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TALES OF THE TOWN.

THERE is one lady in the city of Victoria who ought to be an actress, and she undoubtedly would be, and a successful one, too, were she not a loving and cherished wife, and did she not possess a beautiful home far more attractive to her than the allurements of stageland. But she cannot refrain from a little playful masquerading for the benefit of her immediate friends, and one of her histrionic feats was so clever that it can't be kept silent. She wanted to play a joke on her husband, and so told her maid to tell him when he came home late in the afternoon that she had to make some calls and would not be home until after 6. Then she combed back her hair, dressed herself like a Sister of Charity, with the white bandage about her face and black hood and vestments, and was ushered into the room where her husband was reading THE HOME JOURNAL, as a sister asking alms for the poor. Mr. —, well, his name is not necessary, received her politely, listened to her tale of woe, and entirely unsuspecting of the farce, was so touched that he gave her a dollar. With expressions of gratitude she turned to leave, but suddenly turned and said: "Pray pardon me for troubling you, my kind sir, but it is so dark, will you not kindly accompany me as far as my car?" He, of course, complied with the request, offered his arm, which was accepted, and after walking a block to the car line was about to place her aboard a car, when she looked up at him with a laugh, and he saw that he had been taken in, and that the solemn sister whom he had been treating with so much grave courtesy was none other than his own sweet little wife.

The new morning daily has been indulging in the luxury of a strike, or a walk-out, which, so far as the general knowledge of the public is concerned, amounts to about the same thing. In this respect, I believe, the News is more

enterprising than the Colonist, as I am told that under the present management of the latter paper, nothing approaching a strike has ever taken place. The general opinion is that the action of the News compositors was ill-advised, but some, who are thoroughly posted on composing-room ethics, admit that there was considerable method in their madness. I am not prepared to either uphold or condemn the strike; but my little experience has taught me that a manager of a newspaper is never a welcome visitor in the composing-room, and that much of the friction arising between the management and men would be avoided, if the employees of the "front" office would attend strictly to their own business. On the other hand, some of the printers concerned in this particular strike have forfeited the right to longer claim for their craft a monopoly of the intelligence of organized labor.

I heard a good story in the reading room of the Driard the other night of a Western clergyman, which I believe will stand repeating. It runs thus:—A clergyman, who in his younger days had on more than one occasion sat down to the green cloth, preached a sermon on card playing, and at its close he remarked:

"Will the brethren now in the house who know how to play poker please hold up their hands?"

He waited a minute and not a hand went up.

"I am very much obliged," he said then, "but I did not think so many of you knew how."

There was a sensation in the church, but the preacher concluded the services quietly, and afterwards a committee waited on him.

"We came to ask what you meant by saying that we all knew how to play poker, when in response to your inquiry not one of us responded," said the spokesman hotly.

The preacher laughed soothingly.

"Don't let your tempers get the better of you, brethren," he replied; "any

man who knows how to play poker isn't going to show his hand unless he is forced to, and you know it as well as I do."

The committee apologized and reported to the other members, and the preacher's salary was raised.

The British Columbia Board of Trade has appointed Mr. Robert Ward as its representative at the Trade Congress, to be held in London, England, in June next. The significance of this appointment will be apparent when it is stated that this Congress is looked forward to by the commercial world with an interest never before equalled.

In Mr. Ward, British Columbia will have a champion, thoroughly enthusiastic in his work, and posted on the vast and varied resources of the province. The benefits likely to result from this appointment must be apparent to all.

There are other questions which must come before this Congress—matters of interest to Canada as a whole—and Mr. Ward, with his illimitable fund of information on trade questions, will make his voice heard on all of them. It is impossible to ignore the very great increase in the amount of attention that is being devoted in all quarters to the question of the possibilities for Canada of increased trade with Great Britain. The press (both party and independent), newspapers, as well as trade and financial journals, are giving the subject great prominence in their columns, and the man who first succeeds in giving the scheme shape will find himself famous. There is a strong desire throughout all classes that trade with Great Britain should be cultivated in every way possible, and to the greatest possible extent, and the manner and the means of accomplishing this object could be dealt with more intelligently by the Trade Congress than in any other way.

