asey, and his wild hand and the razor pressed rictim's face; "yes, you y hour for the sake of will be a noble death. honored to perish in

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was light his heart arose from the chair, s life did he feel so to pay for a shave

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did he put his razor John Rhett.—W. M.

Constitution.

the Mice. s that, in crossing ar distant from any here no cool shade as far as the eye could be seen b ng could be seen out met with many crear xurious vegetation with large berries, ning nearly as much als of water. On ine closely, he was as-ghted to observe a the only inhabitants ble spot, busily em-off the berries and their homes, as sea-casks of water to e Press. From the Daily Colonist, May 2. LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Drunks. police court calendar consisted, yes The police court catendar consisted, yes-rday, of three drunks, among them being an Apples, the notorious, who, as usual, ad no money, and therefore was returned a month of hard labor. The other drunks S5 each.

Their First Appearance.

The new open cars, although there were no races to go to, made their first appearance on the tramway line yesterday. They run smoothly, are very comfortable, and will no doubt be popular during the summer

The Organ Arrives.

Included in the freight by the City of Kingston last evening was the new organ for St. John's church, which has made a quick as well as safe journey across the continent, by the Northern Pacific. It will be at once put into position by Messrs. Good-

Property Sale.

The small lot, 25 feet front, on Broad street, adjoining the extension of the Driard, was yesterday sold to a Victoria lady by Crane, McGregor & Boggs for \$8,000. Plans are being got out for a three or four story building for stores and offices. She Was Not Molested.

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The tug Pilot, which left for Tacoma several days ago with the ship Favona in tow, has returned to port, no attempt having been made to seize or even detain her. It was expected that's some action would be taken by the collector of customs, who fined the Lorne \$844 for a similar offence.

Passengers for the North.

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The following passengers left for the
North last evening on the steamer Danube:
J. A. Carthew, Mr. Todd, J. McLaughlin,
J. D. Draniers, Mr. Cowler, Mr. Ogilvie,
Messrs. Bennett, Kepland, Paul, Flatt,
Armsdel, McKenzie, Alderson and son,
Matthews, J. Carey and H. Loeb.

Will Cross the Sound.

Next week's meeting of the City Council will not be held on the usual evening, Wednesday, as that is the day that Mayor Grant and the aldermen will spend in Sattle, helping to welcome the President of the United States. They go over the Sound on Tuesday evening and return on Thursday.

Judge Lichtenberg, does nome.

Judge Lichtenberg, of Seattle, who was tricken down with heart failure while on the bench in the Equity court, will resume his duties to-day. He has been here for the past ten days, with his wife, and left for home last evening, well pleased with the city and those of its inhabitants with whom become acquainted during his stay.

A Youthful Smoker.

The first case under Mr. Brown's bill, prohibiting the use of tobacco by minors, or its sale to them, has been tried before the Nanaimo police magistrate. Eddy Hase, aged 12, pleaded guilty to having smoked a cigarette, but said that it had been given to him by a man whose horse he held. Sentence was reserved, the boy promising to appear when ealled npon.

In Explanation.

At the City Council meeting, last Wednesday evening, an application was received from H. J. Brady & Co. to be placed upon exactly the same footing as Falconer & Co., who had asked for certain concessions from the Council to assist them in establishing a vinegar, sauce and pickle factory in the city. Brady & Co. claim that as they have been in the business referred to for twenty years, without receiving any favors from the Council, if a bonus or remission of rates, or anything of that kind, were allowed a business rival, it would be manifestly unjust to them. Their request is, therefore, for the same treatment at the hands of the Council as Falconer & Co. receive.

manifested to do all that is possible to comply with their wishes. It is probable that the Sanitary Committee will visit the Island this afternoon in order to lay out their plans and present a thoroughly defined scheme to the Commissioner of Lands and Mosks.

Sound steamboatmen, complain of the dullness in pleasure travel, which they attribute to the unfavorable weather that has prevailed for some time and to the comparative scarcity of cash, particularly at Scattle, which, one of them remarked, was being developed to a considerable extent ahead of its time.

Handsome New Homes.

