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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Lucky Man.

Mr. Christopher Miller, with Messrs. Young Bros., bakers, Government street, won the one hundred dollars in Russell, McDonald & Co.'s drawing last night.

Naval.

H.M.S. Nymphe, Commander Chas. T. Turner, arrived at San Francisco on Wednesday from Coquimbo, en route to Esquimalt. The Nymphe is a vessel of 1,140 tons, 2,000 h. p., and carries eight guns.

Crop Prospects.

The people of Saanich are complaining of the inordinate amount of rain which has fallen, and prevented the harvesting of their hay, which with all the rest of their products looks exceedingly well, and only wants warm, dry weather.

The High School.

The public examination of the High School will be held to-day, as follows:—Third division, 10 to 11 a. m.; second division, 11 to 12 m.; first division, at 1.30 p. m.; when promotion lists will be read, prizes distributed, etc., etc.

The New School Division.

The announcement made by Miss Armstrong of the intention to open a new (eighth) division in the girls' central school, is hailed with much satisfaction by parents who have, as some of them say, long realized how impossible it was to deal properly with a division containing so many pupils.

The Case of the "North Star."

Captain Caffee, owner of the "North Star," is anxiously waiting news from Ottawa with respect to the disposition of his vessel which still lies tied up close to the Custom house. He cannot see, he says, why his vessel has been seized not having, as he claims, done anything to violate the law. He, therefore, hopes and expects that his vessel will be at once released.

The Twenty-Fifth Anniversary.

On the occasion of its 25th anniversary, which occurred on Sunday last, the San Francisco Chronicle published a special edition of 60 pages not only descriptive of its own rise and advancement, but of the progress which the city and coast had made in that time. The edition is, indeed, an admirable one, and is full of illustrations as well as of literary matter of a high character.

The Wreck of the Idaho.

The wrecked steamship Idaho has been lying on the beach near Port Hadlock for some months past. Captain Thomas purchased the old concern for about $500 and proceeded to investigate his purchase. He discovered that there was enough cargo in the wreck to warrant his investing in a diver's outfit, which costs nearly $600. Having obtained the rig he set to work himself in his new suit of clothes and went down into the hull. Up to date he has dug out about $5,000 worth of cargo and not yet worked out the lead. The cargo so far obtained consists of about 200 barrels of salmon and 150 or 200 barrels of oil and other merchandise.

An Interesting Point.

In the Supreme Court, yesterday, a verdict was given for the plaintiff in the case of Jamieson va. the corporation of Victoria, which arose as follows: Mrs. Jamieson was the owner of the building known as the skating rink on Yates street, holding a lease of the land thereby occupied, under which she possessed the right to remove the building if she wished to. A few weeks ago she had the building torn down, and was removing it, when it was seized by the city for arrears of taxes. She then, through Mr. Thornton Fell, brought suit against the city for illegal detention of her property, and won the case, receiving $10 damages and costs. Mr. Justice Drake, in ruling, held that the city had no right to assess the building as it was no part of the realty.

Into the Gorge.

On Wednesday evening a party of four, two ladies and two gentlemen, narrowly escaped drowning in the waters of the Gorge. They had been enjoying a row up as far as Craigflower, and were returning at about ten o'clock, at which hour the Gorge was a boiling rapid. One of the ladies, unfortunately, just at the critical time became nervous and leaned to one side. The next moment she was struggling in the water. The current was very swift, and endeavoring to rescue the unfortunate passenger, the boat was upset and ladies and gentlemen were left to swim. Luckily, and almost miraculously, all succeeded in reaching shore safely, but not one of the party will ever forget the adventure that came within an ace of terminating their lives.

To Bring Tea Cargoes.

Mr. J. A. Fullerton, manager of the C. P.R. steamship company, says that in order to meet the demands of the tea trade, which is expected to be particularly heavy this year, the large freight steamships Belle Isle and Sussex have been chartered for a round trip from Hong Kong to Vancouver and return. The Belle Isle leaves Hong Kong on July 10th, and the Sussex on August 7th. Neither will carry passengers.

The new steamers now building for the company at Barrow-in-Furness are expected to be launched in November, December and January. The first of the three will be 5,700 tons gross, 487 feet long, 51 beam and 42 deep; her engines will be of 9,000 h.p. capable of producing a speed of 17½ knots. She is expected to arrive in this country about the end of March.

Gazette Notes.

His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor, has appointed the following Justices of the Peace: Thomas S. Milligan, Victoria; Edward William Bickle, Wellington; John Mortin Whitehead, Vancouver; Francis Curran Lang and Henry Joseph Sharp, of Golden.

Alexander Hugh Cochrane, of Golden, has been gazetted a notary public, within and for the county of Kootenay.

