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Wednesday Morning, Dec. 11, 1889.

It seems to be very generally felt, the world over, that humanity is on the eve of a great revolutionary movement, which will eclipse in its consequences the effects produced by every other political, economical, or military upheaval this planet has yet witnessed. How the change is to come about, what are the forces to cause it, and how much of the old order can survive the testing time, are questions which are being more or less hinted at, and not infrequently openly discussed by writers and thinkers who have deservedly earned the respect of their fellows. Not very long ago an American millionaire of keen perception, after a lengthened stay in Europe, openly avowed that he would not give twenty years' purchase for any lot of real estate in the world. His opinion, based on what he had seen, was that the security of the land was anything but good, that forces were at work, in his opinion, which would so modify and alter the tenure of property as to make it insecure as an investment. There is a large number of thinking persons whose ideas are very vague as to whither the world is drifting, but who yet perceive that mankind is on the eve of very momentous times.

Mr. Stead, of the *Pall Mall Gazette*, is of opinion that the new order of things will be distinctive in three particulars. He says "the race that will dominate this planet will speak English." And he has reason on his side. Mr. Gladstone has calculated that in the year 2000 the United States alone will contain a population of at least five hundred millions, and an American of authority calculates that the British colonies will by that time, at the present rate of progress, have 176,000,000 souls, all English speaking. One hundred years hence, if we may judge from the past, the world will contain more English-speaking people than those who speak all the other European languages put together. With these facts facing us it requires little foresight to understand that the laws, customs, literature, and habits of self government so characteristic of English-speaking nations must predominate. The second great fact is that the world is becoming more socialistic. The free nations of Europe are openly so, as witness the triumph of the dockers in their recent strike. Power has passed into the ranks of the masses, and they are only now beginning to realise the fact. Let us hope they will realise, too, that though

It's well to have a giant's power
It's tyrannous to use it like a giant.

Demands for a complete change in the laws relating to land are the most urgent questions with which statesmen have to deal to-day in Europe. People have not the faintest conception of the immense progress revolutionary theories like George's have made on the other side of the Atlantic, and whether these theories are true or false, statesmen will before many years are over have to make clear. In Russia and Germany an iron despotism only keeps the will of the people in abeyance. This despotism cannot last forever, and signs are not lacking that its day is nearly run. The last characteristic of the coming revolution, Mr. Stead holds to be, the fact that at last woman is to be placed on an absolute equality with man.

That woman is in the future to exercise the rights hitherto supposed to belong to the male is, we believe, generally acknowledged; but will woman be ready to accept equality, pure and simple? Will she be prepared to take the responsibilities as well as the privileges? If she will do this, man has not very much cause to object, for he will simply have to fight the battle of life on equal chances; but if woman claims to exercise the privileges, leaving the responsibilities to the other portion of the race, then the great "female fact" becomes more serious and complicated. Hitherto nearly whatever woman has touched she has handled equally well with man, but it remains to be seen, and before many years will be put to the practical test, whether the gentler portion of our race can take part in public life without danger of degradation. To us it seems that, with the terrible array of class against class which must soon be brought about in Europe at least, there is necessity for a milder element than has yet appeared. Is woman to play this role in the future history of the world?

Jules Verne sent Mr. Phineas Fogg around the world in eighty days, and now the New York *World* proposes to show that the trip can be made in even less time. On Thursday, Nov. 21, "Nellie Bly," a lady member of its staff who has performed several sensational journalistic feats, started for Europe with instructions to make the circuit of the earth in seventy-five days. She will not be without a rival, however, in this novel race against time, for the *Cosmopolitan Magazine*, having got wind of its contemporary's plan, dispatched one of its lady contributors on the following day on a similar errand with only half an hour's notice. This lady has taken the western route across the continent and she is limited to seventy-two days. The proprietors of the two publications have a wager of $1,000 on the result.

There is one brave little woman, says an exchange, who deserves to be made an exception of by the anti-woman suffragists, and to whom the American people, without a dissenting voice, might afford to accord the suffrage or any other privilege she sees fit to claim. She is the wife of Captain E. S. Etheredge, of the schooner Spotless, which was wrecked off Cape Hatteras a short time ago. The captain and crew prepared to abandon the vessel, but the little woman protested and argued them into the adoption of her idea. The men were lashed to the pumps, weak and exhausted, and she, wrapped in her husband's oil skins, walked the deck of the sinking vessel, carrying food and drink to the men. Her husband also finally failed from weakness, and she begged to be allowed to take his place, but the sailors, inspired by her courage and example, recovered their energies and redoubled their efforts. Half a dozen times, as they admitted after their rescue, they became discouraged and would have given up but for her. She found a few potatoes and cooked them. While she was doing so the vessel rolled heavily and she was compelled to recline on a sofa and hold the stove in its place. Within a few hours thereafter they were sighted by a passing steamer and rescued. But for the heroism and practical common sence of this glorious woman they would all have found a watery grave. The question is, does Mrs. Etheredge want to vote? It is ducats to mustard seed that she thinks she can make better use of her time.

Job printing of all kinds neatly done at the COLUMBIAN office. Prices will be found as low as at any other office in the province.—*Adv.*

STANLEY & EMIN BEY

Will be Given a Grand Banquet on Their Return from the Dark Continent to England.

The Troubles in Crete Break Out Again and Frequent Fatal Riots Occur.

Evidence is Closed in the Cronin Case and Argument for the Defence Begins.

DESERVE IT ALL.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—Stanley and Emin Pasha will be tendered a banquet by the Royal Geographical society on their arrival here. Should Stanley accept the invitation of the King of Brussels, he will be entertained by the burgomaster at a grand banquet to which the delegates of the anti-slavery conference, now in session, will also be invited. On the day following, a gala performance will be given in his honor at the opera. Stanley will be the guest of the king during his stay in Brussels.

STANLEY AT BAGOMAYO.

PARIS, Dec. 4.—A despatch to the *Temps* from Zanzibar announces that Stanley has arrived at Bagomayo.

CRETAN TROUBLES.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—Advices from Crete, *via* Athens, say trouble has broken out again. There have been conflicts between soldiers and citizens, and five soldiers were killed in one of these fights and three gendarmes in another.

STEAMERS COLLIDE

LONDON, Dec. 4.—The British str Ancona, and Chinese str. Kingpai, collided at Hong Kong to-day, and both had to be beached to prevent them sinking.

LIBERAL FEDERATION MOVES.

MANCHESTER, Dec. 4.—The liberal federation to day approved the resolution to demand urgency at the coming session of parliament, to reduce the qualifying period of residence for voting to three months, for compulsory powers to acquire allotments for the abolition of duties on tea, coffee and cocoa, for a direct popular vote on the liquor traffic question and for the disestablishment of the church of England. Mr. Gladstone, speaking at the reception at the town hall accorded him by the citizens of Manchester, regardless of party lines, dilated upon the value of municipal institutions; they were among the best guarantees.

PARNELL'S ABSENCE.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—There is a growing belief among those who know Parnell well that he has gone to America. For some time past reports have been cabled to this country regarding the financial condition of his mother, who lives in New Jersey, in the United States. Some of these cablegrams were of a most harrowing description, and represented Mrs. Parnell as living in abject poverty in a poor wretched house not fit to shelter anyone. These reports caused Parnell a great deal of anxiety and annoyance, for he had taken great interest in his mother's estate, which is in litigation, and it is now believed he has gone to America.

BROKEN SHAFT.

HAMBURG, Dec. 4.—The str. Italy for Baltimore has put back with a broken shaft.

THE BRAVE GENERAL.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—Gen. Boulanger has sublet his Parisian residence with the provision that he shall be allowed to take possession again at any time without extended preliminary notice.

WHAT AILS THEM.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—It is reported that the brewers at Burton on Trent are about to strike. A mass meeting has been called and it is supposed that a formal demand on the master brewers will then be made.

GENERAL PRIM'S MURDERERS.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—A Spainard who died recently in a Buenos Ayres hospital is reported to have confessed that he was an accomplice in the murder of General Prim, and that another accomplice is still living in Mexico.

TO BRIDGE THE CHANNEL.

PARIS, Dec. 4.—*L'Atorite* says that an English company has applied for a concession to build a bridge across the English channel.

THE CRONIN TRIAL.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—In the Cronin trial this morning Mr. Donahoe commenced his argument for the defence. He said he would pay particular attention only to that part of the case relating to O'Sullivan and Kunze.

WON'T SAIL ON FRIDAY.

BOSTON, Dec. 4.—Admiral Walker, commanding the squadron of evolution, said to-day: We may possibly be ready to start on Thursday for Europe but if not, we shall start shortly before Saturday. We shall certainly not start out on Friday. Although not participating in the superstition myself, there is an old superstition among sailors that Friday brings bad luck. Should we sail on that day and meet with an accident the superstition would be strengthened.

TROUBLE ON THE TRACK.

READING, CAL., Dec. 4.—The overland train from Portland due last night at 7:30 has not arrived yet, being delayed by slides and washouts. We were visited by a heavy thunder storm last night which caused the streams to rise very high and land slides are numerous. The north bound overland is held here.

FOUR KILLED.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 4.—An accident occurred at the old depot of the Jersey Central R. R., this morning. Four men were standing between two tracks awaiting the train for Ashley, where they are employed in the machine shops. The passenger and freight train pulled up at the depot about the same time, and just as the men were about to board the train a projecting timber from the freight car struck them and knocked them under the wheels.

MORE AMERICAN RAILROADING.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 4.—The east bound express train on the Pennsylvania Railroad ran into a freight train near Greensburg this morning and several cars were wrecked, the engines smashed, and a dozen persons injured, some fatally. The accident was caused by an open switch. Engineer Brown, of the freight train, had both his legs broken, was cut on the head, and seriously injured internally. Elmer Myers, fireman on the freight, was fatally scalded. Engineer Daley, of the day express, was terribly burned and will probably die; Geo. Gray, fireman, was badly crushed, but may live. Baggagemaster Burkholder was badly bruised, and Geo. Sayer, a passenger to Lancaster, had his head cut. Saml. Fior, of Pennsylvania, received a deep cut on his head, and Dr. Kline, of Greensburg, was slightly injured. The passengers were panic stricken.

POOR OLD JEFF.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 3.—Jefferson Davis has grown slightly weaker since yesterday. He still refuses nourishment and his friends have given up all hope of his recovery but do not expect his end for several days yet.

"ON THE REEF OF NORMAN'S WOE"

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Dec. 3.—A fishing boat in which were Chas. Hoyt, John Batcheldor and Robt. Bridges, capsized off Norman's Woe this morning. Hoyt and Batcheldor who belonged to New Hampshire, were drowned; Bridges was rescued by a passing vessel.

A MARITIME MYSTERY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—The barque Christian Schriver, from Buenos Ayres, reports that yesterday at Delaware breakwater she passed two dead bodies; one being the body of a man, floating on a life raft; the other that of a woman, floating near the raft with a life preserver about her. It is not known to what vessel the bodies belonged.

THE EARTH UNEASY.

DOVER, N.H., Dec. 3.—Early this morning the 114 inhabitants of Alton Bay were awakened by an earthquake shock. Crockery and glassware were broken in many houses. The second shock was severer than the first and caused many people to abandon their houses. The first shock stopped a number of clocks at 12:9. The second shock followed in a few minutes. The bell on the steamer Mount Washington in the middle of the bay was rung by the disturbance. The shock was also felt at Alton and Gifford, but not so severely.

THE EAGLE PREPARES TO SCREAM.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—The U. S. warships Galena and Kearsage sailed this morning for Hayti. The Dolphin has not received her sailing orders, but will probably leave to-morrow.

ANOTHER OF WHISKEY'S VICTIMS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—T. Samuel Levi, manager of the Oriental theatre, 113 Bowery, attempted suicide early this morning by shooting himself in the head. The attempt was made while he was in bed on the top floor of the theatre building and his wife sleeping by his side; the report of the pistol awoke her and hastily summoning an officer, she had Levi conveyed to an hospital under arrest. He expressed regret that he had not killed himself. He may recover. Business troubles and the effects of a lengthy carouse are assigned as the cause for the deed.

VALUABLE RESOLUTIONS.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—The Manchester federation adopted resolutions condemning any scheme for land purchase in Ireland, which entails burdens upon British tax payers; protesting against the use of British funds to endow sectarian colleges in Ireland; approving the principle of international arbitration and declaring that British policy ought to be to avoid entanglement in continental quarrels.

FIRE AT HEADQUARTERS.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—A fire which broke out this morning in the large building at 101 Queen Victoria street, occupied as general headquarters of the salvation army, spread to the adjacent buildings and at one time threatened a general conflagration; the flames were finally got under control, but the losses were heavy. The salvation army building is completely gutted and an immense stock of army uniforms and other material was destroyed. The loss will be seriously felt as this was the depot of supply for the salvation army organizations throughout the world.

Dr. Cochrane, of Ontario, is slowly recovering from typhoid fever in Japan.

ANOTHER EMIGRANT.

A Washington Cashier Steals $75,000 from the Government and Moves to Canada.

Excitement is Subsiding in Hayti and it is Thought the Troubles are Ended.

The Manchester "Examiner" Apologizes to Mrs. McKay and the Libel Suit is Settled.

A LARGE STEAL.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The cashier of the sergeant at arms of the last house of representatives has disappeared It is understood the committee appointed to investigate his office found a shortage of $75,000.

PATTI BACK AGAIN

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—The str. Teutonic arrived this morning. Among the passengers are Adelina Patti-Nicolini, Mme Nordiere and others of the Patti company.

SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION.

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—Pullman was visited by the most disastrous fire last night since '85. Ten of 16 kilns of the dry kiln building of the Pullman shops were completely swept away by the flames, including two million feet of hard lumber. The loss will reach between $75,000 and $100,000. The lumber was fully insured. The origin of the fire is supposed to have been spontaneous combustion.

ALL QUIET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—The captain of the schooner Julia Fowler, from Hayti, Nov. 28th, which arrived this morning, says opinion varies on the island concerning Hippolyte. It is thought the excitement following the election has subsided, and nothing indicated trouble for some time at least.

THE CRONIN TRIAL.

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—A large crowd attended the Cronin trial to-day. Lawyer Hynes began the argument for the state which was listened to with the utmost attention.

PLEADED GUILTY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Mrs. Oliver E. Friend, Mrs. Emily Howard, Geo. Halstead and Orien Halstead, who with Parson Howard, swindled the Electric Sugar Company out of thousands of dollars, to-day pleaded guilty to one of the three indictments, to grand larceny in the first degree, the same on which Parson Howard was convicted. The recorder remanded the prisoners back to the Tombs pending sentence.

A TRAP FOR MARINERS.

SAN DIEGO, Cala., Dec. 5.—The American ship McNear, coal laden from New South Wales, reports the discovery of a shoal east of Pitcairn Island which does not appear on the charts.

SENTENCE COMMUTED.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 5.—Governor Waterman has commuted to ten years, the forty years sentence, of J. M. Josselyn, sent to state prison from San Francisco in 1883, for participation in a criminal assault on a feeble woman, who died subsequently from the brutal treatment.

LARGE HOTEL ON FIRE.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 5.—The Monongahela House, the largest hotel here, located on the corner of Smithfield and Water streets, is on fire, the flames going up the elevator shaft, and it is feared the entire building will be consumed. At 2:45 p. m. the entire Water street front of the hotel was in flames, from the fourth story to the roof, and part of the rear end of the building is also burning rapidly. The building is insured for $160,000, and personal property for $32,000. It is now believed that the fire is under control.

LATER—The hotel is so densely filled with smoke that it is not known whether all the guests and employees have got safely out. The fire is said to have originated in a room at the front of the elevator. The porter attempted to extinguish the flames with a babcock and the fire gained considerable headway before the department was called out. A general alarm has been turned on. It is certain the damage will be very heavy, if indeed the building is not totally destroyed, which at this writing appears very probable. At 12:25 o'clock the flames had broken through the rear of the hotel, and are now burning furiously in the buildings behind. It is thought that no lives are lost.

A GREAT TOUR.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Peter Jackson is going upon an extended tour through England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and France.

TURNED UP AGAIN.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—Parnell will speak at Albert Hall, Nottingham, next Tuesday. His speech will be a reply to Salisbury's recent important address in that city. Arnold Morley and Mr. Broadhurst will also speak.

GAS ON STRIKE.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—The municipal gas workers of Manchester lodged notice of an intended strike, but subsequently withdrew the notice. The managers refused to accept the withdrawal and locked the men out. Blacklegs were taken on in place of the locked out men and are being housed and fed at the works. The strikers are in an ugly, menacing mood. The city was only half lighted last night.

THE ACCOUNTS TALLY.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—Viscount Preto, the last prime minister of Brazil under the empire and expelled on the proclamation of the republic, has arrived at Teneriffe by way of St. Vincent. While at the latter place he had a conference with Dom Pedro. The viscount gives an account of the revolution which agrees with such details as have been heretofore published.

BURNED AT SEA.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—The British ship King Robert, from Glasgow for San Francisco, took fire off Cape Horn, and was abandoned. All hands were saved.

THE EXAMINER GIVES IN.

LONDON, Dec. 5. — The action brought by Mrs. John Mackay against the Manchester *Examiner* for libel has been amicably adjusted. The defendants will apologize and pay the costs incurred by Mrs. Mackay herself, or donate money to some charity at the plaintiff's discretion.

NEARING HOME.

ZANZIBAR, Dec. 4.—The Stanley expedition arrived at Mbiki on December 1st. All of the Europeans with the party were well except Commissioner Stevens, who is very ill with fever. The whole camp is in perfect discipline. A party of German soldiers, under Lieutenant Schmidt, preceded the party on its journey to the coast, selecting its nightly camping grounds. Stanley and his companions express themselves in high praise of the Germans for their kind reception.

THE LIBERAL CONFERENCE.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—The tory press and tory politicians are indulging in sneers at the liberal federation's conference at Manchester on the general principle that the acts of political opponents are insignificant as compared with any conservative movement, and are especially jubilant over the omission of Mr. Gladstone to reveal his home rule scheme which they pretend they expected he would do. This omission is interpreted by the tories as an admission of weakness and by some is boldly characterized as an exhibition of cowardice, though a similar example of prudence on the part of one of the tory leaders is invariably alluded to as a splendid stroke of statesmanship. The liberals on the other hand are thoroughly satisfied with the results of the conference, and especially rejoice that Mr. Gladstone refused to show his hand to opponents whose past record affords abundant proof of their readiness to resort to any extreme to secure an advantage even at the expense of the country's welfare and progress.

OTTAWA NOTES.

OTTAWA, Dec. 3.—The provincial government of British Columbia has forwarded a minute-of-council to the government asking for re-arrangement of the limits of the man-of-war anchorage of Constance Cove, Esquimalt. Hon. Mr. Tupper will report to the council on the matter.

The terms of the settlement with reference to the minerals in the railway belt have not yet been considered by the government.

The minister of inland revenue has recently investigated complaints against certain makers of second class scales, and hereafter but one class of such goods will be placed on the market.

Lieut.-Governor Royal is as dumb as an oyster with reference to the Northwest deadlock.

Dalton McCarthy is here attending the supreme court. The Equal Righters are divided as to whether or not he should address a public meeting at this juncture.

The Governor-General and Sir John have consented to attend the jubilee of Queen's University at Kingston on the 18th

FROM VICTORIA.

Special to THE COLUMBIAN.

VICTORIA, Dec. 5.—Drake, Jackson & Helmcken, solicitors for applicants, advertise this morning that application will be made at the next session of the legislature for an act to incorporate The British Columbia Mills, Timber and Trading Co., for the purpose of acquiring the Royal City Planing Mills Co. and the Hastings Sawmills Co.