Mr. John Teague, the architect, is inviting tenders for the construction of a handsome new residence on the Gorge for Mr. James Dunsmuir. Tenders are receivable until May 20th. Mr. Frank Adams will also erect a fine new house on the Gorge Road, for which, too, Mr. Teague is the architect.

News of the Sealers.

Steamer Maude returned from Alberni and the West Coast yesterday morning with a total of 338 skins on board, which she took from the schooners at Uculet, as follows: From the Mary Ellen, 21 skins; Penelope 242 skins, and the Sayward 75 skins, She reports the schooner Ariel on the beach at Uculet, having a few slight repairs done on her.

Mr. Alexander Campbell, who for many years past has given universal satisfaction in the discharge of his duties as night watchman, has resigned that position, his successor being Mr. James McEachern. Alex was always at his post, watchful and vigilant, and not only was the property in his charge faithfully looked after, but good order was invariably maintained in his district.

Poor Lo's East Bargain.

Sergeant Langley has received information that a glandered horse requires looking after in Saanich, near James Island. The original owner, a white man, as soon as he saw that the horse was diseased, hastened to trade with an Indian, receiving a good horse for the sick one. The case will be fully investigated.

The steamer Mamie was on her way to Victoria with three scows in tow, in the Gulf of Georgia, yesterday afternoon, when the scow having a load of laths filled and became submerged. The laths are floating in the Gulf. The Mamie steamed for the nouth of the Fraser for the purpose of beaching and saving the scow.

City Water Supply. A meeting of the water committee was held yesterday, at which was discussed at some length a proposal to raise money for the perfection of this service without recourse to the existing plan of loan by-laws. The subject of a frontage tax for water works purposes was also considered, and it is probable that at an early meeting of Council some definite proposals will be submitted.

A Busy Menth.

April was a busy month for Dr. McGregor's assistant, who during his sickness, has had all the hard work in connection with free library thrown upon her hands. She reports that during the month 1,324 volumes were issued to ladies, and 1,426 to gentlemen. Forty-three new cards were applied for and received; 14 by ladies, and 29 by gentlemen. The highest number of books loaned in a single day was 200, and the average day's issue was 107.

The Last Tribute.

Friends and acquaintances of the late Mrs. J. A. Fisher paid to her remains the last tribute of respect yesterday, when her funeral was very largely attended. More than ordinarily impressive services were held in the Gorge Road Methodist church at 2:30 by the Rev. Mr. Watson and Rev. Mr. Hall, after which the procession filed slowly to the city of the dead. The pall bearers were: C. Jones, F. Weldon, A. Lewis, C. Maynard, W. Mable and a Heathorn.

Colebration Notes.

A meeting of the Bicycle Tournament Committee was held at the City Hall last evening, and a programme was adopted for presentation to the General Committee tonight. The indications are that this feature of the celebration will surpass any tournament of the kind ever held in the province, and attract visitors from all parts of the Coast. The General Committee meets to night, to receive the reports of the subordinate bodies, and to discuss the question of holding a firemen's tournament in connection with the two days demonstration.

The Humination Committee.

Hon. Mr. Turner has selected the following gentlemen to act with him, in arranging and carrying out the illuminations and display of fireworks in connection with the Queen's Birthday celebration: Mayor Grant, Noah Shakespeare, Wm. Dalby, Hon. Justice Crease, A Heathorn, Wm. Christie, and the secretary of the general committee. Nearly a thousand dollars worth of fireworks have been ordered from Prof. Hand, of Hamilton, and the display is promised to be the finest ever seen this side of the Rockies.

This evening, the charitable amateurs of Nanaimo will presen the popular military drama, "Neck or Nothing," at The Victoria, for the benefit of the Jubilee Hospital. The play is one which everybody has heard about. It is built up of incidents in the Crimean war, and the principal scenes are laid in Russia, during that stirring period. The dialogue is bright, crisp and interesting; the plot and characters are drawn with a firm, strong hand, and the climaxes are new and thrilling. The Nanaimo people are said to present the play as well as very, very many loudly-heralded professional companies, and they promise to bring a first-class erchestra with them. The cast of characters is as below:

should exist, and this would tend to promote prosperity.

