

HIS BAD CHARACTER

Durrant and King Made the Church Headquarters for Luring Girls to Sin.

These Girls Belong to Respectable Families - Their Parents Unsuspecting.

A Bootblack Tells the Story - The Defence Has About Closed Its Case.

San Francisco, Oct. 22 - The defense in the Durrant trial practically closed yesterday. Another witness is to be examined to-day and then the prosecution will begin the introduction of their testimony in rebuttal.

Although much important testimony of the prosecution is to be submitted, the case will probably go to the jury at the close of next week.

Yesterday afternoon Dr. R. C. McDonald was called in to give expert evidence on the hallucinations of women.

He admitted that in a time of great excitement over an extraordinary crime elderly women often became possessed with the delusion that they had known of the existence of alleged facts.

He denied, however, that elderly women were more likely to have such hallucinations than anybody else.

The question was plainly for the purpose of throwing discredit on the testimony of Mrs. Leak and the other women who were called as witnesses for the prosecution.

Charles T. Lennahan, who it is asserted by the defense was mistaken for Durrant by Pawnbroker Oppenheim, proved a disappointing witness.

He made several conflicting statements, among which the assertion that it was in the afternoon instead of the morning that he tried to pawn a ring at Oppenheim's.

The prosecution in the trial of W. H. T. Durrant has found a witness who will testify that everything was not right in Emanuel church prior to the murder of Blanche Lamont and Minnie Williams.

This witness is a colored bootblack by the name of Budd Wilson. To-night he was served with a subpoena and told his story to Detective Armour.

"I knew King and Durrant so well that they talked freely before me," said he. "At first I was surprised that such religious young men should be carrying on such a trade, but after a while I concluded that they were about as sane as other young men."

Details of the ravages of the storm in full are not yet known, but the danger for Havana is now over. It has been raining all over the island for twenty-four hours and the fear of further other disastrous floods in Vuita and Matanzas and Santa Clara.

The storm's trajectory shows that it will strike the southeastern portion of Florida and will perhaps be more violent there than here, as it was momentarily increasing in intensity while passing over this island.

THE SMUGGLING SCANDALS.

Newfoundland Revenue Board Will Fine the Smugglers and Thus Avoid Publicity.

The Board Has Suspended the Action Before the Court for That Purpose.

St. John's, Nfld., Oct. 22 - Seven more arrests of smugglers are promised to-night, new information to-day giving clues of another band who are plying their trade in an unexpected direction.

The board of revenue has instructed its solicitor to suspend the action before the court and to return all documents, depositions, etc., and will decide the cases themselves, and fine all those involved, thus escaping public scandal.

The solicitor will not do this and the board threatens to demand his resignation. Meanwhile every effort is being made to follow up the confessions that have been made and to complete the cases against all those named as having been dealers in smuggled goods.

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EPISCOPALIAN CONVENTION.

It Will Be "Convention" and "Primate" - These Points Settled.

Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 22 - At the session of the house of deputies of the Episcopal convention to-day Dean Hoffman reported that the house of bishops had receded from their choice of the word "convention" instead of "convention," and had agreed to give up the "primate" nomenclature.

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London, Oct. 22 - The afternoon newspapers of this city again comment upon the dispute between Great Britain and Venezuela, and in the same tone as yesterday. The St. James Gazette declares itself opposed to arbitration in any form, saying: "Arbitration not only does not apply to the present dispute, but it is the usual thing when there is a reference of this kind of international trouble to arbitration for arbitrators to find against England, and the weight of evidence, and in the few cases where the finding has been in our favor, the other side declines to pay."

The Gazette then instances the Albania and Delagoa bay and Behring sea cases in support of its contention that international tribunals usually find against England and the weight of evidence. More attention is attracted now than formerly to the utterances of the St. James Gazette against arbitration of the dispute, as this newspaper seems to aver that it has had somewhat of the inside track throughout in Venezuelan news here, and is, therefore, believed to have been inspired by some government official thoroughly familiar with the subject and the policy followed by the Marquis of Salisbury.

New York, Oct. 22 - A special to the World from London says the threatening message sent by Lord Salisbury to the President by Secretary Olney's posturing dispatch upon the Venezuelan matter. Lord Salisbury's manner was very curt to Ambassador Bayard, and reminded him that Great Britain was a power in America before the United States was its existence.

Rome, Oct. 22 - As an outcome of the king of Portugal postponing his visit to Rome, on account of the Pope's opposition, it is reported that Italy has suspended diplomatic relations with Portugal. The Pope's opposition to the visit is due to the difficulty a Catholic monarch would be under in being received by both the Quirinal and the Vatican.

London, Oct. 22 - The Chronicle says that it learns that Timothy Healy, the Irish member of parliament, has secured £50,000 for the purpose of founding a new daily newspaper at Dublin. This move on Mr. Healy's part is actuated by his quarrel with Justice McCarthy, and the Marquis of Salisbury has been appointed Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, in place of the Marquis of Dufferin, resigned.

The Lokai Anisger says that Prince Lobanoff, of Bessarabia, has been invited for foreign affairs, upon his recent visit to Emperor William at the latter's shooting box at Hubertook, informed his majesty that it was the earnest wish of the Czar to meet and converse with Emperor William and Emperor Francis Joseph after his coronation.

Cairo, Oct. 22 - At Elmezouh and in its vicinity, on Sunday and Monday, there were 30 new cases of cholera, and 12 deaths from the disease.

Paris, Oct. 22 - There was a funeral service, with much music celebrated, at noon to-day at the church of St. Ferdinand des Terres, for the repose of the soul of the late John W. Mackay, Jr., and the remains were conveyed to the crypt of the church of St. Augustine, where they will remain pending transportation. The body will be taken to the United States next week.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 22 - A dispatch to the New York press from Vladivostok says: The Japanese ports of Shimonsu, Kokoichi, Tokio, Sendai, Amomaria and Otaru will shortly be opened to commercial trade.

Hong Kong, Oct. 22 - The Black Flag chief, who has been holding Tin Wan Pa, the Chinese capital in Formosa, against the Japanese forces, has died, and it is expected his followers will now lay down their arms. The Japanese will probably occupy Anching to-day.

MOURNING FOR THE DEAD.

The Body of John W. Mackay, Jr. Given a French Mourning.

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The Duke was notified of the arrival of the wedding presents, and was requested to call and pay the duty and take the pretty trifles away. He did not respond, but to-day Mr. Fraser, the British consul, called on Col. Phelps and secured permission to return the glittering baubles to the senders in Europe, as the Duke did not care to pay duty thereon.

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London, Oct. 23.—In view of the many reports in circulation regarding the attitude of Great Britain towards Venezuela...

A BUBAGOO.

It the Bane of Communities. Professor Goldwin the Times, says: Bane of all Ages...

MARKETS.

Table with market prices for various goods like flour, sugar, and other commodities.

ROYAL Baking Powder. Highest of all in leavening strength.—U. S. Government Report.

A WHATCOMB EDITOR SUICIDES.

F. H. Adams Shoots Himself While in a Dependent State.

St. Paul, Oct. 23.—Frederick H. Adams, of Whatcomb, committed suicide this morning.

THEIR GENEROUS POLICY.

The C. P. R. Taking Wheat in Payment for Land—Liberal Victory.

Winnipeg, Oct. 23.—The plan adopted by the C. P. R. land department of taking wheat in payment for land is working most satisfactorily...

A NEW CANADIAN RIVER.

It is Discovered by Dr. Bell's Geological Survey Party.

Ottawa, Oct. 16.—A river larger than any other stream in the province of Quebec, an unlimited area of timber lands, an unknown country suitable for agricultural purposes...

GOOD NEWS FOR SEALERS.

Frost in London Raises Prices—Bank of England Statement.

FRENCH NAVY ESTIMATES.