The B. C. Pioneer Society held a meeting last night and elected the following officers: President, Morris Moss; vice president, Thos. Flewin; treasurer, John Kurtz; secretary, J. J. Austin; directors, J. Loewen, J. B. Lovell, P. Steele, J. Wale and T. Storey; auditor, C. Lombard; physician, Dr. Helmcken. The society's annual dinner will be held at Delmonico's on Saturday, Dec. 7th.

Messrs T. W. Patterson & W. Hill have offered the council another system of sewerage, known as the seperate system, for a consideration of $650,000.

Arbitrators have awarded Mrs. McTavish $250 damages against the city. The claim arose through the city damaging her property whilst cutting down a street. The decision will mean a large number of other claims against the city for similar and greater damage done other properties.

The Olympian brought 8 carloads of delayed bonded Canadian freight last evening from the sound.

The wrecked Idaho broke in two yesterday and is fast disappearing.

WEEKLY BRITISH COLUMBIAN

Wednesday Morning, Dec. 11, 1889.

CITY COUNCIL.

The council met Monday night at 8 o'clock for the transaction of business. Present—Aldermen Reid, Curtis, McPhaden, Cunningham and Keary.

His worship Mayor Townsend in the chair.

COMMUNICATIONS

From Jos. Wintemute, asking that a road be built to a new workshop costing six or seven thousand dollars which he is building above Clarkson street, and asking that Clarkson street near the bridge be put in good repair; and detailing several of the improvements he had made on the streets at his own expense. Received.

Ald. Curtis said that although Mr. Wintemute had done this work without instructions from the council, they ought to help him. It would be a benefit all round if Clarkson street was finished.

Ald. Cunningham corroborated Ald. Curtis' remarks and said Mr. Wintemute had spent both time and money on the streets. It was to the best interests of the city to assist such industries as furniture factories, and they ought by all means to be encouraged.

Ald. McPhaden said that although he admitted the excellence of Mr. Wintemute's claim to assistance from the council, he would like to know where the money was to come from.

Ald. Jaques very humorously pointed out the excessive hardship it would be to allow the next council to start off with too big a surplus. The surplus of the United States' treasury was going to kill that country and we did not want the next council swamped in any such manner. Some of the $902 surplus in the city treasury ought to be spent in complying with Mr. Wintemute's reasonable request.

Ald. McPhaden enquired if there was such a surplus as Ald. Jaques had stated.

Ald. Curtis said there was not nor was there likely to be. In the earlier part of the year he had tried to check heavy expenditures although with little success, but in spite of all that he was in favor of granting the request of Mr. Wintemute.

Moved by Ald. Cunningham, seconded by Ald. Curtis, that the board of works be instructed to proceed with the opening of Clarkson street in conformity with the petition of Jos. Wintemute. Carried.

On motion the board of works was instructed to finish the work on Armstrong street.

From Mrs. S. V. Hoff, Aldergrove, stating that her son had been working on the Westminster Southern Railway, but had not received a cent of pay, and asking the council to intefere in his behalf.

On motion the clerk was instructed to reply that the council had nothing whatever to do with the matter.

From H. C. Chamberlain, asking street lines of block 10, lot 9, subdivision 19 and 20.

On motion the engineer was instructed to give the necessary lines.

From Jas. H. White, asking street lines opposite lot 29, block 22, as it is the intention of the missionary society of the Methodist church to build a mission church thereon. Received and request granted.

From A. Harrison Thomas, M. D., thanking the mayor for bringing his former communication before the council. Received and clerk instructed to reply to the effect that he had better meet the new council.

From W. J. French, stating that his fence had been removed during street improvements and never replaced, and holding council responsible if any damage is done to his property. Received and filed.

From Davie & Bodwell, of Victoria, stating that they had been instructed by Thos. Gorrie to inform the council that, to save further trouble about the flags, he would accept $75 in satisfaction of his claim, without prejudice to his right to sue for the whole amount claimed, and that they had received instruction to take proceedings for the whole amount if this offer is not accepted. Ald. Jaques said if they didn't like to take the $40 offered by the mayor, let them sue. Received and filed.

REPORTS.

The boards of works and health, fire and light, water and sewerage, police and finance committees reported recommending payment of various accounts. All reports adopted.

The finance committee reported:

1. That the matter of renewal of water lot leases of Jas. Wise and C. Millard and the application of D. McGillivray be left for the new council to arrange.

2. That Walter J. Walker be appointed auditor and that the finance committee be empowered to arrange salary for same.

3. That the city should co-operate with Vancouver and other cities of the province in memorialising the provincial government to so amend sec. 3 of chap. III. of the consolidated statutes of the province as to exclude from its provisions the several cities of the province, relating to personal property and income taxes, and that the clerk be and is hereby instructed to foward said memorial.

4. That advertisements for tenders for railway debentures be put in both local papers and the *Colonist* for a week, also in the *Monetary Times*, Toronto, and *Journal of Commerce*, Montreal, four issues. Adopted.

Ald. Reid suggested that it would be a good move to advertise in some of the great English papers, as from that country most of the money for American railroads came.

Ald. Curtis informed the council that all the English money syndicates had agents in this country, and upon the advice of the agents as to the reliability of the enterprise they would advance or not advance the money. Ald. Curtis also stated that no good monetary negotiations could be arranged with English capital except through Canadian agents.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The street naming and numbering by-law was hailed with audible smiles, but Ald. McPhaden had it ready this time and brought it forth, and the list of names was read by the clerk. Some of the names were deemed of the jaw breaking order, but the majority of them were thought very suitable.

On motion the city engineer was instructed to place them on the map.

ACCOUNTS.

H. T. Read & Co., $19; Mathers & Milligan, $33.28; T. J. Trapp & Co, $159.25; Brunette Sawmill Co., $575 92; Thos. Ovens, $136.96; R. C. P. M. Co., Oct. acct., $1948.66; R. C. P. M. Co., Nov. acct., $858.36; Dr. McGuigan, $20; Gas. Co., $199.40; British Columbian, $95.50; H. Elliott, $8.50; Z. S. Hall, $2.75; Mr. Johnson, $12; Dickinson & Binnie, $8.50; land registry office, $22.25; Gas Consumers Benefit Co., $15.50; H. Elliott, $12.25; Arthur Hill, $750; E. A. Wilmot, $852.42.

Ald. Curtis stated that the residents of upper Clement street were desirous of having that thoroughfare put at once into passable condition.

On motion the board of works was instructed to move a gang of men from lower to upper Clement street as soon as possible. St. Andrew street, from Pelham street to the North Arm road, will also be set in repair.

While they were at it the board of works was also instructed to look after the Sapperton road near the new hospital.

Ald. Cunningham gave notice of motion that at next meeting of council he would introduce a by-law to authorize this council to pay the mayor a reasonable amount for services faithfully rendered since his election to office.

Council then adjourned.

Arrival of S S. Abyssinia.

The steamship Abyssinia, Capt. George A. Lee, arrived at this port early Saturday morning after a passage of just 15 days, bringing 12 bags of mail from China and Japan and a very valuable cargo of silk. She left Hong Kong on Nov. 9th, Amoy 11th, Foochow 13th, Shanghai 16th, Kobe 21st and Yokohama 23rd November at 7 a. m. During the first two days out strong head winds and heavy seas were encountered, but after that the weather was exceptionally fine with smooth sea and light, variable winds, in fact, it was the finest passage she has ever made across the Pacific. Cape Flattery was passed last night at 8:20 p. m. and Victoria was reached about midnight. There were only 6 first-class passengers and 35 steerage. Her cargo consists of 2,000 tons, mostly tea and silk, of which 640 tons is consigned to Pacific coast points, 450 tons for Canadian points and 990 tons for the eastern States. There are 1,130 bales of silk, nearly all of which is for New York.—*Vancouver News.*

The Wreck of the Rustler.

Mr. M. Manson and the crew of the steamer Rustler have arrived back by the steamer Clyde from Nelson Island. He gives the following account of the wreck of the Rustler. The steamer Rustler was lying at the Nelson Island Granite Quarry and only stopped there about fifteen minutes when they discovered they were fast upon a rock, the tide having rapidly receded while they were lying there. Captain LaBlanc attempted to get her off but the rock held her fast in this position and later on as the tide went lower she heeled over and filled with water, compelling the crew to leave her. Captain LeBlanc then left for Vancouver to obtain assistance, and going in he met Mr. Manson, and together they went back to the Rustler in the steamer Tepic, with a scow to try and get her off. After working a considerable time they found she was completely broken to pieces, and therefore a total loss. The Rustler did excellent service last summer in the trade between Nanaimo and Texada Island, where she took many a good prospector and where she was at times most anxiously enquired for by them. The McKenzie Bros.' steamer Clyde left again this morning for Nelson Island intending to take the boiler and machinery from the hull of the Rustler. Mr. Manson informs us he is not insured one cent for the Rustler, and he further states $6,000 will not replace her.—*Free Press.*

An action is pending in the high court against Peter Graham, an elderly member of the Ontario legislature for East Lambton, brought by James Cundeck, of Waterford, one of his constituents, in which it is sought to recover $5,000 damages from Graham for alienating the affections of plaintiff's wife.

The celebrated case of the Jesuits against the *Mail* for $50,000 alleged damages, has passed into a new stage. Hon. Mr. Laflamme and F. C. Smith, the *Mail's* counsel, have made a motion to amend their pleading by inserting certain special clauses of the constitution instead of general allegations, which were argued, and Judge Doherty took the matter *en delibre.*

Somewhat of a sensation has been created in Ottawa by the elopement of Mrs. Colin Campbell, wife of a well known employe of the militia department with a young lieutenant in the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, Fred. O'Conner. The husband saw his faithless spouse take her departure on the train, but she was dumb to all his entreaties. Mrs. Campbell is a large woman, about 40 years of age, while her paramour is perhaps 25. Her conduct for years past has been such as to create scandal and to excite sympathy for her husband, who married one greatly beneath him in social position.

A CARD.

To the Ratepayers of New Westminster:

Now that the excitement of electoral strife is past, permit me to tender my most sincere thanks to the friends who have, during the past week, showered upon me expressions of confidence and esteem, proving the genuineness of the same by returning me at the head of the poll for No. 2 Ward. Whether I shall fit the place or not, the next twelve months alone can tell. Be this as it may, I can assure my friends and fellow citizens that they have elected one who will discharge the duties of the position to the best of his ability in an honest, earnest and intelligent manner, and that *fear of his fellow-man enters not into his* composition. I am entirely free to promote the interests of the city as a whole, and of the west end in particular.

With reference to the brilliant and veracious Church street scribe, his distinguished notice had at first a maddening effect, from which I quickly recovered with a laugh—a laugh in which all who know me joined; it has not even yet lost its piquancy. It has been my intention to relieve that scribe's harrowing anxiety for a denial as soon as the contest was over, but he has forestalled me by coming out with a retraction this morning. He throws up the sponge and some bile, and should be feeling better by this time. I gather from his remarks that I may expect to have at least one fair-minded critic during the coming year. Be it so; I accept the situation. I have been a better friend of our new morning paper during its short existence than to THE COLUMBIAN during the past five years, and now the one acts the serpent and the other heaps coals of fire on my head. Such is life.

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The dwelling of John Modler, a farmer of the third concession of Lansdown, South Leeds, Ont., was burned Thursday night, and Modler lost his life in trying to save his property, after having with difficulty saved his children. The remains, burned crisp, were recovered from the ruins.

Wholesale City Market.

Beef,	per 100 lbs. live weight	$ 4 00 @ 4 50
Pork	"	7 00 @ 7 50
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Potatoes, new	"	75 @ 1 00
Cabbage	"	50 @ 1 00
Onions	"	1 00 @ 1 50
Wheat	"	1 50 @ 0 00
Oats	"	1 00 @ 1 25
Peas	"	1 25 @ 1 50
Hay,	per ton	10 00 @ 14 00
Butter (rolls)	per lb	25 @ 30
Cheese,	"	14 @ 15
Eggs,	per doz.	35 @ 40
Cordwood (retail)	per cord	3 50 @ 4 00
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" (dry)	"	5 00 @ 9 00
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JAMES ROUSSEAU,
By his Agent, ALBERT J. HILL.
New Westminster, Nov. 20, 1889.
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Land Registry Act.

In the matter of the title to a portion of Lot No. 100a, Group II., New Westminster District.

WHEREAS THE CERTIFICATE OF title of John Cochrane to the above hereditaments has been lost or destroyed, and application has been made to me for the issuance of a duplicate thereof.

Notice is hereby given that I will, at the expiration of one month from date issue such duplicate certificate of title, unless in the meantime valid objection be made to me to the contrary in writing.

T. O. TOWNLEY,
District Registrar.
Land Registry Office, New Westminster, December 11th, 1889. wlm.

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STANLEY'S MISSION.

Stanley Will Devote the Remainder of His Life to Civilizing Africa.

Count Deu Gives Logical Reasons for the Late Revolution in Brazil.

The Dread Influenza has Spread from Russia to Berlin and Vienna.

STANLEY'S MISSION.

ZANZIBAR, Dec. 9.—Telegraphic congratulations have been received by Stanley from Queen Victoria, and the khedive. At divine service to-day, on board the man-of-war Turquoise, Stanley briefly addressed the crew. He declared his belief that the mantle of Livingstone had fallen upon his shoulders. His mission had only now commenced. To it he would devote the remainder of his life.

INFLUENZA SPREADING.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Many cases of influenza have appeared in Berlin and Vienna, and it is feared the St. Petersburgh epidemic has spread to those cities.

CHIEF WILLIAMSON DEAD.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Chief Williamson, of the English detective force, is dead.

INFLUENZA IN LONDON.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—An eminent physician reports he knows of only two cases of influenza in London.

MORE CONGRATULATIONS.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 9.—The anti-slavery conference has resolved to forward a congratulatory address to Emin and Stanley.

STILL DOUBTFUL.

ZANZIBAR, Dec. 9.—Emin Bey is still in a dangerous condition. Symptoms of lung troubles have developed.

WELL RECEIVED.

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—The Emperor William and the Grand Duke of Hesse visited Worms to-day to witness the festal drama. The emperor received a most enthusiastic greeting, and was presented by a deputation of workmen with an address and a laurel wreath.

CHAMBERLAIN'S ADVICE.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Joseph Chamberlain writes from Cairo expressing the opinion that the government ought to show a readiness to the proposed subsidies in the Gladstone bill.

A SPY ARRESTED.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 9.—The *Novoe Vremya* states that an Englishman has been arrested at Sebastopol on a charge of making sketches of the batteries and forts of the city. Documents of a compromising nature were found in his possession.

HOTEL BURNED.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 9.—The Hotel Suisse was burned last night. The inmates escaped.

THE PAPAL DELEGATE.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Mgr. Satelli, the papal representative, has arrived in England.

GREAT STRIKE THREATENED.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Two thousand gas workers met in a suburb of London today and adopted resolutions embodying the grounds of their demands for better compensation, and declaring their unalterable determination to force a recognition of their rights. It is confidently asserted that the coal handlers will strike in sympathy with the gas workers, if the latter go out.

INVASION THREATENED.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Egypt is now threatened with an incursion by thirty thousand Bedouins who have hitherto maintained an inoffensive attitude. The cause of the present movement is the refusal of the Egyptian govt. to grant certain trivial claims in regard to land. Though differing widely from the system of land tenure prevalent among nations which call themselves civilized, the custom of the Bedouins in regard to land occupancy are well defined, and any infringement upon them is bitterly resented. The Egyptian govt. might doubtless save itself much expense and annoyance by deigning to study the prejudices and customs of the children of the desert, instead of riding rough shod over them, and acknowledging no right but force.

MOUSSA BEY PUNISHED.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The action of the sultan in banishing Moussa Bey after that chieftain had been acquitted according to the approved Turkish methods of justice, causes much astonishment here. It is hinted that the Porte received strong representations from the European governments to the effect that Christendom might demand international interference if the policy of outrage upon Christians was maintained by Moussa Bey, and endorsed by his acquittal were continued. It is not believed, however, that the actual condition of Christians in Armenia will be bettered by the disgrace of Moussa. Outside opinion will be satisfied for the time being, and the outrages will go on under other chiefs, unmolested until matters become so bad as to again challenge the attention of the civilized world.

PROMINENT PHYSICIANS.

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—The celebrated physician, Dr. Leydan, has been suddenly summoned to St. Petersburg to attend the czar, who is suffering with influenza. Dr. Bergman, the noted laryngologist, who was one of the attendants upon the late Emperor Frederick, is quite ill with inflamation of the lungs.

A BASELESS RUMOR.

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—The *Zeitung* states semi-officially that the report of a marriage having been arranged between a Russian prince and the Princess Margaret of Prussia is untrue. Gossipmongers have had a difficult task in trying to strike the right combination for Princess Margaret and positive statements have been made bethrothing her at one time to a Dutch, then to a Spanish and finally to a Russian prince. The latter rumor has been the only one to elicit a denial from high quarters. Whereat some infer that the Emperor William resents even a suspicion of any strengthening of the ties between Germany and Russia.

TO CHECK THE KINDS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 9.—Moussa Bey, the Kindish chief, who was acquitted on charges of outraging the Christian population of Armenia, has been exiled with his family to Syria. The force of gendarmes in Armenia will be increased with the purpose of holding the Kinds in check.

THE REASONS WHY.

LISBON, Dec. 9.—In an interview to day Count Deu, son-in-law of Dom Pedro, said of recent events in Brazil: The republicans were not numerous, they profited by the estrangement of the large landowners who were bitter against the government because of the immediate abolition of slavery. Many merchants, also conservatives, were also alienated by the abolition movement. The republicans industriously spread the idea that the throne was wholly responsible for the hastening of the emancipation, whereas this action was only the logical consummation of a policy extending back many years, and which had received the support of all classes. Meanwhile the army had become tyrannical and insolent. The only means of checking this dangerous tendency was to at once revive the *Garde Nationale*, which was always a conservative body. Before nominating the officers the government resolved to create a regiment at Rio. The republicans bruited about that the government intended to revive it everywhere, and to disarm the existing forces The military thereupon decided to revolt under Fonseca, who is a weak man and easily managed. At the beginning the only cry of the military was "Down with the government," "Viva Libertiad," but in the evening students cried, "Viva Republic," and the military joined in. Regarding the prospect of the restoration of the empire the count said: "Brazil is too far from Europe for proper steps to be taken. There is also lacking a man to bring the army around to the side of the empire. Had the emperor been able to show himself to the crowd in the streets they would have cheered him and the revolution would have collapsed. It is now too late.

AFRICAN SLAVERY.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—Cardinal Lavigerie in speaking of the return of Emin Pasha and Henry M. Stanley to civilization said: "The darkest page on the story of slavery is that which tells of its present revival in the interior of Africa, with the horrors of the scourge. The recent conference of representatives of the powers held at Brussels was powerless to deal, for the conference could only define the obligations of the civilized powers, and those extended only so far as the authority and control of such powers prevailed. Civilization controls the coast of Africa. It has planked its feet on the southern and northern regions of the continent and on the mouths of the Niger. It has a possible channel into the interior along the waterway of the Congo, but the interior of Africa from Sahara and the desert of Korosko to Zambesi is outside the pale of civilization and is given up to plagues such as have no parallel in recorded history. A dark, brutal fanaticism, taking upon itself the once proud title of Islam has spread over this vast region, destroying with unspeakable horrors millions of human beings in order to make captives of the thousands of wretched survivors. This strange revival seems to have originated in the populous regions between the middle Niger and Lake Chad. Perhaps it began in a peculiar sect, first made known to Europe through the movement of Genoussi in the bank lands of Algeria."

WORK OF AN OPIUM FIEND.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 7.—Caspar Clispy shot and fatally wounded John Anson and his daughter, Mary, and seriously wounded the latter's younger sister Agnes, then blew his brains out this morning. Anson and Clispy were machinists, and the latter was in love with Mary, but had been forbidden to visit her. He was a confirmed opium fiend.