The banquet was a highly successful one. The only regrettable event in connection with it was the remarkable conduct of the U. S. Vice-Consul, who remained seated while the toast of the Queen was being drunk and the National Anthem sung. His conduct was generally censured, and he was privately remonstrated with by several prominent gentlemen. The American representative gave as his reason for so acting, that his position as U. S. Consul would not permit of him honoring the toat and standing while the National Anthem was being sung.

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Mrs. Dickenson's [Little Bancers Enjoy Hall.

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No more has yet been made by the spitialists comprising the British Columbia by revery syndicate. They keep conjugate the province, until the late of August, and be related by the contract of the contrac class assisted on the floor. The ball was a delightful one for all concerned, and while it occasioned no small amount of hard work for Mrs. Dickenson, she had her reward in knowing that she had given a great pleasure to all of her big family, as she lovingly calls them.

Switch, late of, to settly his sets of the provincial force. He will commence duty on May the 5th.

One car of horses, one of canned goods, one of mixed merchandise, and three of car wheels formed the Islander's cargo last evening.

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"VOLTAIRE."

Hon. G. R. Wendling Lectures Last Night Before a Large and Appreci-ative Audience.

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PERSONAL.

T. R. Smith is again able to be out of morning.

J. A. Carthew left for the Skeena last

E. E. Phair and sen, of St. John, N.B., are in the city.

James Cunningham, of New Westminster, is at the Driard.

Major Peters and Capt. Palmer, of "C"

Battery, arrived home last night.

Dr. Tetherae, of Montreal, and Dr. M. Young, of Toronto, are at the Oriental.

T. O. Townley, registrar of Westminster, and wife, arrived down by the Islander last night.

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Campbell Sweeney, W. Smallfield and J. H. Brownlee arrived down from Vancouver last evening.

R. P. Rithet is on board the City of Puebla, which is due to arrive to-day from San Francisco.

Robert Gardner, of the well-known Portland firm of Wm. Gardner & Co., is at the Oriental, with his bride.

Thomas Hendry, of the Hadson's Bay Co., has gone over the Sound for a few days, Mrs. Hendry accompanying him.

S. G. Yerkes, travelling passenger and freight agent of the P. S. & A. Steamship Co., came over by the Kingston last night.

W. F. Archibald, manager of the C. P. R. telegraph office, is around again. An attack of "grippe" confined him to his home for ten days past.

E. S. Johnson, asst.-treasurer of the P. S. & A. SS. Co., and M. F. Jackson, asst. manager of the same company, arrived by the Kingston pastereday.

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Rev. Mr. Tovey, who will inaugurate a second Episcopal church in Nanaimo, arrived down last night, and will preach in the cathedral on Sunday.

LITTLE LOCALS. H.M.S. Nymphe expects to be clock in about a fortnight.

Major Wilson has been appointed or the Montreal grocery firm of Localitations.

Brothers.

Stewart the bluejacket who was struck by a tramear last Sunday, is recovering slowly, but surely.

Mr. Farwith, formerly head upholsterer for Mayor Hilbert of Nanaimo, intends going into business for himself in this city.

Mr. Foote, the Victoria boat builder, has gone over to the Fraser river with five new fishing boats, built here for use on the river.

J. Wilson, late of "C" Battery, has been accepted as a constable in the Provincial

one of mixed merchandise, and three of car wheels formed the Islander's cargo last evening.

Fred Noble, of Toronto, one of the passengers on the Empress of India, paid a visit to his cousin, Mrs. Hudson Roper, yesterday, and left for the East by the Islander last night.

There are 44 cabins in one block on Johnson street, between Blanchard and Douglas streets, part of which were constructed last year, the remainder being at present in process of completion.

The excavation for the Driard extension was begun yesterday by John Haggerty. It will be dug down to about 15 feet, through very rich loam, some 4,000 of which will have to be disposed of.

There are at present at Mr. G. W. Rasure's stables the following horses, which are undergoing preparation for the approaching races: M. R. Florence's bay mare Nellie Kenny, 5 years, which is entered for the 1-mile and repeat; and the same owner's bay gelding Buster, 4 years. The latter is California bred, and the other was raised at Rosemead, Tennessee. Both horses are of high pedigree.