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The register opened at the office of the Provincial Secretary to enable graduates of any university in Her Majesty's Dominions—who were resident in the province for two months prior to the 26th of April, 1890—to enter their names as members of convocation, will be closed on Saturday, the 26th day of July, next.

The British Columbia Gazette contains the memorandum of association of the British Columbia Brewing company (limited). Mr. W. H. Dempster, collector, gives notice that he will hold a court of revision on Monday, 4th August, at his office, Aberdeen, to hear and determine objections against the retention of any names on the register of voters for the electoral district of Cassiar.

Notice is given that Alexander Pineo Black, of Vancouver, real estate agent, has assigned all his real and personal property to William Cargill, of Vancouver, accountant, upon trust for the benefit of his creditors. All claims must be sent to the said William Cargill, to whom all moneys must be paid on or before the 19th July.

Sewerage Plans.

The drainage estimates and information which the city surveyor of Montreal is sending on the subject of drainage, and the cost of a crematory for Victoria, are daily expected. This morning Ald. Holland left for Vancouver, and will there obtain further information on the cemetery question.

Test Holes.

Yesterday the first test hole to ascertain the character of the ground to be worked through in constructing a sewerage system, was sunk at the corner of Cook and Parkington streets, under the direction of the sewerage committee. Twenty-nine feet depth was reached in seven hours, and then a second test hole was commenced at the south end of Cook street. Between here and hole No. 1 the committee are satisfied that no rock will be encountered, the land being a sandy loamy formation.

Exportation of Fresh Salmon.

The Columbian says: "An idea of the extent and value of the fresh salmon export trade from Westminster to the east may be formed when it is stated that Mr. W. H. Vianen shipped during last month to a single eastern firm fish to the value of $2,600. Messrs. D. W. Port & Co.'s export trade is as large, if not larger than, Mr. Vianen's so that it will be seen what an immense quantity of fresh salmon is exported during the season. Mr. Vianen has orders from the east for several hundred barrels of salted salmon, to be delivered later in the season.

Customs Collector at Fort Sheppard.

Mr. S. Jones, who has been acting collector at Osoyoos since the death of the late Judge Haines, has been appointed subcollector, with head-quarters at Fort Sheppard, Kootenay district. This point has been selected on account of the large consignment of goods that are now being forwarded from American territory into the mining camps on Kootenay lake. Mr. Jones left yesterday morning on the Islander en route for Fort Sheppard.

For Ninety-Nine Years.

Mr. W. Croft, proprietor of the Royal hotel, Fort street, has leased the two lots fronting on Fort and View, and having a length of 240 feet on Douglas street. The lease is for ninety-nine years, and, it is said, is at the rate of $1.10 per front foot. It is considered a very good bargain. Mr. Croft will not alter his present building this year, but during the next it is his intention to erect a handsome four-storey building on the corner of Fort, and perhaps continue the building the full frontage on Douglas street.

THE WAR FOR THE UNION

Graphically Described in Words and Pictures at The Victoria.

Outlining in a few brief, vigorous sentences the events and silent causes that led up to the great civil war, and sketching in outline the characters of the men who found their way to the front in that crisis in American history, Mr. Bolton last evening, at The Victoria, introduced his auditors to Lincoln's cabinet, and then to Davis, president of the transient confederation of the South. They were let into the plans of the leaders of both great armies, and were imparital spectators of each of the mighty battles of the terrible conflict that from 1861 to 1865 deluged the land of the Stars and Stripes with the blood of brothers warring against each other. The story of the war was told fairly to both sides, and the lecturer, in concluding, deplored that a nation so advanced in civilization as the United States, should have been unable to produce statesmen capable of settling the differences between sections of their own land without submitting them to the arbitrament of the sword. The day of the sword's reign was in its decline, and diplomacy's star was in the ascendant. He referred, parenthetically, to the Behring's Sea question, and earnestly hoped that nothing would induce the people interested to take the settlement of the matter out of the hands of the diplomats. His remarks were heartily applauded, and the enjoyable evening was at an end.

This evening, Mr. Bolton closes his valuable course of "realistic travels" with "Vienna and Constantinople." Vienna, capital of Austria, and second only to Paris, is the gateway to Constantinople, capital of Turkey, and the "cradle of nations." Vienna abounds in elegant public buildings and parks, and the handsomest of men and women of Europe walk Vienna's boulevards. Constantinople abounds in marble palaces, mosques, with slender minarets and orientalisms of color that charm all tourists. The women present will visit the harem, and the men will see the Sultan.

Mr. Bolton evidently will close with his best words and views. Next week he opens a course of his lectures in Portland, Oregon.

A PLEASURABLE EXPERIENCE.

The Miss Flora Batson Concert an Unexpected Treat of Rare Excellence and Musical Culture.

