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## SOUNDS AND ECHOES.

A *Colonist* man recently exposed a spiritualistic medium. It's pretty hard to fool a *Colonist* reporter on spirits.

Two passengers were conversing in a tram car. Said one to the other: "Do you know the 'Barber of Seville?'" "No," replied the latter, "I always shave myself."

It is a mean wretch who will slyly drop a hairpin in a horse car loaded with women and then smile as he sees every woman make a grab for the back of her head when she notices it.

ONE of the great advantages of a "soft job" over a "grind" is shown by the fact that in manufacturing operations the average life of soap-boilers is highest and that of grindstone-makers is lowest.

MRS. MATILDA HUNTINGDON, a buxom Englishwoman of New Orleans, is only 38 years old, though she has just acquired her seventh husband. She began her extraordinary matrimonial career at 14.

EVERY British peer who gets into disgrace is put down by the Yankee press as "a member of the Prince of Wales' set." This is the penalty the Prince pays for not inviting the correspondents and editors to dinner.

"MOTHER'S doughnuts," he said as he sniffed at them contemptuously, "I should call them gate hinges! You ought to see the doughnuts my wife—" and his mother left the table in tears while his wife said chidingly but happy, "Charlie!"

THE Vancouver *World* objects to "the people of this Province being saddled with an incubus that will hang like a mill-stone round their necks for centuries to come." This bull is equal to the best of Harry Boyle's, and leaves no further room for doubt that the editor of the *World* is an Irishman.

A COLUMBUS (O.) man has invented a trolley balloon line which he claims, does away with the necessity of transporting a heavy motor. He proposes to run his trolley wires on poles 100 feet high and use the wires for guides and power supply. Descents may be made by parachutes, if necessary.

It is said that President Cleveland desires to reform the Consular Service by

appointing only men of special fitness for special posts. No reform is of any avail until the appointments are made, as by Great Britain, dependant upon practical ability and experience and not for only a few years and during the power of one political party.

IN 1884 the city of St. Louis passed an ordinance charging telegraph and telephone companies \$5 a year for each pole erected in the streets. The companies contested the validity of the ordinance, it was pronounced void in the lower courts. An appeal was taken and a final decision was rendered recently by the United States Supreme Court. It was held that the ordinance was valid; that the charge made was not a license tax, but was in the nature of ground rent which the city had the right to demand and receive for the use of the space occupied by the poles. Here is a source of revenue for other cities which might be improved. St. Louis will get \$7,545 a year from this assessment, with back taxes for nine years.

## PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Mr. Frederick Appleton will shortly leave for Enderby to take up his residence there.

The concert at St. Andrew's Church, last Tuesday evening, was a pronounced success.

A pleasant dancing party was given by Mrs. Schroeder, Yates street, on Monday evening.

The closing banquet of the Mock Parliament will be given, Thursday evening, at the Y. M. C. A. rooms.

Mrs. C. Rattray left for the east, Tuesday evening, on a visit to friends at St. Louis, Kansas City, Leavenworth and Chicago.

Capt. J. M. Maurice leaves for England shortly, to go into summer camp with his regiment, the 4th battalion K. O. R. Lancaster.

Mr. J. W. Prentice, cashier of the B. C. Cattle Co., was united in marriage, last Tuesday morning, at Westminster, to Miss Mary J. Holden.

Music for the Samaritan ball was admirably rendered throughout the evening by the Brown & Richardson orchestra, who did themselves great credit for a local organization.

Mr. W. A. Ward and Miss Maud Davie were united in marriage, Wednesday afternoon, at Christ Church Cathedral, in the presence of a large number of friends and acquaintances. The happy couple will spend their honeymoon in Southern California.

Mr. Fred. B. Williams, of the *Times* reportorial staff, and Mrs. M. A. Smith were joined in marriage Sunday morning at St. Andrew's (R. C.) cathedral, Rev. Father Nicolay officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Williams will spend the honeymoon at

the World's Fair, and then take up their residence on Cadboro Bay road.

A very successful practice of the oratorio *The Creation* was held, Thursday evening, in Waitt & Co's Music Store. There were about thirty-five in attendance. A full orchestra composed of twenty pieces has been organized to assist in the production of the oratorio. It is the desire of those having charge of the production to swell the chorus to one hundred voices, if possible.

The residence of Mr. A. Warner, of Victoria West, was made merry on Friday evening, the 31st ult., by a surprise party gotten up by Miss Bessie Jennings. Games and dancing were indulged in until after midnight, when, after an excellent supper, the party dispersed homeward bound, having spent a thoroughly enjoyable time. Messrs. Brown and Richardson furnished the music in their usual good style.

The finances of the Young Men's Christian Association at the present time are very low, and it is a reproach to our citizens that from time to time appeals have to be made in various ways for help. The last appeal was made to Mr. Brown of the First Presbyterian church choir to get up an entertainment to raise funds, and we consider that the directors were wise in appealing to so able a person. Mr. Brown with the assistance of his choir, has undertaken to give a concert which will take place next Tuesday evening, in the Hall of the First church. The Hall should be filled to the door at \$1 per head, instead of 50 cents. However as it has been set down so low, there is not the shadow of an excuse left for anyone not attending who has the interest of this grand institution at heart. The concert will consist of national songs, choruses, instrumental solos and readings, the performers being attired in the garb of the nation they represent. The best local talent has been secured to assist the choir on this occasion, and a treat is in store for those attending.

## TIPS ON HATS.

Fashion notes say that tips will be much worn on hats. We can give you the straight tip on hats. Russell & McDonald have over 500 Paris sample hats selling at about 20 cents on the dollar.

## REMOVAL.

The Chicago Candy Factory  
has removed to No. 30  
Government Street,  
three doors below C. E. Jones'  
Drug Store.  
G. A. McCULLOCH.