The Toronto Mail has been particularly pronounced in its utterance on this subject recently, and its articles are

well worth perusal. The question is of course no easy one. Our manufacturing interests have to be conserved, for panic would seize on commercial circles if there were any danger of sudden change in our protective system; and then, again, there are considerations of revenue, imperative in their demands; but notwithstanding all these, there seem to exist no reasons whatever why practical steps should not be immediately taken to ascertain what there is in the project that would be of benefit and that would be practicable. Great Britain is an importer of vast quantities of agricultural products, and it is manifestly a matter of the greatest consequence to Canada that she should supply what Great Britain wants to the largest extent possible. Whether legislation can in any way aid in bringing about this result, or whether it can only proceed gradually from continuous efforts on the part of Canadian producers to lessen the cost of production and to suit their products to the market they seek, is a matter that the representatives at the Trade Congress would do well to consider.

Among the birthday honors of this year I learn that Canada will not be forgotten, as she apparently was last year. The veteran Premier of the Dominion will be included in the list to be submitted shortly by Lord Salisbury to Her Majesty. Mr. Abbott well deserves this high honor, for during his long life he has served his Queen and country well. He took the Premiership at a crucial period in Canada's history, and, despite his age, has moved with so much energy that his Government to-day stands stronger than a Conservative Government has stood for years. Mr. Abbott is a safe man, a good captain, and a devoted, patriotic statesman. The title of Knight Commander of the most distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George will be bestowed on worthy shoulders when it is conferred on him. On that question all Canada will agree. Mr. Abbott is a brother of Mr. Henry Abbott, superintendent of the Pacific division of the C. P. R., who is a resident of Vancouver.

A gentleman well known in Victoria banking circles, said to me the other day: "Every one may not know that the Bank of England notes are made

from new white linen cuttings—never from anything that has been worn." So carefully is the paper prepared that even the number of dips into the pulp made by each workman is registered on a dial by machinery, and the sheets are counted and booked to each person whose hands they pass. They are made at Laverstroke on the River Whit, in Hampshire, England, by a family named Pontal, descending from a French Huguenot refugee, and have been made by the same family for more than 150 years. They are printed within the building of the Bank of England, there being an elaborate arrangement for making them, so that each note of the same denomination shall differ in some particular from the other.

PERE GRINATOR.

VICTORIA BUSINESS INDEX.

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ENGLISH SOCIETY GOSSIP.

Since the famous announcement of the betrothal of Lady Burdett-Coutts to Ashmead Bartlett there has been no such cry of astonishment as is raised over the matrimonial arrangements of Sir Edwin Watkin and Mrs. Ingram, widow of the proprietor of the Illustrated London News. Sir Edward is seventy-three and Mrs. Ingram is eighty-three years old. Sir Edward Watkin lost his first wife some two years ago. She was the daughter of a prosperous manufacturer, Jonathan Miller, at Oldham. Her fortune enabled Sir Edward Watkin to jump from behind the counter in his father's dry-goods store into the fields of speculation, which have made him one of the most powerful railway magnates in England. His foundations for popularity rest mainly on his purchase of Snowdon, the highest mountain in his native Wales, and in his Channel tunnel scheme from Calais to Dover. He has converted even Gladstone to believe in this scheme, which is pressed in Parliament from year to year. A singular feature of this match is that Sir Edward has a son who is married to a daughter of Mrs. Ingram. The Ingram family make no concealment of their distaste to the alliance, because they consider that their mother is old enough to know better, and because she has a large fortune entirely at her own disposal, which they do not desire to see diverted from the family. Sir Edward has been breathing vengeance and threatening a libel suit against any one who suggests that it is not for the octogenarian lady herself that he has a regard but for her money. Several newspapers have already been obliged to apologize for insinuations in that direction.

Hundreds of people visited Christie's auction rooms, St. James, to view the famous Hargreave jewels, previous to their sale last Monday. In fact this has been a week of noted auction sales, which have been attended by agents for rich bidders not only here but in America.

Earl Granville's family silver brought astonishing prices. One dinner service, understood to be purchased for New York, sold for \$13 per ounce. As it was the intention of most of the purchasers for America to get their plate

in free of duty, it was impossible to obtain the names.

