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KAISER AND PRINCE.

Bismarck will Enter Upon a Parliamentary Conflict with the Emperor.

BERLIN, Oct. 25.—The reichstag will reassemble Tuesday, November 10th. It can be predicted that the leading feature of the speech from the throne will be congratulations upon the formation of a commercial union between Germany, Austria and Italy. It is also expected that His Majesty will refer hopefully to the outcome of the pending negotiations with other countries looking to the widening of Germany's commercial relations.

It is now definitely determined that Prince Bismarck will again make his appearance in parliament. He has been in communication with the leaders of the Conservatives and of the Reiche party in regard to concerted action against both the internal and external policy of the government. Bismarck's attitude toward commercial treaties and upon the labor question has long been known, and his announced opposition to the government's policy in these matters occasions no surprise. The indication of his intention to challenge the Government's foreign policy and even go to the length of revealing secrets between himself and the Emperor, has alarmed both his friends and the Government circle. The Hamburger Nachrichten, Bismarck's organ, declares that the Prince is entering upon a parliamentary conflict between himself and the Emperor.

A pamphlet written by Lothair Bucher, undoubtedly under the direction of Bismarck, has made its appearance. It abounds in complaints and threats against the Emperor as altering Germany's foreign policy, to the peril of the existence of the empire. What tends to excite alarm in ministerial circles regarding the Prince's schemes is knowledge of the fact that the ex-Chancellor has the backing of plenipotentiaries of Bavaria and Wurtemberg and the partial support of Saxony in the Bundesrath. Chancellor von Caprivi is conscious of the latent or open sympathy of the federal governments with the ex-Chancellor; and has a difficult part to play. Every one expects that some painful and exciting scenes will be occasioned through the attitude of the Prince during the course of the session.

LEGALITY OF INCORPORATION.

The Question to be Decided for Port Angeles To-morrow.

PORT ANGELES, Wash., Oct. 25.—The case to test the legality of the town's incorporation was called for trial yesterday before Judge McClinton.

The first question which arose was whether the prosecution rested upon the county attorney or attorneys employed by the relator, E. B. Mastick. The judge decided that the prosecuting attorney only could conduct the case for the state. Judge Lane was employed by Mr. Mastick, but owing to sickness is unable to be present. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Hatch asked a continuance to enable him to study the case, as he has not given it any thought. The defense, represented by Wilson and Bush, of this city, assisted by an attorney from Seattle, objected to a continuance. In the course of the discussion of this point the defense created a sensation by declaring that the suit was not brought in good faith but that it was a blackmailing scheme from beginning to end; that it could produce two reputable citizens who would swear that a proposition had been made to them to compromise the case; that for $6,000 the prosecution would guarantee any verdict desired.

Judge McClinton was highly indignant, and stated he would make an order for a thorough investigation. The case was then continued to 9 a. m. Tuesday. The people are much pleased that the matter is soon to be decided and the general opinion is that the city will win the case.

SCHÆFER DOWNED AT LAST.

Slosson Takes His Place as Champion Billiardist.

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—The great billiard match between Jacob Schæffer and George A. Slosson for $1,000 a-side and the entire gate receipts, took place to-night in Chickering hall, before a crowded house. Both men were reported as being in good form, and a good contest was expected, Schæffer being the favorite in the betting. Slosson won the toss, and chose the white b. ll. He led off with a run of 24. Schæffer followed with 20, and missed on an easy shot. From this point Slosson played a steady, painstaking game, without any remarkable brilliancy, to the 23rd inning, while Schæffer's play showed remarkably poor form, and his admirers in dismay watched him slip up time and again on easy shots. Slosson made the run of the game in the 24th inning, when he scored 173 points by careful nursing and some brilliant round-the-table shots. His effort was greeted with great applause. After this the game was never in doubt, and Slosson finally won it by a score of 800 points to 392 for his opponent.

PORT CRESCENT POINTERS.

The Breakwater Becoming a Thing of Reality—Elk Hunting on the Solduck.

PORT CRESCENT, Oct. 24.—The work on the breakwater is being prosecuted by the Port Crescent Improvement Company at all times when the weather is not unfavorable. The gang of men employed has acquired such wonderful skill in the work that they perform their task with a speed and proficiency only equalled by the powerful machinery which moves the vast fragments of rock to the cars that convey them out to the trestle work. The building of the great sea wall is so far solved that its completion is a subject of accurate calculation.

The tug Enterprise towed a scow load of cedar and spruce lumber to Seattle, yesterday, for the Port Crescent Mill Company.