SUMASS WEDS SEATTLE. nmunication New Complete — Joined by Bands of Steel.

SUMASS, April 29.—The Canadian Pacific drove the last spike at the boundary at 2 o'clock p.m. to-day. The Lake Shore Road put in an agent and operator to-day, and communication is now complete with Seattle. A large hotel building was begun to-day.

Str. Eton left San Francisco on the 28th ult. for Moodyville, to load lumber for Australia. It is expected that when she reaches here the lawsuit for damages between her and the City of Puebla will be ventilated.

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Str City of Topeka leaves here on the 4th instant for Alaska. Among her passengers will be Lieut. Schwatka, of Arctic exploration fame, and his wife and daughter. The former, as already announced, is going up the Yukon country and beyond the Topeka takes several tons of freight and also a number of Chinese miners for Cassiar.

CLOUD AND SUNSHINE.

Waiting in gloom and pain;
Weary, oh! so weary!
Steadily falls the rain.
Dark the day and dreary.
Ditterest winds are wailing loud,
the funeral sky is clothed in cloud. he funeral sky is clothed in clow Will the sun ne'er shine again?

Courage! in heart and brain,
Though the day be dark'ning;
Waiting is not in vain,
If for God thou'rt heark'ning.
e dreariest weather will change son
dnever a cloud but will pass away,
And the sun-must shine again.

Be still, sad heart, nor mind
The heat of fiery trying.
The mystery entwined
With sorrow and with crying,
he costliest gold, by a method slow,
flust lose its dross in the hottest glow,
But it cometh forth refined.
—Captain R. K. Carter, in N. Y. Observer.

AUNT ABIGAIL'S WILL.

What She Bequeathed to Cousins Roger and Dick.

It was Abigail Varley's three-s

At as early an hour as was seemly on the morning following that on which we introduced them to the reader, Rog-er and Dick again presented themselves before their cousin.

"We have thought it our duty, cousin"

- began Dick.
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"As painful as it is imperative," Dick continued.

"To put you on your guard, ma'am," Roger added.

"Against a deceitful and designing person," exclaimed Dick.

"Who is no better than she should be!" shouted Roger, indignantly.

"Upon my word, cousins, I do not comprehend a syllable you have uttered," said Mrs. Varley; "nor shall I be likely to if you both keep talking at once. Come, Dick, you seem least excited. What is the meaning of all this?"

"What means, may I venture to ask," said Dick, "did you take to ascertain the character and antecedents of the young woman at present sheltered beneath your roof?"

"Why, none," replied the good lady. "Her young and truthful face were recommendation enough on which to give her a trial."

"We have ascertained her to be a most abandoned creature," proceeded Dick, "and have deemed it proper at once to apprise you of the discovery. Should she deny the accusation, we are prepared with abundant proofs."

And the two cousins took their leave, with an air of exalted virtue.

Mrs. Varley was a lady of the strictest propriety and severest morals. Much

s she pitied and befriended the poor nd friendless girl, she must be prompt, freed from this foul and dreadful harge, or cross her threshold never to-

She went directly to Hester's cham-

er.

"You must tell me your past history, hild," said Mrs. Varley, in a deternined but not unkindly tone.

"Oh, madam, I pray you pardon me, but I can not, can not tell it!"

"Then it has been one of shame and it."

What Ehe Bequesthed to Count in Belger and Diok.

It was Abigail Varley's three-scores and tenth birthday. She was a rich widow, childless, and with no known relations save two gentlemen cousins. Never was cousiny attachment more beautifully illustrated, or cousinly lead only less amiably exemplified, than in the daily walk and conversation of these two collisteral kinmen. They bestowed so much affection on their common relative that they had non-left to waste between themselves, and conting to the course of nature, of surviving her; and how to supplant case of their attention.

On the morning in question, when Counis Roger called to wish Cousin Abigail the usual "many happy returns," he was not a little chagrined to find Cousin Dick transported and seeing Tabby, the consinty could go were his abomination.

"Well, Cousin Abigail, I hope your health continues good," said Cousin Begger, patting Fompey's head and seeing Tabby, the consinty code in Dick, you have he his abomination.