From a musical point of view, the Flora Batson concert was an extremely pleasurable experience to those present. There was a very good house, and the anticipations of the audience were more than amply sustained. A novel experience was anticipated, and it was realized to the full; not only did the assembly see a colored lady singer, but they heard in that lady a perfectly trained, cultivated vocalist of rare excellence. Her powers were noticeably good in both the upper and lower registre, but particularly so in the former, where her ability to move the feelings, her pathos, and sweet, appealing music wrought a wonderous effect. Miss Batson at once became a favorite with the more critical portion of her audience, while the generality of her hearers become effusively enthusiastic over her. Possibly she is able to score more success as a contralto than a soprano, although she is more than highly acceptable as either. Last evening she gave instances of both consecutively, an undertaking calling for none but an artist's capabilities. Her chief successes were in "Ship on Fire" (Russel), "Good Bye" (Tosti), and a lullaby, the last a charmingly sweet and appealing contribution. She was encored four times in succession, and she responded gracefully and without courting public favor too flagrantly.

Mrs. Thomas, her accompanist, is an accomplished pianist of artistic ability, whose efforts were deservedly appreciated, and Mr. Frederic Adderley, whose abilities are too well known to need extended mention in these columns, gave several songs and recitations. Victoria audiences know and appreciate him thoroughly, but not too much. Mr. Proctor's cornet solo was a clever and tasteful contribution, which received a merited encore, and the efforts of the Victoria band were deservedly appreciated.

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To Supply the Drugs.

Messrs. Moore & Co., yesterday received notification that their tender for the supply of drugs, etc., to the Jubilee Hospital for the next year, has been accepted. This contract is considered the most important of any of the hospital supplies.

Appreciated by Strangers.

A beautiful picture of Cochrane & Munn's Pharmacy, corner Yates & Douglas street, appears in the latest issue of the Dominion Illustrated. Mr. Brownlee, the representative of Canada's great pictorial paper, considered it the handsomest store in this city.

To Anacortes

The steamer Yosemite will, on the fourth of July, carry an excursion party from this city to Anacortes. Mr. H. E. Crossdaile has the management and direction of the trip in charge, and has issued invitations to a select number, and a very pleasant and merry day is anticipated.

Legal Lore.

A valuable addition to the library of the law society of British Columbia was received from Toronto yesterday, in the form of 880 pounds of well bound books, containing the condensed wisdom of the Eastern courts. The Victoria law library is now one of the most complete and valuable in the Dominion.

The Custom House Wharf.

Plenty of copper sheathing for the piles to be used in the extension of the custom house wharf having arrived, workmen are now engaged in preparing the piles for driving. Practical work is to be commenced early next week. The extension to the wharf is to be 84 feet in length by 29 in width.

"The Nelson Miner.

The above is the name of a new weekly paper, of neat appearance and convenient size, published in Nelson, B. C., by Messrs. Houston, Ink & Allen. The miner is devoted to the mining interests of the Kootenay Lake district, and the first issue contains considerable valuable information.

Naval.

H.M.S. Espeigle arrived at San Diego on Thursday from Acapulco, and after taking in coal she sailed for Esquimalt.

H. M. S. Daphne arrived in San Francisco harbor on Thursday night and anchored in the stream near the Nymphe. Three of the latter's sailors have deserted since the vessel arrived at San Francisco.

In Grateful Acknowledgment.

Michael Kennedy, who has been an inmate of the Royal Hospital for the past six months, is about to leave for his home in Liverpool to spend his remaining days among old friends and old associations. Before going, he wishes to thank sincerely those who have assisted him to go home and who have made his sickness less tedious by their kind attentions.

Collided.

Yesterday afternoon Government street was crowded with hacks, carriages, express wagons and drays. There was a little blockade in front of the post office, and one of the hacks was moving out of the crush of wheels. The driver did not notice an approaching street car, and it struck the horses, knocking them down, but strange to say, hardly scratching them or the vehicle.

The Mutual Life.

S. Foster Macgurn, superintendent of agencies of the Mutual Life Insurance Co., of New York, is in the city in the interests of his company. The late U. Nelson's heirs received from this company $25,410, payment of policies which cost $8,711.53 in premiums. The Mutual Life was the first to pay the claims, a check having been sent from San Francisco on June 16th, less than thirty days after death. During his same week the Mutual Life paid claims to the amount of $215,530.94.

Working Joyfully Together.

The Sunday schools in connection with the First Presbyterian, the Pandora Methodist and the Gorge road church have realized the fact that union is strength, in accordance with which they will proceed together to Langford Plains on Tuesday next, Dominion Day. Trains will leave hourly for that sylvan spot, and present circumstances go to show that those trains will be heavily freighted with pleasure seeking human beings both young and old, but all young in the fact that they will be happy. The programme of games promise a day of greatest enjoyment from the outset to finish.

Pythian.