The post office department has established a post office at Fairholme, at the ranch of George E. Mitchell, at the west end of the lake, where the trails to the Solduck valley begin.

Charles Jones, the pioneer of the upper Solduck, passed through, yesterday, with a number of new settlers who have taken claims in his neighborhood. Petitions and numerous affidavits of actual settlers on the Solduck have been forwarded to Surveyor-General Cavanaugh, and two townships south of Lake Crescent will be surveyed next season. J. T. Sheets, who has just completed the survey of the lake township, expects to do the work in the Solduck townships.

Mr. R. M. Swartout, of Hartwick Seminary, N. Y., returned, yesterday, from a month's hunt in the Olympics, on the headwaters of the Solduck. He brought out among his mementoes of the chase a magnificent elk skin rug.

R. N. Williams, of San Francisco, was here, yesterday, arranging for a hunt for elk, on the Solduck, next week. Messrs. J. C. Heath and Frank Webber, of Port Townsend, are now engaged in the chase. Ernest Boehrig and Frank Austin have just returned from the headwaters of the Solduck, with a pair of immense antlers as a trophy of their hunt.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

Col. J. M. Weaver, who embezzled large sums of money received from the settlers who had bought land from the Little Rock and Fort Smith railroad, has disappeared, and there is no clue to his whereabouts.

Weaver was superintendent in the Methodist Sunday school, a temperance lecturer and the editor of the Graphic.

The suit of Bryam & Sullivan, of Indianapolis, against the Ætna Insurance company, to recover the amount of a five thousand dollar fire insurance policy, resulted in a verdict, yesterday morning, for the plaintiffs for $5,100. The verdict is taken as an indication of the innocence of D. J. Sullivan, who was charged with burning the stock insured.

Mrs. Margaret Ross, who was shot, yesterday morning, by Mrs. Lillie Stevens, died this afternoon, at the city hospital, Indianapolis. The act was prompted by jealousy.

E. R. Richardson, ex-clerk in the post office, at Russellville, Ala., shot and fatally wounded ex-postmaster E. S. Vinson, and then jumped on a horse and fled. The trouble arose over an alleged shortage in Richardson's accounts, while clerk under Vinson.

The Navy department, yesterday, received a despatch from Capt. Schley, announcing the death of Coalheaver Turnbull, who was injured by the mob which attacked the American sailors at Valparaiso.

Prairie fires are raging southwest of Guthrie, O.T. Many thousands of dollars' worth of property, consisting of hay, grain and farm implements and buildings have been destroyed.

The Court of inquiry, Capt. Sicard president, appointed to ascertain the responsibility for the loss of the U. S. S. Despatch on Assateague Shoals, Va., met at the navy yard, Washington, yesterday. Lieut. Cowles and Lieut. Milligan made statements giving the details of the loss substantially as published.

The amount of Pittsburg's School Board Treasurer Doerflinger's shortage is growing, and will probably reach $50,000, in addition to the $18,000 first missing.

A couple of burglars attempted to force an entrance into the house of Charles Brandel, at Preston, Iowa, last night. A fifteen year old son shot, and is believed to have fatally wounded one man.

The President of Brazil has asked from the congress of that republic an appropriation of $550,000 to pay the expenses of its representation at the Chicago exposition.

W. J. Cummins, a southern express messenger on the Cincinnati, Selina and Mobile railroad, attempted suicide in his car when his train was near Newburn, Ala., yesterday, by shooting himself in the breast; and he will die. Before the shooting, Cummins wrote a note to the express officials, saying that he had lost a package containing $1,000 and intended to kill himself.

Chief Justice Fuller has returned to Washington from Chicago, where he was in attendance on his daughter, Mrs. Archibald Brown, who was critically ill.

City treasurer W. Redwood Wright, of Philadelphia, yesterday swore out a warrant for the arrest of L. M. Fouse, president of the Mutual Fidelity Association, charging him with criminal libel.

Delegates representing all the railroad coal miners in the Pitsburg district now on strike, met in convention yesterday, and decided to continue the miners strike for 92 cents per ton. Three thousand railroad miners at Latrobe, Manor and Irwin, who also mine coal for the Eastern trade will be called out to-morrow to help to win the fight, together with about 900 men working at the advance price in the Pittsburg district, making in all 13,000 railway miners on strike. The coal operators issued a circular yesterday stating that they would not pay more than 75 cents a ton for mining coal. The fight will now go on with much bitterness as both sides seems very determined. The miners say they will not compromise, and will hold out for 92 cents a ton.

Certificate of Merit.

