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b. 11.—In a recent fight the Sultan's troops were ultan's son, Monley Homan, nd his uncle, Hasain Ama- The Sultan is collecting his the defeat.

11.—M. M. Eiffel, Marcus H. Cottu, convicted of swin- ach of trust in connection a Canal company, have ap- he findings of the Chamber bonmitting them for trial on epting public officials.

l.—King Humbert has made poser, Marquis of Busetto, the success and merits of Falstaff," first produced last n.

## NG DISASTER.

Feb. 11.—One of the worst history of marble quarry- West Rutland a little after s afternoon in a quarry e Vermont Marble com- t mass of stone fell y and seven men were nd a number of others in- ims were crushed so that e recognized. The victims anneling and taking away re middle-aged men. As accident happened the signal was rung in office, and work every- ed at once. All the doctors and Rutland were called responded quickly. Gangs sent down into the quarry. spread to the streets of men, women and d to the quarry. Many tried to rush down y, but were prevented The quarry is known as covered quarry." It was on & Slausen in 1868 and s Sheltons until January, as leased by the Vermont Depth and surface con- he largest quarry in the killed and some of the ried under tons of rock. stones were removed and remove the larger piles. dy was found and taken part of the quarry. The n lowered and the body An awful stillness crowd as the signal nd slowly the body was The body was horribly d and chest being crushed gs and arms broken in sev- short time the second icated and taken up. horribly mutilated that it recognized. Under the of rock large enough to rs were found the bodies closely jammed together like one. Neither body ed. The fifth body lay arble at least 20 feet thick caving in of the quarry is mass of stone which cov- were at work close by n be estimated, sixty feet venty feet wide. It fell st warning, and all who re were at once covered.

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## THESPIAN THOUGHTS

### Bill Nye Reviews Stage History—How Artemus Ward Found Out How Funny He Was.

### A Short History of Thespis and About the Audiences He Had—A Story of Jefferson.

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It may be interesting to know that the pioneer American humorist, who was first to study and depict the humor of the Yankee and good naturedly to attack the brag and bluster of the enthusiastic American, got his first inspiration from Joseph Jefferson in "A Terrible Fix."

Charlie Browne (Artemus Ward) had amused his friends many times by his look of intense sadness even while he was in some grotesque situation which itself made everybody laugh, but he did not know that he was acting. He did not know that he was doing a comedy part without support or stage till he saw Jefferson in "A Terrible Fix."

Then his Yankee shrewdness showed him that he might utilize this power to his own advantage and the entertainment of others. Then he said to himself: "I need not rely wholly on my pen to give me a living. Here's a chance to do better, and at the same time to do something that is agreeable to myself."

So he became the first lecturer in America and England who could please and delight an audience alone with his humor, heightened by the art of the stage.

Yet Daniel Dougherty told me once that he and Edwin Forrest went to hear Ward together, and Forrest especially was disappointed. That never impaired my good opinion of Ward, for another man once said that the greatest task of the humorous lecturer is to work all of one evening to make those laugh whom God had never intended should laugh. Forrest belonged to a time when school children believed that the celebrated Indian chiefs, Black Hawk and Logan, were greater men than John Quincy Adams and Benjamin Franklin. Franklin used to say humorous things between times, and when worn out after a day's angling in the sky for a new kind of lightning wrote humorous things for an almanac. This lowered him in the estimation of those who worshipped the solemn dignity of Logan, who "was the friend of the white man," and who dared "any white man to say that he ever entered Logan's cabin hungry without getting a drink."

It is said that "Colonel Cressap in cold blood killed the family of Logan," so that there ran not in the veins of any living creature one drop of the blood of Logan. Later historians say that Logan had no family, dying a bachelor and entirely up a stump as regards his family tree, being utterly destitute of parents as far back as

TRYING TO MAKE THEM LAUGH.

the eye could reach; also that a school teacher near Cohasset wrote all of Logan's speeches for him.

But since that time we have learned that the best dramatic work is the best representation of human action and human life. Human life is not all poison and murder, and "Save me! Save me! for I am but a poor sewing girl" (pronounced sueing girl), but there are times when people eat well, sleep well and have fun in preference to running around with a 4-foot sword sticking out between their shoulder blades.