At the regular meeting of Far West Lodge No. 1, held last evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: C. C., H. A. Duke; V. C., M. Meiss; P., E. Rhodes; M. at A., P. J. Hall; Trustee, H. F. W. Behnsen. In Victoria Division, No. 2, Uniform Rank, were duly installed, Sir Kt. Lieut., R. Plummer; Lt. Kt. Herald, H. A. Duke; Sir Kt. G., S. Sea, Jr.; Sir Kt. S., H. Weber. On Monday evening next the knights will have a public parade, the occasion being the departure of the first representative from British Columbia to the session of the Supreme Lodge which will be held this year in Milwaukee, Wis. The representative from here will join those from Washington and Oregon and together proceed to the scene of their labors.

Suicide Again Attempted.

Late on Thursday night a medical man was hastily summoned to a house of considerable notoriety on Broad street, where a young woman, an inmate of the place, was supposed to be dying from the effects of poison taken with suicidal intent. After considerable hard work, the doctor pronounced his patient out of danger. The dose she had taken was morphine, of which she is an habitual user. Only about a month ago she had made a similar attempt to end her life, and her purpose had been thwarted by medical skill. She was at one time a respectable girl here, and was married in public at the Forester's picnic last year, subsequently drifting into a life of dishonor.

A Narrow Escape.

H. Bergesen, a Swede, who has been employed by Mr. Cohn in demolishing the old Wilson G. Hunt, was the victim of an accident yesterday afternoon, which brought him unpleasantly close to death. He was standing on Store street, near the street railway track, upon which a car was approaching at the ordinary rate of speed. Engaged in conversation with a friend he did not notice the car, and stepped backward upon the track, just as the car had reached to within ten feet of him. Calling out sharply, the motoneer put on the brakes so quickly and to such good effect, that the unthinking man was not run over, although he was knocked down, and the wheels stopped only a few inches from his neck. He lay insensible for a moment or so, and then with assistance walked to his cabin on the other side of the harbor, where a doctor soon visited him. It was found that no bones were broken, but the back, right leg and left arm were badly bruised. The injured man said that he alone was to be blamed for the accident, and had it not been for the competence of the car driver he would have been killed.

Victoria Building Society.

The 13th drawing for an appropriation took place at Harmony Hall, View street, last evening and resulted in 82 being successful. Mr. W. H. Turner, holding 82 A. B. and D., $4,000. The following gentlemen acted as drawing committee: Messrs. Henry Moss, Samuel Reid, and Charles Wilkes. This makes $40,000 drawn for in the above society.

Its Silver Anniversary Approaching.

Yesterday the "Tobacco Leaf," otherwise known as Frank Campbell's bulletin celebrated the 24th anniversary of its establishment, by the same genial editor who still, with the aid of his blue chalk, does all the reporting, editing, composition and press work required. The Tobacco Leaf and its editor are features of Victoria, and long may they continue to fill the niches which they fit so well.

To be Tried Summarily.

Craigie and Sawyer, jointly committed for trial on a charge of housebreaking, appeared before Hon. Justice Drake in the Supreme Court, yesterday morning, and were asked if they wished to wait for trial until the next assizes or have their case disposed of at once under the Speedy Trials Act. They elected to be tried summarily, and their case will be heard in the Speedy Trials Court on Monday.

Bolton's Farewell.

Mr. C. E. Bolton, with a racy and well illustrated account of a ramble from Vienna to Constantinople, closed his course of lectures at The Victoria last evening. Each of the series has been interesting and well appreciated, and when the lecturer returns it will be to find more friends than ever to greet him here. From Victoria Mr. Bolton goes to Portland, for which city he left this morning.

Tully Boyce Returns.

Tully Boyce, president of the Wellington Miners' Union, was an inward passenger by the Walla Walla, yesterday morning, from San Francisco, and at once took the train for Nanaimo. He says there are no new developments in the position of the strike, other than have been telegraphed, and does not seem anxious to talk about his visit to San Francisco. The general opinion is that the strike will not remain on for any length of time.

On Pleasure Bent.

Yesterday was the day which the members of the Congregational Church of Port Townsend determined to celebrate with their annual excursion. They accordingly chartered the commodious steamer Sehome, engaged the Key City brass band of thirty pieces, and, with colors gally flying, visited Port Angeles and then steamed into Victoria harbor at 3.30 o'clock, having made the trip from Angeles in exactly one hour, with the band playing "God Save the Queen." After disembarking, the excursionists visited all the principal points of interest in and about the city, the street cars and hacks being well patronized until the evening, when the Sehome with her merry passengers returned to Port Townsend.

Vancouver's Street R. R.