DEAR SIRS,—This is to certify that my husband had asthma for about 8 years, combined with a bad cough, and that his lungs also were badly affected, so that he could not rest or work. I then got Haggard's Pectoral Balsam, which has greatly relieved him. After taking six or eight bottles it has entirely cured his cough, and done a great deal of good to his lungs.—Mrs. Moses Couch, Apsley, Ont.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Vancouver's Re-count Places the Census at 18,260—The Hecla Safe in Port.

A Westminster District Siwash Commits Suicide. All for Love.

VANCOUVER, Oct. 26.—Konoplitaky, the escaped Siberian exile, finding himself unable to get work in the mines at Nanaimo, has accepted an offer to exhibit himself in Denver, Colo., and left for there yesterday.

Messrs. Mackay & Emanuels have handed the city council their final report of the census of this city, which totals 18,260, divided as follows: Whites, 17,326; Chinese, 840; Indians, 60; and negro, 27.

American ship Hecla arrived, this morning, from Yokohama, 45 days out. Her principal cargo is tea, consigned to the C. P. R.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., Oct. 25.—Early this morning a young Indian, named Joseph Bill, aged 20, committed suicide on the Canadian side, a short distance from Blaine. The Indian was evidently determined to end his existence, as the manner of his suicide would indicate. He first tied a small sash cord, which he had worn around his waist, to an alder sapling, not over four feet from the ground, then tightly around his neck; and there he lay, with his face downwards, and the weight of his head and shoulders upon the cord, his face and body coming within a few inches of the ground. The act was committed because a young Indian woman, with whom he was enamored, would not consent to elope with him, but wished him to wait until the 15th of November, when the Catholic priest from New Westminster would be present and perform the marriage ceremony. Mr. McTiernan goes over to Blaine to-morrow to investigate.

R. A. Kimpton has received the contract for erecting a church on the Shuswap reserve, in Upper Kootenay. It is to be paid for by the tribe in steers, furs and vegetables.

Hot Springs district does not propose to let the Slocan Lake excitement get away with all the baggage. On Wednesday a strike was made in the Number One that eclipses anything made before in that mine. The body of ore is four feet wide, and assays all the way from $200 to $400 to the ton.

Two Presbyterian churches are shortly to be erected in the Mission valley—one at Benroulin, the other near Duck Lake. The Earl of Aberdeen has promised $500 toward the Benroulin building fund.

Walter Scott has parted with a half interest in his claims on Fish creek, Illecillewaet, to S. S. Ryckman, of Ontario. He is a wealthy man and will expend a few thousand dollars in developing the property.

Illecillewaet prospectors are beginning to realize that undeveloped claims cannot be sold to advantage, and many are adopting the plan of proving their properties before offering them for sale.

The trail down Fish Creek to the arm of the Upper Arrow Lake is now made about 14 miles, but owing to the lateness of the season, work will have to be discontinued until next spring.

The present government of British Columbia is pursuing a very liberal course in regard to West Kootenay, seconding with a generous hand the progressive efforts of J. M. Kellie, M.P.P., in providing trials and roads to open up the district.—Inland Sentinel.

Good reports are received from the Lanark mine at Illecillewaet. After a year and five months' work, at a cost of nearly $20,000, the lower tunnel has been connected with the upper one by an uprise of about 200 feet, showing ore all the way, and proving that their vein of 27 feet in width is continuous to that depth at least. An aerial tramway, connecting the mine with the railway track, is to be put in next summer, and then all that will be required is a market for the ore.

The lower tunnel on the Dandy—Toad Mountain—is in between 140 and 150 feet, and the cross tunnel between 180 and 190 feet. The lower tunnel is looking well. The shaft has been cleaned out, and Mr. Esler was well satisfied with the looks of the ore body. At the Grizzly, Superintendent Hobinson will crosscut from the bottom of the shaft to the ledge, and afterwards drift. The Silver King is still the king-pin mine of the Kootenay Lake country, and has more money in sight than would buy a whole shire back in Scotland or a whole state south of the boundary line. The past week has not been noted for sales, but few claims changing hands.

There was a pleasant family gathering at noon Saturday at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Glaholm, Nanaimo, to witness the interesting ceremony that united in the holy bonds of matrimony Flora Glaholm, the eldest dauphter, to Mr. William Sloan, senior partner of the firm of Sloan & Scott, dry goods merchants of that city. There were no less than four generations of the family represented at the ceremony, ranging from Mrs. Wm. McGregor, the highly esteemed and respected great-grandmother, to the child of Mrs. C. A. Caldwell, of Vancouver. The ceremony was performed by Rev. D. A. McRae, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, the father giving away the bride. Mary and Winnie, sisters of the bride, acted as bridesmaids, while Mr. W. C. Scott assisted his partner in the ordeal.