Even the Dowager Duchess of Marlborough has joined in the popular craze for auctions. She turned over to a firm of Bond street art dealers two famous candelabra which were heir-looms of the Blenheim estate, and for which high prices had been bid in advance, but the Earl of Abingdon obtained an injunction restraining the Duchess from selling these family treasures. The Bond street dealers have been instructed not to part with them pending legal proceedings.

The most important bric-a-brac sale of the week was the late Samson Wertheimer's collection, which attracted connoisseurs from all parts of the world. Wertheimer was the father of the young man who figured so conspicuously in Belle Bilton's amours. Wertheimer's career affords a striking illustration of how the possession of certain qualities may advance any man in the world. Sixty years ago, young Samson Wertheimer, a ragged, penniless boy, sought refuge in London to escape conscription. His life here began in a cellar in Leicester square. Afterwards he kept a little shop in Greek street, Soho, where his imitations of old metal mounts procured for him a commercial success. Finally he became proprietor of a shop in Bond street and the wealthiest bric-a-brac dealer in London. He never succeeded in learning to speak English accurately, nor could he either read or write, but his judgment as to works of art was supreme.

There is consternation among Britishers at the prospect of Anne Hathaway's cottage, at Stratford-on-Avon, being lugged off bodily to the Chicago Exhibition. It was publicly advertised for sale last week, and two of the biggest bids came from Americans who are anxious to take it to Chicago. The trustees of Shakespeare's birthplace have tried to raise money enough to buy the property, but, so far, their efforts have come to nothing.

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BOGUSBURG BUGLER BLASTS.

From the Bogusburg Bugler.

Each purchaser of a lot in Bogusburg is entitled to an interest in the Eiffel tower provided by Nature's leviathan upheaval.

The cargo of the last steamer consisted of 4 axes, 4 picks and a quantity of clay pipes. The captain, who is a strictly temperate and good-living man, reports that no "schooners" were seen during the trip.

Bogusburg offers unequalled advantages for the establishment of a Christmas tree industry. Intending purchasers of lots should remember that each householder will have a hundred or so Christmas trees with every 6-foot lot.

That Bogusburg is destined to become a great manufacturing centre, only those who have lots in the townsite and cannot dispose of them and those who do not want lots in the townsite, will doubt. There is a great opening for a snuff factory here. Tobacco can be imported from Victoria, and the machinery required to convert it into snuff would not cost much. The Indians in the vicinity have acquired the snuff habit, and the aboriginal proboscis yearns for the toxic drug, thanks to the civilizing influence of the missionaries.

The most fashionable assemblage that has ever been seen in Bogusburg was the one at the opening of the new opera house, last Saturday evening. The event has long been looked forward to in society circles, and every canoe and stone-boat arriving for the last three days brought its quota of visitors to our beautiful rock-skirted and brush-covered city. The ladies of the reservation came over, decked out in the latest Stronachville styles, and that they intend to tarry with us awhile is evident from the fact that they brought their knitting along.

But "the play's the thing wherein I'll catch the conscience of the king." "The Bogusburg Boom," as was stated last week, is a realistic drama in four acts. The curtain rises on a happy home in Bogusburg. An aged father (Jeremiah Capper by name, also profession,) has let his son down the rocks with a rope to the river side, to wash out enough gold to last over Sunday, for Jeremiah was a holy man and would not violate the Sabbath day with any manner of work, or any other day for that matter. The youth, not returning at the appointed time, causes his father much worry, and the old man takes the scaling-rope, which had been forgotten by the surveyors, in his hand, and proceeds to search for the missing lad. He finds Jack high up on the rocks with his arm around the waist of Pauline Pocahontas Mulligan, in whose veins was mingled the blood of Irish kings and that of Minne-yah-hoo, of the fourth dynasty. At this sight Jeremiah Capper was much wroth. "Sooner," he says, in a mild, yet determined tone of voice, "than see my son wedded to a Mulligan, I would sacrifice my title to a choice corner lot in Bogusburg. Thereupon Jack Capper, who was a proud-spirited boy, especially when there was nothing at stake, gave vent to his feelings in these words: "I will leave your house, proud sire; but mark ye, ye will live to regret the day when you made a sneak on me, and caused me to withdraw the half-Nelson-knot option I held on the waist of Pauline Mulligan!" Scene 1, Act 2, reveals Jack wandering alone through the long and crowded thoroughfares of the wicked city of Victoria. His money is all gone and he remembers also that his chewing tobacco is in the last stages of consumption. Then he thought of Pauline; but he was not by any means what you would call discouraged. Night was about to spread her diamond spangled mantle over the dens of iniquity which are said to do a fairly prosperous business in that great city. Passing along the crowded street he saw a kind-hearted old man, drop a paper from his pocket. To leap forward and secure this paper was but the work of a second. It was a deed for a Bogusburg lot. Jack experienced a thrill of disgust at his find; but remembering the inoperative tra-

