

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U.S. Gov't Report



[FROM THE DAILY COLONIST, May 22.] ISLANDS OF THE PACIFIC.

Capt. G. H. Morse, of San Francisco, who lectured last night at A.O.U.W. hall, has a breezy, bluff style of delivery, and an original manner of putting things that give zest to his subjects and please the audience. He had a plentiful store of anecdotes and incidents to draw from, half century ago in voyaging across the Pacific he was quite at home in his descriptions of the Hawaiian, Samoan and other islands of the Pacific. Captain Morse is well known to most of the older residents of Victoria, and when Hon. E. G. Prior introduced him preparatory to the lecture as the former commander of the steamship Daköta, which used to call at this port, the applause showed that the captain had many friends here who remembered him with pleasure. Capt. Morse in opening remarked upon the wonderful improvements that had taken place in Victoria since he was here last. He then branched off into his subject, starting with a series of lantern views of interesting portions of California. Then he passed over to Hawaii, describing pleasantly and with a vein of fine natural humor the islands, the people and their history. One point he dealt with strongly was that the deterioration of the natives and their increasing mortality was due to their adoption of the white man's clothes, clothing was the death-knell of the natives. Many views of the beauty spots of the islands were shown, and the lecturer then passed on to the Samoan islands, their magnificent type of men and women being amply illustrated. Most interesting of all were the reminiscences of Louis Stevenson, whose Captain Morse knew personally, and excellent pictures were shown of the great story writer and his family and surroundings in Samoa.

A splendid bit of descriptive eloquence was that of the terrible hurricane at Apia, when H.M.S. Calliope, in the face of the fierce storm, forced her way to the open sea, while the American and German men-of-war were wrecked. The gallant cheers of the sailors on the U.S.S. Trenton, who forgetting for the moment their own distress applauded the success of the Calliope, would, the speaker said, never be forgotten by the British navy. In closing his lecture, Captain Morse said he intended to obtain a number of views of British Columbia, so that when he spoke in other places he could tell them something about this province, for which he predicted a splendid future.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The council had a special meeting last evening, assembling in full force at 8.30 with Mayor Beaven in the chair. The discussion of the Cadboro Bay road drainage nuisance was the order of the day. Reference was made to the sanitary inspector for report as to the cause of the nuisance and the best remedy. The latest correspondence relating to the waterworks contract was then taken up, comprising, as already pointed out in full, the terms upon which a certain portion of the work may be finished by the corporation; and the statement of the claim of the contractor for extra said to have been performed by them. It was resolved that the completion of the reservoirs should be taken over on the terms stated, provided that, this can be done without prejudice to the city's interests with respect to other parts of the work. The next clause of the report dealt with the proposed extension of time for the completion of the rest of the work, to the 30th June. On this Ald. Macmillan moved, seconded by Ald. Williams, that the extension be granted on condition that the contractors allow their men to start work at 9 in the morning and stop at 4 in the evening, otherwise being allowed \$100 a day for non-completion of the work to be exacted.

Ald. PARTRIDGE opposed the resolution as he thought the engineer the proper person to decide upon the extension of time. Ald. MARCHANT could not support the resolution as it stood, as he thought it unreasonable to ask any contractor to adopt the hours for labor there mentioned. He would favor any reasonable suggestion fixing the hours so that men who live in town could go in and out by train. The mover expressed his willingness to make such an alteration, and the hours were there stated as 7:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.

Ald. HUMPHREY thought there was too much in the motion for him, and he moved in amendment that the extension be granted provided that the men are allowed to go to work at 7:30 a.m. and quit at 5:30 p.m. This amendment was not seconded and the main motion being put was lost, those voting for it being Ald. Tiarks and Marchant, besides the mover and seconder, the other five aldermen voting nay.

Ald. HUMPHREY then moved his amendment as a substantive motion, seconded by Ald. Cameron. It was carried, Ald. Partridge alone dissenting, as he is opposed to interfering with the contract in any way. The clause reporting the claim of \$11,771 made by the contractors for extras, was "laid on the table."