Deputies Refuse to Vote the Enormous Sum Asked for.

Paris, Oct. 23.—The budget committee today rejected all the credits asked by Admiral Besnard...

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The San Francisco Evening Post Assumes the Duty of Judge and Jury

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Argument for Prosecution Opened Strongly for a Verdict of Guilty.

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London, Oct. 23.—The Times this morning publishes a letter from Prof. Goldwin Smith, dated Toronto, Oct. 10, referring to the Sackville West pamphlet.

LAURIER'S TRIUMPHANT TOUR

Liberal and Conservative Alike Enthusiastic—Canadian Notes.

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FRANCE'S BRAZILIAN AFFAIR.

Trouble Brewing—French Soldiers Return—Sedition Among Turks.

Paris, Oct. 24.—The Politique Coloniale, referring to the dispute as to the Amagay territory between France and Brazil, says Governor Cabril is fortifying Amagay, establishing entrenched camps and shooting those who resist.

NOTES FROM THE SEAT OF WAR.

The Cuban Insurrectionists Keep the Spanish at Work.

Havana, Oct. 24.—A skirmish has taken place at Palmira, province of Santa Clara, between a detachment of 33 infantry soldiers, commanded by Lieut. Barrios, and a band of 20 insurgents.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

During the vacation several much-needed improvements have been made in the interior arrangements of the court house.

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Seattle, Wash., Oct. 24.—The agitation of the Alaska boundary survey question has been taken up bodily by the American residents of Juneau, and a move is now being made at that place to form a boundary club to keep the people and the government fully alive to the danger of losing the invaluable Yukon mines.

As already indicated, the war cry, "Ten marine leagues or fight," is being sounded. The situation is given by G. B. Sineheart, editor of the Alaska Mining Record at Juneau, who is now in this city.

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Like R. S. White, There is no Reason Yet Announced for the Step.

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Ottawa, Oct. 24.—It is practically settled that the government will send an exploratory expedition to Hudson's Bay next summer. It will be under the joint auspices of the fisheries, interior and customs departments.

FRANCE'S BRAZILIAN AFFAIR.

Trouble Brewing—French Soldiers Return—Sedition Among Turks.

Paris, Oct. 24.—The Politique Coloniale, referring to the dispute as to the Amagay territory between France and Brazil, says Governor Cabril is fortifying Amagay, establishing entrenched camps and shooting those who resist.

NOTES FROM THE SEAT OF WAR.

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LITIGATION IS THREATENED

If the Council Persists in Its Determination to Destroy a Building.

Council Finally Decide to Erect a Fire Hall on Clarke's site, Oakland.

A lot of business was disposed of in a meeting of the board of aldermen, Mayor Teague presided, and with the exception of Ald. Williams, the full board was present.

The first business taken up was the case of Drake, Jackson & Helmecken regarding the claim of George Bridges, injuries received while driving the water sprinkler. Bridges was offered \$200 but claimed \$1250.

Ald. Humphrey did not think the city responsible. Bridges was not to sue for the corporation. It was through charity that he had agreed to offer him \$500.

Mayor Teague said the city barrister had advised that the city was not responsible but recommended that \$400 be offered.

The matter was left in the hands of the mayor and street committee.

Messrs. Drake, Jackson & Helmecken wrote regarding the action of the council in condemning a stable on Broad street. They requested that no further action be taken and intimated that if further action was taken there would be litigation. The firm wrote on behalf of the tenant. In a second letter they notified the council that if the building was destroyed the corporation would be responsible.

Ald. Macmillan explained that Mr. Pemberton, the owner, was quite willing to have the building removed. Messrs. Drake, Jackson & Helmecken seemed to see sight of the fact that the building had been condemned as a nuisance.

Ald. Partridge did not think the council should be arbitrary. He was of opinion that a building for which rent was being received should be allowed to stand.

Ald. Macmillan could not see why a nuisance should be allowed to stand simply because it was rented.

The matter was referred to the sanitary officer and city barrister.

A. W. Jones, on behalf of the Finlayson estate, complained of a drain on Pembroke street. Referred to the street committee.

Mr. C. E. Renouf, hon. secretary of the B. C. Agricultural and Industrial Association, wrote asking the corporation to make good a deficit of \$172.13 in tax assessed in connection with the recent exhibition.

On motion of Ald. Hall, seconded by Ald. Partridge, the matter was referred to the finance committee, to grant the request if there are any funds.

In connection with the Ald. Macmillan requested that the finance committee furnish the council with a statement of the amount appropriated for exhibition purposes, including interest and sinking fund on the loan, during the year. He believed the amount would total \$5000.

Heisterman & Co. put in a claim of \$35 for a plate glass window broken by a corporation employe. The glass was insured in a company for which Heisterman & Co. are the agents.

Ald. Macmillan said the glass was simply marked and he thought the claim was excessive.

Ald. Wilson said the claim was ridiculous. The glass was insured against accident and being accidentally broken the insurance company must replace it. He did not know what the city had to do with it.

The letter was referred to the street committee.

Ensign Patterson thanked the council for supplying light for the Cavalry Army shelter and asked that they be allowed light up to the 15th instant, after which time they would endeavor to pay for it. Referred to the market committee.

William Dick applied for the position of assistant at the electric light station. Laid on the table.

Robert Flows re the retention of 25 per cent. of the contract price for a crossing for six months after its completion, asked that he be released from this clause in the contract, as he wished to leave the city. Referred to the street committee.

W. J. Ledingham complained of the manner in which the specifications for the fire department exercise wagon were drawn up.

Ald. Wilson referred to the communication of a covenant on Mr. Ledingham should have complained before the contract was awarded.

Ald. Partridge said the fire wardens would have been glad to receive any suggestions from Mr. Ledingham before the time for receiving tenders had expired.

The letter was filed.

W. B. C. Mewburn offered to erect a small building on his property on Lansdowne road for fire department apparatus, and allow the city to use it for five years at a nominal rental of \$1 a year. Referred to the fire wardens.

H. F. Heisterman & Co. complained of a drain from the P. O. Home which runs through Hillside avenue into cow pastures. The statement was made that there were a number of scarlet fever cases in the home.

Ald. Macmillan said the engineer had drawn plans for a drain to carry off the sewage.

Mayor Teague visited the home yesterday and found the state of affairs to be very serious. The drain on the ground was in a filthy condition. There was no truth in the statement that there were fever cases in the home. The directors were willing to do anything in their power to abate the nuisance.

Ald. Macmillan considered it a very serious matter for a man to make a false statement such as was made in Mr. Heisterman's letter. He should have found out the facts before writing the letter.

The matter was referred to the mayor, street committee and city engineer.

Ald. Partridge drew attention to the necessity of an electric light at the Victoria & Sidney railway station.

The water committee reported as follows: Victoria, Oct. 21, 1895. His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen: I beg to transmit for your information plans and specifications of the proposed improvement of the basin between the cofferdam and the new filter beds, the cost of which is estimated by Mr. Jorgensen at \$4,446.80.

All the men engaged in clearing the margins of the lake have been discharged, with the exception of three men working the stump machine, one blowing up the large stumps and two burning them after extraction. On the east side of the lake the margin has been timbered as far as the boundary of the city property, and on the west side as far as the narrows. There are still a number of stumps to be taken out, especially on the island, and the present open weather and low stage of the water present a favorable opportunity for doing this work that may not occur again. I would therefore ask that the stump machine and six men be kept on until this work is finished. It would be a great pity to leave it in a half-completed state. An appropriation of \$750 will be sufficient for the purpose.

I beg to report that the sum of \$8000 has been paid to Messrs. Walkley, King & Casey on account of their contract for the new filter beds, and \$3500 on September 4, and \$2500 on October 21. I am, dear sirs, Yours truly, RAYMUE, Water Commissioner.