THE ROMANTIC SOUTH.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 7.—Governor Seag sent a telegram to-day to Mrs. Jefferson Davis, saying: "It is the wish of our people that his grave be made beneath the monument to the confederation on the Capitol Hill at Montgomery and hard by the very cradle of the confederacy."

VIRGINIA MOURNS.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 7.—Governor Lee sent the following telegram to Mrs. Davis: "The sympathetic cords of the hearts of our people are deeply touched at the loss of one we have ever regarded with the greatest affection, and the memory of whose valor and virtues we will ever hold sacred."

A SMART THIEF.

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 7.—While John C. Patterson was standing at the Delaware bank counter this morning clipping coupons from the bonds which he had on deposit there, an unknown man seized Patterson's deposit box, containing $30,000 in securities, and ran away. The police are trying to find the thief.

DECLINES TO INTERFERE.

OTTAWA, Dec. 7.—His excellency the governor-general has had under consideration a petition from Hamilton, praying a mitigation of the sentence passed on the girl, Agnes Day, for concealing the birth of her child, and he declines to interfere in the matter.

ANOTHER RAILWAY.

OTTAWA, Dec. 7.—Application will be made to incorporate a company to build a railway in British Columbia to connect with the American railway at the mouth of the Dorreme river to the Nelson; also a railway in British Columbia to connect with American railways near the head of the Kettle river, to the mouth of the Fraser river or to the coast. Also a branch line in a northerly direction to the south end of Okanagon lake.

TERRIBLE SUFFERING.

MONTREAL, Dec. 7.—The terrible sufferings of two men on the Lake of Two Mountains, were related on Wednesday. Arthur J. Bertrand and Jos. Seguin were taking a barge up the Ottawa river to winter quarters near Como. In the afternoon a terrible snow storm arose, the craft struck a sand bank two miles from shore and partly sunk, leaving the half frozen men clinging to the sails, while every moment the waves dashed over the disabled barge. The men remained in this position until Friday morning, when they were seen from the shore by three farmers who went to their assistance. Bertrand and Seguin are badly frozen, but will recover.

MERCIER WARNED.

MONTREAL, Dec. 7.—*Le Sud de Sorel* warns Mercier to have a care in his uncalled for interference in religious matters, and intimates that it may bring about political changes which would compel the Jesuits to leave the country. It is looked upon as the most significant article yet published, and is referred to as direct proof that Mercier's tactics are not approved of by a large portion of the French Canadians.

READS WELL.

OTTAWA, Dec. 7—The Saskatchewan Railway and Mining Company will ask for an extension of their chartered line from the present terminus to Saskatoon, crossing the South Saskatchewan river and running northeasterly to Fort La Corne, thence to the crossing of the Saskatchewan river at Grand Bend, thence northerly by the most favorable route to a junction with the projected Hudson's Bay Railway: also from the terminus in a northerly direction, crossing the North Saskatchewan, thence northerly to Green Lake, crossing Beaver river to Waterhen river northward.

OTTAWA NOTES.

OTTAWA, Dec. 7.—The rumored reorganization of portfolios authorised by parliament two years ago, will take place shortly.

The name of J. J. Curran, Q. C., M. P., Montreal, is connected with the solicitor-generalship.

Dr. Montizambert, the chief Dominion quarantine officer here, is urging the government to adopt precautionary measures with the view to the likelihood of an outbreak of Asiatic cholera here next year. He says that the American government is devoting a large sum in improving the quarantine service.

Mr. Henry F. Bronson, the millionaire lumberman, died here to-day.

Mr. Jefferson Davis, the late confederate ex-President, lived for many years in Canada after the American civil war. The eastern press pay many tributes to his memory.

VICTORIA NEWS.

The Snow-fall in Victoria---Shipping Movements---The Methodists Building a Fine Church.

Special to the Columbian.

VICTORIA, Dec. 9.—The first snow for two years fell yesterday. It whitened the ground, but soon disappeared.

The steamer Queen of the Pacific arrived from San Francisco last evening, and left for the Sound.

The steamer Michigan, from Portland, arrived this morning for provincial ports.

The Methodists of this city will commence work immediately on a $60,000 church. It will be the handsomest in the province.

The S.S. Michigan Ashore on Enterprise Reef--Five Bluejackets Sentenced for Desertion--Glanders Among Horses in Victoria.

VICTORIA, Dec. 10.—The Louise on her arrival last night reported the str. Michigan ashore on Enterprise reef, near Plumper's Pass. She was en route from here to Nanaimo with a cargo of general merchandise. The tide was at half ebb, and ship resting easily. Assistance will probably be given her by the steamers Islander and Yosemite, which sailed this morning and it was expected she will float at high tide.

A court martial was held yesterday to try five seamen for desertion from H. M. S. Champion. All were sentenced to from eighteen months to two years imprisonment with hard labor.

Glanders has made its appearance among several horses in this city. The authorities are taking energetic measures to stamp the disease out.

Prospecting New Rookeries.

In the dusk of last evening the Japanese sealing schooner Adele, Capt. Hansen, which left Victoria in the latter part of September ostensibly bound for Yokohama, re-entered the harbor and anchored off Warren's wharf. When the Adele left port it was common talk on the streets and among sealing men that the real object of her trip was to raid the breeding islands of the Alaska Commercial Co. Accordingly her return caused a very considerable amount of excitement among those interested in the sealing industry. Capt. Hansen was inclined to be very uncommunicative, but it was ascertained that in prospecting new rookeries, which was one of the principle objects of the cruise, the schooner had been successful. After leaving Victoria the Adele skirted up the west coast, and made several of the important islands in the Behring's sea. She had fairly good sealing weather. Almost all the hunting was done in new locations, and she returned with plenty of skins in her hold to meet all the expenses of the prospecting trip. The exact number of the catch was not made public last night, but it is in the neighborhood of sixteen hundred.—*Saturday's Colonist.*

DEEP MOURNING.

The Whole South Mourns the Death of Jefferson Davis, the Confederate Chief.

A Frenchman Goes to Yale to Learn Methods for Improving His Countrymen's Physique.

The Health of the Prince of Wales Still Declining and He Loses Heart.

THE SOUTH MOURNING.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 10.—The remains of Jefferson Davis, lying in state at the city hall, were visited by immense crowds this morning. The city is rapidly filling up with visitors who have come to witness the funeral tomorrow. The military companies and representatives of many southern societies are beginning to arrive in large numbers.

WHERE IS THEIR CHARITY?

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The blind chaplain of the house made a formal prayer for Jefferson Davis this morning, and it has been severely commented upon.

A NEW LINE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—Spreckels Bros. have inaugurated a dispatch line of clipper ships between San Diego and New York.

THEY REQUIRE IT.

NEW HAVEN, Dec 10.—Monsieur Pierre De Coubertin a messenger from the French government, has been at Yale college during the last week for the purpose of studying and observing Yale's method of athletics. His object is to furnish the universities with instructions concerning athletics, in order to improve the physique of the young men of France.

NEW APPOINTMENT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—It is said that G. P. Keeny, of California, widely known in military circles, is to be appointed chief of the revenue marine division of the treasury department.

WILL STAY AT HONOLULU.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec 10.—The United States steamer Alert arrived from Honolulu this morning. Admiral Kimberley, who, it was expected, would be a passenger on her, has decided in view of the recent disturbances to remain at Honolulu for a while.

NEARING THE END.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—The crowd at the Cronin trial increases as the great case nears the end. Lawyer Forrest resumed his speech this morning on behalf of defendants. Lawyer Wills will follow for the state, when the case goes to the jury.

BLEW OUT THE GAS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Annie Kearns, an Irish immigrant, just arrived, blew out the gas in her room on retiring last night. She was found unconscious this morning and narrowly escaped death.

COMPANIES CONSOLIDATE.

ALBANY, N.Y., Dec. 10.—The Consolidated Car Heating Co. has absorbed the Automatic Coupler Co., of Detroit, and has acquired the ownership of the Peerless coupler and other valuable appliances.

HUMAN TIGERS.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Dec. 10.—Fred Behtell, of Scotia, attempted to intercept four burglars whom he discovered in his store early this morning, and was shot in the neck, probably fatally, by the burglars. One man was subsequently captured at West Albany, after being shot by an officer.

"A POLICEMAN'S LIFE IS NOT, ETC."

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—Early this morning Officers Morgan and Davis were fatally wounded by two burglars, whom they attempted to arrest, in a store on Wabash avenue. Both the desperados escaped.

BIG FIRE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—McKisson & Robbins' drug house in this city was destroyed by fire at midnight. The loss on stock is $300,000, and on the building $100,000.

FROM ARIZONA.

PRESCOT, ARIZ., Dec. 10.—During the storm last night a dam and ditch of the Elta Mining Company was washed away and the foundation of the mill badly damaged. Loss $80,000. Considerable stock has been drowned.

MORE NONSENSE.

OTTAWA, Dec. 10.—Great indignation has been raised on this side of the line over the action of the Dominion government in discharging the Canadian who acted as Chinese interpreter at Victoria, and for employing a genuine Chinaman to fill his position. The Chinese are elated over the latter's employment, as they attach a great deal of significance to the leniency with which they have been treated by the Dominion authorities latterly. They are looking forward to the abolition of all restriction on Chinese immigration at an early day.

A NICE PAIR.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—Lord Torphicen has brought suit against his wife for divorce, charging her with adultery with a lieutenant of infantry and Lady Torphicen brings a counter action, also alleging adultery. The hearing is set for January 24th at Edinburgh.

REQUIRES ATTENTION.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The *Morning Journal* in an editorial to-day, says that England as a holder of widely extended possessions on the American continent should not ignore America's naval activity.

STILL IMPROVING.

ZANZIBAR, Dec. 10.—Emin Pasha is improving slowly and there is hope of his recovery.

THE MASSACRE CONFIRMED.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—A dispatch from Zanzibar says intelligence has been received there confirming the massacre of Dr. Peters and his party. His camp was surrounded by twelve hundred Somalis, and attacked at midnight. No one escaped, according to the story.

YATES' CABLE.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The great depression of spirits from which the Prince of Wales is at present suffering did not escape the notice of his visitors last week. He talked constantly of his failing health, and although he battles bravely against increasing weakness it is impossible to conceal the fact that he is an entirely different man from what he was twelve months ago.

MEMORIAL SERVICES.

There will be the usual memorial services at Frogmore mausoleum next Saturday, which is to be attended by the Queen, Prince and Princess of Wales, and family; Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, Duchess of Albany, Princess Louise, Princess Beatrice and Princess Christian.

STILL SUFFERING.

The German empress has been unwell ever since her return to Berlin She has not yet recovered from the fatigues she underwent at Athens and Constantinople, and to which she was altogether unequal as she is in delicate health.

SUICIDING WHOLESALE.

There has lately been an extraordinary and alarming increase in the number of suicides among the officers of the German army. In one month 28 officers shot themselves.

POLITE PARNELL.

According to Manchester gossips, who presumably were informed by some of the Hawarden set who attended the conference in full force, Mr. Gladstone toward the end of the last session took the opportunity of informing Mr. Parnell that he and his family were yearning to have the pleasure and honor of securing him as what the Americans term a "House Guest" at Hawarden. Mr. Parnell did not, I understand, respond to the invitation of the statesman with the enthusiasm Gladstone is accustomed to expect on such occasions, but he did not absolutely refuse to visit Hawarden in the course of the autumn. A few weeks ago Mr. Gladstone, according to the Manchester story, wrote to remind Mr. Parnell of his engagement, and expressed the earnest hope that Hawarden would have the high honor of receiving him as a guest on a certain specified day, when there would be a party of congenial politicians to meet him. From that day, however, until Wednesday last, Mr. Gladstone, as the story goes, never received any answer whatever, from Mr. Parnell, who, unless political friends at Manchester have been romancing, has evidently treated his venerable friend with scant courtesy.

GENERAL BOULANGER.

Mr. Alexander Comstock, manager of Niblo's theatre and the academy of music, returned from Jersey last week with a preliminary contract signed by General Boulanger in his pocket. Some details which have transpired concerning this are in the main incorrect. The general has inserted a clause declaring the agreement null and void in case he is able to enter France as president of the French republic before the end of January, when he is to start for America accompanied by his private secretary and personal manager. Mr. Comstock agrees to pay the travelling expenses, hotel bills, etc., for the general and his suite, and give him $700 for each of thirty lectures he is to deliver in the principal cities of the United States. The general is to write his lectures, and promises to address his audiences in English. He will be introduced on each occasion by some leading French resident of the place.

GREAT UNDER MISFORTUNE.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Dom Pedro nearly fainted on arriving at his hotel, being overcome by excitement and the fatigues of the day. He soon rallied, however, and at no time has he been otherwise than cheerful and calm. He says he would return to Brazil only if unmistakably recalled by the people. He has announced that he will attend the sitting of the Portuguese Academy to hear Padre Candido deliver a eulogium upon the late King Luis. The meeting between Dom Pedro and the queen dowager was deeply affecting. She broke down and wept while talking of her late husband. King Carlos presided over a cabinet meeting on Friday, called to decide upon the manner in which Dom Pedro should be received.

SLAUGHTERED TO A MAN.

ZANZIBAR, Dec. 9.—A copious watery discharge continues to issue from Emin's ears. Confirmation of the reported massacre of Dr. Peters and his party has been received. The camp was surrounded by 1,200 Somalis and attacked at midnight. No one escaped.

Tried to Skip.

Friday evening word reached the police from Esquimalt, that ten or twelve sailors from the fleet were missing. The police at once started out on a man hunt, as it was believed the bluejackets were about to desert. Early this morning eight of them were captured just as they were trying to get aboard the Sound steamer. Some of the men fought like cats, but the police were too many for them, and the would-be deserters were safely lodged in the cells. All but one of them were dressed in civilians' clothing, and took their arrest with the best of good nature, after they found it was useless to kick. The most of them were fine looking fellows, and small wonder at the naval authorities not liking to lose the men. In the police court, Mr. Edwin Johnson, Q. C., ordered that they all be handed over to the naval people, and a file of marines under the command of a lieutenant took charge of the culprits and marched them away down to Esquimalt.—*Times.*

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Wednesday Morning, Dec. 11, 1889.

(*From Daily Columbian, Dec. 4.*)

Two carloads of cattle arrived from Ashcroft to-day.

The steamer Dunsmuir left for Nanaimo this morning with a light freight and passengers.

The steamer Gladys left for Chilliwhack and way ports this morning with a small cargo.

The annual inspection of the New Westminster militia will take place on March 29th, 1890.

Captain Robinson, late of the str. Gladys, assumed command of the snag boat Samson to-day.

The side-walks this morning were slippery with the frost and for an hour or two walking was rather difficult work.

The new sidewalk on the north side of Pelham street is complete, with the exception of a couple of crossings, from Clinton street to John street.

The hay and potatoes which the steamer Maude, of Victoria, was to transport from the C. P. N. docks here to Vancouver are being shipped by rail.

The by-law to raise $650,000 to furnish Victoria with a complete sewerage system, was defeated yesterday by a vote of 375 against to 157 for the by-law.

The upper Clement street improvements are progressing rapidly. Some very tough stumps have been encountered, but they are being burned out and removed.

Front street, opposite the Caledonian Hotel, had the mud shovelled off it today, and looks so clean and respectable that it is probable there will be enquiries for the same attention all over town.

Moore, the man convicted yesterday of entering a house with intent to commit a felony and sentenced to three years hard labor at the penitentiary, was taken out to that institution this afternoon by Mr. Moresby.

The first dance of the Westminster Assembly for this season, will be held at the Oddfellows Hall this evening, commencing at 8:30 o'clock. These dances will be held every second week until the Lenten season begins.

The chief of police has drawn out a warrant for the arrest of Ah Foo, a retail merchant on Front street, for carrying on his business without a license. The chief will make a tour of inspection of licenses pretty soon.

It was noted in last night's issue that the council had decided to pay R. Sagyer one hundred dollars for damage to his roof, caused by blasting operations. The figures were incorrect, and the amount should have read "one dollar."

The Seattle *Post-Intelligencer* says: A gentleman from Vancouver reports Vancouver, B.C., dull, with 400 empty houses and a population of 12,000. New Westminster, he says, is booming and very jubilant because of the railroad prospects there.

Work on the new sidewalk on Mary street, from Royal avenue to Montreal street, will be commenced in a few days. When this improvement is completed it will be a boon to the inhabitants of the upper portion of the city which they will not fail to appreciate.

Miss Lizzie Brown, known to the indulgent public as "Irish Liz," whose company was so urgently desired at the police court a few mornings ago, but who didn't come, left this city and went to Victoria where she was immediately arrested. Thence she went to Nanaimo where she is now residing.

Through an unfortunate oversight, no mention was made on the bills lately issued for the exhibition and concert at the opera house next Wednesday evening, about the string band. The string band will furnish excellent music on that occasion. The practice which they have had shows itself in their playing.

There was some excitement this afternoon on Columbia street, opposite the American hotel. A diminutive pony was dragging a small cart, when the axle broke and the pony proceeded to do his best towards demolishing the vehicle with his heels. Not succeeding in this he attempted to run away, but the Chinaman who was driving got out and held him down.

The other night the inmates of a house on Douglas st. were awakened by hearing somebody fumbling with the doors. On getting up and taking a bird's eye view of the back yard two men were observed lurking around the outhouses and acting in a suspicious manner. Upon an alarm being given the rascals decamped hastily, and no more has been heard of them. The police were notified.

December roses are far from uncommon, but a rose bush in the garden of Mr. Apostole Tenasse, Tirnova street, near the North Arm road, is worthy of particular mention. The bush, which is of the Bulgarian variety, was planted last spring, at that time little more than a cutting, and to-day bears no less than fifteen beautiful roses in full bloom, besides which a dozen or more buds are bursting forth.

A reservation made by the chief commissioner in 1884, has been opened for purchase and pre-emption. The reservation consisted of a tract of 30,000 acres which was withdrawn for the benefit of the Kootenay Valley Company (limited), better known as the Kootenay syndicate. The lands are situated on the Upper Kootenay river and Columbia lake and include "Canal Flat," swamp and bottom and foothill of bench lands.

While an employe of the Canadian express company, at Montreal, was counting money in the bank on Saturday a stranger grabbed five hundred dollars in bills and escaped with the money.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

Mr. Wm. Johnston Retires.

Mr. William Johnston called at THE COLUMBIAN office this afternoon and requested that his intention of retiring from the aldermanic contest for ward four be made public. Mr. Johnston retires as he finds that more of his time would be occupied with civic affairs than he can well spend from his business. In consequence of Mr. Johnston's withdrawal Messrs. Hoy and Lyal are elected to the council without opposition, and there will be no election in ward four.

Rare Intelligence.

The Vancouver *News-Advertiser* with characteristic *naivete* comes out this morning in a police court item reading that a girl called Martha Faber, convicted of the larceny of a cup and saucer, "was sentenced to ten days at Westminster." It isn't often that the *Advertiser* is humorous, but this is certainly capital, if perhaps not intentional. The girl was brought over here by an officer and was taken to the provincial jail where he was informed that no prisoner was admitted on a shorter sentence than thirty days. This information is known perfectly well at Vancouver, and can be taken as a sample of Burrard Inlet intelligence. The girl and her guardian returned to Vancouver yesterday.

Great Temperance Meeting.

Mrs. Lila A. Moore, the temperance lecturer, delivered her second lecture at Herring's opera house last night to the largest audience that ever assembled here to listen to a discourse on the subject of temperance. The lecture was intended for the young people, but the seniors were in the large majority. A good programme of singing was rendered by the juveniles, and was much appreciated by the audience. Mrs. Moore delivered a telling lecture, describing in an able manner the troubles and afflictions caused by the habitual use of strong drink. At the conclusion a large number signed the pledge. Mrs. Moore will deliver her last lecture this evening at the opera house on the subject: "Rum selling and religion."