dition that honesty is the best policy, he returned the paper to the good old gentleman, who was so struck with the lad's honest face that he rewarded him with an overdue transfer check on the Victoria Tramway Company. Truly virtue is its own reward. In Scene 1, Act 3, Pauline Pocahontas Mulligan is discovered in a musing frame of mind, by the side of her father's hearth in the rocks. Everything considered she is looking well; but she wonders if Jack will return and do the square thing by her; she has read of the wickedness which is said to lurk in the city fanned by the breezes from Brothie's Ledge; yea verily, she has read that even Douglas street is not above suspicion. She has been entreated by a young man, wealthy in Bogusburg lots, to give Jack the sweet, eternal go-by, and become his wife; she feels that things are now down to hard-pan with her; she remembers the fact that she was of the 1858 vintage, and that if she misses this opportunity the betting in favor of her becoming a back number will be dollars to blue pills; she will hedge (or underbrush, as the saying goes in Bogusburg,) scatter Jack to the four winds, wed the man who is now pleading at her feet, and leave the rest to the proposed divorce legislation of the British Columbia Legislature. Scene 2 finds Jack in the Victoria Tramway Company's office; he is in the act of purchasing 1,000,000 nickels at 50 cents on the dollar, by which means he becomes fabulously wealthy. Scene 1, Act 4, opens once more in Bogusburg. The highly accomplished Pauline Pocahontas Mulligan is about to be led to the altar, when a sun-burned, stout man, wearing a silk tile, the like of which was never before seen in Bogusburg, drops in on the festivities. It is Jack. He whispers in Pauline's left ear that he is independent of his purse-proud father, and that the Bogusburg boom is burst, as the expense involved in the purchase of picks and axes was more than the company could very well stand. The rest is easily told. Pauline weds her original choice, and explains her seeming treachery to the party of the second part by saying, "Bogusburg lots are one thing and honor another." The scenic effects were realistic, especially in the act where the surveyor explodes the dynamite cart-ridge, and bursts the boom.

SOUNDS AND ECHOES.

THE Empress of India, which sailed last Wednesday, had a large shipment of dried apples on board. Thus does our Canadian industry help to swell the population of the Orient.

"BE mine!" he cried in a voice surcharged with anguish. "If you refuse me, I shall instantly die." But the heartless girl refused him. That was 26 years ago. He died of starvation last Wednesday.

Collector—Mr. Williams says he can't be bothered sending me to see you every week about this little bill.

Customer—My compliments to Mr. Williams, and tell him every other week will do just as well.

A CLERGYMAN in one of our city churches says: "The best man in Victoria is the man who spends the most of his time on his knees. I don't care who he is." The man who makes a business of putting down carpet would appear to have a pretty sure thing on eternal glory.

WHAT will be the effect of the resolution adopted by the Vancouver Literary Society, that "the stage has a demoralizing effect on the people," is, at the time of writing, difficult to determine. It is known that several London managers sold out their theatrical interests in anticipation of such a result.

ENCOURAGED by the success of the Times' portrait gallery of prominent people, the Colonist will each day contain the picture of illustrious invalids throughout the United States and Canada. The last issue of the great morning daily produces the picture of a Miss Mattie A. Cobb, of Providence, R. I., who, being weak, blind and helpless, was cured by using a bottle of sarsaparilla, and became real strong. The enterprise of the Colonist will be appreciated.