The water committee was empowered to continue the work of clearing around the lake and the other matters referred to in the report were laid over until Thursday afternoon, when a special meeting will be held.

Chief Engineer Wilmut reported as follows on questions referred to him: Victoria, Oct. 19th, 1895.

To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen: I have the honor to submit the following report on the several subjects mentioned, which were referred to me.

Re extension of box drain on Cadboro Bay road, from end of existing box drain, opposite Mr. Pearce's gate to Richmond road, distance about 1000 feet, estimated cost, including some rock excavation, \$350. If artificial pipe were used in the wooden box, the estimated cost would be \$700.

Re construction of drain to divert water from passing through culvert on Belmont avenue, along Belmont avenue to Pembroke street, about 125 feet, total distance about 325 feet; estimated cost, \$316.

Re encroachment of barn, lot 1008, on Toronto street. Barn encroaches on street 2 feet 4 1/2 inches; fence in front of barn encroaches 4 feet on street.

Respectfully submitted, E. A. WILMOT, City Engineer.

Referring to the drain on the Cadboro Bay road, Ald. Macmillan thought it would be better to let it remain as it is, than it would be to run a box drain to Richmond road and turn the sewage loose there. There were more residents, he contended, around Richmond road than there were opposite the place where the drain now empties.

Ald. Bragg thought the only way to deal with the matter was to build a sewer to the sea. By doing this they would settle the hospital sewage question at the same time.

Ald. Macmillan said the question of running a sewer to the sea had been gone into early in the year. It would cause a nuisance at Oak Bay. The only way was to connect with the regular sewerage system. The estimated cost of doing this was \$40,000.

The report was referred to the street committee.

N. Shakespeare and others petitioned for a right of way through the property owned by the city in Lake district. The government had promised to construct a road from Cordova Bay to the Saanich road if the right of way was obtained. Referred to the water committee to report.

The finance committee presented their usual report. Among the items was one for \$16 for registering the deeds of the property purchased from Mr. Bechtel, the price of which was \$30.

Ald. Macmillan took exception to this. In the first place it was understood that Mr. Bechtel was to pay all the charges, and anyway the charge was excessive. This matter will be looked into.

The fire wardens reported that they had decided to proceed with the erection of a small fire hall on the Clarke site, Oakland, and recommended that the city barrister be instructed to draw up an agreement between the city and the owners of the property. They also reported that they had inquired into the matter of W. Duncan and found that the chief's order was as often complied with by Mr. Duncan and that the grievance, if any, was very trivial. The contract for the exercise wagon had been awarded to J. Weston for \$272.

Ald. Macmillan suggested that the proposition to build on the Clarke site be laid over until the wardens had reported on the Mewburn offer.

Ald. Wilson said the wardens had already reported against the Mewburn site.

Ald. Macmillan pointed out that Mr. Mewburn had just submitted a new proposition, and it should be considered. If the building was erected on the Mewburn property it would cost but \$5 for five years, while the wardens proposed to spend \$150 on a building on the Clarke site, which at the end of five years, would either have to be removed or would revert to the owner.

Ald. Hall favored the Mewburn site. It was more centrally located and would not cost the city anything.

Ald. Humphrey considered that it would be throwing money away to build on the Clarke site when Mr. Mewburn had offered to erect a building free of charge. It was a very queer thing to do, considering the fact that residents in all parts of the city were asking for improvements.

Ald. Partridge said the council had some time ago decided on the Clarke site and the fire wardens were determined to have the building erected there.

Ald. Wilson contended that there would be no volunteer brigade if the Mewburn proposition was accepted.

All Macmillan contended that more men would go to the Mewburn hall than to the other.

The report was finally adopted. Ald. Partridge, Wilson, Bragg and McLellan voting aye and Ald. Macmillan, Humphrey and Hall voting no.

The street committee recommended that the material delivered for a sidewalk on Kingston street be utilized for the purpose of laying a six-foot sidewalk on Rupert street, unless the property owners on Kingston street move their fences back to the proper street line within one week. The committee also reported that there were no funds for building a sidewalk on Stanley avenue.

The report was adopted and the council adjourned until Thursday evening.

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Vancouver Letter.

Vancouver, Oct. 21.—With even more than its usual show of insincerity, the News-Advertiser has attacked in a long editorial article the views expressed in this correspondence regarding the propriety of allowing Deadman's Island to be used for the purpose of a marine railway. "Probably, however," says the paper mentioned, "the management of our Victoria contemporary has not noticed the use that is being made of its columns to 'boom' a project which is directly at variance with the policy that the Times has always advocated—the abandonment of the public domain for the benefit of speculators." The importance of the reference to the Times' management in the sentence quoted may be allowed to pass as characteristic of the paper guilty of it; but the untruth that the sentence contains must be noticed. There is no proposal to give Deadman's Island away to "speculators." The grant is made for the specific purpose of the erection of a marine railway on the island, which is so small in area that there is not more space than will be needed for the accommodation of the enterprise. It is apparent, therefore, that any idea of land speculation in this matter is quite nonsensical. The Times, according to your correspondent's reading, has always been favorable to nothing but the provincial lands to people who want to make use of it, either for agriculture or for any other industrial enterprise. The News-Advertiser, also, has always advocated this course,—indeed it has made a hobby of it,—and nothing but a failure to achieve personal advantage for itself (or its friends, which amounts to the same thing) could have intervened to permit that paper to make the pitiful exhibition of itself which it does in this matter. In the course of the article now in question, the News-Advertiser speaks of the enterprise and its promoters as the "audacious scheme" of a set of "speculators" who are "not practical or shrewd business men, and a few sentences further on complains that it has been kept in ignorance of who the men are! Could there be anything more ridiculous? But the paper, with the most apparent insincerity, concludes by basing all its opposition to the enterprise on the ground that it would alienate from the city a piece of ground valuable for park purposes. Stanley Park, to which Deadman's Island is adjacent, is so large that in fifty years, it is safe to say, not half of it will be utilized for park purposes, and if the city were twenty times as large as it is now, there would still be ample room for the recreations of the people. Your correspondent has spoken to numbers of the best citizens of Vancouver regarding this matter, and not one of them has anything else but a laugh of derision to offer as his comment on the position assumed by the News-Advertiser, whose insincerity, as has been said, is apparent to everybody.

The Liberal Association of Vancouver, it is learned, is shortly to hold a meeting for the purpose of inaugurating the preparatory work for the coming election. In this connection, the view is expressed that something should be done in the way of organizing a provincial organization if there is to be any harmony of action between the various constituencies in the conduct of the election. This step is absolutely necessary. It would not be difficult to get together a convention of representatives from every riding in the province, and with the organization made on general lines, the party would undoubtedly be greatly strengthened in the coming fight.

The Nationalist party of this city held its first meeting in its new quarters in the old free library hall last Friday night. This party is extreme radical. It goes in for land nationalization, woman's suffrage, the initiative and referendum, and the right of property for municipal representation and others of the more advanced political ideas. The association is indeed socialist. The meeting last Friday night was well attended, the hall being completely filled in general, with the exception of a sprinkling of workingmen, amongst them being a sprinkling of ladies. The speaking was spirited and the enthusiasm of the audience was always manifest. Mr. Macpherson, M.P.P., opened the debate with a capital paper dealing in general with the objects of the association. The meetings are to be held weekly during the winter, and a feature hereafter is to be the introduction of vocal and instrumental music.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union of this city, your correspondent is informed, has decided to adopt, in connection with the institution of the proposed Women's Home here, practically the suggestions thrown out in this correspondence, and has already agreed that anything having the flavor of a charity would be fatal to the institution, and to place it on a distinctly business footing is now the effort to be made. Assuredly the joint stock idea is the best one, because it will limit the liability, and at the same time enable the promoters to appeal to the public for subscriptions of stock in a far stronger and more self-confident and self-reliant way than could be done in an appeal for a subscription of funds for simply benevolent or charitable purposes. Every one will wish the ladies success in their enterprise, for the institution should serve a most useful purpose here.