Robbery at Headquarters.

Mr. W. H. Falding called at the police station this morning and notified the chief of police that there were some articles of legal attire missing from the registrar's office. It appears that Mr. A. J. McColl and Mr. Falding had at the conclusion of the last assizes hung up their legal gowns, waist coats and coats on the pegs in the registrar's office as they have often done on former occasions. This morning Mr. Falding missed the articles. He does not know whether they were stolen just after the assizes or yesterday as he had paid no attention to them since they were hung up. There is a window just next the row of pegs and it is not fastened in any way and is easy to lift up; then as if to facilitate the work of the thief, a ladder rests against the wall beside the window. So that all the person had to do who took the clothes was to take three steps up the ladder, burst the window, unhitch the raiment and get over the fence as quickly as his legs would allow him. The police are on the look out for the culprit.

Opening a Reserve.

It is reported that an effort will be made within a week or two to open the Indian reservation on Semiahamoo bay for settlement. How this will be accomplished has not leaked out, but it is rumored that certain persons will quietly move on to it and take possession, in the hope of ultimately gaining legal possession. The reservation at present is unoccupied except by one family of Indians, who hail from Lummi Island, Wash., and are therefore without right or title to any portion of it. The original inhabitants of the reserve have mostly died off, while the few remaining have become scattered, taking up new homes with various tribes along the coast. The reserve contains 382 acres of excellent land, fronting on Semiahmoo bay, all of which is very valuable and will prove a bonanza to the persons who can acquire it under the homestead act. Developments in this matter may be looked for at an early date, but the legality of the proceedings of the intending "jumpers" is a question which may cause some trouble to finally settle.

A Crazy Siwash.

A crazy Indian is disturbing the usual quiet in the vicinty of English's cannery, Lulu Island. He was employed all summer on one of the northern sealers, and after being paid off on the vessel's return took up his abode near the cannery, building for himself a small cabin. His tillicums left for their northern home a couple of weeks ago, but he refused to accompany them. Since then the Indian's insanity has taken a more serious turn, and his actions have been so wild that the neighborhood has been kept in a continual state of terror. He has a mania for tearing down his cabin when the worst fits of insanity attack him, but as soon as a lucid interval occurs he rebuilds it with great haste. Several efforts have been made to capture the unhappy Siwash, but he is as fleet of foot as a deer, although about 50 years of age, and always manages to elude the fleetest pursuers. A resident of Lulu Island was in the city today for the purpose of laying the matter before Governor Moresby, with a view of having the man captured and placed in safe keeping.

E. D Kirby died at Marthaville, Ont., on Monday. He was a Conservative candidate for the commons in Bothwell some years ago.

County Court Docket.

County court opened this morning at 10 o'clock. The following is the docket: Scoullar & Co. v. C. P. R. Co., debt; Johnson v. corporation of Surrey, debt; Spring v. Alexander, *et ux*, debt; Spring v. Alexander, debt; Atkinson v. Fuller, Freeman & Co., damages; Grant v. Errington, debt; Ah Say, Ah Yae Ah Tye v. F. F. Sinclair, note; Geo. Bosannich v. Martin Blanchard, debt; J. P. Smith v. W. H. Higgins, wages; Confederation Life Assurance Co. v. H. J. Keary, note; A. M. Herring v. S. B. Martin, debt; W. J. Harris v. E. P. Baker, debt; Jos. Gousloo v. city of Vancouver, debt; Waugh & Co. v. Moodyville Sawmill Co., debt; Ah Foo v. Jesse M. Cooper, debt; Edward Gold v. William Lord, debt; R. J. Armstrong v. S. W. Lehman, debt; Jas. Riley v. Archibald Bros. and Williams and J. S. Black, debt; Wm. Mainwaring v. Archibald Bros. and Williams and J. F. Black, debt; P. J. Foulds v. John McMurphy, jr., and Donald McMurphy and William McMurphy, debt; Angus McGillivray v. Alex. Beaton, debt; Robt. Oaks v. Miller & Co., debt; N. C. McKeen & Son v. Beaton, *et al*, debt; Kwong Yee Chung v. T. F. Sinclair, debt; Frederick Villiers v. A. Miller, debt.

An Interesting Case.

A case involving some nice points for the legal technologist, as well as affording fat picking for the *gourmets* of the long robe, is that of Guichon *vs* McNeeley, *et al*, and of Ladners, which was opened at the supreme court yesterday afternoon before Mr. Justice McCreight, and will probably not be concluded until Friday, as about a score of witnesses will be examined altogether. The question is about a road ditch, and requires a little explanation to rightly grasp the situation. According to a custom in the Delta municipality, Mr. Guichon, the plaintiff in the case, it would appear, paid half the cost of a municipal road ditch past his property, the consideration in such cases being that the municipality would undertake the early opening up and construction of roads and ditches where the owners interested desired to contribute a moiety of the cost of the road ditch. The road ditch in question, as in all other similar cases, we suppose, is stated to be outside of Mr. Guichon's property and within the municipal road limits. As the sequel will show, however, the plaintiff claims private ownership or control in the ditch. It should be stated that these road ditches have considerable value in the delta lands as means of drainage. Opposite Mr. Guichon's property is land owned by Mr. Thos. McNeeley and others, and the defendants got permission from the Delta council to open up an old natural waterway by means of a culvert constructed under and across the road-bed. This was supposed to be for the benefit of the defendants' lands, but the plaintiff claims that it resulted in damages to his, for which he asks $2000 through the courts, and sues the Delta council as one of the defendants for granting permission to build the culvert. As the private parties concerned in the suit are men of means, a stubborn fight through the courts may be anticipated.

Went Through the Roof.

One night this week a bold and avaricious free-booter sallied forth on his nefarious business. It was a chilly night and the sough of the wind among the pines made the land-pirate pine for a fine warm overcoat he had seen hanging in the Colonial hotel that very day. He was a romantic brigand, and he felt that he had a mission to serve in this wide world; but nevertheless the cool December wind played but a sorry tune through the rents in his clothes. "Ah," said he, pausing for a moment on the corner of Mary street and Royal avenue to watch the movements of a distant policeman, "Ah, could I only collect those rents, how happy I should be! I would run for alderman and——enough of this, I must to my work." So, pulling down the battered remains of a once respectable hat, upon his massive, but gloomy brow, this prowler of the night disappeared like a spectre in the gloom of upper Mary street. The moon shone clear and cold, but the bandit kept along in the shadows, nursing his schemes to keep them warm. At last he stopped suddenly and looked over a fence; then a fearful smile lit up his saturnine visage, and he muttered hoarsely, "at last, ha, ha! here is thingamy's chicken coop and by all that's mysterious, here am I." Then giving a hitch to his trousers, which is a trick that all robbers learn, he transferred his seedy personality from the lonely road on to the top of the lonelier chicken-coop. Only a subdued cackle of apprehension from a restless rooster broke the stillness; the furtive stranger's heart beat—as its owner had often beat—his way. Then something else broke the stillness; with a resounding crash the bold, bad man went through the roof of the coop among the chickens, whose voices turned the stillness of night into a pandemonium. "By gum!" remarked the discomfited robber, "I've got an engagement about ten miles from here, so I think I'll put;" and he "put' just in time to escape the alarmed inmates of the adjoining house who sallied forth shot gun in hand, their generous minds bent on giving the caller a warm reception. No clue to the man has been found, but the police are searching for them.

Personal.

John Kirkland, reeve of Delta, is *in the city.*

Hon. A. N. Richards, of Victoria, is in the city on legal business.

F. C. Gamble, resident government engineer, was in the city to day.

(*From Daily Columbian, Dec. 5.*)

The county court sitting ended yesterday. A large number of cases were disposed of.

Last night's frost was the heaviest this season. There was "infant ice" on the pools and ponds.

Farm produce is getting scarce at Chilliwack and Sumas, and very little remains to be marketed.

The fish market was well stocked with fresh cod to-day, but all other kinds of fish were scarce.

The R. C. P. Mills are piling up enormous quantities of matched flooring timber at the north end of the yard.

The Louise cleared this morning for Victoria with 45 head of cattle, 2 carloads of flour and feed, 20 tons of farm produce and a large number of passengers.

The *contract for plastering the* Powell building, corner of Lytton square and Columbia street, has been awarded to Messrs. Thomas and Sutherland.

The libel suit, Pettingill *vs.* Helmcken, has been amicably settled out of court and will not come to trial. The jury summoned to sit on the case has been discharged.

The steamer Irving left this morning for Chilliwack and way ports with 12,000 feet of lumber, 20 tons of ground feed, 10 tons of general merchandise and quite a number of passengers.

The brick work of the Bushby block is being painted a light shade of buff, which gives a finished appearance to the building, and sets off its strikingly handsome proportions to perfection.

There is an ugly hole about 18 inches deep at the intersection of Mary st. and Royal ave. It looks like a drain cave-in and if not filled up immediately may cause a painful accident, especially after dark.

It seems rather funny that geese should be imported into this country for sale, but geese all plucked and ready for the spit are on the market, having been sent from Collingwood, Ont. They were frozen stiff when they arrived.

The class in vocal music last night at the Y. M. C. A. rooms was a huge success. There was an attendance of 25 and Professor Burnett was pleased with their performances. It is Prof. Burnett's intention to have the class study a cantata to be given publicly next spring.

The Westminster foot ball club is endeavouring to arrange a match with the Nanaimo club to be played in this city at an early date. The next matches on the programme are with Victoria and Vancouver, one of which will be played in Westminster and the other in Victoria next month.

It is reported that an enterprising Ontario man will shortly establish a weekly newspaper at Chilliwack. As the field is very limited it is doubtful if the enterprise will prove a success at present, but the day is not far distant when Chilliwack will be able to support a respectable weekly.

The barque Ullock finished loading to-day, and will leave this port probably on Saturday for Australia. The ship has got a pretty good grip of the water, and the line is only about a foot under the Plimsoll mark. She carries nearly all the cargo under hatches, but has a top dressing of long beams and other building timber.

Negotiations have been reopened by the agents of Sir M. B. Begbie for the purchase of the leases on his property on Columbia, Front and McKenzie streets. If the unexpired leases can be purchased at a reasonable figure it is understood Sir M. B. Begbie will erect a fine building on the property, and which will rank among the most handsome edifices in the city.

The celebrated ditch and culvert case, Guichon vs. McNeely and others, was being argued to-day in chambers before Mr. Justice McCreight, and it is probable that the argument will be finished this evening. The counsel for the plaintiff are the Hon. A. N. Richards, Q.C., and Mr. Taylor, of Eberts & Taylor, Victoria; for the defense, Messrs. Eckstein, McColl and Jenns.

Capt. John Irving, manager of the C. P. N. Co., leaves for San Francisco to-morrow morning, and rumor has it that his visit will prove of great interest to Victoria, insomuch as it is for the purpose of purchasing another steamer for the company's service. It was reported on the streets yesterday that the purchase of the San Rafael was in contemplation.—*Wednesday's Colonist.*

Quite a quantity of prepared opium in tins, some 60 or more, was found among the cargo of the Idaho, and it is understood it will be held here subject to enquiry by the customs authorities, as no trace of its shipment was found on the ship's books. It is surmised that it is part of some smuggled stuff, which, had it not been for the wreck, would ere this have been landed safely in the United States.—*Tuesday's Times.*

Navigation on Lake Superior closed Monday, the Alberta being the last boat to depart for Owen Sound.

Samuel Platt, a barrister, son of the late Samuel Platt, M.P., was arrested Tuesday afternoon, at Toronto, on a warrant charging him with the larceny of a diamond ring worth $300 from Jacob Walz, a jeweler.

Joseph Baird, aged about seventy-five, residing at Carberry, Man., was left alone in his house last Sunday at 10:30 a. m., and when the family returned from church they found him dead, with his throat cut from ear to ear.

Miss Susan B. Anthony lectured in favor of woman's franchise before a fair audience in Toronto Monday evening. Mayor Clarke presided, and a vote of thanks was moved at the close by Rev. Dr. A. Sutherland and Rev. Dr. Parker, of Montreal.

The Civic Elections.

All the interest in the civic elections has narrowed down to the candidates for wards two and three. The aspirants to aldermanic honors are prosecuting their canvass in a friendly manner, but are leaving no stone unturned, to secure a majority of votes. Ward three will probably be the scene of the hardest fight, and majorities are not expected to be large in any case. Neither of the candidates for the civic chair is making a personal canvass.

Mr. Punch Withdraws.

Mr. Jas. Punch, the present reeve of Surrey, who was nominated on Monday for ward two in this city, called to day and authorized THE COLUMBIAN to announce that he had withdrawn from the contest. Mr. Punch assigns as his reason that three good men besides himself are in nomination, and he can not conveniently give the necessary time for the position. He also states that the nomination was not of his own seeking in the first place.

Honoring Judge Bole.

His Honor Judge Bole will be dined and wined by the legal fraternity of Vancouver this evening, in honor of his elevation to the bench. Preparations on an elaborate scale have been made for the spread, which its promoters intend will surpass anything of the kind ever given on the mainland. A number of the Westminster bar have been invited to be present at the banquet, and invitations have also been tendered to the judges of the supreme court. About fifty will be present at the dinner.

Farewell Lecture.

Mrs. Moore's farewell lecture at the opera house last night proved a great attraction, and the building was almost as closely packed as on Tuesday evening. The subject, "Rum-selling and religion," was ably handled, and her appeals to the audience against the use of intoxicants, and the necessity of a lively crusade against the liquor traffic, were very effective indeed. On the whole Mrs. Moore has made a decided hit in Westminster, and her visit has done much good. As usual, a large number of people were persuaded to sign the pledge, the number of signers being much greater last night than at the two previous meetings.

A Wily Celestial.

Ah Foo faced the bench this morning in the police court and denied that he had kept a retail store in Front st. without a license. He produced another Chinaman, who, according to Foo was the man who had committed the offence. The case was not unmixed with the ludicrous, and when the Chinese vocabulary was in full blast it was hard to restrain a smile. His honor thought it best to remand the case until Monday next. Ah Foo is noted as one of the most prominent high-binders in this country and all the other Chinamen stand in considerable awe of him. He does not occupy a very flattering position on the books of the police department, and they are in the habit of keeping a keen eye on his movements.

A Thriving Industry.

The Chilliwack cheese factory, of which Mr. A. C. Wells is the proprietor, and which is the only establishment of the kind in the province, has just closed down after a most successful season's work. During the period the factory was in operation 20,000 pounds were manufactured, all of which has been disposed of at a most satisfactory figure, netting a handsome profit to Mr. Wells. The cheese has all been sold of in the province for home consumption, and it is in great favor wherever it has been used, its quality being acknowledged as equal to the imported lines of the Ontario and Quebec article. The factory will be run to the fullest extent next season, and it is expected the output will be considerably greater than this year.

An Excellent Appointment.

The appointment of Captain J. A. Robinson to the command of the government steamer Samson, *vice* Capt. Grant, deceased, has given the greatest satisfaction throughout the city. Capt. Robinson is one of the most skilful and experienced navigators on the British Columbia coast, has sailed these waters for many years, and is thoroughly adapted and qualified for his new duties. Last year Capt. Robinson made a study of the Sandheads channel, and advanced some excellent plans for deepening the same by means of huge drags or marine harrows. It is to be hoped he may be permitted to give this system a test, for it is admitted by experienced men to be a very practical idea, and well worthy of a trial. Capt. Robinson has the best interests of Westminster at heart, and his appointment cannot but result favorably to the city.

The Surrey Elections.

The municipality of Surrey will soon be agitated over the election of reeve and councillors for the ensuing year. The nominations take place the first Monday in January and the elections follow a week later. It is almost definitely settled that Reeve Punch will not ask further municipal honors, it being necessary that he should devote the whole of his time to private business matters. It is understood that a requisition is at present being circulated through the municipality, asking Mr. H. T. Thrift to accept the nomination for reeve. The choice is excellent, for no man in Surrey has so general a knowledge of municipal matters as he, and no man better knows the public requirements. Mr. Thrift has been clerk of the council for five years, which has given him an insight into municipal business and an experience in these matters that cannot but be of great benefit and assistance to the council should he be elected to the reeveship. He has been a resident of Surrey for seven years, and during that time has moved in all matters tending to forward the interests of the municipality. The electors of Surrey cannot make a mistake in returning Mr. Thrift for reeve, if he consents to the nomination.

Regretted by All.

It was learned with the deepest regret yesterday afternoon that Captain C. M. McNaughten had breathed his last, after a long and lingering illness extending over two years. The condition of the health of the deceased for the past few months was extremely frail, and the end was expected long before it came. Captain Charles M. McNaughten was born at Sidney, Cape Breton, in 1855 and in 1878 came to British Columbia. After residing a year in Victoria he came to New Westminster and made it his home, having resided here since 1879. By trade Capt. McNaughten was a jeweller and watchmaker and was in business on Columbia st. for several years. He had the true military instinct, and was a fine soldier and officer. He took a course of gunnery instruction at Victoria, at the school of gunnery, and passed with high honors. At the retirement of Judge Bole from the captaincy of No. 1. Battery B. C. G. A., Captain (then lieutenant) McNaughten succeeded to the command which he held till his death. With his command Captain McNaughten was held in the highest esteem, and under his care the battery arrived at a very creditable state of proficiency. He leaves a wife and three children to mourn his loss. Captain McNaughten has also a brother living in the city, who came up from Victoria on learning the seriousness of his brother's illness. The deceased will be buried to-morrow with military honors. The funeral cortege will leave the house at two o'clock and proceed to the Baptist church and after service there, go to Sapperton cemetery.

Personal.

A. C. Wells, of Chilliwack, gave us a call this morning.

Rev. Mr. McDougall, the well-known northwest missionary, is in the city. He will leave for the east to-morrow.

Mr. James A. Laidlaw, the well known salmon packer, was taken seriously ill last night. To day he was nearly as well as ever again, much to the joy of his many friends.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Spreading Themselves.

EDITOR COLUMBIAN—*Sir:*—I happened to stumble on the *Truth* this morning, and curiosity urged me to open it, and lo and behold! and to be sure! the rival candidates for mayor are just spreading themselves in the columns of that Quixotic sheet. They are making all manner of excuses for begging the salary which they wish to be added to the weighty honors they expect to reap when they, or either of them, come to be invested with the "red cap." Their talk in *Truth* reminds me very much of the girl, when her lover seemed to be rather shy, who whispered in his ear in a low but assuring tone, "Poo' me, John, an' I'll no be ill tae poo'." It is a great pity that the municipal constitution would not permit the twain to be elevated side by side in the civic chair. They could then divide both the honors and the salary—half a loaf would be better than no bread.

CIVIS.

Mr. Townsend Explains.

EDITOR COLUMBIAN—*Sir:*—I wish to state that there was a misunderstanding as regards my signing Mr. Brown's nomination papers. That gentleman thought I was aware that he expected a salary, when really I was not. Hence my statement. Consequently, if I made a blunder I did it unknowingly; and I have seen Mr. Brown and Alderman Reid, together with other gentlemen, to set the matter right, and I take this means to do so publicly. The article in *Truth* yesterday morning, defining the duties of mayor, caused me to look into the matter, and I find it is right; and I am not surprised that, viewing the duties in that light, Mr. Brown would be willing to do the same for $1,000 per annum. If I thought that that was all that was required of the mayor, I should be quite willing to continue doing the duties for nothing. But that is not the case; there is a great deal more to do if we wish our city to grow and prosper. I have seen many of my friends and supporters today, and they tell me I have taken a false stand on the question of salary. The council in session have the power to vote a by-law providing the salary, and they can make it what they please, or none at all. Now, I have worked hard during the past year, and have things well in hand, and I should like to see them carried to a finish, and I think I can do it better than a new man. Having, therefore, only the city's interest to forward, I have decided to withdraw the statement that I would not serve for less than $2,000 per annum. I will leave the matter entirely in the hands of the new council. Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM B. TOWNSEND.

