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HON. AMOR DECOSMOS.

Melancholy Close of a Prominent and Useful Career—Brief Biographical Sketch.

A Life Full of Incident and Stirring Events—His Connection With Confederation.

Another familiar face has disappeared from the "places where men most do congregate"; another well known figure will shortly join the ghostly procession that since our first parents sinned has kept up a ceaseless and never-ending march towards the Great Beyond.

About 1849 the discovery of gold in California attracted his attention and drew him and many other Nova Scotians to the Pacific Coast. Most of his friends took ship and sailed round the Horn to San Francisco.

In 1855, Mr. DeCosmos, for reasons which were never fully explained, petitioned the California legislature to be permitted to change his name from his patronymic—William Alexander Smith—to that by which he was ever afterwards known in that state and here.

On the 11th day of December, 1858, Mr. DeCosmos issued the first number of the British Colonist. He denounced Hudson Bay rule as opposed to the ethics and spirit of the age, and soon found himself in direct contact with the authorities by whom his press was seized early in 1859.

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In 1861 Mr. DeCosmos met with another disappointment. A vacancy had occurred in the representation of Esquimalt and he decided to stand for the seat. Threats were made that if he stood at Amor DeCosmos he would be unnecessary.

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to Governor Douglas on Vancouver Island and to create a separate government for British Columbia. This step was taken and Governor Seymour was made Governor of British Columbia and Governor Kennedy of Vancouver Island.

He, Dr. Helmcken was Speaker of the house, over which he presided for many years with wonderful tact and temper. The times were turbulent. Political lines were tightly drawn, and strong language and invective were frequently indulged in by members on both sides.

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It is dealing with labor and wages my remarks apply to large manufacturing centres, and I presume Henry George's book refers to the same. Take the millions of persons employed in factories in different parts of the world who live in one or two miserable rooms, where rent and wages are, as a rule, not on a sliding scale, but at a fixed rate year after year.

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He seldom appeared on the public platform, and upon the few occasions when he made his appearance there the great change that had come over him was painfully apparent. His last public speech was at the old Methodist church, on Esplanade street, last spring, when he attempted to address an audience on the political issues.

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Imagine a more deplorable condition of affairs than the world reduced to a dead equality of wealth or poverty. Under such a state, were it possible, stagnation would reign and progress cease. Without the accumulation of some wealth by frugal persons there would be no one to employ labor or to help the poor in seasons of distress.

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THE COURTS.

The evidence and argument in Beer vs. London & Canadian Insurance Co. was finished yesterday afternoon, and Mr. Justice Drake reserved his decision, saying he would deliver judgment to day at noon.

Mr. Justice Crease yesterday signed the order confirming the sale of property which was held on October 1 under the city tax sale by law.

S. A. STODDART'S Watches. 68 1/2 Yates St.

Continued from former Advertisements.

Stemwind Elgin B. W. Raymond, ruby jewell-d, double sunk second dial, adjusted to heat, cold and position, warranted 20 years, in Nickel cases \$15 Gold Filled \$20, Silver \$19.

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In a constitutional disease and requires a constitutional remedy like Hood's Sarsaparilla. Snuffs and inhalants can give only temporary relief, but Hood's Sarsaparilla cures perfectly and permanently.

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