RISMUSSEN RAN TOO SOON. He Thought He Had Killed a Careful of Passengers.

Chicago, Oct. 22.—Somewhere in this city, a man named Rismussen, in an effort to hide in fear, believing himself to be responsible for the death of a score of innocent trolley car passengers. Last night he ran a crowded Western avenue electric car into a moving O. P. & Q. train at Eighteenth street crossing. The collision occurred while the street car was making 15 miles an hour. Rismussen, who is an experienced motorist, jumped out of the car and ran. Hearing the noise of the collision, he pulled his hand over his eyes and saw the supposed wounded and dying passengers, and fled at his utmost speed, leaving the passengers to be rescued by the fire department. Rismussen, however, he would have learned that the passengers escaped injury by tumbling out of the car and there is a tendency to ward pneumonia. For sale by all druggists. Langley & Co., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

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A COMPREHENSIVE CLAIM.

Salisbury's Note a Final Insistence of British Sovereignty Over Disputed Territory.

London Papers Discuss the Venezuelan Question from Various Points of View.

Washington, Oct. 22.—Officials of diplomatic corps who are in a position to speak with full understanding and authority on the Venezuelan question, upon a careful reading of the official statement of the British foreign office, say that it is a decisive rejection of the claims made by the Venezuelans and a negative answer to the requests of the United States that the subject be submitted to arbitration. The essential feature of the foreign office statement pointed out that Great Britain will not permit Venezuela to overstep the line made by the Amazon and Orinoco rivers in the Shumburg line, and includes all territory on the south bank and the mouth of the Orinoco river.

The British already occupy the north bank, so that the official assertion of this claim to the south bank gives them the entire entrance to the great waterway of South America. Included also within the line of the two rivers is a large part—probably one-half—of the track recently granted by Venezuela to the United States syndicate under the foregoing circumstances, the statement of the foreign office is said to sweep aside all basis of compromise or arbitration, such as the United States government has urged, and to be a final position in their interpretation of the essential territory at issue covering and commanding the south bank of the Orinoco.

London, Oct. 22.—The Times says this morning in an editorial, "Some of our American friends have been too prejudiced in their interpretation of a report that the Marquis of Salisbury had sent an ultimatum to Venezuela. Lord Salisbury's dispatch had to be sent through Berlin. The tenor was not such as to raise the questions which a portion of the American press seems so anxious to discuss. The claim that the right bank of the Orinoco river belongs to them does not justify the Venezuelan government in an attack upon the British policy. Until their violent act is atoned for, and an ample apology made, they are in the position of having suddenly removed the dispute from the sphere of diplomacy and challenged its settlement by force. Whether they count on enjoying immunity on account of the distance of the scene of action from Georgetown, or whether, like other weak states, they presume upon their insignificance to do things no great power would attempt, it is time the Caracas politicians were taught a salutary lesson."

The Chronicle this morning publishes an interview with United States Ambassador Bayard, in which the latter is quoted as saying that he had only very general ideas of the latest phase of the Venezuelan trouble, except what he had gathered from the newspapers. His latest mission was an endeavor of the friendlier character to arrange for a resumption of the Venezuelan frontier negotiations.

Lord Salisbury has listened to the arguments in the best spirit. The delay of Lord Salisbury's reply was doubtless due to the latter's holiday and to the subsequent occupation of the foreign office. The many disputes of the United States with Venezuela had already been amicably arranged by a board of conciliation, and Mr. Bayard said he did not see why the same method should not be adopted as between England and Venezuela. Lord Salisbury's demand for reparation, he added, was

quite outside his mission in the affair. The Daily News, Liberal, in an editorial, says: "It is little credit to diplomacy that the Venezuelan question should be so long unsettled. The successive British administrations have not been perfectly consistent with themselves or with each other. The most serious aspect of the question is to be found in the United States, and the dispute will need to be arranged with the greatest tact and temper on both sides, especially as there is a similar difficulty with regard to Trinidad. In each case we shall have to consider public sentiment in the United States and to set an example of moderation and self-control."

The Chronicle, Liberal, says editorially: "We are very much obliged at America's efforts at conciliation in the Venezuelan affair, but the offer would come with more grace if she would pay the Behring sea indemnity in accordance with the Paris award. While we hope that Mr. Bayard and Lord Salisbury will come together, it is evident that America has no footing beyond that of a powerful neighbor."

The Morning Post, Conservative, says, in an editorial, that it expects that America will send a squadron to certain American waters, but that it certainly will not fight on behalf of Venezuela. There is no doubt, the Post says, that the American attitude will be the same as with Nicaragua.

Paris, Oct. 22.—Le Soir, speaking of the Venezuelan question, says: "There is a tendency on the part of America to abuse the Monroe doctrine. England is right, and France will be compelled to imitate her in order to secure an equitable settlement of several questions."

Hull, N.S., Oct. 22.—The British warships Bunsen and Cleopatra arrived yesterday from St. John's, Nfld., and joined the flagship Crescent, the only other ship in port. The other men-of-war connected with the North American and West Indian squadrons are cruising in Canada and British West Indian waters, but in case they are needed to proceed to Venezuela, as has been indicated, they could be communicated with easily. Commodore Howe came from Newfoundland in the Cleopatra.

MANY VESSELS LOST. Underwriters Greatly Alarmed Over the Continual Losses.

San Francisco, Oct. 22.—The English underwriters have become panic-stricken in consequence of the recent fires on coal laden ships and as a result a large business is being done in this city in re-insurance. Four ships on the way from Europe for San Francisco have been re-insured at the rate of from 20 to 25 per cent. The strangest feature about the business is that none of the vessels are yet due. The loss of the British ship Europa, bound from Leith for San Francisco, determined the underwriters' course of action. They began quietly unloading on those vessels bound from Glasgow, Liverpool and Cardiff, and when news was received that the Parthia had been abandoned at sea, the insurance men made haste to get from under. Of the coal laden vessels coming here, 20 per cent have been offered for re-insurance on the Nordlyset and Cassaba, bound for Glasgow; 10 per cent on the William F. Babcock, from Liverpool, and the Duchess Anne, from Hull. The Nordlyset is only 120 days out and the Cassaba but 78. The Babcock is 104 days out and the Duchess 86. Such a state of affairs is almost without precedent, and it was not brought about by the loss of the Europa and Parthia alone. The abandonment of these two vessels was the culmination of a long list of disasters to coal ships bound from Europe for the west coast, which extends back only as far as June. The Parthia makes the eighth vessel which has been abandoned in mid ocean in the past four months. Besides these, nine vessels have been on fire.

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THE CANADIAN COPYRIGHT.

Herbert Spencer Discusses the Question—The Times' View of it.

London, Oct. 22.—Herbert Spencer writes a long letter to the Times this morning on the Canadian copyright question, in the course of which he indicates an important issue which has been entirely ignored, namely, that the multiplication of the centres of production prevents the writing of many books that would otherwise be written. This does not much affect the works of amusement but the works of instruction. It often weighs with fatal effect, not killing, but preventing their birth. The exaction of a condition, Mr. Spencer goes on to say, that books must be printed in America, is a serious evil in the American Copyright Act and would be increased of Canada and other countries were to succeed in enforcing a similar stipulation on British authors.

"In my own case," Mr. Spencer says, "had I not obtained a sale in America without reprinting there, the works which have occupied me since 1860, would never have been written."

"The Times has an editorial commenting on the foregoing, in which it says that it trusts the controversy will be settled by the commanding influence of common sense on both sides, and appeals to Canada, whether it is fair or wise to push its pretensions to the utmost. If Canada is to have a separate law, the Times points every British colony may claim the same power, which would prove ruinous to authors."