H. McFarland was arrested at Toronto on a capias, and on Tuesday made a judicial abandonment of the property of McFarland & Sons. McFarland was taken to the court house where he was immediately released on $13,000 bail. Liabilities will exceed $12,000; assets $10,000.

Of the fifty new Queen's counsellors who have been appointed, the honor is lavished very unsparingly in Ontario. Montreal also comes in for a share. Manitoba is entirely ignored by the government on this occasion.

WEEKLY BRITISH COLUMBIAN

Wednesday Morning, Dec. 11, 1889.

(*From Daily Columbian, Dec. 6.*)

The presbytery of Columbia will meet in the Presbyterian church, Kamloops, on Wednesday 11th inst.

A scow load of oats was brought round from Mud Bay yesterday for Mathers and Milligan by the steamer Mabel.

The Yosemite brought up 1000 cases of salmon to-day for transhipment per C. P. R. On leaving to-day she took away 1000 cases for Victoria.

The frost penetrated the ground to the depth of an inch last night, which was rather a surprise to many who were not prepared for so cold a snap.

The small boy was noted this morning trying his coaster on the frosty sidewalk. It made the elderly citizen shiver to think that winter had actually "arrove."

The steamer Rainbow arrived last night from Victoria with freight and passengers. She left this morning with a fair amount of freight and a few passengers.

The barometer shows a tendency to keep up. The thermometer read 35° at 11 o'clock this morning. There is every indication of fine weather, the chief of the weather department says.

The steamer Yosemite arrived last night and took on a very heavy cargo of baled hay and grain at the C. P. R. and C. P. N. docks. She also loaded some machinery at the former dock, all for Victoria.

The hogs which were placed in the C. P. N. corral the other day are for parties in the city. The swine have manifested their presence in the usual manner, and residents around that section have had no need to complain of a lack of vocal music.

It was rumored around town this morning that there had been a slight fall of snow at 5 a.m. But it must have been very slight, as the sky was perfectly clear throughout the night. The weather bureau thinks it might have been condensed fog that fell.

The importation of blooded eastern stock into this country causes a great deal of hopefulness for our future cattle shows. Positively the latest importation of high-class stock into Westminster is the new cat at the lock up. The keeper of that inn is pestered very much with mice, and has engaged the services of a brindled mouser.

This morning pedestrians on Columbia street had their attention attracted by a loud squaking and screaming somewhere. A glance upward showed that a large flight of geese were passing over. The flight numbered over twenty and they were flying high. The cold weather up north is no doubt driving this kind of game into more genial climates.

The fish and game market was stocked this morning with a varied and plentiful assortment of fish and game. The fish included brook trout, sturgeon, tommy cods, smelts, whiting, herring, red cod, black cod, salmon and oysters. The sea fish were caught in the gulf, off the mouth of the river; the sturgeon are large, the biggest one weighing over three hundred pounds. Mallards and others of the duck kind, and grouse in respectable numbers, were also exposed for sale. Wild geese are rather scarce this season, but the cold weather is expected to drive them south in "paying quantities."

Overdrawn.

Mrs. McDonald, whose name figured in a sensational affair a few days ago, has returned to Nanaimo. She says: "I first became acquainted with Peter Cameron in 1887. All went well for a while, when some evil-disposed person would meet him and tell him little tales about me and which he believed, and by so doing brought an estrangement between us. I have read the account in the *Colonist*, but it is not true and I dont know who could have told that tale as I am sure I did not, and a dead man could not do so."

Laidlaw's New Cannery.

Mr. James A. Laidlaw, the well known salmon packer, left for Victoria to-day. His visit to the capital is for the purpose of getting together a crew of men to go north and engage in the construction of the new cannery which is to be established on the Skeena river by Mr. Laidlaw, Capt. John Irving and others. The new cannery will be as complete in every way as any in the province, and its capacity will be very large. The new venture ought to be a great financial success, as the Skeena is by no means over fished.

The Law on Poker.

At the Nanaimo assizes a few days ago a case mixed up with gambling came up, and Chief Justice Begbie charged the jury at considerable length, and dealt greatly upon the evils of gambling, particularly stud horse poker as being a very unfair game. He said the law allows certain games to be played, such as whist, euchre, seven up, and other games wherein the players have an equal chance, but the law will not protect them in case they should lose any money. But again there are games which the law will not allow, and one of these is stud horse poker. He said that the prisoner had already lost seven dollars in the game, that being showed by him receiving $43 out of the note he has been alleged to have passed, and said it was for them to say whether after hearing certain witnesses, he was guilty of doing this intentionally, and if so, then all they would have to do was to bring in a true bill against the prisoner. The grand jury found a true bill.

The Sumas Dyke.

Work has been suspended on the Sumas dyke until next spring, it having been found that the fall weather would not permit of satisfactory construction. The men have been paid off and discharged. With the first appearance of fine weather next spring work will be resumed and vigorously pushed to a finish, so that the whole dyke may be complete before the high water season in June. Very little remains to be done, but what there is requires most careful attention on the part of the contractors. Just how well the work on the dyke has been done will be fully appreciated when the high water comes next year.

The Logging Outfit Case.

Judge Bole heard the evidence, yesterday, at Vancouver, in the now celebrated logging outfit case, Rowling vs. Ross. On April 12, 1888, the plaintiff rented the defendant nine oxen and a logging outfit worth $1300 at $150 per month, Ross to have the right to purchase by giving notice within one week after the expiration of six months. Rowling also claims that he paid $3,912.99 for Ross, lent him $275, delivered him goods to the amount of $189.95, and that one ox valued at $60 was not returned, making in all $6,337.94. He acknowledged receiving partial payment to the value of $5,819.91. He now brings action to recover the balance $518. Ross denies that Rowling paid the $3,912.99 for him, or that he received $189.95 in goods. He claims he delivered Rowling logs and did work for him, leaving a balance due him (Ross) of $835. Ross also claims that the plaintiff wrongfully deprived him of the use of the oxen and logging outfit, and for this he puts in a counterclaim of $1,000. The case occupied most of the session of the court. Judgment will be rendered later.

Highly Entertaining.

A former British Columbian, Judge Laidlaw, of Oakland, Cal., is imbued with a true sense of justice, and is evidently well fitted to hold the high position he occupies. An Oakland despatch, dated yesterday, says: "Judge Laidlaw in the police court this morning fined himself $50 for being drunk and disorderly. He read a statement confessing his error, pleading penitence, and promised to resign if he gets drunk again." A judge who has the moral courage to fine himself for a misdemeanor, proves himself worthy of a seat on the bench, and it is likely our old friend will not suffer in the public confidence through this straightforward eccentricity.

Judge Laidlaw came to British Columbia in June, 1888, as manager of the British Columbia Packing Co., for the estate of W. T. Coleman & Co., of San Francisco. He was a lawyer by profession, but was out of practice, and undertook the management of the cannery to fill in the time. He remained in Westminster about four months and then returned home, entered upon the practice of his profession and early this year was elected to the position of police court judge. During his stay in this city Judge Laidlaw made many friends, who will all be intensely amused when they learn of his latest sentence.

Didn't Have His Gun.

One of the old-time citizens who came here in the flush of manhood, and who has grown gray beside the banks of Father Fraser, was over in Vancouver the other day. This hoary old-timer, one might almost say "forty-niner," has been accustomed, let it be hereby explained, to see young men dress in a quiet and manly manner, after the fashion of the royal city, and he is not, therefore, to be charged with "hayseediness" or verdancy because he was struck aghast at the sight of a real, live, moving, eastern "dude" who was standing on the corner of Cordova and Lineunda streets in Vancouver. In the somewhat able bodied vernacular of this original "old block," he was "flabbergasted clear out o' sight." "By gum, sir, I never never in all my life thought I'd live to see anything like that." He said the "thing" had a collar on that rasped the lobes of his ears and made him appear like a calf looking over a whitewashed wall; a cane in his hand as thick as a barber's pole; a little brimless hat on his head and a pane of glass tied with a string stuck in his eye; and pants with enough cloth in them to start a tailoring shop. The old gentleman followed this apparition about the streets for some time until "it" disappeared up the front steps of the Hotel Vancouver, assiduously sucking the head of "its" cane. It seems that this is the what d'ye call it that spoke the famous grace before meat at a certain grand dinner in Vancouver.

Police Court.

The case of Ah Foo, charged with running a retail store without a license, came up again this morning in the police court. Ah Foo is agent for the Chinaman who really did run the store, and he defended the case this morning with more than Celestial vigor. Ah Foo speaks good English and hangs on to his case like a Trojan. He has, however, engaged the services of Mr. E. A. Jenns, and as that gentleman was busy on the celebrated ditch and culvert case, the case of Ah Foo was remanded until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. After court adjourned Ah Foo and the other Chinaman went round to the police station and nearly drove the chief and the keeper crazy with voluminous arguments and torrents of verbosity. Even the station cat took flight in dismay and sought refuge among the confiscated whiskey bottles. The general opinion is that Ah Foo mistook his profession and ought to have been a lawyer.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

Deserves to be Patronized.

A glance on the bills which are scattered all over town announcing an exhibition and concert for next Wednesday evening, at the opera house, will disclose the fact that it contains some items which are not common around this part of the country. One of these is the statuary. This pleasing exhibition is managed thus: The groups or the solitary figures take their stand in the correct position, and maintain it rigidly until the fall of the curtain; being all in white and against a dark background, and a strong light thrown on them, the effect is very fine. These representations seldom fail to "bring down the house" in the east. Some very effective groups and solitary figures have been prepared for next Wednesday evening. On the list of singers are some names not often before Westminster audiences, but representing merit second to none in the province. A very strange impression has gone abroad as to those entertainments. The question has been repeatedly asked: "Is it a place where a lady can go?" In justice let it be said, most emphatically, "Yes, it is;" and not nearly so derogatory to her dignity or modesty as some of the vile, nigger minstrel shows that sometimes disgrace the temple of Thespis in all cities. Every lady who has witnessed these exhibitions can bear the same evidence. Surely it must be prudery that averts its gaze because two or three young fellows come on the stage with their arms exposed to the shoulder. But most of the fashionable dances have, well—"the least said the soonest mended." This is no entertainment to go a-begging; there is many a high priced "show" that comes here that has not half the merit. The opera house will be a good place to spend an enjoyable hour next Wednesday evening.

MILITARY HONORS.

The Remains of the Late Capt. McNaughton Consigned to Earth with Military Honors.

The remains of Captain C. M. McNaughton were interred to-day with military honors. A very large concourse of friends attended the funeral, and a detachment of No. 1. Battery, B. C. G. A., the late captain's command, under the command of Lieutenant Mowat, attended as a firing party. At 1:30 p. m. the military left the drill-shed and proceeded to Captain McNaughton's late ressdence on Montreal st. From there the funeral wended its way slowly down the hill to the Baptist Church. The Rev. Thos. Baldwin performed the funeral service, and at its conclusion the cortege proceeded by way of Columbia st. to the Oddfellows' cemetery at Sapperton. The day was perfect, and one of the most beautiful that has been seen for some time. The frost had hardened the mud and made walking comfortable. Flags flew at half mast in many places in the city, and the esteem in which the deceased was held could be noted in the deep interest which the people along the line of march took in the funeral. There was a large attendance of carriages, and many persons followed on foot. On reaching the cemetery the military opened and resting on their arms reversed allowed the hearse and funeral procession to pass through; then, when the work of interment had been concluded they fired three volleys over the grave, according to the old custom, and then marched back in column and dispersed at headquarters. The smart soldier-like appearance of the militia elicited much admiring comment, and the knowledge of drill which they displayed was highly commendable.

The pall bearers were: Capt. E. S. Scoullar, Capt. A. Peele, Messrs. J. C. Brown, W. R. King, E. Rand and T. French.

Supreme Court.

Before the Hon. Mr. Justice McCreight.

In the case of Guichon vs. McNeely and others, the taking of evidence was finished yesterday and the arguments of the Hon. Mr. Richards, Q.C., and Mr. Taylor on behalf of McNeely and the two Barbers was heard.

This morning Mr. Eckstein, on behalf of the Delta corporation, one of the defendants, and Mr. McColl, for the plaintiff, finished their respective arguments. His lordship reserved judgment.

The question involved is practically one dealing with the extent to which the corporation may allow its road ditches to be used for the drainage of lands along the highways. The plaintiff complains that by reason of a certain culvert made by the defendants, connecting a ditch on the westerly side of the main road, with one on the easterly side thereof, the waters in the latter, which adjoins his lands, became increased, and overflowing covered several acres of plaintiff's land, destroying certain asparagus plants, and depriving his cattle of pasturage; also that he was compelled at a great expense to dyke against such waters.

The only evidence of an overflow was that of the plaintiff, while several witnesses denied that such ever took place.

As there is no law in this province regulating the dyking and drainage of such lands as those of the delta, the decision to be given in this case may throw some light upon the question of what may be done in the matter.

Personal.

A. St. George Hammersley, of Vancouver, was in the city to-day.

The Misses Cambie, of Vancouver, were in the city yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Hutchinson and wife, and Miss Annie Phillips, of Mineral Point, Wisconsin, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sheriff Armstrong.

(*From Daily Columbian, Dec. 7.*)

The foot ball club held a practice on Queen's Park this afternoon.

The str. Dunsmuir arrived from Nanaimo with coal this afternoon.

The snagboat Samson went down the North Arm to-day on business.

A new sidewalk is being laid on the lower end of Fortescue street on the west side.

A number of people went over to Vancouver this afternoon to witness the McLean-Murray boat race.

The str. Louise left this morning for Victoria with 50 hogs, a large cargo of farm produce and a number of passengers.

W. H. Vianen shipped to Calgary to-day 500 pounds of fresh sea fish, principally cod and salmon. Yesterday 800 pounds of sturgeon was shipped to Vancouver.

According to the latest postal arrangements, parcels may now be sent, not only to the United Kingdom and Newfoundland, but to all those countries and colonies with which the United Kingdom maintains a parcel post.

Mr. Max Mowat, caretaker of the Fraser River Hatchery, reports that the ova placed in the establishment during the month of October are hatching out nicely. The fry are in fine condition, and at present all indications point to very successful results.

Wonder if the Church street paper knows that it's got at the head of its ticket for the mayoralty a member of the "Cunningham" family. We agree with our erratic cotemporary, however, in this, that John Cunningham Brown is the man for the position.

The Yosemite took down with her to Victoria to-day a large cylinder for use on H. M. S. Swiftsure, and also a gun shield of one-inch iron, cylindrical and with sloping roof. The Yosemite had a very heavy grain and baled hay cargo, and 1000 cases of salmon.

The Pelham street improvements are progressing famously, and that thoroughfare has already assumed a very handsome appearance. When the walks are laid on both sides, and the road perfectly levelled, Pelham will be one of the finest streets in the city.

We can always tell when our friend the *Truth* is hard hit. It invariably abandons altogether the subject in hand, whatever it may be, and flies frantically in the face of its opponent. We never notice such attacks, however, as they are of no public interest.

Immense numbers of cod and sturgeon are being caught by the fishermen at present, and in consequence the market is well supplied. The catch, however, is very uncertain, and in a few days the chances are that all kinds of fish will be exceedingly scarce.

The new telephone line between New Westminster and Vancouver was succesfully completed this afternoon. The route is by Hastings and the line is carried the entire distance on new 30 foot poles. This addition to the telephone service will be much appreciated by the public.

A survey of the wrecked Idaho was made on Wednesday afternoon by Capt. Clarke, Capt. Urqhart and Mr. Collister. They have reported to the agents and the steamer has been abandoned for the benefit of whom it may concern. Every effort is being made to save as much of the cargo and gear as possible.—*Colonist.*

A fine plan of the Queen's park is now on view in the window of D. S. Curtis & Co. The plan is very neatly executed, and shows all the grounds are intended to contain when completed. The numerous drives, summer houses, museum, exhibition buildings, stock yards and stables are all to be seen at a glance, and the plan, on the whole, is very comprehensive and creditable.

A letter was received yesterday by a prominent gentleman of this city who is largely interested in mines in the province, that a number of wealthy Londoners were anxious to form a company with a capital of $100,000 to work what is considered the best mine on Rock Creek. The owners here know they have a rich mine, but would not be averse to an offer of $200,000 and not less.—*Thursday's Times.*

Successful Shooting Trip.

The Gipsy returned from Mud Bay last evening, having on board Mr. Beecher of the R. C. P. Mills Co., and a party of distinguished sportsmen, and a large "bag" of ducks, geese and other game. The trip would have been without a fault but for the unfortunate stranding of the steamer on a mud bank, where she remained two days, and only succeeded in getting off at the third tide, which was a high one. When the party did get in among the game they had a fine time, and judging by the size of the bag, game must be plentiful around the bay.

As Staunch as Ever.

The str. Belle, which is at present on the ways below the Royal City Mills, will be launched next Tuesday, on which date there will be a high tide. The Belle's engines and machinery have been completely overhauled and repaired in such an efficient manner that they will be equal to new. She has also received plenty of attention on the hull and interior, and will be as smart a craft as any on the river when she gets afloat again. Belle has done splendid work for years past, and is as serviceable to-day as when she first struck the water.

The pastorate of the Emmanuel Baptist church of Toronto will soon be vacant, owing to the resignation of Pastor Joshua Donovan, by reason of increasing age and infirmities. A section of the congregation tried to have Rev. Dr. Fulton, a noted anti-Jesuit and anti-Roman lecturer called, but the other section strongly opposed him and the motion for calling him was abandoned.

A Deferred Trip.

Mr. P. McTiernan, Indian agent, was to have gone north to Yuclataw, starting from Vancouver, last Wednesday, for the purpose of looking after the Indians, who are cutting timber on provincial government lands. The steamer which was to convey him north broke down while going from Nanaimo to Vancouver, and she will not be ready to begin her voyage until next Tuesday. Mr. McTiernan made this long and rough voyage several times last winter, and says it is a wild, rugged country away up there. No trouble is expected from the Indians cutting the timber, and Mr. McTiernan's mission is merely to regulate the matter.

Sound Timber.

The contractors for the improvements to Queen's avenue, between Patrick and Mary streets, find that most of the labor in connection with the work is in the removal of the gigantic stumps that cover the ground. Although this portion of the city was cleared about 25 years ago, the roots attached to these stumps are as sound as the day they were cut, and give every evidence of remaining in the same condition for the next quarter of a century. The roots are very tenacious and stick to the earth in a most stubborn manner, and, as blasting is not allowed, they are being chopped out piecemeal. The fact of these stumps remaining perfectly sound for 25 years is another proof of the excellent quality of British Columbia timber.

Crushed by a Falling Beam.

This morning in the Royal City Planing Mills yards, as several men were shifting some heavy timber, a large and heavy cant fell over on a man named John Hoult, and smashed his left leg just above the ankle, producing a compound fracture of a very painful and rather serious nature. Dr. Cooper was immediately summoned and ordered the wounded man to be removed to his home near the mills. The docter said the break was a bad one, but he was confident of soon having it under fair way to recovery. The injured man is an old soldier and served a number of years in garrison at Halifax, N. S. His wife came out here to join her husband only a few days ago from the east. The accident was quite unavoidable as the beam slipped and was upon the unfortunate man before he had time to move from the spot where he was standing. He may be eventually removed to the hospital.

A Modern War Engine.