"THIS, then, Miss Beaconhill," said the young man as he started for the door, "is your final decision?" "It is, Mr. Wharfstreet," said the young girl firmly.

"Then," he replied, his voice betraying an unnatural calmness,

"there is but one thing more to add."

"What is that?" she asked, toying absently with the lobe of her shell-like ear.

"It is this," he muttered, "shall I return those black satin suspenders by mail, or will you have them now?"

THERE are 1,400,000,000 people, including a certain Government merchant, living on the planet which we inhabit, and yet there is now and then a man who wonders what the rest of us will do when he dies. There are people in "society" who honestly think that all the world closes its eyes when our set lies down to sleep. There are men who fear to act according to their own convictions, because perhaps ten persons in a crowd of 1,400,000,000 will laugh at them. Why, if a man could only realize every moment what a bustling, busy, fussy, important little atom he is in all this great ant-hill of fussy, important little atoms, every day he would regard himself less, and think still less of the other molecules in the corral.

WHAT MRS. GRUNDY SAYS.

That the reading public has become weary of some people's troubles.

That after some wives have had the "last word" they sit right down and cry over it.

That what Swift called the "scandal of avarice" is more apparent now than in his time.

That afternoon teas stopped with the advent of Lent, not to be resumed this year.

That a woman who has credit always buys things she does not really want.

That no sensible people have sympathy with those who run into debt to be "fashionable."

That pathetic scenes at the theatre quickly cause the modern audience to weep.

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MONTREAL ST., James Bay—Lot on front, 104 feet, good house, \$2000.

CRAIGFLOWER ROAD—Lot 120x80, small, new house, \$700, corner lot.

SOOKE DISTRICT—117 acres on the water front, close to railway terminus, \$1,200.

CHATHAM ST.—One lot and 7-room house, \$1700. \$500 or \$750 cash, balance in 3 years.

SOUTH TURNER ST., James Bay, next street to one to water, \$1,300.

FRONT ST., Esquimalt Road—12 to 14 trees, \$500.

ESQUIMALT ROAD—Lot 20, by switch of Tram Co's Line, \$700.

JAMES BAY—Lot and two houses, renting at \$25 per month, \$2,800.

One 13-room house, 2 acres of land, all fenced and cultivated, highest part of the city and overlooking everybody, \$13,000.

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ROCK BAY—Two beautiful lots, very suitable for a garden.

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Friday—Divorce.
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MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

MY PARTNER, at the Imperial for the first three nights of the week, drew well. George Berry and James Morton as Joe Saunders and Ned Singleton pleased the audiences very much, while Fred Summerfield as Josiah Scraggs scored another hit. J. R. Bronson as Henry Britt, W. Bennett as Wing Lee, and E. F. Bowler as Sam Bowler, did very good work. Miss Belle Inman enlisted the sympathy of her listeners as Mary Brandon, and Miss Kitty Berry was unusually good in the character of Posey Pentland. Miss Raynetta Lewis introduced several specialties into her lines, which brought down the house.

For the last three nights of the week Under the Gaslight is the bill. George Berry is capital in the role of Snorkey, and the Byke of Fred Summerfield could not well be better. Jas. Morton is well up in the part of Ray Tafford, as are the other male members in their parts. Miss Belle Inman is very effective as Laura Courtland. Miss Kitty Berry, Miss Annie Inman, and Ray Lewis are worthy of special mention. The singing of the latter, especially in the song, "He Never Came Back," being very pleasing. This play will be repeated to-night.

Manager Berry is bound to fill the Imperial every night next week. Each evening there will be a change of bill.

The following are the bills for each night:—

Monday—Rip Van Winkle.
Tuesday—Our Boys.
Wednesday—Black Diamonds.
Thursday—Rosedale.
Friday—Divorce.
Saturday matinee—Kathleen Ma-
vourneen

Saturday night—The Planter's Wife.
In connection with the above, it is worthy of note that Miss Belle Inman made her first appearance on the stage in Rip Van Winkle, with Joseph Jefferson. Miss Annie Inman also began theatrical life in the same play and with the same actor.

