nothing. Upon the behalf of my mother, and my wife, and my child, who are dependent upon me, I ask your leniency.

At the close of the prisoner's remarks, Mr. Justice Gray, having first expressed a wish that the statement should be reduced into writing and handed to him, continued: "It is only to be regretted if you have facts to bring forward, you did not produce them."

Menzies—I deeply regret that at the police court my lawyer gave me away; no defence was made in this case. I had many witnesses that could have been brought forward to show all that to your lordship.

Court—It would have made a very material difference. It would have established the fact then, that the Chinese ceremony had been performed, and still more material to your benefit if you can show that the ceremony was performed under the advice and suggestions of reverend gentlemen. But you must remember that in the case as stated before the court there was not one redeeming point brought forward in your favor. The advice and opposition of men in that station, and your acting upon it, is certainly a matter of great consideration, but as the matter stands at present, the law has clearly been violated, and I can come to no other conclusion than that which I have arrived at, which is in accordance with the facts that have been provided, but I will be very happy to have that writing. I think myself that the statements which you have made, and the charges with reference to other people involve very serious consideration; and I think it is quite time that the whole of this matter should be either put an end to, or that an exposure should take place, and let the fault rest upon the proper shoulders.

KOOTENAY NEWS.

Rich Placer Mines of Porcupine Creek—The Ore Deposits of Spillamacheen, Jubilee Mountain, Camp McKurdo, and Tunnel Mountain—Donald Orderly.

Sheriff Redgrave arrived down from Donald on Sunday evening, and will remain a couple of weeks in Victoria. He reports the weather extremely hot in the mountains, the thermometer occasionally registering 100° in the shade.

The new placer mines on Porcupine Creek were visited by Judge Vowell last Saturday week, and a return made on Monday morning. He had eight pans of dirt washed out, and from these was taken $8.50 in coarse gold. Already from twenty to thirty claims have been taken up on the creek, and there is every reason to believe that $20 to the man per day will be secured. The diggings are from four to six feet in depth. Porcupine Creek runs from the glacier, is seven miles in length, and empties into Quartz Creek, which in turn empties into the Beaver, at a point twelve miles from Donald. The new diggings are eighteen miles from Donald by trail, and about eight miles as the crow flies. Lumber has been whipsawed for sluicing, some ground sluicing now being done. The creek has been diverted for washing and active work will soon begin. The water runs rapidly, and is in sufficient quantity for all purposes. There are about twenty men on the creek, nearly all of them unaccustomed to mining. They have constructed cabins. A few claims have been staked out on Quartz Creek, but here the diggings are deeper, and it is not yet known whether they will pay. The trail to the creek is in fair order, and supplies are going in for the camp.

Mr. Hepburn, who represents Victoria capital, has discontinued for the present work on the great Spillamacheen lead, and has taken hold of the newer discovery at Camp McMurdo. The ore on this lead goes very high in gold and silver. The drawback which prevents more rapid work at this camp is the rough character of the country which intervenes between the latter and Columbia River, a distance of thirty miles. The present route is by rail to Golden, thence twenty-five miles up the Columbia and thirty miles west again. Judge Vowell intends making this trip and then strike north to the railway track, which it is thought will be reached at Beaver station. If a trail is feasible to this point a large amount of unnecessary travel will be saved to Camp McMurdo. Seven or eight claims have been recorded and prospectors are busy in the vicinity.

A considerable amount of work has been done on various claims on Jubilee mountain, and excellent prospects secured. Mr. Allan Granger, who has been there two years, and represents some Scottish gentlemen, the other day expressed himself thoroughly satisfied with the outlook. Other claim owners are confident that they have a good thing. The ore is galena, assaying from $50 to $100 in silver, the ledges being well-defined.