Three good-sized exhibits were taken from Vernon to Enderby last week and shipped to their destinations. The first consisted almost entirely of samples of the various kinds of grain grown in the district, and was sent to Prof. Saunders, Ottawa, who is making a large collection of grain from all parts of Canada for exhibition at the great agricultural show to be held next fall at Doncaster, England. The second was made up of grain, vegetables and various kinds of field produce, and was shipped to Messrs. Brackman & Ker, Victoria. The third, consisting solely of fruit and vegetables, was sent to the Okanagan Land and Development Co., Vancouver.

At the annual meeting of the Spallumcheen and Okanagan Agricultural Association, the following officers were elected for 1892: President, Mr. M. Lumby; 1st Vice-President, Mr. Ellison; 2d do., Mr. Jas. T. Steele; secretary, Mr. A. K. Stuart; treasurer, Mr. W. Dewdney (government agent); directors, Messrs. L. Girouard, D. Graham, W. H. Norris, E. Driscoll, E. H. Wood, C. O'Keefe, A. Postill, F. Munger, T. Ellis, J. Cameron, B. Lequime, G. G. Mackay, F. Young, L. W. Patten, Q. Faulkner. Mr. Lumby, on returning thanks for his election, made a very appropriate speech, and touched upon the necessity of obtaining a suitable building and good grounds for next year's show. He also made an earnest appeal to members to put aside all sectional feeling and work well together for the general good of the district. The election of an additional director for the lower country (Kettle River, Oasoyos and Similkameen) created a deal of discussion, several names being proposed, the result being that none were appointed for that section. It was then unanimously carried that the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen be appointed an hon. member of the society, and the secretary was requested to notify him to that effect.

The annual meeting of the B.C. Mainland Pioneer and Benevolent Society was held, last Thursday evening, for the election of officers and the transaction of general business. There was a fair attendance of the local members of the society. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted in the re-election of James McIntosh, president; John R. Hull, vice-president; and Joseph Ratchford, secretary. The only change from the previous staff was in the choice of G. C. Tunstall for treasurer. The board of directors chosen were composed of John O'Brien, James Guerin and John R. Hull, of Kamloops, and M. Sullivan and William Chase, of Shuswap. The general business transacted related to the 5th annual festival and dinner which it was decided should be held on the 24th of November. Messrs. John R. Hull, James McIntosh and John O'Brien were appointed a committee to make the required arrangements.

When simmered down, the mining news of the week amounts to little more than talk of the new discoveries on Slocan lake, and the location of that body of water. While the lake is well-known by name, its cation cannot be accurately stated. One man who has been on it says that it is over 40 miles long; another, who has not been on it, says it cannot be more than 20 miles in length. The length of Slocan river is also an unsettled question; one stating it to be 40 miles, and another that it cannot be more than 25 or 30. Several claim that the lake does not lie north and south, but north-east and south-west. This, however, is doubted by men who are pretty well posted, they claiming that the mountain ridges or divides all run in a north and south direction, and that if Slocan lake is 40 miles in length it must lie in the same general direction as Kootenay lake and Upper Arrow lake. The lake is located on Professor Dawson's map as lying a little north-east to south-west, but, as the professor was not on the lake, his map cannot be taken as an authority. Of course, there are men who believe that the new district can be reached by a shorter and more practicable route than the one up the North Fork of Kaslo creek, but until they prove their beliefs, the Kaslo creek route will be the one followed. The distance from Kootenay Lake by that route is certainly not more than 30 miles, and the chances are when a trail is made the distance will not be more than 20 or 25. It is too early to determine the probable worth of the district, but by the time it is known the best route for a wagon road will also be known. The Canadian Pacific railway people are not asleep, and engineers will be in the field within a month to make preliminary surveys, so as to determine the route by which the ore must be shipped. The engineers claim the natural route is down Slocan river, and not out by way of Lower Arrow lake, as has been stated by the steamboat and smelting interests centered at Revelstoke. That the ledges are large and easily traceable is admitted by all the parties who have been on the ground; that the ore is high-grade is proved by the assays, the tests being by men above suspicion. The new discovery is not a mirage; it is an actuality; and The Miner predicts that "Slocan" will be the name of one of the richest mineral divisions of West Kootenay district.—The Miner.

BISHOP LEMMENS' RETURN.

From the Provisional Council of the Ecclesiastical Province.