WATER SUPPLY SPOILED. Residents of Colquitz District Enter a Complaint.

There are prospects of the city having some more trouble with its residents along the line of the Colquitz river. This river has its source at Elk lake and empties into Victoria Arm. Farmers and other residents along its banks rely upon the stream for their supply of water. Since the work of pumping the mud out of the lake was commenced the water in the stream has been unfit for use, being discolored by the mud. The residents along the stream say they have, in consequence been forced to carry their water from other places, unless they are fortunate enough to have wells which contain water all the year round. Some of them have to cart their water quite a distance.

They intend, if possible, to put a stop to this, and for that purpose have called a meeting to be held in Colquitz Hall on Friday evening. The Mayor and water commissioner will be invited to attend and an attempt will be made to devise some scheme to restore to the residents of the district the water supply to which they consider they are entitled.

Mr. M. King, one of the contractors for the improvements at the lake states that no mud is turned down the stream. When the work was first commenced some was turned into the stream but as soon as the residents complained this was stopped.

HALL CAINE ON COPYRIGHT.

Points Out Some of the Disadvantages in the Law.

Toronto, Oct. 23.—Hall Caine was interviewed at the Queen's hotel to-day, and said that certain works of his had to be rushed along to get American copyright and consequently were materially different from English works. In some of the books, publishers had added entire phrases; over those he had no control and could not have changed. He intends to call attention to the fact when he reports on the copyright question.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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From our own correspondent. Nanaimo, Oct. 22.—Ald. Davison succeeded last evening at the council meeting in getting the returning officer's report on the waterworks purchase by-law, struck out on the ground that the election was void, owing to the neglect of the returning officer to post the necessary notices in the different wards.

Mr. Cameron of the City Express Company, speaking of the gold deposits at Alberni, says he is so confident of the future of that district that he intends to open a stage line between Nanaimo and Alberni.

By request of the bishop, the proposed amalgamation of St. Paul's and St. Alban's was not brought up at the synod on Saturday. It was intimated by him that a petition from the church members of St. Paul's would receive his consideration.

The ship Peter Jensen, which arrived here on Saturday evening, left again at 2 o'clock yesterday with 4,500 tons of New Vancouver coal.

Notice was received on Wednesday that the cash payment of \$40,000 had been made on the purchase of the Aspinwall interest in the Kootenay valley on the thirty day option taken from Mr. Aspinwall by Messrs. Mason, Hoge and McKinney of the Trail Mining Company, when they were here in September.

On Friday last the ladies of this place and Kuper Island had a surprise party at the house of H. E. Donald, whose wife is visiting here.

His Lordship Bishop Perrin held service in the church at the river on Sunday morning, and in the evening at St. Michael and St. Angela's.

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G. A. Bigelow is out at Spokane purchasing material for the Nelson Electric Light Company's projected extensions and improvements.

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STORY OF THE SHOOTING

Preliminary Hearing of William Farrell Commenced in Police Court To-day.

Snapped the Pistol at Two Persons Before George Douglas Was Shot.

The preliminary hearing of William Farrell, charged with wounding George Douglas at the American Hotel on the night of Friday, Oct. 11, was commenced in police court this morning before Magistrate Macrae. J. P. Wall appeared for the defense and Chief Sneyd for the crown.

Mrs. May Fox, the proprietress of the house, was the first witness. She gave the name and number of her place, said her occupation was proprietress of a lodging house, recognized the accused.

The court informed the witness that she was bound under the new code to answer every question put to her, even if it incriminated her.

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HIS REASONS FOR RETIRING

Mr. Rose, by His Challenge, Meant No Reflection on Lord Dunraven's Conduct.

Probability of a Fight, After All—Fitz Invites the World-Chess Challenge.

THE RING. BOB IS WILLING. Little Rock, Ark., Oct. 22.—The Supreme court was filled with lawyers and prominent citizens to-day for the hearing of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons case. Arguments were made by Attorney-General Kinsworthy and Judge Hemmingsway for the state, and by Martin for the Florida Athletic Club. The constitutionality of the law of 1891 was in question, whether prize fighting is an assault, and the sentence of a year in prison and the fine of \$1000. Judge Hemmingsway asked that Corbett be held in arrest until the matter be decided. The court adjourned till to-morrow.

Austin, Texas, Oct. 23.—The Travis county grand jury made their findings to-day. They found no indictment against Corbett or Fitzsimmons for compounding a felony or for any other violation of the law.

Hot Springs, Ark., Oct. 23.—Martin Julian, Corbett's manager, has made public a statement in which he says: "Fitzsimmons, to-day, stands ready to carry out to the letter every word contained in the articles to which he signed his name. He wants to fight James J. Corbett, he wants to fight the club, and the stake of \$10,000 a side. If the Florida Athletic Club is unable or unwilling to carry out its part of the compact, in so far as the purse is concerned, then Fitzsimmons will, on October 31st, take Julia Corbett to any place within reach of both men, and then and there fight him to a finish for the \$10,000 a side stake, each man to select six men, and these only to be present at the fight. I do not care for mince matters. If Corbett and Fitzsimmons do not meet and fight on October 31st, it will be by no reason or fault of Fitzsimmons."

Hot Springs, Oct. 23.—William A. Brady, Corbett's manager, to-day made the following statement: "The action of Fitzsimmons to-day is no surprise to me. Fitzsimmons has never been sincere in his desire to meet Corbett. He has not sufficient nerve to face Corbett in a ring or anywhere else. He is not in Corbett's class as a pugilist or a man, and his every action in this whole matter is proved it. He has made the worst crawl on record, but he would rather do this than get the beating he knows he would have received if he had mustered up enough courage to meet Corbett in the ring. Corbett will pay more attention to Fitzsimmons and his bluffs and will probably retire from the ring."

The Hot Springs hotel owners, the holders of street railway stock, the merchants and the boys who sell newspapers, are all against the action of Fitzsimmons with Corbett's terms. There are some threats afoot of riding Martin Julian, Fitzsimmons' manager, out of town on a rail. The populace is up in arms, and Julian is clinging close to the confines of his room to avoid the mob.

The impression prevails in some quarters that Fitzsimmons may personally repudiate Julian's actions and fight. The proposition to have Maher take Fitzsimmons' corner against Corbett and to replace Maher with Choywick against Corbett is also said to be losing weight. Aside from this, the club declares its hands are washed of the whole matter. There is some talk of saving a vestige of the contemplated carnival by getting Dan McLeod and Ernest Roeder to get together and mix a wrestling match with a remote chance of pulling off the Maher-O'Donnell and Ryan-Smith fights as sideshows.

Dan Stuart, when interviewed to-night on what he calls the "duke" of Fitzsimmons, said: "Choywick is worth Mr. Fitzsimmons' while to fight on October 31st for the possible chance of winning \$10,000, it were infinitely better that he wait eleven days and swell his possible earnings to \$51,000. In all equity and fairness, and I omit that fact that he is entitled to some concessions, even though at a personal loss, I thought that Messrs. Julian and Fitzsimmons could defer the meeting for the period stated. To-day I stand ready to make good any proposition I ever made. Originally the men signed to meet any where the Florida Athletic club named after the first day of July. With this latitude, which pretty well embraces every point of the compass, why, then, I submit, do they not agree on a postponement of eleven short days?"

New York, Oct. 23.—At the Empire Athletic club at Maspeth the sports discussed the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight situation at length. Fitzsimmons had more friends, but the prevailing opinion was that the Australian was to blame. "I think it looks rather bad for Fitzsimmons," said John L. Sullivan, "although I really know nothing about the inside. Still, if the two men mean to fight, they could come to an agreement. There should be no quibbling if everything is on the level, and this makes it look bad for Fitz."