On Thursday the first trial trip of Vancouver's Street Railway took place, and was in every way satisfactory. The system was inaugurated under the supervision of Mr. Winslow, formerly of the Victoria company, whose rolling stock that of Vancouver very much resembles. All the experiments were of the most searching character, the speed attained and the ease of control the apparatus being amply demonstrated. The company has spared no expense in making ample provision for the car service as well as for street lighting. The company has four motor cars, with two trail cars, all built by the John Stevenson Car company of New York. The motor cars are fitted with Stevenson trucks, on each of which are two 10 h. p. motors, made by the Thomson-Houston Electric company. These are operated by levers at either end of the cars.

PROVINCIAL COURT.

Re schooner Penelope—Ido v. Morris Moss.

This case coming on for hearing before Mr. Edwin Johnson, S. M., yesterday morning, Mr. Mills on behalf of the managing owner, Mr. Moss, applied for a postponement of the case until to-day, as his client had only been served with the summons at 8.40 o'clock Thursday night, and Mr. Walls, on behalf of the complainant consenting, the judge made the necessary order. At the request of Mr. Mills, the same order was made in the case of Otuba v. Moss, and in the cases of Siebee and Tanaka v. Moss. Mr. Mills applied for an adjournment until the same time, but without prejudice, as he questioned the magistrate's jurisdiction, and the order was made accordingly. During the progress of the case considerable amusement was derived from a passage at arms between the opposing counsel as to which had the floor. Both aggressively asserted their rights, and the magistrate finally decided to listen to neither.

THE EXCURSIONISTS RETURN.

Arrival of the Queen From Alaska With Every Stateroom Occupied.

Late on Friday night the Alaskan excursion steamer Queen, Capt. Carroll in command, arrived at Departure Bay with 174 tourists on board, 105 composing the big Raymond party, the remainder being detached travelers. The Queen this season carries no freight, and her hold on this trip was monopolized with baggage and ballast. She stopped to coal yesterday, and about fifty of her passengers caught the train at Nanaimo and came to this city, where they enjoyed themselves thoroughly until the arrival of the ship.

Last evening the Queen arrived at the ocean dock, and this morning at six she continues on her trip to the Sound. Among the well known names found on her passenger list was that of Mrs. Mary J. Holmes, the popular American novelist, who will utilize the notes taken by her in the strange Northland in the formation of another of her justly popular books. Another of the down passengers was Lieut. H. W. Seaton-Karr, THE COLONIST special correspondent, who is at present visiting friends at Duncan's. He came down from Nanaimo to that station by yesterday's train. John Muir, the well known Californian, after whom the Muir glacier is named, went up to that wonderful ice river on the outward voyage of the Queen, and remained under canvas there to study the pre-glacial age, or rather the relics of it available to the enquiring scientist.

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Married.

At No. 10 Chestnut Avenue, yesterday, Rev. D. Fraser united in marriage Mr. Wm. Campbell, eldest son of Mr. Hugh Campbell, to Catherine, eldest daughter of Mr. John Hamilton, of Lochend, Ross-ness, Scotland.

Bank of Montreal.

It is regarded as more than a possibility that the outcome of the visit to Victoria of Vice-President, the Hon. G. A. Drummond, will result in the establishment in this city of a branch of the Bank of Montreal.

Mission Work.

To-morrow evening, a meeting in connection with the mission work of the Episcopalian church, will be held in Christ Church Cathedral schoolroom, when addresses will be delivered by His Lordship, the Bishop of Qu'Appelle, and others. All are invited.

Coronation Day.

Yesterday was the anniversary of Her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria, and in honor of the day flags were flying from the Government buildings, U. S. Consulate, Chinese headquarters, Tiger engine house and COLONIST office. The day was also appropriately celebrated in Esquimalt.

A Critical Operation.

Mr. Robotham, whose physician deemed it necessary that one of his eyes should be removed, has successfully undergone that very critical operation, and is now able to be out again. He is still suffering a great deal, but he expects to be entirely free of pain and his bandages in a couple of weeks.

Insane.

Several nights ago the wife of an ex-member of "C" Battery, now in Nanaimo, was taken to the police station on a charge of being of unsound mind, and there she still remains. Her insanity was induced by heavy drinking during the absence of her husband, and it is thought will be only temporary.

Naval.

H. M. S. Nymphe left San Francisco yesterday for Esquimalt and the Daphne leaves to-day. H. M. S. Espiegle may be expected to arrive on Tuesday. All the American papers say that the three warships are under orders to proceed to Behrings' Sea. The report, however, is without foundation. These vessels, with the Amphion and Champion, will remain at Esquimalt until the arrival of the new flagship, the Warspite, on or about July 15th.

Matters Pythian.

Capt. H. F. W. Behnsen, representative of the British Columbia lodges in the Supreme Lodge, leaves for Milwaukee tomorrow night. He will go to Tacoma and there join the representatives of the Sound cities, and with them will proceed to Milwaukee by the N. P. R. and the C. M. & St. P. The Knights of British Columbia will hold a grand re-union at Nanaimo on the 12th prox., in celebration of the institution of the first division of the uniform rank in the province. It is expected that Vancouver Division will have their new uniforms in time to participate.