I presume that in the days of Thespis, when his first tragedy was produced, there was nothing to laugh at except his poor Greek pronunciation and the dignified way his dead men had to walk off the stage without assistance.

No doubt Thespis did the kerosene oil circuit with his first tragedy. The dressing rooms were as bad as they are now. It's pretty hard to say, but very likely in the smaller towns, after you left Attica, the star had a three cornered room with the record of Alvin Joslyn's company in pencil on the wall and a rude lithograph of Alvin with a dried quid of tobacco on his 2-pound diamond. Dressing rooms in those days also had a view of a colored gambling hell on the alley, and Thespis entered by means of the trunk chute.

Dressing then was less difficult, no doubt, and the star wore his street costume and had no valet. If the roads were bad he turned up the edges of his drapery till time to ring up, and then turning it down and powdering his legs where the briers had cruelly scratched them he sailed in.

After he was over with his work friends came back to shake hands with him and hear him tell meekly of his success, and how they hired a field near Icaria and then turned people away.

Pisistratus was a contemporary of Thespis and admired him very much. They collaborated on a play called "How Greece Was Tried." It ran a week in Attica and then went on the road. Thespis furnished the blood and Pisistratus the teams. The support was poor and immoral. Pisistratus took tickets at the door and drove the team daytimes.

When the gloaming came Thespis, who sat on the front seat, would say, "Stratus, do you reckon we are far enough away from the last town to try it here?"

Thespis played mostly by main strength and often carried his audience with him when the house was light.

Confidentially, he said that in one character where he delicately killed his adversary by means of poison he played over the heads of his audience. At that time the tragedian had to kill a man so that no autopsy was necessary, or the audience went home grumbling.

Thespis played exclusively a one part play, aside from the chorus which he introduced at a reception given to Dionysius. He held the center of the stage and gave a dialogue with himself till he got tired, and then the chorus came in and sang "The Suwanee River" or "Dundee." The choruses in those days were not attractive.

Horace said that Thespis was a bad actor and not worth the salt he ate on his scenery. I have a little notice of the work of Thespis, as written by Horace, from which I make excerpts. There is nothing I find that makes a better excerpt than something from Horace:

"Thespis with his company played here yesterday to a small house heretofore used for storing oats. He played his own play and even 'falled up' on that at times. It was called, 'How Greece Was Tried; or, Render Unto Greece That Which Is Greasy.'

"In this tragedy Mr. Thespis dies by his own hand, but he is too long in leading up to this point. Very few people were out, and they were not out so much as they would have been had not Thespis made popular prices.

"We do not reproach him for the money he has taken out of the town, for he will use it wisely, it is said. The Troy laundry will get the most of it. we opine.

A TALK WITH JEFFERSON.

"The tragedy played here is a stolen piece, but the theft was not a crime; it was only a misdemeanor. It was not a great play in the first place, and Thespis with a road company has not elevated it.

"The Attica papers all speak of Thespis in a friendly way and call him The Child Wonder, though he is forty-nine years of age and dyes the whiskers on his jokes.

"Thespis needs a new play with some pop to it. The writer is now working on one that would bring out the abilities of the great tragedian and give him a standing so that he could, with better support, play a return date at times. New his company is constantly thinned out by the police and filled up from the corn fields along the roads.

"Thespis also drinks too much. Our reporter called to see him yesterday, but was told that he 'was resting up for the evening.' That will not go with the Grecian press. The walk from his last stand was not an arduous one, and if he ever expects to succeed he must show more consideration for the press.

"A little more scenery and less realism about the frost bitten feet of the support would help Thespis, and a little more dignity or more clothes in the chorus would bring out a better class of people. The twelve men who saw the play last evening agreed to tell their wives that they had been serving on jury and couldn't agree.

"Thespis claims that his entire chorus is composed of young lads, but a man from Attica came on here to look for his wife and took one of the chorus home in his buggy weeping bitterly."