Ald. WILSON moved seconded by Ald. Williams, that applications for the position of poundkeeper be received up to the 27th inst. Carried. Ald. HUMPHREY moved the second reading of his by-law providing that any elector otherwise qualified may vote at municipal elections notwithstanding that he may be in arrears for taxes. This was agreed to and the council went into committee of the whole on the subject. A long discussion took place as to whether or not householders and licenseholders should have the benefit of the proposed change, and to give time for consideration the committee rose and reported progress. The council adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

THE CITY.

The directors of the Jubilee hospital hold a special general meeting next Thursday evening.

Mr. A. C. FLUMERFELT has been appointed by the courts as trustee of the estate of R. E. Lemon, assigned.

W. A. MCINTOSH & Co., of Vancouver, have secured incorporation as a limited liability company, with a capital of \$150,000.

The executive of the newly formed Victoria Fruit Growers' Association met at Cedar Hill last night to draft by-laws and rules.

Notice is given in the Gazette of yesterday that the rescission of the operation of the provisions of the Official Sealers' act of 1894 will take effect from and after June 30 next.

The bark Sulitehna from Chill reached Esquimalt yesterday with a consignment of nitrate for Shallock, Macaulay & Co. The bark has, it is understood, been chartered to load lumber at Vancouver.

What should prove a very interesting campaign meeting will be held in the Victoria theatre next Wednesday evening, when the principal speaker will be Mr. King Dodds, one of the best known platform orators of Toronto. The meeting is called in the interest of the Liberal-Conservative candidates.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Bird, wife of Mr. T. G. Bird, architect, of Seattle, took place yesterday, Rev. P. Jenns officiating at St. John's church. The pall-bearers were Messrs. Thos. Shotbolt, Wm. Wilson, H. Young and S. Reid. Mrs. Bird was a native of Kent, England, and for a number of years past had been a resident of this city.

Three new mining companies of Spokane have, during the past week, received authority to do business in this province under the Foreign Companies Act. These are the Commander Mining & Smelting Co. and the Lily May Mining & Smelting Co., each with capital of half a million dollars, and the Rambler & Cariboo Consolidated Gold & Silver Mining Co., which is capitalized at one million.

MEETINGS will be held by the special committee of the B. C. Fruit Growers' Association at Salmon Arm on May 26, Kelowna, May 27; Vernon, May 28; and Armstrong, May 29. The principal object is to interest the farmers in working up the report of fruit rots, those districts of the interior. The committee is composed of Messrs. Henry T. Earl, of Lytton, and R. M. Palmer, inspector of fruit pests. It may be noted that Mr. Palmer's caterpillar has made its appearance pretty freely in Victoria this year. He advises that the quickest way to get rid of it is to cut off and burn the branch on which the caterpillars are swarming. If allowed to fall these pests will denude the fruit trees of their foliage.

MR. FRED W. THOMPSON, of Winnipeg, is visiting Victoria in the interest of the Ogilvie Milling Co., who have great business interests in this province. Mr. Thompson says that the election of Hugh John Macdonald in Winnipeg is there regarded as a certainty, and wagers upon five hundred majority for him find few takers amongst those who still support Mr. Martin. He says that the Liberal-Conservative never had a better organization than at present, and that the greatest enthusiasm has been aroused within the party by the candidature of Hugh John. The indication is that the old-time majority rolled up for him will be far surpassed on this occasion, for having had experience of the two men there are few except the hide-bound Grits who still prefer to favor the obstructionist Martin.