"Homeward Bound."

One of the passengers on the San Francisco boat, which left yesterday, was Mr. Hogan, who has for some time past occupied the stateroom in the city police station. He left the city and boarded the steamer a free man, free as far as free as the steamer is at sea, but legal frights await his arrival and will take charge of him. His stay in Victoria has not been unpleasant, although his movements may have been somewhat restricted. It is said that his wife's friends are interesting themselves to defend his case, the facts of which have already been reported.

Can't Be Very Tasty.

A man from Saanich, with a load of strawberries, became involved in a misunderstanding with his horse yesterday, and thus led to serious complications in the public thoroughfare. The animal desired to go at a breakneck pace, a view from which the driver dissented and endeavored to alter by main force. The result was the removal of the driver, followed by the luscious looking fruit into the rich, thick dust. Strawberries are very tasteful dish when whitened with pulverized sugar and saturated with fresh cream; there is no record of any epicure having tasted them with road dust for flavoring.

The Banquet to Mr. Cotton.

The complimentary banquet tendered to Mr. F. C. Cotton at Vancouver on Friday evening, by his friends and supporters, was one of the pleasantest affairs of the kind which has taken place at Vancouver, according to the News-Advertiser. The banquet took place in the Imperial Opera House, and every arrangement had been made for the convenience of those attending. The chair was taken at 9:30 and something over one hundred guests took their seats at the tables. The chair was occupied by Mr. Wm. Brown and to his right were Mr. F.C. Cotton, Mr. J. W. Horne, Mr. James Orr, Mr. R. G. Tatlow, Mr. Chas. Queen and Dr. Carroll. On his left were Mr. Fukashia Sugimura, Japanese Consul; Mr. Chas. M. Bolton, United States Consul, and Mr. Wm. Templeton.

Very Mysterious.

James Marshall, an old miner who was in Cariboo in the days of its great boom, came down from Alaska by the Queen yesterday. He has been for the past two years prospecting in company with an Indian chum in the country along the boundary line, at the north of the Omineca district. He has evidently been very successful, for he brought down with him $6,000 in dust, and two or three nuggets that caused the eyes of old-timers to whom he showed them to glisten. When asked where he made his strike, he invariably became very mysterious. On this point he refused to be pumped, but he says "there's lots more when this is gone," referring to his pile. His mining friends are naturally very curious to ascertain the location of the new treasure house, but as yet Marshall has taken no one into his confidence.

THE BANK STATEMENT.

The Canadian bank statement for May shows that the Bank of British Columbia had $846,948 notes in circulation, $834,850 of Dominion Government deposits payable on demand, $80,878 of Provincial do., and $133,152 Provincial Government deposits payable after notice. Other demand deposits in the bank amounted to $2,066,256, do. payable after notice $320,377. Due to other banks in Canada $52,413, due to agencies in foreign countries $6,018, due to banks in the United Kingdom $6,994; total liabilities $3,827,889. The assets consisted of specie $177,150; Dominion notes $168,714; notes and cheques of other banks $42,736; balances due from other banks in Canada $45,626; balances due in foreign countries $49,798; balances due in the United Kingdom $428,995; loans to the Dominion Government $15,697; loans, discounts and advances $457,498; loans to the public $2,636,555; notes and bills discounted, overdue and not specially secured $3,408; real estate, other than bank premises, $18,940; bank premises $86,782; other assets $2,003; total assets $4,151,897. Specie held during the month $223,474; Dominion notes $159,607.

The Penelope Case.

In the provincial court, yesterday morning, Mr. Edwin Johnson, S. M., presiding, the remaining suits for wages brought by the Japanese sailors of the Penelope were finally disposed of by the payment of the men's wages by Mr. Moss, managing owner of the schooner, who also allowed the men to sign clear of the ship.

Southward Bound.

By the steamer Umatilla, which departed for San Francisco yesterday, the following were passengers from this city: A. D. McMillan, S. H. Michener, W. Sehl, Kenneth Morrison, John Lanken, F. A. Cornell, A. C. Freeman and wife, Mrs. J. A. Rogerson, Miss Thom, Mrs. M. A. Brown, H. E. Hogan and wife, E. E. Ide and George Bryce.

Appointments Accepted.

The directors of the Jubilee Hospital are in receipt of telegrams from Dr. Richardson, of Donald, and Miss McMillan, of Kingston, Ont., acknowledging the notification of their appointment to the positions of resident medical officer and matron of the hospital, and accepting the appointments, with thanks. Miss McMillan is bringing one of her pupils with her from the East.

Marriage was a Failure.