At Tunnel mountain the Coffinan Bros. mine, which was bonded some time ago for a large figure, is being fully developed by the parties who bonded it. The property is known as the lead mine, owing to the immense quantity of lead deposited there. Sheds and houses are being built, and side tracks laid for loading the cars. Shutes are also being made from the mine to carry the ore to the track. Mr. Dowling is general manager, and Mr. Davis, the foreman, is a practical energetic miner of long experience.

The mines three miles from Golden, which carry a considerable amount of cinnabar, are being developed with promising results.

Sheriff Redgrave states that Donald, far from being the immoral place that Henry Norman and other traducers of its fair name tried to make out, is a model railway town. Everything is quiet and orderly. The Sheriff states that matters are so quiet that his weight is rapidly increasing and the cells have remained empty for a long time.

The gardens at Golden are now furnishing Donald with vegetables of a remarkable size and of excellent quality, much to the joy of householders, who had previously been paying exorbitant rates for these necessaries. Fresh salmon, fruit, and other articles are scarce, owing to the high price for freight from the coast.

Sheriff Redgrave has not visited Victoria for four years, and notes the many substantial improvements that have been made. He also remarked that it was much more agreeable travelling by rail from Donald to the coast than taking a cayuse to Sand Point.

MARINE.

Steamer Cariboo Fly will sail for the North to-night at 6 o'clock.

Steamer Amelia will sail for Comox this evening at 7 o'clock, and return Thursday.

Steamer Umatilla, Capt. Holmes, arrived from San Francisco yesterday morning, and after landing passengers and freight sailed for the Sound, from whence she will return on Saturday next and sail for San Francisco at one o'clock p.m.

The s.s. Albany passed down last evening from Vancouver for San Francisco.

The s.s. Abyssinian sails to-day for Yokohama and Hong Kong from Vancouver. She arrived from San Francisco yesterday.

The steamer Antonio finished loading at Departure Bay last night.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

The wife of Mr. C. O. Hanson, Nanaimo, died at her residence on Thursday after a few hours' illness.

Sargeant Sheppard's little boy and girl carried off first prizes as the best dressed children at the Caledonian picnic held at Seattle yesterday.

John Hindermarsh, aged 29 years, a native of Northumberland, England, died at Nanaimo on Thursday morning. He leaves a widow and two children.

A letter from Skidegate to Mr. Fell, says: "The Indians who have been outside report a great amount of wreckage floating about, and are afraid it might be the sealing schooner Black Diamond which here were engaging Indians a few weeks ago."

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

FROM THE NORTH.

Arrival of the Idaho at Nanaimo—T. S. Nowell, of Boston, and Rufus Sylvester, of Cassiar, Among the Passengers—Interesting Mining News.

On the arrival of the train from Nanaimo yesterday, it was learned that the steamer Idaho had arrived there from Alaska, and would take in a full cargo of coal before coming on to Victoria and the Sound. About fifteen of her passengers came down on the train, amongst whom were Mr. Rufus Sylvester, of Cassiar, and Mr. Thos. S. Nowell, of Boston, Mass., who is heavily interested in Alaska.

Mr. Sylvester was seen by a representative of THE COLONIST and said he had very little news to impart owing to the quiet state of the Cassiar country. The spring was very backward this year and the mines have not been doing well, there being very poor outputs from Dease and Thibet creeks. McDame creek has had about the same luck except in the case of Quartz creek, a tributary to the McDame, where the prospects have been very good, but far from reaching the results anticipated. Mr. Sylvester bonded his fur interests to the Hudson's Bay Company and it is expected the sale will be completed before he returns north, which will be on the Ancon next week. He brought 250 tons of beaver skins with him, which will arrive on the Idaho either to-day or to-morrow.

ALASKA MINING ITEMS.

The reporter called on Mr. Nowell, who was staying at the Driard, and found him ready and willing to discuss the mining situation in Alaska. Mr. Nowell is, as before stated, one of the largest mining operators in the northern country, and furthermore represents a number of the wealthiest capitalists in the east, and the following facts elicited by the reporter, will no doubt prove of interest, coming as they do from a gentleman, known the whole length and breadth of the United States as a bold and enterprising mining operator.