Colley Cibber was born in 1671. Thespis had severely criticised the tendency of the people, and so did Cibber 200 years ago. They were the same things that are grumbled about now. There are many reasons why audiences are criticised yet from the stage, but it is the same with press, pulpit and president. And yet how necessary an audience is to all of us! We cannot demand that the audience shall be best pleased with what least pleases us. There are a good many elements in an audience, and it wants all kinds of things in two hours, just as the reader wants news, sport, humor, poetry, opinion, gossip, weather, arrivals, departures, science and lawn tennis in a paper—for two cents.

Colley Cibber married a Miss Shore in 1693. Being a cautious man he handled his matrimonial bark so as to hug the shore occasionally, but Cibber was a man with a set of morals that had been handed down to him from an ancestor who was a Roman senator, and in those days the morals of Rome were very much in need of a suitable fly screen.

Cibber was a dramatist and comedian, born in London. He wrote "Love's Last Shift," referring doubtless to Cupid, who has seen some of the most rigid winters, but never wore an overcoat yet.

Cibber also wrote "The Careless Husband," "The Nonjuror," etc.

He and Thespis both referred sadly to the decline of the drama.

Pope regarded Cibber as the most stupid man of his time and said many untrue and cruel things of him. He was made poet laureate in 1730, and then ceased writing anything of merit.

Not long since, referring to the stage, I had a happy afternoon in Chicago, and later on in St. Louis a very charming evening with that well balanced gentleman and rising young actor, Joseph Jefferson.

Every little while something recurs to his mind that should have gone into that autobiography of his.

"Fifty years ago," he said, "here in St. Louis, on the ground where we played this evening, I was a fairy and had gauze wings. I wore pink tights, and when the orchestra made the remark—

"Tummy tum teedle,
Tummy tum tie,

I pulled the string that worked my wings and gladly skipped up and down stage like thistle down borne on the bosom of a playful wynd."

Mr. Burbank said: "I sent a man to see Rip many years ago. He went from Buffalo on purpose. He was a clergyman and asked me if there was anything about the play that would demoralize him if he went."

"Did he go?" says Rip.

"Yes. He was greatly interested in Irving's story and was anxious to see how it looked on the stage."

"He was a clergyman, you say?"

"Yes, he was a clergyman of the Dutch Reformed church."

"Well," said Mr. Jefferson "I'm afraid he was disappointed, for there is nothing in the nature of Dutch reform about Rip." BILL NYE.

## A THREATENED REVIVAL.

The danger of the return of hoop-skirts is causing serious alarm in England (cables the Sun's correspondent). Some ladies are organizing an anti-crinoline league, under the name "The No-Crinoline League." The members sign the following pledge: "I hereby pledge myself to do all in my power to prevent the wearing of crinoline." Responses are being received in large numbers, and, for once, it really appears that a mandate of fashion will be successfully defied in England. The Princess of Wales has been appealed to, and, although she has made no sign yet, it is understood that she is a strong opponent of crinoline. Several newspapers have started correspondence on the all-absorbing topic. One lady writes that she would as soon send her daughters into the highways with no covering over their under clothing as see them wearing the barbarous hoops. A husband declares that he has intimated to his wife that if she wears the objectionable cage he will decline to be seen in her company; while a still bolder spirit asserts that he has solemnly warned his better half that every crinoline brought into his house will be destroyed by his own ruthless hand.

UNCONVENTIONAL.—General Butler was fond of telling a story of his visit to Washington, after successful operations at Hatteras. He arrived at night and called up Mr. Fox, Assistant Secretary of the Navy. Mr. Fox suggested that they go at once to the White House and inform Mr. Lincoln of the good news. Mr. Lincoln had retired, but came out into his office in his nightdress, a costume that added to his appearance of extreme height. Mr. Fox was a man not more than five feet high. As soon as the news was reported to Mr. Lincoln, he opened his arms, Mr. Fox fell into them, grasping the President about the hips, and they flew around the room once or twice in what General Butler described as the most exciting waltz deshabille to which he had ever been a witness.