The Right Rev. Bishop Lemmens returned, last evening, from the Provincial Council of the Ecclesiastical Province of Oregon, held at Portland. His Lordship comes back in good health and spirits, and pleased with the work of the council. He was called on, last night, by a COLONIST representative, and explained that the business transacted at the Provincial Council concerned more the clergy than the laity. The decrees arrived at will be sent to Rome, and it will be some time before they can be published, but as an outcome of the meeting, a pastoral letter would be read in all churches of the ecclesiastical province, on Sunday next. The pastoral will deal with such topics as the school question, capital and labor, the observance of the Lord's day, and family piety. There was no business particularly connected with the Island transacted at the council. On the subject of unremovable priests, His Lordship explained that the question had been decided years ago. Certain clergymen could be transferred from one parish to another by their bishop, without any specific reason being assigned, but in the the case of "unremovable priests," some good tangible reasons should be given for the transference, were they demanded.

The Sentinel, of Portland, pays a high compliment to the oratorical powers of His Lordship, who preached a sermon during the sitting of the council. It contains the following summary of the sermon:—"The gifted Bishop of Vancouver Island and Alaska, Bishop Lemmens, took his text from the Epistles of St. Paul. He commenced his sermon by a reference to the dangers which surrounded those Catholics who met on the trains, at their work and, in fact everywhere, persons and newspapers whose sole stock in trade seemed to be nothing but sneers and slurs. Bishop Lemmens then clearly demonstrated that the Church is actuated by the instinct of the Holy Spirit. If we could only understand the divine action of the Holy Spirit in the history of the church, we then could fully apprehend the law of all true progress. The Church is God acting through a visible organization directly on men, and, through men on society dealing with Catholicity. The Bishop then dwelt at length on the 'Unity' of the Church. He said that the meditation of the great truths of the Catholic Faith is a source from which the inspiration must come, if society is to be regenerated and the human race directed to its true destination. He who would look to any other quarter for a sufficient remedy, and for true guidance, would be doomed to failure and disappointment. That the interpretations of Christianity by the so-called reformation, especially by its leaders, neither sanctioned nor even implied the natural rights of man the good Bishop clearly demonstrated. He stated that it was not from a knowledge of her true character that the Catholic religion suffers in the minds of a large portion of the non-Catholic community, but from the false impressions they received."

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

Watson Declared to Have Been the True Winner of the Helmcken Cup.

Some Opinions of Saturday's Lacrosse Match—General Sporting Gossip.

THE TURF.

A DOUBLE CROSS ON CALGARY.

This is said to be how the Calgary sports "got left": They went to Vernon from Enderby with the scheme of "putting up a job" on the Vernon "boys," taking the horse Thankful, and hiring the colored jockey for $50 to "pull" the race. Their plan was to get a Siwash horse to run against Thankful, and put all their money on the Siwash. The Vernon "boys" got wind of it, and went two better with the darkey, betting all their money on Thankful. The jockey proved true, and the Calgary men were relieved of their surplus cash—about $500.

CRICKET.

The Victoria Cricket Club meet at Rev. J. W. Green's school, to-night, for the purpose of reorganizing and deciding upon grounds for next season.

OTTAWA, Oct. 26.—The cricket match between Lord Hawke's English team and a team representing Eastern Canada, was won by the former, by an innings and 84 runs. The Englishmen made 280 in one innings, and the Canadians 106 in the first, and 90 in the second innings.

THE OAR.

Hanlan has offered to row McLean, the champion oarsman of the City of New Westminster, a three-mile race one week after the Hanlan-Stephenson race, giving McLean 50 yards start, and the same boats used at Vancouver to be again rowed in. The race can be for any money McLean likes to mention.

When the Helmcken cup was rowed for on the harbor course, a few weeks ago, it will be remembered George Watson came in ahead, but DesBrisay claimed the race, and it was given him, Watson having turned the wrong stake. Ald. Renouf, the referee, based his decision on rule 18, contained in the Canadian Association rowing laws, and reading thus:

"In turning races, each competitor shall have a separate turning stake and shall turn from port to starboard; any competitor may turn any stake other than his own, but does so at his peril."

Watson was not satisfied with this decision and wrote, stating his case, to the Canadian Association of Amateur Oarsmen, from whom the following reply has been received:

Toronto, Oct. 19.

Jas. Watson, Esq., 5 Montreal street, Victoria, B. C.