"What is the occasion of your visit to Victoria, Mr. Nowell"? asked the reporter.

"I am on my way to Boston *via* San Francisco, having been away for over four months. I shall return next spring, or probably sooner."

"News has been received that you and the people you represent have struck a rich lode in the Silver Bow Basin."

"Yes, I have every reason to believe that we have struck the richest mine ever found in that country, and old '49 miners say it will far surpass the old Comstock mines. They also say the mine has the largest amount of high grade ore they have ever seen in any mine. The Silver Bow has an entirely different formation from Douglas Island and the great amount of ore runs from $200 to $1000 per ton. The average practical working will be from $50 to $100 to the ton. We have a ten-stamp mill under construction with a wire elevated tramway which will run from the mine to the mill, a distance of about two miles. The mill will have a capacity of 100 tons per day and we will have it in operation in the spring. The elevation of the mine is about 2,200 feet above tide water, and we have already on the dump several thousand tons of ore which were mined this season. We are now running two tunnels for the purpose of developing the mine, one at 100 feet level and the other 200 feet and have already struck pay ore in both, the same character, in fact, as that now being mined on the surface. It is estimated that there are 50,000 tons of ore that can be taken out at every ten-foot level. I am not as sanguine as others less interested in the mine, but I know that we have struck the richest mine ever known as I am assurred by old miners, who have nothing to do with us, that there is nothing in America to compare with it and it is regarded in Alaska as the mother lode of the country, which all scientific men predicted existed in Alaska. This mine is controlled by the same stock holders as in the Douglas Island properties, and is under the management of myself. You no doubt heard that we were compelled to shut down the Union mine on Douglas Island. That is so, but we will start up again in the spring with fine prospects. There has been a heavy advance in real estate at Juneau on account of the development of our new mine, and Juneau, which always was a quiet little town, is booming at a great rate, and good times are anticipated.

THE TREADWELL MINE COMPANY

has a large 240 stamp mill running, and are doing well. The new English company are now running tunnels preparatory to erecting 120 stamps next year. Another company are developing the "Mexico" mine, and contemplating erecting an 80 stamp mill in the spring.

The placer miners in Silver Bowe Basin section have made their first clean up, and from all accounts have realized satisfactory results. No news had been received from the Yukon country, but it was expected when I left news would be received about the first of next month. About 200 miners went into that country this year.

The Berner Bay district, where extensive development work was done this year, has demonstrated the fact that there is well defined pay ore in sufficient quantities to warrant the erection of stamp mills at an early day. There has been important discoveries of silver ore in well-defined fissure veins and the ore is of sufficient richness to ship below for smelting. That section also promises to be an important factor in the mining business of Alaska."

Mr. Nowell left on his homeward trip this morning *via* the Sound and San Francisco. He will, as before stated, return in the spring and renew his labors. The weather, he said, was all that could be desired for the work he had in hand.

NANAIMO, Aug. 24.—The Idaho reached Nanaimo early this morning with about sixty passengers on her return from Alaska. She passed the Ancon on Aug. 19th a little below Tongas. The weather experienced by the Idaho was exceedingly fine until two days since, when rain and fog set in.

The passengers report great activity at Juneau on account of the mining prospects. Within a month property has increased one-third in value.

The Treadwell mine is turning out about 300 tons of ore a day. A lack of water, on account of the dryness of the season, prevents the mill running much more than half its force.

Among the Idaho's passengers are Hon. O. J. Hodge, of Cleveland, O., Captain John Codman, of San Francisco, Cala., and Mr. Thos. Nowell, of Boston, chief owner of the Juneau mine.

The steamer Princess Louise had not reached here up to 8 p. m.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

A Confirmed Grumbler.

is generally so because of confirmed dyspepsia or indigestion, caused by eating too rapidly, bolting food without chewing it sufficiently, overloading the stomach, etc. Burdock Blood Bitters cures dyspepsia and all kindred diseases. tu-th-sat-dw

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Seaward.