AN ANECDOTE OF BATTLE.—When General Butler was a young lawyer in Lowell, he had a case in court, and, as is the custom, said: "Let notice be given." The aged clerk, who was an unrelenting Whig, asked him in what paper the notice should be given. Butler promptly replied in the Advertiser, which was a stanch Jacksonian paper. "I don't know such a paper," said the clerk. Butler, of course, knew that it was almost a sacrilege to mention a Jackson paper in that court, but he answered the clerk thus: "Pray, Mr. Clerk, don't interrupt the proceedings of court, for if you begin to tell us what you don't know, we will have no time for anything." He never interrupted Butler again.

NOT TOO HIGH.—Roscoe Conkling once defended a man who was on trial for arson. Conkling, who was rather new at the bar, called upon Charles O'Connor and said: "There is Johnson. To be sure, he was convicted, and the conviction was affirmed. But I had a great deal of trouble, and I only charged him six hundred dollars, and his friends decline to pay my bill. Don't you think the charge is reasonable and fair?" Mr. O'Connor turned in his chair and said: "Well, Conkling, I have no doubt that you did the best you could. Six hundred dollars is not a large bill. But I have no doubt he could have been convicted for a great deal less money."

A WOMAN'S AGE.—A French president of assize, of a turn of mind at once skeptical and statistical, makes an interesting statement in regard to women and their ages. The only cases, he says, in which a woman's own report of the number of her years is to be trusted are before she is twenty-five and after she is eighty-five. Up to the former limit a girl is rather anxious to pose for a woman of the world, and after the latter limit each additional year is an added distinction. He gives a rule by which a woman's age may be approximated, even when she is bent upon concealing it. He finds that female prisoners invariably state their age as twenty-nine, thirty-nine, forty-nine, or fifty-nine, and from this coincidence of nines he deduces his rule. If their age is in the forties, they set it down as in the thirties, but conscience or some other feminine subtlety asserts itself, and they fix the figure as near the truth as their vanity will permit—making it thirty-nine.

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## THE CITY.

### The Tram Cars are Running.

A large force of men were at work clearing the snow off the tram car tracks yesterday and in consequence the Esquimalt and Fort street cars were running last evening, traffic on the former line having been commenced in the morning.

### St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

A circular letter has been addressed by the session clerk to each member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, asking if those written to are satisfied with the action of the pastor in offering to accept $3,000 as his salary for 1893, and if they will sustain the pastor, the session and the managers in carrying on the work of the church.

### The Tramway Property.

The committee appointed to comfer with the management of the tramway company will meet with the latter to-day at 3 o'clock. It is understood that the preliminary skirmishing has been rather unsatisfactory; the manager of the company does not seem anxious to close out, and Alderman Miller says that while he is anxious to see the tramway become the property of the City, he would not be willing to pay any more for the property than would be paid by any private person or company. It is thought that to-day's conference will put the matter on a definite basis.

### The Pythian Festival.

Col. Behnsen, Capt. Redgrave and Sir Knights Thomas Deasy, F. P. Gouge, J. M. Hughes, Charles Bush and W. Dobb, who form the committee of Victoria Division to arrange for the Pythian celebration on the 18th, have already blocked out a rough programme which will include many attractive novelties. There will, of course, be a fancy drill, and tugs-of-war will be numerous and keenly contested. An opportunity will be given the Police to recover the honors wrested from them by the Fire department. The Firemen and C Battery will pull for the championship of B.C. and a silver cup offered by the K. of P.; and the K. of P. have challenged the I.O.O.F. to a tug. Members of the Victoria Athletic club have tendered their services to add to the attractions.

### Sportsmen Meet.

At a joint meeting of the Union and Victoria Gun clubs last evening, over which Mr. Bickford presided, committees were appointed to wait upon the citizens and secure subscriptions toward the annual meeting of the Sportmen's Association to be held here in June, and also to draw up a programme. The estimated cost of the tournament is about $2,000, and it will bring here for several days representatives of all the gun clubs in the Northwest. The question of feeding the starving game birds while the snow is on the ground, was also discussed last evening, but no action was taken. The clubs are of the opinion that the matter is one which rests entirely with the farmers, for if the bids are hungry they invariably find their way to the barns.