DEAR SIR:—In reply to yours of the 9th inst., asking my opinion as to which boat won in a certain race, recently rowed in your city, I beg to say that, in my opinion, the man that crossed the winning line first won the race. If the second man had touched the leader at the turning point it would have been a case for the referee to decide; but as there was no foul, there can be doubt as to the winner. The fact that No. 2 delayed at the winning point to avoid a foul does not in any way affect the result.

Yours truly,

W. A. LITTLEJOHN,
Secretary C.A.A.O.

LACROSSE.

UNCALLED FOR.

TO THE EDITOR:—On reading the comments on the lacrosse match in to-night's Times, I was very much surprised to notice the uncalled for remarks in reference to one of the Vancouver team, whose skin happens to be a shade darker than that of an ordinary individual. I have witnessed lacrosse matches throughout Ontario and Quebec for a number of years, as well as the one played in your city last Saturday, and I can honestly say the young man referred to played a fair game throughout, and at times an excellent one. I am informed he has a bad reputation in previous matches. That I know nothing about. I simply speak of Saturday's game, and the ungentlemanly remarks about a "colored young man."

FAIR PLAY.

Victoria, Oct. 26, 1891.

TO THE EDITOR:—In justice to myself and in the interests of the national game of Canada, even though I have no desire to enter into a newspaper controversy, I cannot permit the scurrilous article, in last evening's Times to pass without comment. I would just say, by way of preface, that Saturday's match was one of the mildest I have seen in this province, and I have witnessed nearly every match since 1886, either as a spectator, an active player, or in an official capacity. I may also state that I have witnessed numberless matches in eastern Canada, and will back my experience in lacrosse matters, at any time, with that of the child of the Times staff, who does not know even the rudiments of good play or the principles of lacrosse. The writer of the article in question says that there were several stupid scrimmages, in one of which the ball was put through by hand and a game allowed to Vancouver by the umpire after several repeated calls of "foul;" and he further asserts that the ball was fumbled around in twenty other hands. Now, the reporter must have a most elastic conscience and a Rider Haggard imagination. The ball in this scrimmage was not touched by a hand (according to the decision of the umpire) until it had passed through the flags, or where the flags ought to have been.

In my opinion, the writer on the Times has not seen many lacrosse matches, or he would not make such a fuss over a flag being down. This is liable to occur at any time, and very often does occur.

Further, Westminster was not offered any consolation by the umpire or any one else. If the writer in the Times can point out conclusively to me where there was any fault in the game (except in one or two instances and the condition of the ground), I am willing to retire in his favor as a lacrosse critic. Now, in all fairness to Scurry, the colored gentleman referred to in the Times, I would state that he played a good, honest game of lacrosse, and my position gave me every opportunity of judging.

As to the assertion that several matters in connection with the match will be brought before the Association, I am eager to know where he got his information. It is evident he knows as much about this matter as he does about the game of lacrosse.

The Victoria Lacrosse Club has a reputation at stake in seeing that Lacrosse is played, and not ruffianism exhibited. This the players on Saturday were told, and the warning had the desired effect, consequently the spectators witnessed an exceptionally good game.

In concluding my remarks, I would state that the Times reporter is the only one who passed injurious comment on the game. I call them injurious, for the reason that the report as written by him is derogatory to the Victoria Club and entirely uncalled for. I trust that the next time an article is written on a lacrosse match in this city a reporter from the Times staff competent to write the article will attend.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for the space given me, and for the fair and honest report of the match that appeared in your issue of Sunday,

I remain, respectfully yours,
D. W. MORROW,
Referee.

POLO.

The return match of Victoria vs. the Navy will be played at Beacon Hill this afternoon, commencing at 4 p.m., when a well contested game is expected. Dr. Pearson, A. Ethelston, G. Couper, and F. C. Tiarks are playing for the Navy, and N. P. Snowden, H. E. Newton, H. A. Barton, and L. H. Webber for Victoria.

THE OAR.

M'LEAN DON'T WANT THE EARTH.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Oct. 22.—Alex. McLean informed your correspondent, today, that he would not accept Hanlan's offer of fifty yards in a three-mile race, but again offers to row him three miles, on the Fraser, in best and best skiffs, for $400 a side, on November 7th, Hanlan to give McLean 100 yards start. If Hanlan will accept, an answer by telegraph is requested.

The annual races of the New Westminster Boating Club take place on Saturday. Six crews will compete in the double sculls.

FOR THE HELMCKEN CUP.