The sight of ships, the rolling sea;
The changing wind to sing for me;
The moon-bound tide, a crimson west,
Wherein the royal sun at rest
Rides like an argosy.

With mast-like rays in cloud sails dressed,
A voyager on an endless quest,
Whose farewell fills with majesty
The sight of ships.

Like prisoner struggling to be free,
Out of the mountain land I flee.
Again I see the heaving breast
Of ocean, where the petrel nest,
And there across the sandy lea,
The sight of ships.

Brighton Beach.

As will be seen on reference to our advertising columns the land fronting on Foul Bay has been divided into lots, which are now offered for sale by the B. C. Land and Investment Agency. For summer residences a prettier place cannot be found so near the city, and all are well acquainted with the locality as a bathing resort of unsurpassed attractiveness.

Victoria Delighted.

During her visit to the Glasgow exhibition the Queen spent much time in the Canadian Court, carefully examining the chief exhibits. It is said that Her Majesty was much struck with the views of the Rocky Mountain scenery and was pleased to accept a photograph of the National Park at Banff as a souvenir of her visit. The Queen purchased also a number of views of the scenery along the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Her Majesty was received at the Court by Captain Clark and Mr. Graham.

Reckless Shooting.

About 8:30 o'clock last evening a man named Peterson, considerably under the influence of liquor, rushed out of the North Pacific Saloon at the corner of Yates and Wharf streets, and flourishing a revolver commenced to fire shot after shot indiscriminately. Fortunately but few people were in the vicinity at the time, and the only damage done was to a window of the saloon, the glass of which was shattered. The noise of the shots attracted a crowd, and Peterson's friends succeeded in getting him into the saloon again and taking the pistol from him. His friends refused to give particulars, and kept all intruders away until the excitement had subsided, when they left the premises.

The Presidential Election.

A young blacksmith just returned from Nanaimo, B. C., says that the approaching presidential election is attracting a great deal of interest. Most of the people, he says, sincerely favor the re-election of President Cleveland and would gladly vote for him, but they "can't do it, ye know." "An American or an Irishman stands no show in British Columbia," he said to a reporter yesterday. "The people of English, Scotch or Welsh nativity or descent hold them in utter contempt and will not associate with them, openly declaring that the Yankees and Irish are no good. An American who is known to be in favor of protection is held to be the worst in the dock."

The above is from the *Oregonian* and is born of a very wild imagination. The expressive word "Rats!" would be the best commentary upon its silliness.

Defective Fire Alarm System.

Last evening about 8 o'clock, two steamboat men, named Dunlop and Donovan, while standing at the corner of Yates and Wharf streets, noticed a bright blaze in the vicinity of D. McLean's blacksmith shop. Upon examination it was ascertained that a shed in the rear of the cooperage adjoining was in flames. The men went to work with a will and tore down the burning shed, extinguishing the fire with buckets of water, and in a few minutes all danger was over. Thanks to their promptitude a serious conflagration was averted, as the burned shed was situated in the middle of a group of wooden buildings south of the Occidental Hotel. While the men were busily engaged in checking the fire, the bells rang out an alarm. The report was sent, however, that the fire was on Fort street, and in that direction the firemen went with their apparatus, followed by the usual crowd. When the firemen discovered that the fire was located on Wharf street their services were fortunately not required.

St. Andrew's Church Picnic.

Some two hundred and fifty persons, comprising the Young People's Association of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, and their friends, left by train yesterday morning at 8:20 for McPherson's station, on the line of the E. & N. railway, where a most delightful day was spent. The number was further augmented by those who left on the one o'clock and the three o'clock trains. A more charming spot could not have been selected for a picnic, the place abounding in picturesque nooks and dells, and a plentiful supply of clear, sparkling water. The weather was all that could be desired, and refreshments were provided bountifully for all who had not baskets of their own. Games of all kinds were indulged in, and the time passed only too quickly for all present. The picnickers returned to the city about 8:30 last evening, the ringing cheers of the children being heard above the bell of the locomotive, as the train steamed into the station. Those who had the management of the affair are to be congratulated upon its success, and if there were more of such delightful excursions, parents as well as children would reap the benefit of the outing.