One of the pieces of machinery taken to Victoria this morning by the Yosemite was a patent gun-carriage to be mounted on a pivot and manœuvred *en barbette*. The peculiar principle of the carriage is its recoil-breaking properties. By an ingenious mechanism the recoil of the gun is reduced to almost nothing, and without straining or jarring the vessel. In a cylinder is placed about 17 quarts of pure glycerine, and the piston being started by the recoil of the gun forces the glycerine through numerous holes punctured in the false head of the cylinder, thus acting almost like a pneumatic cushion and deadening the recoil completely. Glycerine is used because it will not stiffen with cold as oil does, and is in good condition and ready for use at all times. Those latest developments of the genius of war are manufactured in Sir William Armstrong's great gun and war material factory at Elswick, England. The gun-shield accompanying the carriage is so constructed as to afford protection to the gunners from rifle, Nordenfeldt, Hotchkiss and other bullets, as also fragments of exploded shells, to which such a gun would inevitably be exposed on the upper deck.

Leon's We 3 Co.

Edward C. Payson, advance manager Girard Leon's We 3 Co., arrived in New Westminster to-day. In an interview with Mr. Payson he says that his company is one of the strongest specialty shows that ever visited Westminster. Among the many novelties mentioned are Mr. Girard Leon and his educated donkeys, Jack and Jill, which can do anything but talk; the original 4 Carles, from Paris, in their novel and unique musical act; Dr. Casanovia the vivisectionist and illusionist; he cuts up people, this is an illusion, but so perfect that it baffles everyone; the two chameleons in their lightening changes, making 16 complete changes of male and female wearing apparel in full view of the audience without leaving the stage; Walter Leroy, America's favorite Irish comedian; Tommy Adams, character artist; Martinetti, America's youngest trick bicyclist; Antonelli, animal impersonator; Miss Florence Southe, London's famous contralto; Miss Jennie Alexander, vocalist; and others, giving one of the strongest specialty performances ever witnessed in Westminster. Remember the date, Saturday Dec. 14, 1889. Seats now on sale at Herring's Drug Store.

The Salmon Packers.

The British Columbia delegation of salmon packers are rushing things at Ottawa. A few mornings ago they had an interview with Sir Hector Langevin, and asked that the government snagboat be sent up to Sumas to assist in repairing the river bank, which had just given way, also relative to securing another appropriation for the purpose of completing the dredging of the Fraser river. It is understood that their recommendations with regard to the salmon fishery regulations include a request for permission to use nets of 5¾ inch mesh as in former years, the substitution of a weekly close time of 30 hours instead of 42 as at present; an increase in the number of boat licenses to canneries; each cannery to have 40 boats with such further allowance of additional licenses as the department may deem advisable. The delegation also asked that they be allowed to deposit the fish offal in Fraser river, this, they contend, being the natural and usual method of disposing of it. The canners recommended that the department maintain the efficiency of the B. C. hatchery, and operate it to its fullest capacity, and they urge that another hatchery be established in the interior towards the headwaters of the Thompson or Fraser river, and protect the natural spawning grounds. Their last suggestion is that no protection be given to trout, as they consider them the natural enemies of salmon.

Quite a Bit.

The programme for the exhibition and concert to be given next Wednesday evening in Herring's opera house is as follows:

PART I.

1. Organ solo—Prof. G. J. Burnett—"The Battle March of Delhi." The palace clock strikes four.—The Break of Day.—Drums at a Distance.—Morning Bugle Call.—Indian Air at a Distance.—Cavalry March.—The Arrival.—Halt! Halt!—Guns Resisting the Approach.—"Smile on in Hope Old England."—See the Conquering Hero Comes.—The Campbells are Coming.
2. Horizontal bar.
3. "Marche des Chasseurs," orchestra
4. German vaulting horse.
5. Select reading—"What's Yo'r Hurry?" Yorkshire dialect—Mr. Thos. Sampson.
6. Foil fencing.
7. Tumbling.

PART II.

1. Solo—"Have Courage My Boy to Say No"—Mrs. Robson.
2. "La Valse Berceuse" [*Waldteufel*]—orchestra.
3. Indian club swinging.
4. Solo—"God Bless You"—Miss M. J. Holden.
5. Recitation—"The Dream of Eugene Aram" [*Hood*]—Mr. T. L. Graham.
6. Solo—"Queen of My Heart"—from "Dorothy"—Mr. G. Lyal.
7. STATUARY.—1, "Watching Marathon;" 2, The Greek Wrestlers; 3, Victory!; 4, Napoleon; 5, Spartacus Triumphant; 6, Hurrah!

"GOD SAVE THE QUEEN."

Police Court.

Before T. C. Atkinson, Esq., P. M., and P. McTiernan, Esq., J. P.

The irrepressible Ah Foo license case again "bobbed up serenely" this morning in the police court on a remand from yesterday. Mr. A. J. McColl appeared for the defendant and pleaded not guilty. Mr. McColl requested his honor to note that in the event of a conviction for the fact it was the intention to contest the validity of the bylaw. His honor noted the intention.

The chief of police gave evidence to the effect that he had seen the accused sell a plug of tobacco to a Chinaman for 25 cents, and that the store contained fruit, cigars, fish—

Mr. McColl—"Ah, fish, eh?—thought this was rather a fishy case."

Chief of police continuing, said it was a clear case.

Mr. McColl said that it must not be presumed that because a sale has been made in a store that the seller is the owner, and therefore responsible. If that presumption were to be taken, every merchant in town would have from one to half a dozen criminals in the store every day.

The chief of police said such questions as the present might be new enough to many people, but it was no new thing to Ah Foo. Ah Foo smiled his acknowledgments.

His honor finally taxed the defendants with the costs, and ordered them to take out a license forthwith, which they did.

The next case was that of John Wilson, charged with having been found drunk in an Indian dwelling. John enunciated the Queen's English in a beautiful brogue of Milesian extraction. He said he had been pretty full, and when down in the neighborhood of the Indian houses had offered for sale a pair of mittens. The Indians took the mittens and hid them, and in going after them he was caught by the police. He said he was not posted on the law relating to Indians and whiskey. The property found in the prisoner's pockets consisted of a pair of gloves and 5 cents. His honor remarked that the prisoner's exchequer was in rather a depleted condition.

The prisoner said the Indians were a common, low lot, and tried to entice men into their shanties to get liquor from them.

His honor remanded prisoner for sentence until 3 o'clock this afternoon, and pointed out to him the beautiful sights to be seen outside the city limits, and also the unhealthiness of people of prisoner's delicate constitution remaining in this town over-night. "Skip, is it?" queried the prisoner, anxiously. "Yes, if you know your business you will," replied the clerk. "You bet!" answered the prisoner; and he was in such a hurry that he forgot to ask his 5 cents back.

Northern Indians.

Mr. Chas. Todd, Indian agent at Fort Simpson, is in the city for the purpose of taking up north a new steamer built for the Indian department service by the Dominion government. The steamer will be finished in the course of two weeks, when she will be taken north at once for active service. Mr. Todd says the Indians are very quiet at present, but influences are at work to breed discontent amongst them if possible. As relating to Indians running in debt with Victoria merchants for goods, Mr. Todd says it is a fact, but whether they intend in all cases to pay for what they order must be left to supposition.—*Times.*

WEEKLY BRITISH COLUMBIAN

Wednesday Morning, Dec. 11, 1889.

A WRITER summing up the present state of the Ottoman empire, concludes by saying, "It is my deliberate conviction that the Turkish empire is on the eve of a terrible and perhaps a final convulsion." So often has this or its parallel been said that we have our doubts as to the prediction being fulfilled. The English prime minister referring to the atrocity recently perpetrated in Crete and Armenia, flippantly spoke of the anarchy reigning in those places as "faction fights;" yet, in spite of his disbelief in the terrible state of things among the Christian subjects of the sultan in those provinces, public opinion was so strong that even he had to urge the porte to bring Moussa Bey to trial for his cruelties. The subsequent proceedings in this affair are interesting as throwing a strong light on the subject of Turkish misrule. Moussa Bey, a Turkish official of the very worst type, had so carried out his infamous cruelties as to make all Europe execrate his name, and, as we stated, it remained for Lord Salisbury to demand of the sultan that he should be brought to Constantinople and there be put upon trial. Moussa has merely exchanged local obscurity for metropolitan distinction. His judges are obsequious to him even in open court, he lives sumptuously, and has a large retinue of servants. The so called trial is merely a fraud to throw dust in the eyes of the European powers. The fact is that the whole system of Turkish government is rotten. Lord Stratford de Redcliffe enjoyed exceptional influence with the porte, "yet he wholly failed in the attempt to get the Turk to amend himself or to let himself be amended." The sultan is quite unable to enter into any alliances on account of the disorganization of his army. The pay of the officers and men is in arrears from twenty to thirty months in the provinces, and even at Stamboul the garrison is lacking six months' pay. Meanwhile Russia is longing for Constantinople, Austria for Salonica, Italy for Tripoli, Persia for Bagdad, Greece for Thessaly and Crete, Bulgaria for Adrianople, and the sultan is reported to be a half-witted fool in the midst of his 500 slaves in his harem. Carpet bearers, water carriers, and interpreters have much more influence with Abd-ul-hamid than his responsible ministers, and it is reported that he is suspicious that every one is plotting to place his crown on the head of Monrad, the late sultan, who is rapidly recovering his health. Such is the picture of the sublime porte drawn by a Mussulman of high authority but of the enlightened school of Midhat Pasha. Will Europe forever put up with this pestiferous sick man at its gates, or will the bag and baggage policy of Mr. Gladstone have to be followed after all? As long as the Turk remains, the smoldering embers of the eastern question will be ready to burst into flames. All the powers are waiting and watching, all of them ready to tear the sick man limb from limb, yet each one chary of making a move for fear of exciting his neighbor's alarms. Meanwhile the unspeakable Turk continues his unsavory presence at the gates of Europe.

RECENT advices leave no room for doubt of the safety of Stanley, the African explorer, whose arrival within the actual circle of civilization, outside of which he has been so long, may be daily looked for. He is approaching the Zanzibar coast with a party numbering some twelve hundred, including his own followers and those of Emin Pasha, the central African state so long governed by the latter, with headquarters at Wadelai, having been overrun by the Mahdi and incorporated with his Soudanese possessions. Since the latter part of the year 1887, when the explorer left Stanley Falls on the Upper Congo, the news from him has been very meager, and that which did come was anything but hopeful, especially when taken in connection with the reports that Emin's settlement had been broken up and Emin himself was a prisoner in the hands of the Mahdi, which report has turned out to have been only partially correct. The country in which Stanley's route lay is described as a tableland of some five thousand feet elevation, directly under the equator, with many mountain ridges and snow-capped peaks, much of the surface heavily wooded, and having a vegetation so prolific as to be almost impenetrable, while it has a very considerable population, mostly of small savage tribes. In a region of this character, about one thousand miles each way in extent, Stanley has been marching and counter-marching for nearly two years, and the object of his mission is now about fulfilled in the relief and rescue of Emin Pasha, which that gallant old African veteran however, apparently hardly appreciates.

The additions made by the explorer to our knowledge of the geography of this vast region in Central Africa, observes an exchange, are necessarily limited by the meagerness of the accounts so far received, but it is seen that they will be of great importance. Heretofore the Albert Nyanza has been considered the source of the southwest branch of the White Nile, the Victoria Nyanza being the source of its southeast branch. Stanely, however, has discovered an extension of the Southern Nyanza, or Nyanza of Usongora, which, he says, "is called now Albert Edward Nyanza, and is about 900 feet higher than Albert Nyanza, having an exit at Semliki, which receives over fifty streams from the snowy range of the Rujeuzori, and finally enters the Albert Nyanza, making the Albert Edward the source of the southwest branch of the White Nile." The area of the extension is said to be 26,900 square miles,

It will probably be a wonderful and thrilling story which the adventurers will have to tell when they finally reach home, and it will also be a story of hardships and privations endured, of sickness, want of food, and unremitting toil of the severest kind under the blaze of a tropical sun or in the more deadly African morasses and jungles, but the results are certain to place the name of Henry M. Stanley in a yet higher place than it has heretofore occupied among the world's great explorers. He has succeeded in rescuing the party of Emin Pasha, and his other work cannot fail to give an important impetus and a more intelligent understanding to the numerous enterprises now on foot for the speedy opening up to the world of these vast and hitherto almost unknown regions of central Africa.

THE season for all sorts of church fairs and entertainments, with the object, principally, of raising money for church work or charitable purposes, may be said to have arrived, and, as there are two sides to this as to other questions, it may be as well to honestly consider the well-put objections which a sincere opponent of these practices may urge against their propriety and continuance. At a recent meeting of St. John's Episcopal church, East Boston, we find in an eastern paper, it was proposed to make preparations for the annual fair as heretofore. To this the new rector, the Rev. H. A. Monro, emphatically objected. He said that if St. John's church could not meet its current expenses without having recourse to fairs, theatricals, raree shows, and auctioneering, the sooner it went down the better. "What can be more disgusting," he said, "than to see a professed servant of the Lord Jesus Christ play the auctioneer from the sanctuary on the Lord's day by shouting out, 'I'll give $200 or $300 to begin with; who will give $200, who $100?' and down to a dollar, throwing in a doubtful witicism by way of keeping his audience in good humor. But a fair, some of you say, will be held in the vestry. What of it? Is it becoming to worship God in the church and to descend to all kinds of tricks in the vestry to raise money? What is selling articles on shares but gambling? The silly schemes of bogus post offices, where decent young persons debase their intellect by composing sham letters in bad English, fortune telling, and such like trash, are unworthy of countenance. When we need money to meet our expenses let us raise it like Christions." Mr. Monro's earnest words, it is stated, had the effect of carrying his people with him, and many of them came forward at once and pledged themselves at all times to meet the current expenses of the church without recourse to fairs or theatrical entertainments.

We think it is an indisputable proposition, if, as a secular journal, we have a right to express an opinion on the matter, that the cause of Christianity would be considerably benefited throughout the world, were all pastors and congregations to follow the example set by Mr. Monro and his Boston flock. Certainly, the expedients resorted to by some churches in some localities for raising money for different church purposes are nothing short of scandalous and disgraceful —"disgusting" is not to strong an expression concerning them. In this favored province, where even the blizzards, the hydrophobia, and the sunstroke of the effete east never intrude, the objectionable practices we have alluded to are not carried to the extremes that they are elsewhere; but even here there is room for improvement, and most of our churches would be the better for raising all the money to meet their expenses, as the East Boston rector tersely and uncompromisingly put it, "like Christians." Next to church fairs, with the usual accompaniment of raffles, grab-bags, etc., perhaps the most un-Christian exhibition enjoying the countenance of a Christain church in this province, was the mock debate last year, in the lecture room of a Victoria Methodist church, by the ladies, as to whether the Apostle Paul was a married man or a bachelor. Such performances and methods of money raising as we have been considering have an almost inevitable tendency of bringing the church and its work into contempt with a skeptical and critical world. We do not indulge in these strictures from any spirit of unfriendliness or hostility to the churches, but merely to give expression to what we believe to be the honest, disinterested public sentiment on the question. If the churches are right in this matter, no amount of criticism will hurt them: if they are wrong, even if it be only in the smallest particular, and thoughtlessly so, they should certainly be the first to set the example of obeying one of the divine precepts which they are bound to inculcate, and 'avoid the very appearance of evil."

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

When Samuel Johnson was asked what caused him to define pastern, in his dictionaay, as the knee of a horse, he made no apology, but said: "Ignorance, madam, pure ignorance."

The present ruler of Zanzibar has done what Sultan Barghash steadily declined to do, and, after the 1st of January next, no more slaves will be born in Zanzibar. The children of slaves will be born free.

A Baltimore anarchist says he has invented a sort of percussion cap no larger than a 3-cent piece, which, when filled with the new explosive, textralite, and scattered on the sidewalk, will blow up every man who treads on one. It has never occurred to any anarchist to invent a new kind of working tool or a new brand of soap.

The skill of the artist is clearly manifested in the paper knives that will augment the Christmas novelties already displayed. Some of the weapons are twenty inches long, and over the clear ivory pearl and onyx all manner of creeping things are shown. Fragments of familar quotations, emblems of the lost arts, initials, monograms and terms of endearment vary the decorations, which are done to order and without extra expense.—*Ex.*

The east end of London, which embraces some of the most disreputable quarters of the metropolis, has long been a favourite field of labor for the philanthropist and the Christain worker. Now, we are told, the fashionable west end is to have its turn. A society has been formed for the purpose of carrying on evangelistic work there, and of converting the fashionables to Christianity. It is stated that even Marlborough house will be looked after in this way. It might be well, thinks an exchange, to begin with some of the churches.

The late king of Portugal certainly had some noble qualities. During his last illness, when he was signing decrees, it became so evident that he had not strength to get through them all, that the minister in attendance had to separate them according to their importance, putting aside those that were not urgent, and just mentioning the nature of their contents as he did so. Among them was a pension of 100 reis (six-pence) a day to an old woman, and that, after being named was, without hesitation, placed by the minister at the bottom of the rejected heap, the king saying nothing. When he had with difficulty got through the important heap, he said to the minister: "Now hand me the old woman's pension, for that must certainly be signed," and so the old lady got her pension of six-pence a day.

A convention of American tramps was held in the Pennsylvania coal regions the other day. Over 640 "invitations" were issued, but the "delegates" in attendance numbered only 38. Each was requested to report his name, his last place of residence, and his former occupataion, and one, we are sorry to say, registered himself as an iron-worker from Toronto. The chairman in addressing the convention, which assembled in a deserted coal breaker, said that he was sure that the gathering was a representative one, and that he was glad to see "so many bright faces" before him. It is absolutely necessary to state, in explanation of the latter remark, that no delegate was admitted until he had washed himself in a neighboring creek. The convention discussed various matters of interest to the fraternity, passed resolutions, had luncheon, and adjourned until May next. It will be gratifying to the general public to learn that twelve of the delegates voted in favor of the proposition that the tramp was himself responsible for his condition.—*Mail.*

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JEFF DAVIS DEAD.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 6.—Jefferson Davis, ex-president of the Southern Confederacy, died at 12:25 this morning. The announcement of the event created a profound sensation, and was immediately telegraphed to all the leading cities of the South. His death has been expected for some time within the last month. Four weeks ago, while traveling on a river steamer, he caught cold, and his condition became serious. His physicians refused to allow him to return home to Mississippi. Mrs. Davis was sent for and immediately joined her husband, and remained with him continuously to the end. Mr. and Mrs. Davis were as devoted to each other as when in their younger days before they eloped. For the last three weeks Davis was getting steadily better, and was much improved, and favorable reports continued yesterday. Late in the afternoon, at 4 o'clock, Mrs. Davis received a cheering message to Mrs. Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Fenner that they decided for the first time since Davis was ill to attend the French opera. About 8 o'clock yesterday afternoon, without any assignable cause, Davis was seized with a congestive chill, which seemed to absolutely crush the vitality out of his already enfeebled body. So much so was he that the violence of the assault soon subsided for lack of vitality with which to prey. From that moment until the moment of his death the history of the case is characterized by a gradual decline. At 7 o'clock Mrs. Davis administered medicine, but the ex-president declined to receive all the dose. She urged upon him the necessity of taking the remainder, but putting it aside with the feeblest of gestures, he whispered, "Excuse me." These were his last words.

He gradually grew weaker and weaker, but never for an instant seemed to lose consciousness. Lying peacefully on the bed, and without a trace of pain, he remained for hours. Silently caressing and tenderly caressing his wife's hand and with undaunted spirit, he met the end. From the moment of the final assault of the congestive chill, those gathered about the bedside who were watching and noting with painful interest every change of symptoms, from last month, knew well the dread visitor was at the door. About half past 9 o'clock Associate Justice Fenner left the French opera house to call upon Mrs. Farrar and Mrs. Stamp. Soon as the message reached them they hurried to the bedside of the dying president, and by half-past 11 o'clock they were assembled in the death chamber—Mrs. Davis, Dr. Chaile, Associate Justice and Mrs. Fenner. Miss Nannie Fenner, grand-neice of the dying ex-president, and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Farrar. It is said that Davis was breathing somewhat heavily as he lay upon the bed, the effort assisted him to turn upon his side, with his cheek resting upon his hand, like a sleeping infant, and the blood dropping across the chin. He died in some fifteen minutes, breathing more and more feeble as the respirations till they passed silence, and then the watchers knew he was dead. After death the face of the deceased, though looking slightly pinched, showed no traces of suffering, but looked calmly resembling that of a peaceful slumber than that of the dead.