The race between Watson and Des Brissy for the Helmcken cup, rowed over the harbor course some weeks since, has not, as yet, been satisfactorily settled. Watson, as will be remembered, came in ahead, but having turned the wrong stake the referee gave the race to Des Brisay, who did not fall into this error. Watson then wrote to the Canadian Association of Amateur Oarsmen, and, on the case submited by him, received a satisfactory reply, published in yesterday's COLONIST. At a meeting of the boating committee of the James Bay Athletic Club, however, it was decided to abide by the referee's decision. Des Brissy has handed the cup to the club, and expresses his willingness to row the race over again. To this suggestion Watson objects, and thus the matter lies. There is a feeling among the members of the club, which is shared in by Dr. Helmcken, that under no circumstances should the race be rowed on the occasion of the professional contest on Shawnigan Lake, Saturday.

THE RING.

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—This afternoon, Billy Madden, acting in the interest of Paddy Maher, the Irish champion, covered the $1,000 recently deposited with a New York newspaper for Jim Corbett, with a challenge to meet any tip-top heavy weight.

ATHLETICS.

VICTORIA SCHOOL OF ARMS.

A meeting of the Victoria School of Arms was held last night, and it was decided that the rooms above Pennock & Minor's jewelry store should be secured for the organization, and set in order as soon as possible. The officers of the association are: President, C. P. Wooley; vice-president, C. T. Dupont; secretary, L. Crease; treasurer, W. Ward; and committee, Messrs. Carpenter, Bassett, Drake and others.

THE TURF.

FASTEST TIME YET MADE IN HARNESS.

COLUMBIA, Tenn., Oct. 26.—The match race between Direct and Hal Pointer attracted an immense crowd to Columbia, today. The heats were three in number, and in each the result was a victory for Direct. Geers urged Pointer to his utmost, and once to such an extent that he went under the wire off his feet. The heats were almost identical. The two would get off together, Direct almost immediately taking the lead, and they would travel together at a terrific pace to the stretch. There Geers braced himself for the finish, and in the stretch would keep up to the leader, even cutting to Direct's throat latch. Then Starr would let the whip fall, and with a mighty burst the Californian would go under the wire winner of the heat. The time, 2.09, 2.06, 2.08¾, was phenomenal for a new track, though it is kite-shaded and down hill all the way.

In the first heat the great pacers flew down to the quarter post in 31½, with Direct a half length in front. At the half he had daylight between himself and Pointer. On the home stretch, however, Geers sent Pointer again, and the crowd yelled "Pointer wins." They were mistaken, however, for at the three-quarters Starr rallied Direct. The clip was too fast for Pointer and he left his feet. There were great cries from the crowd as Direct passed under the wire half a length in front in 2.09.

In the second heat Direct was half a length in front at the quarter and a full length at the half. Geers then shook up Pointer, and as they rushed into the long stretch Direct was but half a length ahead. The crowd was wild with excitement. Such a battle was seldom seen. Starr lifted and reefed the black cylone, and Geers punished Pointer but Direct was winner in 2.08.

In the third they passed the quarter on even terms, but at the half Direct led by a length, and a groan went up from the crowd. In the stretch Geers made a magnificent rally and placed Pointer at Direct's wheels. He could not stand, however. The lash fell and Direct passed the wire a length ahead. Time 2.08¾. The world's record had been broken and Direct is king.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

The Maude cleared out, yesterday, having on board 32,000 feet of lumber for the Alberni Paper Milling Co. and a large quantity of grocercies and miscellaneous stuff for Barclay Sound, Sooke Harbor and Carmanah Point. Among her passengers are Messrs. Gore and Burnett, surveyors. The Maude had a full cargo and passenger list.

The Yosemite arrived, yesterday, with 3,300 cases of salmon from Laidlaw & Co., Sapperton, and 2,000 cases from the Delta Canning Co. She had also 400 bales of hay, 200 sacks of barley and 150 of potatoes.

The bark Lebu is shipping at the Outer wharf the major of the salmon brought in by the Yosemite.

The Yosemite takes on at the Outer wharf a quantity of wool, ex Umatilla, for New Westminster, where it will be on board the C.P.R. train for transhipment to the East en route for the English markets.

The Wanlock commences loading to-day. There is still some of her cargo in the aft hold, but before its removal it has been deemed advisable to "stiffen" her a little with her fresh load. A few thousand cases of salmon will be put on board to-day.

The Olympian takes the place of the Kingston from Seattle to-day. The latter steamer is in the dry dock.

FOREIGN.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 27.—Cleared—Steamer Oregon for Portland. Sailed—Steamer City of Puebla for Victoria.

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—Arrived—Steamer Amsterdam from Rotterdam.

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ITEMS FOR AMERICANS.

DETROIT, Mich., claims to have fourteen thousand cases of la grippe.