The latest news from Rossland, dated May 17, states that the town is full of people, among whom are several English capitalists with their experts to examine mines with a view to purchasing. The tramway company are pushing tracklaying and the grading is about finished. The weather has been unsettled and cool and the roads were made worse by recent rains. An accident at the Monte Christo happened through a premature blast, two men being badly injured. On the 17th the drift on the Georgia mine vein had reached a distance of 60 feet, the ore had resumed its normal condition and the work was advancing at the usual rate, the face of the tunnel being all in ore. Preparations are being made for the compressor plant which has been wired for. Work was to have begun on the 18th, 300 feet from the present workings on the Georgia, on the opposite slope, where there is an excellent surface showing of ore. There is a 30-foot shaft close by.

Prof. Rene Quentin has just completed at his new studio, 60 Yates street, a large oil painting of Her Majesty the Queen, and has issued invitations for a reception for this afternoon and evening, when the picture will be exhibited. The painting is nine feet high and is taken from the latest authentic pictures and photographs. Her Majesty is seated on a throne and dressed in black with white lace. Upon her head is a small jeweled crown, the orb and sceptre lying on a table to her right, beneath a portrait of the late Prince Consort. The artist has with admirable effect kept in view the advanced age of Her Majesty and has not given her face the conventional round plumpness seen in so many pictures. The marks of age have been admirably traced, giving the features an added dignity and life-like look. The setting of the picture is rich and in keeping with the central figure. On the whole it is the most successful picture Prof. Quentin has painted since his arrival in British Columbia.

COLLINGWOOD, May 20.—John McKinley, an employe of the Tanager of W. Tope & Co., was caught in the line shaft of the bark mill and whirled to death, being terribly mangled when found.

MILITARY MANOEUVRES.

Preparations Completed for Tuesday Afternoon's Interesting Exercises at Point Macaulay.

Programme for the Review, Drills and Attack and Defence of the Forts.

Yesterday saw the preliminary preparations completed for the military review and sham battle at Macaulay Point fortifications, the great celebration event of Tuesday and the closing feature of the carnival. Contrary to the custom of the past the review will this year come first, the battle being reserved for the climax of the day's manoeuvres. The bluejackets, with the ship's land Marines, are to be drawn up in line and at open order, facing from the sea, at Point Macaulay, and to be in position sharp at 2 o'clock, the parade ground being the strip of open country in use lately as the United Service golf links. Admiral Stephenson and his staff are expected to arrive on the scene at about 2:30, and will be received with the general salute, the brigades afterwards firing a feu de joie, which will be punctuated with the roar of the seven guns of the Royal Marine Artillery between each of the rounds. "Shoulder Arms!" and the royal salute will be the next order, and then the caps will come off and three cheers for Her Majesty will close the first chapter of the military programme.

Each battalion—the bluejackets, Marines and Canadian Artillery—will afterwards form in quarter column by the right on their number ones, and march past the saluting base in column, the attacking party leading the march—first the ship's nine-pounders, then the bluejackets, then the Marines and then the defending force, with six 13-pounder field guns in command of Capt. Barnes, R.M.A., and last, the 5th Regiment, C.A. After the march past the battalions are to be formed up in line facing the saluting base—the bluejackets in front, the Marines next and the Fifth Regiment last.

Here the second section of the three-part military programme is taken up, with physical drill by the jolly "shell-bags"; on completion of this the bluejackets forming into fours march back to the saluting base, the other battalions following with sword-bayonet exercise; the Fifth Regiment take their turn with the review exercise; and the detachments from the ships big gun drill mounting and dismounting the guns and the sham fight begins.

The scene of the encounter will be the new fortifications, and the bluejackets marching off from the saluting base, the other battalions forming the attacking force under Commander Nicholson, their lines extending along the sea road. A single gun from the invaders' ranks will be the signal for the other battalions to open fire, and the shells will be sharply repulsed. The duty of holding the forts falls to their natural defenders, the Royal Marine Artillery, and the 5th Regiment, Canadian Artillery, and the three companies forming the attacking force under Commander Nicholson, their lines extending along the sea road. A single gun from the invaders' ranks will be the signal for the other battalions to open fire, and the shells will be sharply repulsed. 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