### Trades and Labor Council.

There was a full attendance of the delegates to the Trades and Labor Council in the Sir William Wallace hall last evening. After the formal business of the council had been disposed of a discussion was entered into upon the merits of the Government bill for the appointment of a Labor Commission and Boards of Conciliation and Arbitration. During the discussion of the bill by the delegates considerable satisfaction was expressed at the step the Government had taken towards recognizing the claims of labor in the legislation of the country. There are parts in the bill to which the council objected, and a committee was appointed to wait upon the Government and lay before it the views of the unions represented at the council board.

### The Mother's Nursery Guide.

"It has seemed to me that some of the babies whom I have known from their birth were made into little tyrants, who gave their mothers no peace by day or night, or were started on the down-hill road physically, during the first two or three weeks of life." Thus speaks Dr. M. M. Vinton in the February number of The Mother's Nursery Guide, in an article on "Baby's First Month," which contains many practical suggestions for starting babies right—in the matter of feeding, bathing, sleeping, etc. "Supplementary School Work in the Home," and "The Development of a Child's Language," are topics that appeal to mothers, while the "Kindergarten-at-Home Stories" will be listened to with great interest. Entertaining letters appear in "The Mother's Parliament," and the medical editor answers at length questions as to "Perspiring Head," "Cod Liver Oil," "Bathing as a Preventive of Cold," "Constipation," etc.

### Committed on Many Counts.

John O'Neill and William Watson were jointly arraigned in yesterday's Police court on the charge of having stolen property in their possession; evidence was given and the case was sent up for trial. Then the luckless twain were charged with the larceny of certain clothing and jewelry found in their possession, and also committed for trial on this count. One of the chief witnesses for the prosecution was Mr. Young, of the New England, who described O'Neill's visit to his house. When interrupted in his tour of the premises O'Neill said he was looking for room 84, which, by the way, has no existence at the New England. Witness accused O'Neill of being a thief, and the latter ran up the back stairs to the third floor. In his ascent Mr. Young caught him by the foot, his overshoe slipping off, thus enabling him to escape. Then O'Neill turned and assaulted him, finally threatening him with a revolver. The thief then escaped by the fire ladder, and when arrested wore the tell-tale overshoe matching the one kept as a souvenir by Mr. Young. O'Neill was committed for trial for entering the New England with intent to steal.

### Effects of the Thaw.

Among the effects of the unusual amount of snow now lying on the buildings, and which many property owners appear to think will do well enough to melt away the best it can, will be noted the collapse of a barn belonging to Mr. Stelly of Saanich. The barn contained seven horses at the time of the wreck, but, strange to say, none of them were seriously injured. The weight of the snow crushed in the roof and shattered the side walls to such an extent that the entire building will have to be rebuilt. The stable used by Geo. Vienna on Broad street has also been considerably damaged by the unusual weight of snow. The roof of the Synagogue is said to be in a shaky condition, and an effort will be made to remove the snow before any serious damage results. A small avalanche fell from the roof of the Duck building on the kitchen of the place adjoining, which it caused to resemble a railroad wreck touched up by a cyclone. The Duck building is somewhat damaged from water which has escaped from burst pipes. Various small accidents have occured in several portions of the city, and people are beginning to understand that "a pile of snow on the ground is safer than two on the roof."

## THE CITY COUNCIL.

A special meeting of the City Council was held last evening, there being present all the members of the Board except Ald. Henderson.

The following by-laws were introduced on message from the Mayor, viz: A by-law relating to public health; a by-law to authorize the borrowing of a certain sum of money in anticipation of the revenue for 1893; a by-law to limit the number of licenses for the city of Victoria.

The Street committee reported that contracts had been awarded to Charles Williams, for repairing the James Bay bridge at $1,463.50, and for sidewalk construction to Thos. Elliott, these being the lowest tenderers who had complied with all the conditions.

ALD. BELYEA, from the Police committee, reported that the charges against Chief Sheppard had not been sustained. The letter containing the charges and the evidence taken at the investigation was forwarded with the report.