IT costs the Americans about $1,000,000 a year to plug their teeth.

NEW YORK pays her aldermen $2,000 a year salary. Buffalo pays hers $1,000 a year salary. Brooklyn pays hers nothing.

GRAND RAPIDS leads the world in its percentage of divorces to marriages. This year the ratio was one to five and last year one to six.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD thinks that the title "Americans" should be reserved for Canadians. He calls the people of the United States "Yankees."

IT is estimated that in American cities the people have only about one-fifth as much free playground as have the people in the cities of the effete monarchies of Europe.

THE value of the exports of beef, hog and dairy products from the United States during February was $11,321,105, an increase of $209,745 over the corresponding month of last year.

THERE are nearly one hundred million acres of land in the territories of Arizona and New Mexico whose ownership is in dispute owing to the confusion growing out of the Mexican grants and the forgeries of Spanish deeds that have been prevalent.

THE greatest meat eaters in the world are the people of America, whose average consumption is one hundred and seventy-five pounds per annum. The English come next, with an average of a little over one hundred and ten pounds. The French eat only half as much meat as the English.

BITS OF WISDOM.

A WOMAN can only be a friend to a woman where her interests are not concerned.

MANY men make their servants a present of their old clothes. Most women sell theirs to struggling, ragged, maid servants.

MR. GLADSTONE's idea of bequests is thus set forth: "What is wrested from me by the grip of death I can in no sense be said to give."

IN a recent address at a girls' school at Sandringham, Eng., the princess of Wales said: "The ambition of my life has been to mind my own business." A royal precept from royal lips.

THE true æsthetic culture might be realizable as a new form of the contemplative life, founding its claim on the intrinsic blessedness of vision—the vision of perfect men and things.—Walter Pater.

WHEN a young man's former sweetheart tells him she is going to marry somebody else he holds out his hand to her and says: "I hope you will be very happy!" but he knows all the time that in his secret heart he hopes she won't.

SOME things for a boy to learn: To make a fire. To be punctual. To hang up his hat. To help his mother or his sister. To wipe his boots on the mat. To close a door quietly. To treat the girls so well that they will all wish he was their brother.

A GOOSE eats corn and grows feathers. A horse eats corn and grows hair. A coon eats corn and grows fur. A cow eats corn and grows milk. A hog eats corn and grows fat. A sheep eats corn and grows wool. A man eats corn and grows tired of it, and that's all he does grow.

SOME LARGEST THINGS.

THE largest state prison in the United States is located at Jefferson City, Mo.

THERE is a pear orchard or garden in the isle of Jersey containing sixty thousand pear trees.

THE largest peach orchard in the world is at Blownwood, Tex., which contains eleven thousand trees.

A TURNIP measuring four feet in circumference and weighing fifty pounds is on exhibition at the New Whatcom (Wash.) chamber of commerce.

THE largest order for a single advertisement in one paper, before the war, was given by the Fairbanks Scale Company to the New York Tribune, and it amounted to three thousand dollars.

THE sale by Mrs. King, of Corpus Christi, the cattle queen of Texas, of 15,000 2-year-old steers is probably the largest single order for cattle ever filled in Texas. The consideration was $832,000. Mrs. King's ranch is worth $900,000.

ONE of the largest hogs in America—if not, in fact, the largest in the world—was reared by a Junction City (Kan.) man. The length was eight feet nine inches; girth of neck, six and a half feet; girth of center of body, eight feet; width across the hips, thirty inches; weight, one thousand five hundred and thirty-two pounds.

BITS FROM HISTORY.

POSTAL cards were introduced on June 8, 1872.

LOUISIANA was purchased from France on April 30, 1803.

THE battle of Waterloo was fought on Sunday, June 18, 1815.

POTATOES were not planted in New England fields until 1718.

THE first agricultural exhibition was held at Georgetown, D. C., in 1810.

THE union flag was first shown on January 1, 1776, at Cambridge, Mass.

THE territory of Oregon was admitted as a state into the union on February 14, 1854.

WASHINGTON took the oath of office as first president of the United States April 30, 1789, on the balcony of Federal hall, New York city. The oath was administered by Chancellor Livingston.

THE only man tried, found guilty and executed for treason during the existence of the United States was William B. Mumford, in 1862. The execution took place in New Orleans, under an order of Major-Gen. Benjamin F. Butler.

THE word "states" was first officially used May 15, 1756, when Mr. Archibald Cary reported to the Virginia convention, then in session at Williamsburg, the famous resolution "to declare the United Colonies free and independent states."