News has been received from Portland that a young bridegroom, formerly employed on Wharf street in this city, has deserted his wife there and gone east, exactly where, no one knows. The wedding, which was forced by the bride, took place here a couple of weeks ago, and, as many had anticipated, has proved unfortunate. The lady in the case is not left unprovided for, as she has an annuity of her own.

He Won't Stay in Victoria.

The gentleman of several personal names, hailing primarily from the Celestial Empire, and secondarily from the domain of Uncle Sam, will not push his right to remain in Canada. Very much against his will, he has chosen to return south of the 45th parallel on the American continent. He asks to be allowed to sojourn in this beautiful spot till the next boat leaves for San Francisco.

Words of Praise.

The Winnipeg Sun speaks as follows of Prof. Connery, the elocutionist, who, with Mr. Charles Kelly, formerly a great basso, appears here on Wednesday evening: "Mr. Connery, in grace, style, attitude, gesture, voice culture, and clearness of articulation and enunciation, has few equals on the elocutionist's platform in this country. The press declares him to be the best that has ever visited the country. He is the best elocutionist that has ever visited Winnipeg."

"C" Battery Quarters.

Since their arrival at Macauley's Point the men of "C" Battery have been busily at work putting their buildings and their surroundings in order. They have cleared away the rubbish from the ground on which they are encamped and which surrounds the barracks proper. They have also burned a quantity of underbrush and stumps, and are determined to have things in as tidy condition as possible. The site which has been selected is a beautiful one and commands a good view of the straits, and also, from a military point of view, commands the harbor of Victoria. The officers' quarters are commodious and when completed will be well appointed. They will shortly be out of the builder's hands. While it will be possible to house the men on the regimental strength in the existing premises there are so far no commodations for the non-commissioned officers or for the married men. There is no hospital nor guard room, deserving the name of such, and it will be well that the entire establishment be permanently completed without undue delay.

NOTES FROM NELSON.

A Budget of News from Up Country—Business in a Very Active State—Prospects Good and Mining Brisk.

Mr. George T. Kane, who reached the city from Nelson on Friday night, brought with him quite a budget of interesting news, relative to work and life up in that region. Business in its broad sense is very good, he says, the only want being greater facilities for transportation of supplies. This drawback will be somewhat obviated when the C. P. R. extension is finished, which will be about November if the contract time is kept. Already there are completed five miles of the road between Sproat's Landing and Nelson, and work is going forward well on the entire section. Of course, the direct benefit of the road will not be felt till next spring.

Even now, were the people able to ship goods straight through in bond, the difficulty of obtaining them would be small, but it is available only to ship to the boundary line by the Northern Pacific, where the formalities of release have to be gone through. To people up country this is attended with no small inconvenience. If a service of bonded wagons could be obtained, to which supplies could be transhipped and taken on to destination, a good deal of trouble would be avoided.

Mr. Kane's object in coming to Victoria was to negotiate with Messrs. Nicholles & Renouf about the erection of a large saw mill to be known as the Davy Sayward mill. His mission was satisfactory in its result, and when he returns he will commence operations. It will be in running order in about a month, but its influence is being already felt, as numerous foundations are laid for houses which will be built so soon as the lumber is procurable. Speaking about lumber, Mr. Kane said that a million feet of building lumber is in demand at the present moment. The daily capacity of this mill will be about seventy-five to eighty thousand feet. There was quite a lot of formality in getting the machinery through the American customs, but it was finally obtained, the mill-owners paying the expenses of the U. S. Customs agent in connection with its release, in addition to the duty. Nothing will be wanting in the plant, which comprises shingle-house, planers, matchers, moulders and all other machinery pertaining to the manufacture of lumber. The mill is to be built on the Kootenay lake, directly opposite the outlet, and some twenty miles from Nelson, from which point there is excellent navigation to every mine in the vicinity. The object in building it on the lake is that it is never frozen, and the outlet, or as it is termed the West Arm, of Kootenay Lake freezes over for two or three months in the year, during which time all the mines, except Nelson, can be reached from the present mill site. Considerable delay and annoyance were caused by a mistake of the Northern Pacific in sending a carload of machinery through to Tacoma; this was rectified, but only after considerable red-tapism had been displayed by the American customs.

A small, but very complete, mill belonging to M. S. Davys lies at Kootenay station awaiting shipment to Nelson. When both these mills are running Nelson cannot fail to be well supplied with lumber for building purposes. The management of the mill have procured a large tract of timber land, which will supply the demand for many years.

In regard to labor, Mr. Kane was of opinion that it was not so plentiful as it might be. There is a demand principally for carpenters at good wages. The new saw mill will employ fifty men or more, and Mr. Davys' mill absorb a further quantity of men.