ALD. BELYEA introduced his by-law, of which notice had been given, to amend the Council by-law. It was read a first time and ordered to be type-written for distribution. Ald. Belyea said he had some amendments to make, but they were of such a character that they would require the consideration of the whole Council.

ALD. BELYEA'S motion, that the clerk supply the aldermen with necessary stationery, etc., was passed unanimously.

The Finance committee recommended payment of accounts, amounting to $601.95, out of the general revenue of the city.

ALD. BRAGG said he thought the sewerage work was to be carried on under the Local Improvement by-law, and he did not see now the salary of the Sanitary Engineer could be paid out of the general revenue. He thought it was time the City Engineer was placed under the Sanitary Engineer, or *vice versa*. He thought it strange that the Sanitary Engineer could get his salary paid while money could not be found to pay a few workingmen to shovel snow.

ALD. BAKER said that men working on the Dupont drain could not get paid, and he couldn't see how Mr. Mohun could get his money.

The MAYOR explained that he had already signed the cheque to pay the men working on the Dupont drain.

ALD. MCKILLICAN said that the Board had decided to retain Mr. Mohun until the plan of sewerage was completed.

ALD STYLES thought it was time the expenses of the engineering department were cut down. It was costing the city over $900 per month, a thing unknown in the history of the city.

ALD. BELYEA said he had hoped, the matter having been threshed out before, that when it came up again there would not be a repetition of the wail of woe from the three aldermen who seemed to think it their business to object to the sewerage. Had he known as much about the sewerage contract as he did now he would never have signed the report of the committee recommending that the sewerage commissioners should not be re-elected. The contract, as he had since discovered, contained a clause which provided that the work could only be taken over by the commissioners and the engineer. The Council would therefore have to re-appoint these commissioners.

THE MAYOR said he was well aware of that clause in the contract. There was no harm done yet, and the three commissioners or any other three could be appointed when necessary.

ALD. BRAGG tried to speak again, but was called to order.

ALD. BRAGG, who had already spoken, moved in amendment that the report be laid over until funds were available.

On a question of order being raised as to whether an alderman who had spoken could move an amendment,

THE MAYOR decided that on account of the small number of members of the Council he would allow this to be done. In the Legislature it would not do, he said, but in the Council it could "go."

The original motion to adopt the report was carried.

THE MAYOR brought up the by-law to repeal the Sewerage Commissioners by-law. On motion to adopt the report of committee of the whole,

ALD. BELYEA again drew attention to what he had previously said, that the Council could only get rid of the contractor by means of Commissioners, and he did not see why the by-law which gave the Council authority to appoint Commissioners should be repealed.

After a long discussion, which covered the old ground, the vote was taken on the motion to repeal the by-law. The vote being a tie, the Mayor cast his vote in favor.

ALD. BELYEA inquired when the Council was going to be called together to consider the estimates, and whose business it was to prepare them?

The Council adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

## AN ACCOMPLISHED READER.

At the celebration in honor of the 1000th trip of the Islander, many of the guests were particularly impressed with the entertainment furnished by Miss Marguerite E. Saxton, a brilliant young elocutionist of high standing and successful training. They, and others too, will be pleased to know that she has decided to make her home in Victoria, and the pleasure of hearing her recite will be repeated.

Miss Saxton's repertoire includes nearly all the tragedies of Shakespeare, which she has committed to memory, so that she is "line perfect" therein. As a dramatic reader there is no lady whose selections cover a finer, wider or more admirably selected range, and they bring out the best qualities of brain, voice and manner to their successful rendition. Miss Saxton is described as having a striking and natural stage presence, and a voice full of power, passion and pathos.

Sheffield pocket and sporting knives at Fox's, 78 Government street.

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## THE CITY.

### No. 277.

Ticket No. 277 drew the pipe at Morris' last night.

### The Date Decided.

Monday, the 25th proximo, has been appointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury for the consecration of Rev. W. W. Perrin as Lord Bishop of Columbia. Westminster Abbey will be the scene of the ceremony.