Telegrams have been received from Atlanta, Biloxie, Memphis, Louisville, and other points, all expressive of regret for the dead confederate, and of sympathy for Mrs. Davis in her affliction.

The remains will probably lie in state in the city hall here previous to removal to Mississippi for burial. The general feeling among ex-confederates is that the obsequies of Davis should be the most imposing ever witnessed in the south, and it is believed the ex-soldiers will attend the funeral will be followed by thousands.

The supposed congestive chill which was the immediate cause of death is attributable to a return of the malaria.

MURDERER HANGED.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Dec. 6.—John Hall, convicted of the murder of Celia Weekes, was hanged this morning in Raymond street jail yard. Hall awakened of his own accord at clock after a troubled sleep of three hours. After dressing he went to the improvised chapel and offered prayer, and later attended mass. He then ate breakfast with relish and smoked a cigar, then wrote a letter. He then said to the sheriff, "I can die as game as Carlisle," and expressed the wish to have execution at 7:30. Just before that time he said he was ready, and was led to the gallows. He exhibited no feeling. The drop fell at 7:30 sharp.

HALF MAST FOR JEFF.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The war department has not been officially informed of the death of Jefferson Davis, and has taken no action as yet with regard to it. The flag over the building has always been half masted since the news of the death of an ex-secretary of war, but today floats from its usual place on the top of the staff.

THE SUGAR TRUST.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—The trustees of the sugar trust, to-day, contrary to expectation, declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2½ per cent., payable January 2nd. Trading in sugar trust stock was active this morning, 10,000 certificates changed hands.

EXCITED CITIZENS.

ROCHESTER, Ind., Dec. 6.—The citizens of this place are excited over a mystery which may prove of a sensational character. Adolph Kreuter, while hunting yesterday, came across a handkerchief stained with blood and circumstances deduces that murder had been committed. Last Thursday six strangers came to town and their suspicious actions are now remembered. Friday afternoon three of them left town. A little later the other three started in the direction of the scene of the tragedy. Four hours later two of them returned. It is now believed by the authorities here that the missing man was murdered, and enough evidence has been discovered which points to connection with the Cronin conspiracy and that the murdered man was Cooney "the fox," and his body was buried in the sands of the Calumet river. Diligent search is now being made.

THE STARVING SOUTH.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 6.—The people of Halifax county are on the point of starvation in consequence of the failure of the crops. The cotton crop is almost a total failure.

THE ISSUE APPROVED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—The Northern Pacific directors met to-day and formally approved the bond issue of $100,000,000, in accordance with the circular.

A RECORD BROKEN.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—The new steamship China, built on the Clyde for the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, and which is to ply between San Francisco, Hong Kong and Yokohama, arrived from the latter port this morning in 12 days 23 hours and 54 minutes, beating the fastest time of 13 days 14 hours and 4 minutes.

ORIENTAL ADVICES.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—The steamship China, from Hong Kong, brings the following advices: Chinese troops have suffered a severe defeat from savages in South Formosa. Three or four hundred of them were killed.

GREAT EARTHQUAKE.

The earthquake in the province of Ili, China, demolished the walls of five cities, and severely damaged many temples and public buildings. No loss of life has been reported.

FANATICAL NATIVES.

Two missionary chapels at Nangkang, China, were demolished by natives on November 6th, and the missionaries stoned.

TRAIN ROBBED.

On November 15th the train on the Kodesic Railway, Japan, was robbed of a package of $1,500 in silver.

STEAMSHIP MISSING.

The German steamer Duberg, with 400 passengers, is out 24 days from Singapore to Hong Kong, and it is feared that she may have encountered a typhoon and foundered.

THE SILCOTT ROBBERY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The Silcott investigation committee to-day determined that the bondsmen of Silcott are not responsible for the $71,800 taken by him. They determine to give the members no right to collect their money from the treasury, though the sergeant-at-arms, an officer of the house, and Silcott, acted only as agent of the members in collecting money. The entire loss falls on the individual members of the house.

A GREAT STEAL.

WASHINGTON, Dec 6.—The committee appointed to investigate the embezzlement of cashier Silcott, met at 10:30 this morning in the public lands committee rooms of the house. Ex-sergeant-at-arms Leedom, testified that after a careful examination of the extent of Silcott's peculations he was able to tell the committee about $71,800 govt. money had been taken.

MORE BOSH.

OTTAWA, Dec. 6.—It is reported that Sir John Macdonald recently told Mayor Knowles, of Prince Albert, Northwest Territory, that the national policy was a fixed fact, and that when that failed annexation to the United States would follow.

STANLEY IN ZANZIBAR.

ZANZIBAR, Dec. 6.—The great explorer, Henry M. Stanley, has arrived here.

POLITE ATTENTION.

BERLIN, Dec. 6.—The news of the accident to Emin Pasha has caused a sensation here. Emperor William has wired to Zanzibar requesting daily reports to be sent him of Emin's condition.

EMIN BETTER.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—Despatches from Zanzibar report that Emin Pasha is somewhat better to-day.

CRUEL FATE.

ZANZIBAR, Dec. 5.—After enduring the hardships of many years' residence in the interior of Africa, and the dangers of his journey to the sea, it has been the fate of Emin Pasha to receive an injury which is likely to result in his death. The Pasha is very near-sighted, and habitually wears glasses. To-day he attempted to go about without them, and unconsciously walked out of the window, falling some distance to the ground. He was picked up and conveyed into the house, where it was found he had sustained a fracture of the skull, which all of the doctors of Bagamoyo, except Stanley's own, proclaim fatal. Stanley's opinion of his colleague is that Emin is in a very critical condition, but expresses the hope that he may be able to save his life. As it is, the Pasha cannot, under the most favorable circumstances, be removed from Bagamoyo for at least ten days.

A LIVELY WARFARE.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—While messages of welcome and congratulation are being showered upon Stanley and Emin from all parts of the civilized world, the French and German press are engaged in a bitter war of words over the explorer's achievements. The controversy began in an article published in a French paper lauding Stanley and deriding Emin, whose helpless condition previous to his rescue by Stanley, the paper asserted, was the result of his cowardice, and whose vaunted civilizing influence had really never extended beyond the confines of his own tent, or such habitation as he chanced to occupy. This tirade was sufficient to arouse the editors of several German journals, who declared that Stanley had appropriated to himself credit and honor that was due to Emin, and predicted the report that Emin would make when he should reach the coast, where it would be beyond the power of Stanley to suppress or garble the Pasha's statements, would confirm that declaration. Thus the matter stands, except that gradually other papers on both sides have been drawn into the dispute, and the epithets employed are becoming more worthy of denizens of slums than "moulders of public opinion."

A FOOLISH WOMAN.

OTTAWA, Dec. 5.—Mrs. Colin Campbell, wife of the head official of the militia department, has eloped with a young man about town and gone to the United States. For some time past she bore rather a loose name. Her husband was ill for several weeks and had gone to New York in search of medical aid. On his return he found that everything was not right and that a young man named Fred O'Connor was a regular visitor. The evening of his return O'Connor again called. There were several friends in the house at the time. Mrs. Campbell followed O'Connor to the gate. The husband with two witnesses followed. They observed O'Connor caressing Mrs. Campbell and promising to meet her at the station the following day. Yesterday the enraged husband went to the house for the purpose of threatening to shoot O'Connor, but the latter had fled. Despite the earnest intreaties of the husband who implored for the sake of their honor and the children not to take such a fatal step, the wife took the train the next day for the States. The young man met her in Montreal, proceeding by another route there.

OTTAWA NOTES.

OTTAWA, Dec. 5.—Sir John Macdonald has been suffering from a cold. He is better to day.

Mrs. Colin Campbell, the wife of a prominent official of the militia department, has eloped with a wealthy man about town, leaving several children behind. Her husband is distracted with grief.

Her Majesty has approved of the appointment of Col. Lay as the American consul-general at Ottawa.

It is stated here on good authority that the government have decided to abolish the duty of 33⅓ per cent. on mining machinery and also on coke. The decision was arrived at last week, regardless of the representations of the British Columbia visitors. Other sweeping changes in the tariff at the next session are promised.

EMIN DON'T WANT HONORS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—The London special *Herald* correspondent has sent the following despatch: "Nassau, Nov. 29, 5 p. m.—I have just met Henry M. Stanley, Emin Pasha, Casati, Lieut. Stairs, M. Jephson, Dr. Parke Nelson and Bonny, and 560 men, women and children. Stanley is looking exceedingly hearty. I presented him with the American flag as I was instructed, and it is now flying from Stanley's tent. The great explorer's hair is quite white, and his moustache is iron gray. In a conversation Emin said he did not wish for any honors for what he had done.

The estate of the late Sir George Cartier, Montreal, has been sold to Adolphe Roy, for some seventy-two thousand dollars.

Annie Walsh, seven years old, who was accidentally burned the other day during the absence of her mother, died at Toronto at the hospital.

One of the Pacific slope excursions left Toronto Tuesday night. There were 35 in the party, and they were directly under the care of a special agent of the Canadian Pacific.

Hon. Mr. Mowat addressed a meeting of his constituents at Woodstock, Ont., Wednesday night, dealing with the no popery cry, the separate school amendments, and the French school question.

While out shooting, Thursday, Alex. Kennedy of Owen Sound, Ont., mistook his companion, Hiram Liburner, for a deer and shot him in the back. Liburner only lived a few minutes, and leaves a wife and two children.

Contrary to expectations, the Montreal city council will visit Winnipeg. A telegram was received Wednesday from Duluth stating the whole party would arrive the next day and spend twenty-four hours in the city.

A late Toronto despatch says: William Thompson & Co., wholesale hardware, have assigned. Liabilities $60,000; nominal surplus $30,000. H. E. Hamilton, boot and shoe manufacturer, has assigned. Liabilities $40,000; assets $55,000.

A number of Mount Allison university students were skating on Morrice's mill pond, N. B., Thursday afternoon when Frank Hamilton and Everitt Carr fell through the ice. Hamilton was drowned and Carr was rescued only after hard work. Hamilton belonged to Bay Verte, N. B.

A bailiff, at the instance of a tax collector, has seized a locomotive and seventeen cars, the property of the C.P.R., for taxes due the town of Port Arthur by the company. The question of taxes between the town and the company has been in dispute for years, and the taxes have not been paid, and now amount to $15,000. The agent at Port Arthur has communicated the circumstances of the seizure to General Superintendent Whyte at Winnipeg, but so far no steps have been taken to release the engine and cars. Part of the cars are full of freight, and the train is side-tracked.

CANADA'S SURPLUS.

The Dominion Returns for the Last Five Months Show a Large Surplus.

The Body of Jefferson Davis Lies in State Guarded by Soldiers.

A Syndicate of Capitalists will Try to Obtain the Alaska Seal Fisheries.

THE SURPLUS GROWING.

OTTAWA, Dec. 7.—The statement of revenue and expenditure for the first five months of the current fiscal year is as follows: Revenue, $16,950,441; expenditure, $12,488,559; surplus, $4,451,882. At the same period last year the surplus was $3,366,000, so that the statement issued to-day shows the country to be better off to the extent of over $1,000,000. The revenue returns for November were $3,448,317; expenditure, $3,703,635. The total net returns to November 30th were $235,107,948, and the expenditure on capital account for the five months was $2,441,783.

WON'T SAY.

MONTREAL, Dec. 7.—It is reported that the Canadian freight agents at their meeting here were going to raise rates all round, but on being interviewed they refused to say anything about it one way or the other.

ONLY A COLD.

TORONTO, Dec. 7.—Lady Macdonald and her close personal friend, Mrs. Dewdney, wife of the minister of the interior, were in the city yesterday, having arrived here in the premier's private car, Jamaica. Lady Macdonald said when she left Earnscliffe on Wednesday night the premier was suffering only from a slight cold, and that he was in no way inconvenienced.

HAND CAR ACCIDENT.

YREKA, Cal., Dec. 7.—Five men engaged in ballasting the Yreka rail road, returning from work on a hand car at the rate of 40 miles an hour, on the down grade, last evening, ran into a flat car on the track in a cut at the head of Miner street. Two of the men died from the injuries received Their names are Frank Joseph and William Gordon. The former had the back of his head split open and the latter was fatally injured on the crown of his head. The other three men jumped off, and one named Thos. Luddy was severely hurt about the hip. Another laborer, named Charles Parker, was slightly hurt, while Foreman Moss escaped uninjured.

AFTER THE SEALS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 7.—It is said that a wealthy syndicate, headed by Senator Platt and General Alger and others, is after the seal fishing lease, and that a lively fight will be made for the privilege. It is believed that the American catch of seals will be reduced from 100,000 to 75,000, making the lease less profitable.

ANOTHER STAR.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 7.—There is little doubt in the minds of leading Republicans in the senate and house that at least one more state will be made during the present session of congress. Idaho is to come into the union. Chairman Platt, of the senate committee on territories, says he is in favor of admitting Idaho promptly, and that he is ready to make a favorable report upon a bill to that end as soon as it reaches his committee.

SHIPPING.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7.—Arrived: U. S. str. Thetes from Victoria; str. Empire, from Nanaimo. Sailed: Str. Wellington for Nanaimo.

LYING IN STATE.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 7.—The coffin containing the remains of Davis is lying in state in the council chamber at the city hall. It rests upon a catafalque devoid of much ornamentation. The casket has a silver plate, upon which there is the simple inscription, "Jefferson Davis. At Rest." Then follows the date of his death. Badges of confederate associations, the flag of the Washington artillery, carried through the war, a bunch of wheat and a pair of crossed Spanish daggers festooned together with purple ribbon, are the only ornaments.

The darkened room was lit up by clusters of electric lights, their brilliancy being dimmed by the sable drapery. Soldiers in uniform stand guard. Stacks of arms and cannons fill the corners of the chamber, and all around the walls are rows of plants and shrubbery. Since early morning the people have been pouring in to take a last look at the dead. All classes are represented in the procession; by the bier a number of colored people being noticeable. Every place of prominence in the city has put on black.

CARLOS WELCOMES PEDRO.

LISBON, Dec. 7.—Dom Pedro and party arrived on the steamer Alagoas, which bore the old Brazilian flag, this morning. The party immediately landed at the naval arsenal, and consisted of the following: Ex-emperor and empress, Count and Countess Deu, three sons of the count and countess, and Prince August of Saxe Coburg, the other son-in-law of Dom Pedro. They were met on the steamer before landing, by King Carlos, who extended them a warm welcome. Dom Pedro seemed to be in excellent health and spirits. He will issue a manifesto to the Brazilian people.

THE PASHA'S CONDITION.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—William Lehman Burdett-Coutts, member of parliament for Westminster, has received a telegram from Stanley, stating that Emin Pasha is in a most critical condition. In addition to the other symptoms menacing his life, Stanley says there is a flow of blood from his ears which the doctors are unable to check. The injured man is lying in the Mormon hospital at Bagamayo. Dr. Parke has still some hope of saving the patient's life, but the German naval surgeons at Bagamayo do not share his hopeful feeling. They declare that not more than twenty per cent. of such cases escape the fatal result.

A PIRATICAL STORY.

GILROY, Cal., Dec. 6.—An old sailor, Pete Jennings, claims to have been a passengers many years since with an old pirate who, on his death bed, divulged the secret hiding place of a $250,000 treasure in Spanish doubloons, the place being a small island in the Pacific ocean, three degrees south of the equator, on the South American coast. A company was organized during the late war to look up the treasure, but failed to start on account of government interference. Jennings has now succeded in interesting capitalists from the east sojourning here, and believing his story, they, with him, yesterday started for San Francisco to make necessary preparations for the recovery of the treasure.

AN UNKIND SUGGESTION.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—The sad accident to Emin Pasha, which elicits expressions of deep regret on every side, has furnished the sensation mongers with abundant material wherewith to increase their offensiveness. One of the theories advanced to account for the pasha's injuries which has obtained wide circulation, and not a few believers, is that he threw himself from the balcony with suicidal intent while suffering from the effects of over indulgence in stimulants natural to a man who had so long been confined perforce to a life of total abstinence from the cheery beverages of civilization.

OTTAWA NOTES.

OTTAWA, Dec. 5.—Marked copies of the Victoria *Times*, containing an editorial upholding the action of the customs department relative to the coasting regulations, have been forwarded to the minister of customs. The article was published at a very inopportune moment, and is calculated to induce the department to continue the regulations just at a time when the minister, owing to the conciliatory letter of the board of trade, was disposed to withdraw it.

The minister of marine is considering the advisability of instituting tidal observations in the gulf and on the Atlantic coast to determine the force and nature of the currents.

It is probable that the duty on mining machinery will be removed in special cases where it is clearly shown that such machinery cannot be manufactured in Canada.

Exports for the first four months of the current fiscal year, $46,816,464; corresponding period last year, $38,620,696; increase, $8,195,768; imports for the four months this year, $41,643,174: same period last year, $39,055,985; increase, $2,587,389. Such, in brief, is the grand record of Canada's trade. The quarter's returns were of a most cheering nature, but with another month added the outlook is better than ever. The increase in the exports may be considered extraordinary, the October figures alone showing an augmentation of $2,700,000. The following is the statement:

Produce of the mine	$ 550,793
Produce of the fisheries	1,578,967
Produce of the forest	3,631,199
Animals and their produce	4,394,827
Agricultural products	2,613,917
Manufactures	597,504
Miscellaneous articles	49,267
Coin and bullion	617,800
Total	$14,034,274

The value of mineral products is about the same as October, '88; the fisheries show an increase of $600,000; forest, $800,000: animals and their produce, $620,000; manufactures, $110,000; agricultural products being about the same. The duty collected on imports in the respective four months is as follows: 1889, $8,442,833; 1888, $8,277,179.

AN INTERESTING LETTER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—The *Herald* will to-morrow print a letter from Henry M. Stanley, which was handed to the *Herald* correspondent at Mauiwah, November 3. In the letter Mr. Stanley says that looking back over what has been accomplished, he sees no reason for discontent. Over and above the happy ending of their duties, they had not been unfortunate in geographical discoveries. "Aruwimi river is now known from its source to Bourne; the great Congo forest, covering as large an area as France and the Iberian peninsula, can now be certified as an absolute fact; the Mountains of the Moon have been located, Ruwinzori, or "Cloud King," robed in eternal snow, has been seen and explored, Mounts Gordon, Bennett, and Mackinnon cones being but giant sentries warding off the approach to the inner area of "Cloud King"; the connection between Albert Edward Nyanza and Albert Nyanza has been discovered, and the extent of the former lake is now known for the first time. Range after range of mountains have been traversed, separated by such tracts of pasture land as would make American cowboys wild with envy. Right under the burning equator we have fed on blackberries and quenched our thirst with crystal water fresh from snow beds. We also have been able to add nearly 6,000 square miles of water to Victoria Nyanza. Our naturalist will expatiate on the new species of animals and birds and plants he has discovered. It will take us all we know to say what new stores of knowledge have been gathered from unexpected discoveries. This certainly has been the most extraordinary expedition I have ever led into Africa. A veritable divinity seems to have hedged us while we journeyed. I say it with reverence, it has impelled us whither it would, effected its own will but nevertheless guided and protected us."