Cricket.

A good game was played yesterday between sides of twelve each captained by Messrs. Campbell and Irving; the former, whose team was as nearly as possible the same that defeated Vancouver, winning by 37 runs with two wickets to fall. Wylde, Goepel, Hett and Scroggs all batted well for the losers, for whom Helmcken bore the brunt of the bowling, taking 6 wickets for 66 runs, while Scroggs took 2 for 20, and Hett 1 for 2. Sinclair and Clinton opened the innings of the winners in their customary vigorous style, putting on 45 runs before they were separated, Pooley hit hard for his 18 in which were four threes. Ransom played very steadily and H. J. Martin made a good 13, while Drake hit very hard, getting two fours and two threes, and Campbell was in through 44 runs for his modest "not out" contribution. Clinton bowled with great success, getting 6 wickets for 15 runs, and Campbell took 2 for 4, J. Martin 2 for 18, H. Martin 1 for 10.

MR. IRVING'S TWELVE.

Dr. Fitzgerald, b. H. Martin	7
P. D. Goepel, b. J. Martin	13
K. A. Wyld, b. Campbell	30
F. G. Walker, l. b. wkt. b. J. Martin	3
H. M. Hett, b. Clinton	13
H. D. Helmcken, b. Clinton	6
P. Æ. Irving, c. Ransom b. Clinton	6
A. Scroggs, not out	11
W. A. Ward, b. Campbell	1
A. Pyke, c. and b. Clinton	3
H. W. H. Combe, b. Clinton	0
C. A. Griffin, b. Clinton	1
Extras	4
Total	78

MR. CAMPBELL'S TWELVE.

J. W. Sinclair, c. Pyke b. Helmcken	25
H. Fiennes-Clinton, st. Irving b. Scroggs	23
C. E. Pooley, st. Irving b. Scroggs	18
E. B. Drummond, b. Helmcken	2
W. B. Ransom, c. Ward b. Helmcken	12
N. P. Snowden, c. Goepel b. Helmcken	2
H. J. Martin, b. Helmcken	13
H. J. Campbell, not out	44
F. Scroggs, b. Helmcken	0
R. H. T. Drake, b. Hett	19
R. Ruff, not out	2
J. E. Martin, did not bat	
Extras	10
Total	135

Charles Bonny Sentenced.

In the Supreme Court yesterday, before Mr. Justice Crease, Chas. Bonny, charged with bringing stolen property into Canada, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

S. S. Albany.

The Canadian Pacific steamship Albany, Captain Powers, brought 11 saloon passengers and 584 Chinese. She has 9 white officers and a crew of 54 Chinese. She left Yokohama on the 10th instant, having been 14 days on the voyage. She is an iron vessel, 1419 tons, and is registered at Leith, Scotland.

Outgoing Passengers.

Following is a list of the passengers on the steamer Mexico for San Francisco: Rev. Father Van Nevel, A. Hammersley, R. C. McDonald, Mrs. G. Fry, George Fry, jr., Miss Fry, Miss K. Howard, Thos. Deasy and wife, G. T. Baillerge and wife, Miss Jennie Carne, Mrs. J. Bullen, A. Sharpe and wife, Capt. Howard, Thos. Muir, T. Duppuy, Miss Sampson and a large number in the steerage.

Refused to Bond Them.

Capt. Warren, who went over to Port Townsend to bond the sealers lying there, was told by Marshal Atkins that he would not accept bonds, the instructions from Attorney-General Garland being too vague to suit him. This is the second time that Atkins has refused to obey orders, and the whole business has a somewhat shady appearance. What does the Marshal want?