### The Case Remanded.

The case of A. Vye, charged with keeping a vicious dog, came up in the Provincial court yesterday. The defendant claimed that the law failed to make it any offence to let a dog run at large, and the court asked for time to look into the case, which will come up again on Wednesday.

### First Class Concert.

Arrangements are being made for a first-class concert on Tuesday, the 21st inst., for the benefit of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Victoria West, in the hall on Craigflower road. Some of Victoria's favorite vocalists and instrumentalists, including Mr. J. G. Brown and the Victoria Glee club, are to take part.

### Granted a Divorce.

It was nearly eight years ago when John H. Gray led his bride to the altar on British soil. At present she and her two children are residing in Seattle, while he is engaged in steamboating in British Columbia. Since November, 1890, when Mr. Gray abandoned his wife, he has not made provision for the support of his wife or children. She was granted a decree of divorce and the custody of the two children.—Seattle Telegraph.

### Burns-Deasy.

St. Andrew's Roman Catholic cathedral was thrown open yesterday morning for the reception of guests who attended the wedding of Miss Mary A. Deasy, of this city, and Officer J. Burns, of the steamer City of Kingston. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Nicolaye, who also celebrated mass. Chief of the Fire Department Thos. Deasy gave away his sister; Miss Sophie Smith acted as bridesmaid, and Mr. W. J. Deasy as best man. The many friends of the happy couple join in wishing them all the joys possible.

### Hyon Potium.

Provincial Officer McNeill left for the West Coast last night on the schooner Dora Sieward, owing to a report brought in by Capt. Sieward, of the schooner Mascot. The captain came to Victoria on the steamer Maud, being unable to secure an Indian crew for his vessel, as they were all too busy attending to large and lurid jags to go sailing. It is supposed that the whisky was secured from the wreck of the steamer Michigan, though the engineers of that vessel claim that but little liquor was brought up on the ill-fated steamer. It is not thought that the matter will assume any serious proportions.

### To Reside in Victoria.

The competitive drawings for the new Provincial Government buildings, prepared by Mr. F. M. Rattenbury, were brought over by him this week, and those who have seen them pronounce them a remarkably fine set. Mr. Rattenbury came from one of the most noted offices in England, Lockwood & Manson, who designed the whole of the model town of Saltaire, the municipal buildings and many other public building in Bradford and other towns. Mr. Rattenbury had many of these in charge during erection, and also designed the new Town hall at Cleckheaton—the design of which was accepted by the Royal Academy, London. Mr. Rattenbury has secured an office in the Five Sisters' block, and hopes to establish himself here.

### Y. M. I. Entertainment.

The attendance at Philharmonic hall last evening, on the occasion of the repetition of the performance of the "Rose of Ettrick Vale" by the members of the Y. M. I., was rather thin, caused chiefly, no doubt, by the unpleasant weather. The rendering of the play was, if anything, rather better than on the previous occasion, some of the performers doing very well indeed. D. Murphy, as "Guy of the Gap," the funny man of the piece, did some good acting. The topical song of Miss Ella Wilson, "Haste to the Wedding," was well received, and showed that young lady to be possessed of an excellent voice. Previous to the play, Miss Dolan favored the audience with Berignani's "Flower Song," and also recited "Marguerite of France." Mr. F. H. Lang also sang "True till Death."

### For the Lazaretto.

While searching through Chinatown for overcrowded premises, on Friday afternoon, Sanitary Officer Chipchase, in company with Mr. Benjamin Bailey, discovered a Celestial living in Wing Kee's brick cabins, between Cormorant and Fisgard streets, whose appearance roused their suspicion. Early yesterday morning they informed Dr. Duncan, municipal health officer, of the case, and shortly afterwards the doctor made an examination, finding the man in the first stages of leprosy. The Chinaman was being cared for by a brother Celestial, but as both are ignorant of English nothing much could be learned regarding the diseased man, who apparently is a stranger in the country. Arrangements were immediately made to prevent the Chinaman from mingling with his fellow-countrymen, and it is understood that he will be removed to the Darcy Island lazaretto on Tuesday morning.