Baby Inman was presented with a beautiful gold bracelet by Mrs. Lange the other day.

Manager Berry's company will open a short engagement in Vancouver April 18. For the first three nights, the ever popular Rosedale will be produced, and the following three nights, Our Boys.

The Winnipeg Tribune has the following to say concerning the Belmour-Gray Imperial Stock Company: "That Miss Dalglish is a most promising young actress, all those who have seen and heard her in Winnipeg can vouch for. With a graceful and ladylike presence, she combines charming manners, a well modulated voice, capable at times of depicting intense passion; but, with the true instinct of a thorough artiste, she rarely indulges in such outbursts, rather trusting to her own natural womanly qualities for most of the effects she produces. Her Pauline, in the Lady of Lyons, was a charming specimen of feminine inconsistency, and from a certain standpoint nearly perfect. The company is a small one, but it is strong in talent. Mr. Chas. Gray is a comedian that would honor any stage; as a leading man, Mr. Armstrong is rapidly making his mark. Mr. McGregor, Mr. Belmour, Mr. Kay are all clever actors. Miss Ada Wheeler and Miss Ella Damaris are equally as clever as the gentlemen in their respective lines. Manager Seach has re-engaged the company for a week or ten days in May, and the managers promise an increase in the strength of the troupe. They will be welcomed."

Prof. Baldwin's Butterfly Company

did a big business at the Victoria for the first two nights of the week. Every body seemed pleased with the mysterious manner in which the Professor and his wife divined matters past, present and future.

The Victoria has got several excellent companies booked for this month: Next Tuesday, April 12, Ole Olson will be seen; 14 and 15, Frederic Warde; 19, the Kimball Opera Company; 21, Spider and Fly; and 28 and 29, the Emma Juch Opera Company. All these companies are well spoken of by press and public.

Leah, the Forsaken, will be produced at an early day for the benefit of the Hebrew Literary Association, by amateur Jewish talent.

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PERSONAL GOSSIP.

The "At home" given by the members of the Sir William Wallace Society to their friends last Tuesday evening was a very enjoyable affair. The hall was crowded by an enthusiastic company, composed mostly of Scotch people. Worthy Chief Alex. M. Muir occupied the chair. The principal feature of the entertainment was the dancing in Highland costume of Mr. W. Anderson and Master J. R. and Miss Mackenzie of the Highland fling and the sword dance. The sailor's hornpipe by Mr. Anderson in sailor's dress was also loudly applauded. The recitation by Miss Herd and solo by Miss Jameson, the first part of the evening, were both well received. Miss O'Neil sustained her reputation as a soloist. Miss Turnbull delighted the audience with her sweet rendering of popular Scotch melodies. A violin selection by Miss Brown was well played for a young girl. Miss Lawson gave an amusing Scotch reading in her usual good style. Refreshments were served during the intermission, and a pleasant evening was brought to a close by the company singing "Auld Lang Syne," led by the officers on the platform.

On Friday evening, April 1, 15 Frederick street was the scene of a very pleasing social party, it being the occasion of a farewell party given by Mr. and Mrs. W. Walt in honor of Mr. P. McMillan, who left for his home, Griswold, Man., by Monday night's boat. A very large number of friends were present to wish the popular young musician God-speed, and a most enjoyable time was spent—the party not breaking up until well into the morning. The following ladies and gentlemen contributed vocal and instrumental music: The Misses McDonald, Mr. H. Hutchinson, Mrs. Schubert, Mr. Geo. Martin, Miss Aeta Way, Mr. Chafey, Mrs. Gerrie, Mr. Alf. Aspdin, Miss Birdie Gerrie, Mr. T. Hick, Mrs. Sellick and Mr. W. Walt. Before taking leave of the host and hostess and friends, Mr. McMillan briefly thanked them in a felicitous speech, and concluded by performing with great skill a series of brilliant "fin de siecle" selections on the banjo, his favorite instrument.

Mrs. H. J. Cambie and Mrs. R. H. Alexander, of Vancouver, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. Crow Baker, 16 Montreal street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brook, of Winnipeg, are the guests of Mr. R. H. Hall, M.P.P., of the Hudson's Bay Co.