Hot Springs, Ark., Oct. 23.—While the big fight is formally being declared, there is still a hope in the native breast that Corbett and Fitzsimmons will come together in the foothills of the Ozark mountains. The situation is, of course, complicated. So far as its relation with the Florida Athletic Club are concerned, the heavyweight battle, under the original contract, which was subsequently amended at Dallas, is a thing of the past. In its stead has cropped up a proposition to sign new articles to fight for a purse not exceeding \$25,000, and have the battle here three weeks later than the date originally agreed upon. Corbett, it is known, favors this plan. While Julian insists on the full text and letter of the articles, both as to the date and purse, it is known here that Fitzsimmons will consent and agree to a deferment of the hostilities. It is also thought that

he will agree to a reduction of the original purse hung up by the club, and sign new articles. He recognizes the fact on the face of the recent developments that Corbett has already conceded himself in the best of it. To overcome this he must fight.

Julian's proposition now is to bring his man on to Hot Springs, on October 30, put his side bet of \$10,000 in the hands of Houseman, ask Corbett to do the same, and then allow Houseman to appoint time and place for the men to meet in private. If this plan fails, as it is likely, for Corbett insists on fighting in public unless Fitzsimmons increases his side bet to \$20,000. Vendig and Stuart think a deal is sure to ensue. They say that the men must meet, and that they will come together here. Just on what lines the conclusion is reached is not apparent, but the friends of the club and of the fighters here are sanguine of a favorable decision on the appeal to the Supreme court on Chancellor Leatherman's findings in the habeas corpus. One thing is settled, unless the men fight in private on October 31, the fight will be postponed and a subsequent meeting arranged under the new offer of the club of \$25,000.

Corpus Christi, Tex., Oct. 23.—Fitzsimmons said this statement to an Associated Press reporter to-day: "You can say for me that I now challenge the world for a \$10,000 side bet and the championship in this or any other country. Furthermore, I will meet Corbett for the \$10,000 side bet and will let the gate receipts be given to charitable institutions in New York city."

Little Rock, Ark., Oct. 23.—The supreme court to-day rendered a decision in the Corbett case. Judge Leatherman's decision was reversed, and the prize fighting law sustained. Corbett was remanded back to the custody of the sheriff. Chief Justice Brennan, in delivering the opinion, severely criticized Chancellor Leatherman, saying he had no authority for his action.

YACHTING. ROSE HAS RETIRED. New York, Oct. 23.—Charles D. Rose has called the New York Yacht club withdrawing his challenge for the America's cup.

COAST IS CLEAR. London, Oct. 24.—Mr. Percy Theilsson, secretary of the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, replying to a dispatch sent in by the Associated Press this evening, telegraphed from Hyde, Isle Wight, saying that the Royal Victoria Yacht Club has no other challenge for the America's cup.

The Globe this afternoon says: There is little likelihood of another British challenger entering the list for a race in 1896. Lord Dunraven certainly will not do so until a course is provided where competitors will have fair play.

The Pall Mall Gazette this afternoon remarks: Mr. Rose has done right in withdrawing. Had he won the cup, it would forever have lost the international significance which now attaches to it. If the cup is to retain its significance for British yachtsmen, it must be sailed as Lord Dunraven demands, over an unobstructed course, and Lord Dunraven has unquestionably the first right to a match under such conditions.

THE FRESH SIR HIBBERT.

He Tries a Tilt With the Liberal Leader and Gets a Rather Bad Fall.

Hon. Mr. Laurier's Reception in South Leeds—Farmers Call for Freedom.

Delta, Oct. 16.—When Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper walked in his tent because he could not have his own way, and then cast about to make his peace with the custodians of the leaves and fishes at Ottawa, people smiled indulgently at his. Their generous expectations seem not to have been justified, for to-day he gave to the world another exhibition of the impulsiveness of youth, that reckoned not upon the consequences, with the result that the people in this part of the country acquainted with the circumstances are laughing at him. Mr. Laurier is very much delighted with Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper. The exhibition of his health as we were told by the surgeon, it has, in the first place, shown with what deep concern the government regards the triumph of the Liberal leader in the province of Ontario; it has, in the second place, given him in the exposure of official corruption at the capital; and, in the third place, it has presented Sir Charles in a most foolish light before the public. At Merrickville, Mr. Laurier, in exposing the steal of a million dollars from the treasury of the Dominion of Canada by the McGreevy-Connolly conspiracy, made the statement that there were convicts in the jails at Montreal and Toronto who were just as much entitled to their freedom on account of the state of their health as were McGreevy and Connolly, but the government would not interfere in their behalf because they had not sinned for the Conservative administration. Sir Charles in a high state of indignation, and in the presence of 140 words demanding that Mr. Laurier furnish him—and that promptly—with the names of these prisoners. Mr. Laurier, with not a little sarcasm, wired back advising him, "as a philanthropist, to investigate and report on the health of all prisoners who are affected by confinement. He added that these were all entitled to the same tender mercies as those extended by the government to Messrs. McGreevy and Connolly. Further, he said that he would be glad to furnish the names of the prisoners, but that he had asked for their names. Mr. Laurier said, was Legion.

A SPLENDID SUCCESS. It would be impossible to overstate the success of the demonstration at Delta to-day in honor of the leader. The meeting was held at a place which is historical in the political warfare of the country as the scene of the almost forgotten Beverley riots, and in a constituency which returns to parliament as uncompromising a Conservative as Mr. George Taylor, the chief government whip. The crowd was immense and the enthusiasm boundless. A special train of the Brockville & Westport railway brought Mr. Laurier and John McMillan, M.P., Mr. P. O'Brien, M.P., Mr. Thos. Bain, M.P., and Mr. Alex. Smith to Delta. Accompanying them were Messrs. O. K. Fraser, W. H. Frenenburg, ex-Ald. Downey, James Bissell, Geo. A. Dana, M.P.P., James Cummings, Rufus Brown, Geo. P. Graham, Superintendent Moneey, J. H. Fulford, W. P. Daley, J. W. Mann, W. Avery, Fred. Bates and W. Beacock.

At Lyn, the home of Mr. Cummings, there was a large crowd of people who cheered the leader. On board a special train, Mr. Laurier and Mr. McMillan, citizens of Lyn and Elizabethtown, Mr. H. E. McDonald presented him with an address, which read:

"On behalf of the citizens of Lyn and Elizabethtown we bid you a hearty welcome as a noble champion of the rights of the Liberals and the respect of all loyal Canadians. We thank you for elevating the tone of our Dominion politics and earnestly pray that you may long be spared to carry the message of truth and righteousness, and thus bring peace and prosperity to our beloved country." Two pretty little girls, Josephine Taylor, daughter of Mrs. C. O. Taylor, and Lily B. Brown, daughter of Mr. George Brown, presented Mr. Laurier with two beautiful bouquets, and received the usual graceful and appropriate acknowledgments.

At Athens the Citizens' band and a large crowd of people awaited the coming of the leader. The great assembly, many of the people came on to Delta to participate in the demonstration. Upon the arrival of the train at this place a procession, organized with the Athens and Lyndhurst bands, met the leader. Before it cleared off, Miss Clara Dehaut presented Mr. Laurier with a bouquet, and she, too, received a kiss for the favor. The town had decorated itself for the occasion, and the effect was very pretty. The main feature of the decoration was a triumphal arch, under which the procession passed on its way to the agricultural hall, where the meeting was held.

The chairman, Mr. W. P. Webster, of Westport, president of the South Leeds Reform Association, who presided in the unavoidable absence of Mayor Cowan of Ganaquo. On the platform there were, among others, Messrs. Thos. Sloan, H. Bywater, E. Lovrin, C. E. Boulton, Geo. A. Dana, M.P.P., R. G. Murphy, L. N. Phelps, Omer Brown, M. J. Connolly and R. Stevens.