The Menzies Case.

The sentence will be pronounced in W. R. Menzies' case to-morrow morning. It was deferred yesterday in order that his lordship might receive some information regarding the prisoner's standing in the community during his residence here. Opinion was freely expressed yesterday that the greatest amount of mercy should be exercised in this matter, the belief existing that Menzies was guilty of wrong in a technical sense only.

Exciting Scare.

A train of coal cars got loose in the South Field mines on Thursday morning and went down the workings at a thundering rate, but fortunately without doing any serious damage, beyond creating an exciting scare. In the descent the cars broke a steam pipe, and the steam escaping into the mine gave rise to an alarm of fire, and the men got out of the mine as quickly as possible, one of the runners declaring that he squeezed through a space not more than six inches wide.

James Bay Bridge.

This structure is practically completed and, on the removal of the surplus materials yesterday, a number of hackmen and teamsters joyfully availed themselves of the opportunity to use the bridge, which stood the test admirably, being found firm and steady as a rock. To the surprise of everybody the barricades were again erected and the traffic stopped. On enquiry it was ascertained that this had been done by order of the civic authorities until the painting of the new sills and braces underneath were completed, which, it is expected, will take some two or three weeks.

Runaway Accident.

While Dr. Fitzgerald was returning to Esquimalt from Victoria yesterday his horse, attached to a phaeton, took fright at a boiler near the Rock Bay Saloon. In bracing himself to stop the horse's onward flight, he pushed the dasher of the vehicle out, and, losing control of the animal, was thrown out, sustaining injuries which happily are not considered serious. The phaeton was considerably damaged. The horse ran across the bridge and was stopped at Everett's. The Doctor was driven home, and beyond feeling somewhat shaken up, is none the worse for the accident.

Louis Peterson Arrested.

About 10 o'clock last night Sergt. Sheppard and Officer Thomas succeeded in arresting Louis Peterson, the man who fired the pistol shots at the foot of Yates street in the early part of the evening. Peterson was caught in "Smoke alley," near the Jubilee saloon, Johnson street. He was very abusive, and the officers had some difficulty in taking him to the lock-up, as he struggled fiercely and several times attempted to kick and bite his captors. A man named John Loch came to his assistance and tried to get him away from the officers. Loch, however, was also arrested, and the couple were finally placed in the lock-up. Peterson is the man who so cruelly abused the horse owned by Jones & McNeil a few weeks ago, and bears a hard name. He will now, doubtless, meet his deserts.

Our Insane.

The total number of inmates in the Provincial Asylum for the Insane is 80, and out of these there are no less than 21 Chinese. This is a startling fact and will prove a strong weapon in the hands of the opponents of Chinese immigration. The proportion is enormous, being over 25 per cent. In addition to those in the asylum there are several lunatic Chinamen confined in the provincial gaol, Westminster, for want of accommodation in the asylum. It is a well-known fact that few of the Chinamen remain permanently in the country, and in the opinion of some this may be rather a good feature than otherwise, but simply amass wealth, or at least comparative wealth, here and take or send it to China. They contribute little or nothing towards the expenses of the local, provincial, or federal governments, and yet the country is called upon to support the unfortunates of the Mongolian race who have lost their reason. The question is one that will bear serious consideration.

POLICE COURT.

[Before Judge Richards.]

E. Garnett, summoned for driving without lamps.

The defendant said he didn't think it necessary to use lamps on his carriage when the city lights were not burning.

The magistrate decided to impose a fine of $2, which was promptly paid.

Peter Hansen, charged with driving a horse and cart over the sidewalk, was dismissed with a caution.

James Cowie, summoned for furious driving, was fined $5.

Jimmy Starr, an Indian, was fined $5 for being intoxicated.

Ah Chow, charged with stealing fruit from a garden on Cook street, was remanded in order that the owner might lay an information.