## FERDINAND DE LESSEPS.

TO THE EDITOR:—Why did not the gentleman at present in Victoria, and who—so he says, from the standpoint of an outsider—is as well posted on the Panama Canal matters as anyone, wish his name mentioned?

If his assertions were true, I do not see why he should not give his name. In fact, this gentleman seems very well posted on the Panama Canal matters (Suez Canal). I would not like to use his own words regarding De Lesseps. This gentleman, I say, made a mistake when he said that "those who remember the history of the Suez Canal will recall the vicious financing which came so near resulting in the repudiation of the whole of the bonds, and had it not been for England's intervention the investors would have lost every cent."

If the Suez Canal came so near the repudiation of the whole of the bonds, why was it, please? Only because England, being afraid to lose the control of the Mediterranean Sea, tried, to use plain English, to put spokes in the wheels, and seeing her projects fall through, bought most of the bonds from Egypt when she saw the benefit she would get out of it.

F. CONSTANT.

Victoria, February 10.

### Interesting to Star Gazers.

Orrin E. Harmon writes to the Post-Intelligencer: "Mars and Jupiter are prominent objects in the western skies. They were in conjunction January 25, but Mars is making a rapid flight towards the east, so that the two planets are fast separating. February 1 they passed the meridian about thirteen minutes apart, and by the last of February they will be one hour apart. The difference in their time of setting is, however, somewhat greater. On February 15 Mars sets a few minutes past 11 o'clock p.m., and Jupiter about one hour earlier; while at the last of the month Mars sets at nearly the same time as on February 15, and Jupiter about one hour and forty minutes earlier.

Venus is a morning star, rising about 30 minutes before the sun on February 15. This planet is slowly approaching the sun and they will be in conjunction May 1. Saturn passes the meridian about 3 o'clock in the morning February 15. At that time it will rise a little after 9 o'clock in the evening, and will consequently be conspicuous in the eastern skies during the spring months. The planet is slowly approaching the celestial equator from the south, and will be near the great equatorial circle during the year 1893. As a result of Saturn's nearness to the celestial equator, the planet will be nearly an equal time above and below the horizon for the greater part of the year. While we are contemplating the phases and movements of the planets, we must not forget to watch the stately march of Orion and his retinue, now crowning the meridian in the early evening.

## FROM VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 11.—The People's Warden and two Sidesmen of Christ church announce that no service will be held under the auspices of Christ church until a rector is chosen and further notice is given. Rev. Mr. Hebson announces a service in the Page block on Sunday morning. In regard to the revocation of his license, he will take the advice of an English authority on Ecclesiastical law and govern himself accordingly. Part of Christ church congregation are endeavoring to rent a building previously occupied by them, with the object of calling an evangelical Episcopal clergyman. Bishop Sillitoe's annual report shows that the contributions per member of this congregation were the largest in the diocese.

W. A. McIntosh, of the Mainland Cattle Company, has received information from Alexander Stuart, who has charge of their flock of about 8,000 sheep at Rosebut, Alberta, that very few have died through the recent cold snap, when the thermometer ranged from 25 to 50 degrees below zero. The company's flocks had a two months' supply of hay, which would likely see them through till grass comes. Nothing has yet been heard by local butchers of the loss among cattle. Some shipments of dressed meat are expected in from Calgary.

M. Manson has been appointed postmaster on Cortez island.

The Trades and Labor Council have declined to support cumulative voting.

The bear in Stanley Park was shot yesterday because he became cross and the city would not bear the expense of building safe quarters.

Although business in some lines is still rather quiet, trade shows an improvement now that the cold snap is gone. Communication in many parts is still closed, but collections are fairly good, and are better in fact than at this time last year. The year gives promise of being one of considerable activity throughout the Province. There will, without doubt, be more development work done in the mining districts than ever before, and it is also anticipated that a larger area of land will be placed under the cultivation of fruit and agricultural products. Last year several shipments of fruit were made to the Northwest Territories from this Province with satisfactory results. Several important industries are being started, amongst those in this city being the jute and cooperage factory, the cement works and a macaroni factory. A large amount of building will also be done this year.

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