Uncle Tom's Cabin by the Ball Family Jubilee Singers, Thursday evening, in the Pandora Methodist Church schoolroom, was attended by an appreciative audience. The story of Uncle Tom's Cabin, illustrated by stereopticon views and enlivened by jubilee songs, afforded a pleasant evening's entertainment. Many encores were given to the singers for their sweet rendering of Southern melodies, which they interpret so well.

George A. Morphy, Esq., of the firm of Belyea & Gregory, successfully passed an examination, Friday, before Mr. Justice

Walkem, entitling him to be enrolled as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

Mrs. W. O'Reilly left Friday morning for California to join her husband, who is in business in that State.

The members of the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium will give a closing exhibition in their hall, on Wednesday evening, 13th inst. The Ladies Auxiliary will assist to make the evening a social one for members and friends.

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tins	1 00
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Fruits, assorted table, 3-lb. tins	40
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pls. gallon	75
in Brandy	1 50
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Gelatine, Nelson's	25
Hams	20
Hops	40
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1 lb. comb, in jars	1 00
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Jams, assorted C & B	3 for 1 00
Knife Polish	25
Lard, pure, 10 lbs	1 75
5 lbs	1 00
Lentils	16
Lemons, Sicily	50
California	35
Lobster, Clover Leaf	35
Marmalade, pots	35
Maccaroni	25
Milk, Reindeer, tins	25
Eagle, tins	35
Highland Cream	25
Mince meat, jars	1 50
condensed	25
Mustard, Colman's, 1/2 lb.	35
1 lb.	65
Mushrooms	35
Nuts, assorted	25
Oil, Coal, tin	1 85
case	3 50
Olives, qt bottle	75
pt bottle	50
1/2 pt bottle	25
Oysters, fresh tin	75
Blue Point, 2-lb. tins	35
1-lb. tins	25
Onions	4
Pate de foie gras	1 25 to 1 75
Peel, mixed	40
Pearline	25
Pepper, ground	50
whole	35
Pickles, C & B, qt	65
pt	35
Potatoes	1 25
Prunes	12 1/2
Plum pudding	75
Raisins, Dehesa	50
layers	25
Valencias off stalk	12 1/2
layers	16
Sultanas	20
Rice, Japan	8
Sandwich Island	10
China	5
Sauce, Lea & Perrins, large	65
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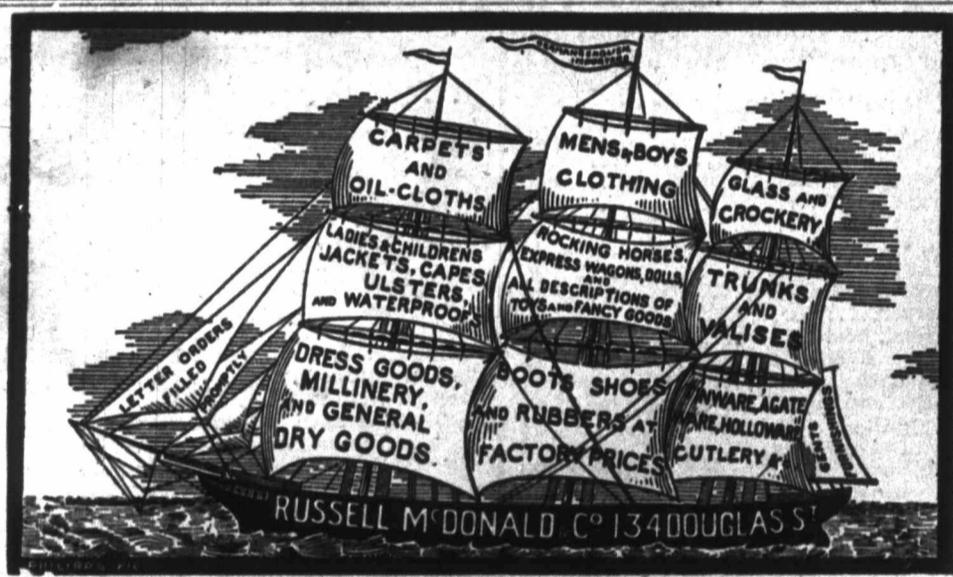
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