"Well, Cousin Abigail, I hope your health continues good," said Cousin Dick whom he devoutly wished at leashing. The fact is," the old lady continued, "I have been thinking seriously of send, "Well, cousin possessed the old lady,"

"Well, well, it suppose there's no hurry your bear thinking seriously of send; "Well, well, it said Cousin Abigail." "And yek." Cousin Ropez ventured to hint, "it is always well to be prepared, none of us can tell the minute or the hour; you know?

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"And yet." Cousin Roger ventured to hint, "it is always well to be prepared; none of us can tell the minute or the hour, you know."

"And, after all, calling in a lawyer is not so serious a matter as calling in a doctor," said Cousin Dick, facetiously.

The conversation was interrupted by the entrance of a young and beautiful girl, at whom Cousin Dick stared with a surprised and troubled look.

"Pardon me, ma'am," she said, in a voice remarkably sweet and gentle; "not knowing you were engaged, I came to see if you wished me, as usual, to read to you to-day."

"Presently, dear." Mrs. Varley answered in a tone that plainly hinted her visitors would not be pressed to stay if they offered to go.

After an awkward pause the two cousins took their departure together.

"Who is that girl?" inquired Roger, as soon as they reached the street.

"You may well ask," said Cousin Dick; and, stooping, he whispered something in his companion's ear, at which the latter started suddenly.

"Good heaven! the resemblance is attached to some thing in his companion's ear, at which the latter started suddenly.

"And this, my poor child, is the shame of which you spoke?"

"My life has known no other."

Not many days after, Hester was sent to one of the first seminaries in the vall herself of opportunities of culture shitherto beyond her reach. Her aunt and she kept their own counsel. Cousins Rogers and Dick only knew that the object of their solicitude had disappeared, and probably congratulated themselves on the success of their virtuous stratagem.

After a time, Mr. Parker, Cousin Abiguit had a spirits. At her next birthday the prospect of "many happy returns" produced any thing but a happy effect on the two expectant cousins, who began to think that, after all, the life tables might not he

the latter started suddenly.

"Good heaven! the resemblance is certainly striking. But what is to be done? Do you think the old—Cousin Abigail, I mean, suspects any thing?"

"Not yet, I think; but no time is to be lost. I have a plan which it would be well for us to talk over together."

And the two hurried rapidly along.
Mrs. Varley had occasionally found the time hang heavy on her hands, and so had advertised for a person to fill the post of "companion" to an aged lady. It was thus that Hester Darling had become an inmate of the house.

Roger.
Mr. Parker, drawing from his pocket the document, proceeded to read it. The introduction was long and formal. But, hark! there's something coming

But, harki there's something coming now:

"To my cousin, Richard Figgins"—
Richard looked at Roger in triumph.—"I give and bequeath"—
You could have heard both their hearts beat.
—"In consideration of the natura love and affection which I have long observed between them"—
Dick looked puzzled.
—"My favorite cat Tabby"—
Dick gave Tabby a furious stroke the wrong way.

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"And no more of my estate."

With a fling that betokened a most emphatic renunciation of the legacy, Tabby was sent mewing and spitting to the furthest corner of the room.

"To my cousin, Roger Smith"—

It was Roger's turn to triumph.

"In consideration of the like natural love and affection"—

Roger began to feel suspicious.

"I give and bequeath my dog Pompey, and no more of my estate."

With a violent kick Pompey was sent spinning after the cat; and the fear of her who had so long kept the peace between them being no longer before their eyes, the pent-up enmity of years found vent in an uproarious fight, in the noise of which the voice of the old lawyer was almost drowned; but the words:

"rest and residue of my estate—nicce, "cater, Harwood." were sufficiently

stayed to bear no mere,—N. Y. Even. ng

"rest and residue of my estate mete, lecter, Harwood," were sufficiently audible, and Cousins Dick and Regard

Poor Tabby, as if seeking consolation in her bereavement, leaped upon the knee of her old friend Dick, who stroked her back pathetically, but a little nervously. Pompey, who took things more philosophically, stretched himself out for a snooze at the feet of