A Warning.

The modes of death's approaches are various, and statistics show conclusively that more persons die from diseases of the Throat and Lungs than any other. It is probable that everyone, without exception, receives vast numbers of Tubercle Germs into the system and where these germs fall upon suitable soil they start into life and develop, at first slowly, and is shown by a slight tickling sensation in the throat and if allowed to continue their ravages they extend to the lungs producing Consumption, and to the head causing Catarrh. Now all this is dangerous and if allowed to proceed will in time cause death. At the onset you must act with promptness; allowing a cold to go without attention is dangerous and may lose you your life. As soon as you feel that something is wrong with your Throat, Lungs or Nostrils, obtain a bottle of Boschee's German Syrup. It will give you immediate relief.

THE NORTHERN EXCURSION.

A Pleasant Experience—The Party Charmed With the Many Delights of the Trip.

The excursion party who returned on the Louise yesterday afternoon express themselves, without exception, as delighted in the highest degree with the pleasure and interest of the trip. The steamer reached Nanaimo on Saturday morning, where several passengers were taken aboard, and coaled at Departure Bay. At two o'clock in the afternoon a start was made to the north and Alert Bay reached on Sunday. The next point arrived at was Skidegate, at which point they anchored on Tuesday morning. In crossing Hecate straits numerous whales were seen, some of which came up within a hundred yards of the vessel. Several of the passengers amused themselves by shooting at the leviathans, but did not succeed in bagging any game.

AT SKIDEGATE

a stay was made during the day, and the party divided up, some visiting the village, some the oil works, some went fishing, while a few of the gentlemen made a trip to the Anthracite mine, which is thirteen miles from Skidegate one mile inland. Among the latter was Prof. Parkinson, who made an examination of the property, and gave an opinion favorable to its successful working. The road built was in fair order, but the chief work so far has been on this and on the bunkers. The level has been run in 600 feet, tapping the 8½ foot seam, which had pinched out somewhat at the end of the tunnel. About 100 tons of coal were on the dump, and of this several sacks were taken to the steamer. It is understood that Rand Bros., of Vancouver, have bonded this mine.

Skidegate was sailed from at 6 p. m. for Massett. During the night a heavy gale came up, and an anchorage was made under the lee of Rose Spit [three succumbed.] In the morning the weather moderated, and another start made at 10 o'clock a. m., reaching Massett at 4 in the afternoon. This is the chief H. B. Co's post on Queen Charlotte islands. The party, who debarked, were looked after by the C. of England missionary, in the absence of Mr. Dodd, the company's agent. A most diligent search was made on the beach for "agits," which are in abundance at this point, and many hundreds of fine specimens secured. One gentleman

OF A SPECULATIVE DISPOSITION,

purchased a large quantity of the choicest kind from a youthful aborigine. The sale was consummated in the evening, and he was very much astonished and disgusted in the morning on looking at his treasures, to find that he had bought common pebbles. The totem poles at Massett were inspected; these are of various design, carved in wood by the natives, some of the tallest reaching a height of sixty feet. Curios in wood, slate and straw work were purchased here. Massett is a delightful spot, and being the chief village of the Haydas, is a place of peculiar interest. All the party were delighted and regretted that their stay was so short.

Leaving Massett on the following morning (Thursday) the steamer proceeded to Port Simpson, which was reached in the evening. The interesting points, including the mission houses, school, church, fire hall, cemetery, etc., were duly visited. Mr. Hall, H. B. Co.'s agent, and Mrs. Crosby, wife of the missionary, did all in their power to entertain the visitors. Leaving Port Simpson at daybreak, a run was made to Naas river, calling at A. J. McLellan's cannery. While the steamer was loading salmon the tourists "took in" the vicinity.

Leaving Naas river at noon the steamer made a

TRIP UP THE PORTLAND CANAL

an arm of the sea, extending seventy miles inland. At Halibut Bay, the U.S. survey steamer Pat