It may be interesting to the general reader, and well as useful to the skipper, to know how goods are got into Nelson. They should be shipped to Kootenay station, Ido., by the N. P. R. R., thence by wagons to Bonner's Ferry, 33 miles, and afterwards by boats on the lake to destination, 150 miles. Freight costs a cent and a half per pound to destination on lake; passenger fare is $5 by stage and $5 by the boats from Bonner's Ferry. One of these boats, of which there are four, is an excellent passenger boat, making regular trips twice a week from Bonner's Ferry to all ports on the lake. These boats are all British bottoms, as American bottoms will not be allowed to run from one point to another on the lakes, in consequence of there being no American collector of customs at the Landing. This is a very necessary office. Mr. Dolan has been temporary appointed at Kootenay station, Ido., and hopes are entertained that his position will be made permanent.

The country is full of prospectors striking new leads and making mining very brisk, particularly in the vicinities of Warm Springs and Nelson.

Mr. Kane returns to Nelson to-morrow evening.

THE BOLD, BAD BURGLARS.

Captured Yesterday, Prove to be Three Children—Their Storehouse Also Discovered.

If the police court records of six months ago were referred to, particulars would be obtained of several cases in which "the little Caffee boys" figured as defendants. They ranged in gravity from vagrancy to stealing, and in each and all the charges were sustained. Owing to the extreme youth of the offenders, the magistrate found it difficult to inflict punishment, so he, on each occasion, administered a lecture to the boys and another to their father, whom he cautioned to instil principles of honesty and morality into his offspring. Caffee did try, but his children, necessarily left much to themselves, seemed filled with the spirit of Ishmael. They returned gradually to their old, wild life, and during the past few weeks the police have again become suspicious of them.

When Mr. Phillips, proprietor of the Victoria soda factory, opened his office yesterday morning, he found that it had been disturbed during the night. The safe had been battered and hammered by very amateur crackmen; one of its false hinges was broken off, and a cold chisel and hammer, lying on the floor, showed with what primitive tools the ineffectual effort to open the safe had been made. When Officer Redgrave inspected the scene, he was at once convinced that adults were not the would-be safe-breakers, and he accordingly suspected the Caffee boys as likely to be the ones concerned in such a piece of business. His suspicion was not based upon any particular clue, but he determined to look up the Caffee boys and see what they were doing. He started toward the water front by way of Cormorant street, and near the E. & N. railway station saw Charlie Caffee standing, apparently on guard. On Store street the elder brother, Fred, was walking along with a bundle of flour sacks. It was flour sacks that the boys had shown a fondness for in days gone by, and so Mr. Redgrave's suspicions were confirmed. He gave chase, and both boys took to their heels—the one diving into the darkness of a Chinese lane, the other dropping his flour sacks and heading for the railway yard. Following him the officer was just in time to see him disappear down the stairway leading to below the station yard. He, too, went down into the dark and dismal place, which is directly under the railway bridge and calculated to be a good home for rats, but nothing human. Seeing the blue coat after him, Caffee made a plunge through a hole that would scarcely admit the passage of his small body, and thus for the time eluded his pursuer. He ruined his own case, however, by leading the officer directly to the storehouse of himself and his brothers. Seeing that he could not follow the eldest Caffee, Mr. Redgrave looked around him, and found the two younger brothers half hidden in a pile of flour sacks—hundreds in number. There were also a number of pop bottles lying around, which furnished a direct clue to the Phillips' robbery. The two children were arrested, and marched toward the station, and on the way the youngest volunteered an explanation of how the robbery at the pop factory had been committed. "We only wanted some pop," he said, "so we just opened the window, got in and took some."

"But what did you hammer the safe for" asked the officer.

"Why to get the money in the bank, of course," was the matter of fact reply.

"What did you rob those houses for" continued the policeman at a venture

"Oh, that wasn't me, it was Fred. He wouldn't let me go in," and the cat was out of the bag.

The two brothers were locked up, and Officer Redgrave started out again to look up Fred, the eldest of the brothers. On the railway track, near Russell station, he was seen for a moment and then observed to dive into the bush. The policeman followed, and after a two hour chase caught his prisoner.

Fred, the eldest of the trio, is sixteen years old, and smart as a weasel. His brothers ages are 14 and 12 years respectively. Fred could not be made to talk, but baby was disposed to peach. He said he could show the houses entered, and so Supt. Sheppard took him for a walk during the evening in the direction of Rev. Dr. Reid's and Mr. Taylor's. He denied that his crowd robbed these residences, and it is now thought that the extent of their recent depredations comprised the burglary of the houses of Mr. B. Levy and Mr. O'Brien, and the stores of Messrs. Phillips & Co., and R. Baker & Son, from whom the flour sacks were taken. The boys also confessed to breaking into Mr. James O'Neil's home, on Yates street, yesterday afternoon, and ransacking two trunks without getting any money. It is in every way probable that the reward of these juvenile imitators of Bill Sikes will be two or three years in the reformatory, which is now ready to receive them.

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