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The M. M. Boyd Lumber Company, of Bobcaygeon, Ont., have purchased the Cowichan mill and the valuable timber limits connected therewith. Negotiations have been on for some time, but the deal has only just been completed. Mr. Boyd has been in the city for some weeks, and other gentlemen connected with him in the lumber business in the east have been here to look over the property and consider the conditions. The price paid is said to be between \$100,000 and \$150,000. For this the Boyd company get the Cowichan mill, erected a few years ago by Messrs. Hughtitt & McIntyre, which is now in splendid working order and capable of turning out 125,000 feet of lumber per diem. The machinery is all new and in good condition. There are 7059 acres of timber limits adjacent to the mill and eight million feet of logs in boom and ready for sawing. The sale was made through Messrs. D. Carmody and M. King, the loggers and lumbermen.

Mr. Boyd is no stranger to British Columbia. Like many other eastern lumbermen he sees that the timber limits are beginning to thin out, and for the same reason he had been looking westward. Two years ago he purchased through Mr. Carmody the Morris timber limits on the Nitinat river, containing some 10,000 acres. These limits or a part of them, adjoin the limits recently purchased, and the timber from most of it can be cut at the Cowichan mill. Thus the company have some 18,000 acres to draw their supply of timber from, which will last for generations.

The Cowichan lumber always found a ready market, and for a time the mill was kept busy turning out lumber for southern countries, but with the decline in trade Messrs. Hughtitt & McIntyre were crowded to the wall and the mill was closed. It will be re-opened by the new company just as soon as the trade will allow it, which means very soon, according to the opinion of lumbermen. Mr. William Gidley, of Bobcaygeon, who is at present in the city, will act as manager for the company. He has been with the company at Bobcaygeon for twenty years and thoroughly understands every branch of the business. As soon as everything is settled he will send for his family and make Victoria his home.

In conversation with a Times representative to-day Mr. Gidley said he could not say when the new mill would be opened, but he did not think the time was far distant. The timber limits in the east are getting pretty well worked out, and lumbermen are beginning to look ahead for places where timber is more plentiful. The action of the Boyd company in securing a large mill and timber limits on Vancouver Island is looked upon by lumbermen as the first move of a number of eastern mill men to locate in the west. During the past year several parties from the eastern provinces and Lake States have visited Washington and British Columbia, looking into the prospects for building or purchasing mills. They all told the same story of the decline of the eastern limits.

**SENT UP FOR TWO YEARS.**

George Garland, convicted of Stealing, Receives That Sentence.

George Garland was sent to the penitentiary for two years for stealing, by Magistrate Macrae this morning. He was summarily convicted at a trial held before Magistrate Macrae yesterday morning of stealing a pair of pearl earrings and a gold locket valued at \$25, from Kitty Gibson, alias Kitty Kelly. Sentence was deferred for a day to permit some private investigation upon the

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part of the judge. That evidently did no good to the accused, for beyond a prior conviction for theft it was shown that the young man was addicted to the use of opium and had been for six months. Garland's father had a conference with the magistrate this morning, and while he deeply felt the disgrace of his son, realized that perhaps confinement would break him of the opium habit. Garland took his sentence without a murmur and had nothing to say either after he was taken into the city jail. He will go to the New Westminster penitentiary on Friday. He is in the neighborhood of 20 years of age, and has lived here for many years.

**THE DATES FIXED.**

Hudson's Bay Company and Lampons Set Days for Sealskin Sales.

The big sales of sealskins at London will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 3rd and 4th, respectively. Lampon & Co. will hold their sale on the first day mentioned, and the Hudson Bay Company on the latter day. The local representatives of the Hudson's Bay Company received a cable directing from the London house this morning, and this afternoon Richard Hall received a telegram from Alfred Fraser, New York, representative of the Lampons. Last year the sales were held on Nov. 28th, having been postponed from October, the month which had been followed so long that the auctions became known as the October sales. It is quite probable now that the date around December 1st will always be followed, as the sealing season is made later by the new regulations.

The prospects of good prices are favorable. No skins have gone forward in several years past that have had the same prospects as those of this season, and the result of the sales is awaited with a keener interest than ever.

**SCHOONER ASHORE.**

The Leroy Somers Drifted Ashore Near Race Rocks Yesterday.

The schooner Lero, which came up the straits last evening, reported that the schooner Leroy Somers was ashore at Sooke harbor, Race Rocks. Capt. Keefe, of the Fawn, offered to send a tug from Victoria, but the mate of the Somers had already gone to Port Angeles and telegraphed to Port Townsend for a tug. The Wanderer left Victoria last night with orders to bring the Somers to Victoria for repairs if she was badly damaged. The Somers was bound from San Francisco to Seattle to load lumber. She drifted ashore at 2 o'clock yesterday morning at high water, in a calm and calm weather, but with a heavy ocean swell rolling in from the west. Capt. Olsen, using kedge anchors, hauled his vessel away from the most dangerous looking rocks. A telegram was received from Port Townsend this afternoon asking whether the Somers had arrived here. As she had not it is assumed that the Wanderer was unable to haul her off, or that Capt. Olsen decided to proceed up the Sound. The vessels that passed the race to-day were unable to see anything on account of the fog.

**DROPPED INTO OBSCURITY.**

The Cape Mudge Woman Mystery May Never be Unraveled.

The inquiry into the cause which led to the death of Sally, the Cape Mudge Indian woman, resulted in an open verdict. There was nothing in the evidence brought before the jury, which under Coroner Crompton, held two long sittings, and there was nothing else for the jury to do. All of the necessary witnesses, some of whom were for a time really suspected, were examined from the custody of the city police, and it begins to look as if the case will be gradually dropped and go into police annals as a mystery. When the Times went to press yesterday afternoon Joseph Ladelle was on the witness stand. He maintained stoutly that he had simply passed Sally on Saturday night at 9 o'clock, bidding her a greeting as she stood on the steps of her cabin at Herald street, and that he had remained at the house of Bridie Kazan from 9:30 o'clock until long after midnight. He was followed on the stand by Jackson Seaweed, a Cape Mudge half-breed who swore that he saw Ladelle and Sally together on Store street shortly after 11 o'clock that night. He was quite positive about it, and stuck to his story. The police, too, are inclined to believe him. They went to the woman's last night, but it was after Ladelle had seen her and she out Herodotus Mr. Herod. She was positive that Ladelle had been in her house from 8:30 o'clock that evening until long after midnight. Charley and Lambok were also released. There was absolutely no reason for holding the latter, but it would prove gratifying to the police to know why Charley swore he remained in bed until 1 o'clock Friday morning when, as a matter of fact, he was out early in the morning of that day.

None But Ayer's at the World's Fair. Ayer's Sarsaparilla enjoys the extraordinary distinction of having been the only blood purifier allowed on exhibit at the World's Fair, Chicago. Many manufacturers of other sarsaparillas sought by every means to obtain a showing of their goods, but they were all turned forbidding the entry of patent medicines and nostrums. The decision of the World's Fair authorities in favor of Ayer's Sarsaparilla was in effect as follows: Ayer's Sarsaparilla is not a patent medicine. It does not belong to the class of nostrums. It is here on its merits.

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**MR. DRAKE IS REGISTRAR.**

It is Stated That He Has Been Appointed. The official announcement of the appointment of Mr. B. H. T. Drake, as registrar of the Supreme court at Victoria, is understood will be made in the Official Gazette on Thursday evening. It was stated to-day that the order-in-council had already been passed and that Mr. Drake would take charge of the office immediately, the Supreme court vacation ending to-morrow.

**THE CHILCAT FLOATED.**

Alaska Freight Steamer Floated and on Her Way to the Sound.

The steamer Willapa arrived at Seattle yesterday from Alaska, having had an uneventful trip. Captain George Roberts came over from the Sound this morning. He reports that the steamer Chilcat, of Seattle, which went ashore in Tongas Narrows, Alaska, on September 28th, had been floated. She was being repaired, and it was expected that she would start on her trip south in a few days. When she ran ashore the Chilcat was on her way to Victoria for a load of salmon for Robert Ward & Company, Limited. She was partly submerged and her cargo had to be landed on the beach.

**THE BELGIC AFLOAT.**

Empress of Japan Arrived This Afternoon with That Report.

The Empress of Japan, Captain Geo. A. Lee, arrived at William Head quarantine station at 1:50 o'clock to-day. She was on her way crossing the Pacific and during the first four days of her voyage was in one of the worst storms ever encountered on the line. It was necessary to slow down. The day before the Empress left Yokohama the Pacific Mail steamship Belgic was successfully floated and docked at Yokohama. The extent of her damages had not at the time the Empress sailed been determined. Had she remained on the rocks for the storm the Empress would have been broken to pieces.

The Empress brings but little news. The feeling as to cholera is abating and the prospect of war with Russia engrosses attention. Among the passengers of the Empress was Van Bergen, a resident of Cebu, Philippine Islands, where he has been in business and has acted as British consul for 23 years; Captain Blaxland, R. N., transport commander; Dr. Don Sang, a Chinese doctor, who is going to the Philippines; Van Bergen is a New York business man who has been investigating trade conditions in Japan. The Empress left for Vancouver at 3:15 o'clock.

**AN ORIENTAL CORRESPONDENT.**

R. Van Bergen Here From Japan Organizing a Newspaper Syndicate.

R. Van Bergen, the well-known Oriental correspondent and writer, was among the arrivals by the steamship Victoria of the Northern Pacific line. He proceeded to Tacoma, from here after a short stay, and will go east and then to California. He places great importance in the organization of a big syndicate of newspapers for which he will write a series of letters on news and current topics. He has resided in Japan for many years and has just completed a tour of Ceylon and other parts of the East Indies and Borneo. He has studied eastern affairs with the interest of a student, and has a conception and grasp of them only equalled by few men. He is a firm believer in ultimate war between Japan and Russia. He places great importance in the mobilization of 100,000 troops at Vladivostok and the preparations for war by Japan in the very infancy of a new era of peace. In the event of war Mr. Van Bergen will again follow the Japanese army to the field of action, as he did in the recent trouble.

**DIPLOMAS PRESENTED.**

Marks of Honor Won at the Agricultural Exhibition Competition.

This afternoon at 3 o'clock, Mr. W. Marchant, school trustee, distributed the diplomas won by the successful pupils of the High School at the late competition of the Agricultural Association. Miss Bibbians Moore won the diploma given for the best writing and also for book keeping; Miss Rosemary Reid the diploma for composition, and Miss Elsie Cartmel for map drawing. In congratulating the pupils who had done so well, Mr. Marchant pointed out that the diploma values as a paper or a work of art, might be worth but little, but valued for the story it told—a story of hard work and painstaking care—it was almost invaluable. It was not merely the record of success at a competitive struggle, but the record that must be read between the lines of the diploma, of self-sacrifice and arduous toil. He ventured to say that the race between genius or talent and assiduous effort and labor would invariably be won by the worker, rather than the pupil of genius. In closing his remarks Mr. Marchant said he thought it was a pity that all the prizes were obtained by the girls, the boys, Mr. Paul, on behalf of the High School pupils and teachers, responded suitably, and referred to the fact that so little time could be given to the subjects competed for, (writing, composition, book keeping and map drawing) were of the greatest importance to every pupil whatever his future occupation might be. Three cheers by the pupils brought the interesting meeting to a close.

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**LOCAL NEWS.**

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

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Complaints have been made by captains of vessels arriving here late last week, that the fog horn at Race Rocks was not blowing regularly.

Henry Walsh, alias John Kelly, was convicted in police court this morning of an infraction of the act concerning the supplying of liquor to Indians. The magistrate ordered him to pay a fine of \$50 or go to jail for a month with hard labor.

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In the provincial police court this afternoon Magistrate Macrae dismissed the charge of assault laid against Capt. Sears, of the steamer R. P. Rithet, by James McArthur, late chief engineer of the steamer. In the opinion of the court the charge should have never been laid.

A meeting of the Natural History Society was held last evening in the legislative library. Rev. Canon Beaulieu read a paper, presenting a theory on the absence of blue eyes and light hair in the native American races. Mr. Hastings presented the society with a collection of photographs of Indian subjects, taken by himself, and the president reported the discovery of a new species of fish.

Hudson Bayley, a ship carpenter, was arrested this afternoon by Constable Carroll, and charged with having a bottle of liquor in his possession while on the Indian reserve. Bayley made frequent trips to the reserve, but the respectable manner in which he was dressed threw up any suspicion. Yesterday the officer was informed that Bayley was in the habit of supplying liquor to Indians, and upon searching him to-day found a bottle of the vilest kind of liquor.

The steamer Cariboo and Fly, recently purchased by Mr. Cunningham, the Skeena river cannier, leaves this evening for the north with a general cargo of passengers. A passenger, after her arrival on the Skeena she will be engaged for some time delivering lumber from the Skeena sawmill to settlements in the north. She will make occasional trips to Victoria, carrying both freight and passengers. Mr. Cunningham has been granted a limited passenger certificate.

Those farm lands in East Saanich that were so heavily flooded by the sea which broke the dyke, are not likely to suffer this year. A substantial dyke has been constructed near the Indian reservation, forming a good protection to the lands behind, while the various drains and levees that have been overhauled and renovated, so that the lands are amply provided with flood preventives. Last winter there were as many as four feet of water in these fields.

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George Garland virtually entered a plea of guilty to the charge of theft in police court this morning. The circumstances under which he stole the earrings and locket of Kitty Kelly, sometimes known as Kitty Kelly, were, however, gone into. Garland managed to get the jewelry without its absence being detected, and after securing it presented it to another fair lady, Miss May Williams, of Matham street. It was through the latter instance that the theft was discovered. The locket was not recovered and it is quite probable that had it turned up there would have been no complaint made to the police. The Gibson woman valued it very highly, as it contained the pictures of her parents. Magistrate Macrae convicted young Garland, who has already done one short term, and will pass sentence on him to-morrow.

From Wednesday's Daily. Hudson Bayley was arrested on the Songhees reserve yesterday with some whiskey in his possession. In the police court this morning he was, after conviction, fined \$50.

Officer McKenna arrived from Kamloops yesterday with the Chinese leper, who was discovered in that city. The Chinaman is almost helpless. His hands are shrivelled up and with several holes in them, while his head and face are badly swollen. He will be taken to Darcy Island to-morrow.

The remains of Sally, the Cape Mudge Indian woman, the cause of whose death the police spent several days trying to investigate, were interred yesterday. There was no one to claim the body, and it was buried at the public expense from Hayward's undertaking parlors.

Professor Carlyle of McGill University, Montreal, has been offered the position of provincial mineralogist. He was recommended by Dr. Dawson, director of the geological survey of Canada. The position was provided for by an act passed at the last session of the legislature. His duty will be to collect and disseminate mining information.

Isabel Worthington, only daughter of James Porter, died rather suddenly this morning of paralysis. The deceased was 53 years of age and a native of England. The funeral will take place from the residence of the father of the deceased, No. 15 Rock Bay avenue, at 2 o'clock on Friday afternoon, and half an hour later from St. John's church, where Rev. Percival Jenks will conduct services.

The remains of Low Ching, of the Wo Hop Co., Store street, who died on the 19th instant of valvular disease of the heart are to be embalmed and sent to the old home of the deceased in Canton, China. The body has been prepared for shipment at Hayward's, and will very likely be forwarded by the first direct steamer. The deceased was 54 years of age, and quite well known in Chinese business circles.

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