Stanley then goes on to tell at length of the sufferings of the rear columns after disobeying his instructions; the terrible experience of the advance column which was lost in the brush and the six-days' search which he had to find it; the death of Jameson and others; the seizure of Emin Pasha and Jephson by rebels; their rescue, etc., and adds Jephson's own letters will describe his anxiety, "Not until both were in my camp, and the Egyptian fugitives safe under our protection, did I begin to see I was only carrying out a higher plan than mine. Not one officer who was with me will forget the miseries he has endured, yet every one that started from home destined to march with the advance column and share its wonderful adventures, is here to-day safe, sound and well."

Referring to the terrible privations through which they lived, Stanley says: "This was not due to me any more than to the courage with which they have borne all that was imposed upon them by their surroundings, or the cheery energy which they bestowed on their work, or the hopeful voice which rang in the ears of the deafening multitude of blacks and urged the poor souls to their goal. The vulgar will call it luck, unbelievers will call it chance, but deep down in each heart remains the feeling that of a verity there are more things in heaven and earth than are dreamed of in common philosophy."

THE NEW UNION.

MANAGUA, NICARAGUA, Nov. 12 (via New York, Dec. 5.)—President Sacasa has signed the treaty admitting Nicaragua in the union of republics of Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Honduras, San Salvador and Guatemala, under the name of the United States of Central America, but it is believed the Nicaraguan congress will reject the measure. The plan of Union provides that for the first ten years it will simply be an offensive and defensive alliance, and the president of the union will have charge only of the diplomatic and foreign relations of the five republics. At the expiration of that period the union will be cemented by the adoption of a constitution, which will embrace all political, commercial, and other relations between the five republics and foreign powers. A common monetary standard and common tariff laws will be adopted, but there will be free trade between the different republics. Honduras, Guatemala and San Salvador have already signed the treaty, and it is understood Costa Rica will do the same.

FROM VICTORIA.

The Plumper's Pass Desperado Captured. Syndicate Formed to Bring Out Scottish Crofters.---Wholesale Desertions from the Navy.---The B. C. Pioneers' Banquet.

Special to THE COLUMBIAN.

VICTORIA, Dec. 7.—The Canadian Pacific steamship Abyssinia passed up for Vancouver at 3 o'clock this morning from the Orient.

Ike Todd, the Plumper's Pass desperado, was captured and brought down last night. He is now lodged in the provincial gaol.

Donovan, the self-styled wrestler, is in gaol, charged with assisting men to desert from the royal navy. The men are deserting, or attempting to desert, from the warships by wholesale.

A syndicate is being formed with a large capital to provide employment for a large number of Scottish crofters. The syndicate will equip sealing and fishing vessels, and man them with crofters. It will also employ them in the oil works and sawmill to be established at Alberni.

The str. Rustler is a total loss on Nelson Island.

At the B. C. Pioneers' banquet tonight about 150 will participate.

The iron bark Hermioine, from Portland, for Australia, is believed to be lost. When last spoken she was leaking badly, and heading for Victoria.

A Great Memento.

The Christmas number of the Montreal *Star* is out, and a shining beauty it is. There are three art plates and forty-four pages. Every purchaser is entitled to a copy of the great picture, which cost the publishers three thousand five hundred dollars. The price is only fifty cents, and is a lovely thing for a Christmas present.

A Fine Steamer.

The new steamer Sehome now stands the O. R. and N. Company some $75,000. She is fully furnished with copper sides and bottom for salt water. Her furnishings are not yet completed, but enough so as to allow her being brought around from Portland to the Sound, which will be done as soon as the weather is favorable enough. The probability now is that the Sehome will go on to the Victoria-Tacoma route. She will have a capacity of 1,000 passengers but will not be licensed, in all probability, for more than 300, perhaps 400. Mr. George Cooper, the O. R. & N. agent here, says the Sehome is to ply between here and Tacoma, but does not exactly know when she will be placed on the route. —*Times.*

Canada's Pictorial.

The last issue of the *Dominion Illustrated* is a military number and is sure to be prized by our veteran and volunteer readers. It is mainly devoted to the establishment and progress of the Royal Military College, Kingston, every feature of which institution is finely illustrated. Portraits are also given of the the commandants—Col. Hewett and Major-Generals Oliver and Cameron. Every soldier in Canada should have a copy of this illustrated history of Canada's military training school, which has given so many able and valiant officers to the imperial army. A stirring college song by the Rev. Prof. K. L. Jones will be prized by all patriots. The *Dominion Illustrated* is published by the Dominion Publishing Company, Mr. G. E. Desbarats, managing-director. Subscription, $4. Address, 73 St. James st., Montreal, and 36 King street east, Toronto. For the Northwest, J. H. Brownlee, Brandon.

The freight agents' association in Canada were holding their regular quarterly meeting at Montreal Thursday. They are engaged in fixing rates.

WEEKLY BRITISH COLUMBIAN

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A GREAT DEAL.

Consolidation of the Royal City Planing Mills Company and the Hastings Sawmills Co.

For some months past it has been whispered that Mr. John Hendry, president of the Royal City Planing Mills Co., was arranging a great deal by which his company and other large industries would be merged into one, and controlled by probably the most wealthy and influential syndicate in the province. The first step accomplished towards this end was the purchase of the Hastings Saw Mills Co., at Vancouver, an acquisition of great value, and which was concluded by Mr. Hendry after many weeks of negotiation. Having merged these two great establishments into one, the next step was the formation of a gigantic company, with wider privileges, additional rights and other powers superior to those contained in the existing charters. Messrs. Drake, Jackson & Helmcken, solicitors for applicants, have given notice that application will be made at the next session of the legislative assembly for an act to incorporate a company, to be called the "British Columbia Mills, Timber & Trading Co.," for the purpose of acquiring the shares in the capital, and the business, property and privileges of the Royal City Planing Mills Co. and the Hastings Sawmills Co., and to provide for the said companies being merged therein and extinguished. The application also asks for powers to acquire by purchase or otherwise, and to maintain mills, factories, machine shops, steam and other vessels, railways, tramways, canals, and ferries; to acquire and construct roads, dams, bridges, flumes, etc.; to acquire timber leases and other lands; to acquire gold, silver and other ores and minerals, logs, timber, lumber and merchandise, and to dispose of the same; to exercise and carry on the business of mill, timber and lumber merchants, manufacturers, wharfingers and carriers, and to conduct and carry on a shipping, towing and general trading business. From the above it will be noted that the new company intends to greatly extend the scope of business in all directions. Mr. Hendry is to be congratulated on the successful manner in which he has brought this great scheme to a head.

Maple Ridge Notes.

We received from our Maple Ridge correspondent, a little too late for last WEEKLY, a well written, brief report of two lectures delivered by Mrs. Lila Moore, at Maple Ridge and Port Haney, last week. Following are extracts from the reports: On Thursday evening Mrs. Lila Moore, grand lodge lecturer of the I. O. G. T., addressed a large audience in the Maple Ridge school house. After a few preliminary remarks, Mrs. Moore proceeded with her subject of discourse. The evils arising from persistent indulgence in intoxicants were clearly, emphatically and effectively delineated. The remedy proposed for the extinction of this crying evil was moral suasion acting in conjunction with legal suasion. Moral suasion was necessary to lift the man who was struggling desperately to regain his lost manhood, but who felt that he was a babe in the hands of a giant, to rescue him, and restore him to society, friends and family. But legal suasion was requisite to restrain those who might again seek to ruin the man who was endeavoring earnestly to reform, and to regain the position in society from which he had fallen through drink. Legal suasion was also necessary to save the young from becoming victims of drunkenness and its concomitant evils. The speaker declared emphatically that the women of our land had rights which it was disloyal in men to ignore, the right to sober husbands and to sober sons; and it was the imperative duty of the voters to heed the earnest appeals of suffering womenhood, to have the courage of their convictions, and cast their ballots for men who favor, uphold and strengthen the temperance movement. During the evening choruses were given by the choir, Miss Jennie Trembath officiating at the organ. A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Moore for the excellent address which she had delivered, after which the meeting was brought to a close.

On Friday evening Mrs. Moore spoke in St. Andrew's church, Port Haney, the audience being much larger than at Maple Ridge. The discourse upon that occasion was addressed chiefly to young men and young women. The influence of woman in molding the characters of the rising generation was dwelt upon. Young men frequently contract the drinking habit by accepting the social glass when offered in mistaken kindness and hospitality by beautiful and accomplished young ladies; oftentimes, too, these same young ladies reap a harvest of bitter regrets for their folly, because the habit thus acquired often grows upon a man until it becomes the all-absorbing passion of his nature, destroying his sense of honor, robbing him of his good name, his social prestige, and dragging him to the very depths of degradation, sin and shame. An urgent appeal was made to the women present to use their influence to stem the mighty tide of iniquity which is devastating our land, robbing thousands of lives of their sunshine, and casting the dark shadow of despair athwart the threshhold of happy homes. Young men were to bear in mind that they lived in an age of wondrous possibilities, that by persistent effort they might attain to the topmost round of the ladder of fame, but no young man, the speaker affirmed, ever succeeded in life who began his career with dram drinking written on his banner. Young men were warned not to think that they were strong enough to cope against strong drink. History pointed to such men as Lord Byron, Robbie Burns, and many others who were forced to own the power of the "siren-voiced devil" that was luring them to ruin. Large hearted men, large brained men, men of superior intellectual attainments, men who could grace any position in society, these were the chosen victims of intemperance. The Maple Ridge choir, led by Miss Jennie Trembath, furnished music for the occasion. A vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Moore for the able address she had delivered, and the meeting thus concluded.

The Westminster Southern.

Mr. Bennett's railroad, the Fairhaven and Northern, is now about a mile north from Fairhaven, and probably fifteen or twenty south from New Westminster. Quite an army of men are now at work upon it, and the Canadian Pacific will thus be into Fairhaven about next July. At Cedro, a point on the Skagit, the Fairhaven & Southern already makes connection with the Puget Northern, thus giving our town an outlet to the up-Sound cities. Eastward, up the Skagit, and up to Skagit Pass, a permanent survey has been made, and in all probability next summer will see connections with the Manitoba and Northern Pacific.—*Oregonian.*

The Steamer Al-Ki Disabled.

The steam schooner Al-Ki put back to Port Townsend on Monday night with disabled machinery and is laid up for repairs that will delay her several days. She left Departure Bay Saturday with 600 tons of coal for San Francisco, and encountering rough weather she put into Port Angeles, where she lay until Sunday morning. She then started on her way and reached a point off Cape Flattery when the cross-bolts of one of the cylinders of the engine gave way and the piston broke out the head flange of the cylinder. She drifted helplessly with the tide for about an hour, when the Michigan stood by and towed her back to Neah Bay. She then fixed up the remaining engine so as to be able to return to Port Townsend.

The Alaska Boundary.

Mr. Burgess, deputy minister of the interior, was interviewed a few days ago on the matter of the Alaska boundary, a report respecting which appeared in the Montreal papers. He said:—"Nothing further has been done up to the present, but one thing is certain that the reports widely circulated, including one shown me as to the boundary line given in the treaty being difficult to define, are utterly and entirely false. They are made out of whole cloth, and are not even ingenious. It is not true that Otto Klotz has been engaged on that work this season. The United States are very anxious to disseminate the idea that the treaty boundary line is difficult of ascertaining, and that the Canadian government do not know what they want. We know perfectly well. The boundary line was defined by the treaty of St. Petersburg between England and Russia. When the United States purchased Alaska they purchased subject to that line. That line we contend is perfectly easy of demarcation, and the government intend to insist on it."

A Good Appointment.

With regard to the Indian industrial school at Kamloops, we have advice to the effect that Mr. M. Hagan, formerly editor of the *Inland Sentinel*, will have the superintendency of it. This is a most excellent appointment. Mr. Hagan is a man of wide and varied experience. He is thoroughly acquainted with the Indian character, and further he is possessed of an equable temper, kindly disposition and moral perception which in the function he is about to assume is more potent for good than the rigid execution of iron-clad rules. Mr Hagan will combine with the disciplinarian a kindly personality and a wise discretion, which bespeaks the success of the effort to develop in the Indian his latent capabilities. Mr. Hagan expects as a preliminary move to visit the industrial schools of the northwest, where he will study the methods employed in those institutions and avail himself of such features as promise within his own sphere of action the best results. The Dominion government is to be congratulated on its appointment of a man so well qualified in every respect as Mr. Hagan, to the superintendency of the school in question.—*Times.* We can corroborate our contemporary's remarks with respect to the appointment of Mr. Hagan.

Mr. J. A. Strong, who at various times has been connected with the press of the city and province, left this morning for the sound country, and proposes to try the bustling hamlet of Fairhaven as a dealer in real estate. He is a jolly good fellow all round, and we wish him success in his new sphere. His latest journalistic venture, the *Victorian*, will be conducted by its now sole owner, Mr. Walter C. Kurtz.—*Thursday's Times.*

An accident occurred on the Grand Trunk Railway, about six miles east of St. Catharines, Ont., on Thursday, resulting in the death of one man and the injuring of four others. The man killed was named Nixon, of Hamilton. The injured are: Martin Allen, of Hamilton, leg broken; Wm. Dray and Thos. McKeough, of Hamilton, badly bruised about the legs; Wm. Highland, of Hamilton, back sprained.

Dr. Savard has been fined $20 in the police court at Ottawa for selling opium without the necessary college registration.

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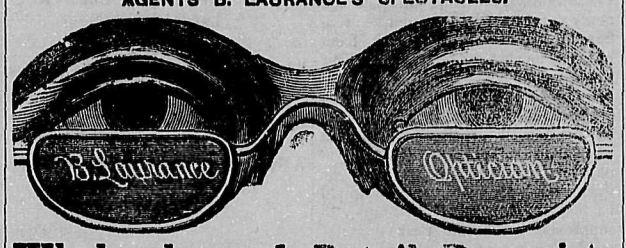

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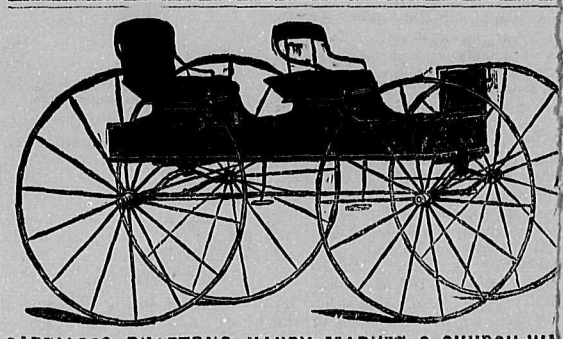

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WEEKLY BRITISH COLUMBIAN

Wednesday Morning, Dec. 11, 1889.

THE Federation of Liberal Associations of Great Britain has been in session this week at Manchester, and at its meetings resolutions which will go far in moulding the policy of the next administration were agreed to. Home rule, of course, takes the premier position, but, in addition to the main plank of the Liberal platform, definite and progressive legislation was declared necessary in other directions. The disestablishment of the Anglican Church in Wales was declared a matter of urgency, and no wonder. It says much for the density of the English Tory mind, that such an anomaly as this is should receive the hearty support of the party. But, after all, it is simply a repetition of the church establishment scandal in Ireland, which was swept away by Mr. Gladstone. A politician of the Conservative party, in defending the position of his side on this question lately, stated that the wealth of Wales was all in favor of maintaining the church establishment, and a Radical speaker, with frank cynicism, admitted that a Welsh Anglican could easily be detected by the number of servants and carriages he possessed. The fact is that the Welsh people as a body—with the exception of the squirearchy and the few—are Wesleyan in their religious predilections. They have, therefore, no use for the establishment, to whose support it is unfair that they should be compelled to contribute, and their evident desire for its removal, will not, it is to be hoped, remian long ungratified.

The federation was very emphatic on the question of free education, which has long been a "pious opinion" with most Radicals, although until now never embodied in any Liberal programme as far as we are aware. The matter merely means the logical carrying out of the Forster Act of 1870 to its legitimate conclusion. England, as is well known, is far behind some of the continental nations upon this question, and it is a hopeful sign that the Liberal party is solid for the education of the poor, free of cost. A further resolution declared strongly against British entanglements in continental quarrels, and in this we detect the spirit which fell foul of and overthrew Beaconsfield in 1880. A "brilliant foreign policy" has no attractions for the Liberal party, we are glad to note, and the knowledge of this will do much to prevent the present prime minister from repeating the tricky and cheap Jingoism so emphatically condemned by the electors nine years ago. The Liberal party has simply reiterated its position by declaring, through the federation, its emphatic protest against the endowment of sectarian colleges, and we may, therefore look for strenuous opposition to any scheme Mr. Balfour may bring forward with the twofold purpose of enlisting Catholic sympathy by endowing a Catholic university in Ireland, and at the same time putting off the day when home rule will demand attention. By its resolutions condemning the buying out of Irish landlords at the expense of the British taxpayer, the federation has given Lord Salisbury timely notice to be careful what he tries to do during the next session of parliament. Rumour says that Mr. Balfour has a most elaborate scheme of this sort cut and dried in his pigeon holes. It had better remain there, for if produced it will fail to conciliate the Nationalists, who will hear of nothing of the sort until home rule is passed, and at the same time will meet with the uncompromising criticism of Mr. Gladstone, the greatest English financier of the century.

With the news of these resolutions comes the intelligence that Mr. Parnell has mysteriously disappeared, and that his absence is causing grave anxiety to his friends. It is well to note, first, that this news is given to the world by the *St. James' Gazette*, an ultra-Tory print of the venomous order. Mr. Parnell has a habit of disappearing occasionally, no one knows whither, but up to now he has always turned up again, not always, however, at the convenience of his opponents. It is remarkably characteristic of the Irish leader that few, even of his intimate political friends, know anything of his private life. He is a man who, so far as is known, has no confidants. His absence from political haunts may of course, be alarming, but not necessarily so, for every now and again he makes a point of keeping out of the way, and this fact is well known to most people who interest tnemselves in British politics. This little eccentricity of Mr. Parnell is useful, as periodically, when the house is not sitting, or London is tired of discussing the latest play, novel and fashion, the newspapers tempt the jaded mental appetites of their readers by the startling announcement that again Mr. Parnell has disappeared. We have a firm beblief that the Irish leader will "bob up serenely" in due course, and, we trust, with renewed energy to fight the great battle of home rule for Ireland.

WESTMINSTER'S PROGRESS.

A Comparison of the Value of Real Estate Between 1872 and 1889 Shows Wonderful Increase.

No better evidence of Westminster's progress and prosperity can be adduced than the immense and surprising increase in real estate values that has taken place during the last few years. When compared with other cities of the province the weight of prosperity hangs heavily on the Royal City side, more especially when it is considered that Westminster has been fighting her own battles unaided, against heavy odds, and not bolstered up or boomed by any giant corporation. Westminster has grown and prospered through the enterprise of her own citizens, and the industries established by them. It is on a more solid and solvent footing, financially, than any city in the whole Dominion, and its future prospects are of the brightest.

The following is a clipping from the Victoria *Standard* of October, 1872, and will show the value of real estate in Westminster at that time:

PRICES OF NEW WESTMINSTER TOWN LOTS.

At the auction held yesterday at Davies' rooms, lots brought the following figures: Lot 9, block XVI, $45; 4, block XXVII, $34; 24, block XXXII, $27. They were purchased by Mr. F. Sylvester as an agent. Mayor Lewis bought the next three lots which were offered—9, block XXXII, $35; 10, block IX, $65; 3, block X, $70. Mr. E. Stephens gave for No. 5, in block X. $55. Mr. P. Rogers for No. 3, block XXX, paid $55. From the above, it would appear, the public haven't a faith that N. W. will stand much chance of the terminus.

Westminster was not made the terminus of the C. P. R., but for all that no decline in prosperity occurred, and the inclination ever since has been "onward and upward" as the annexed tables of value in 1872 and those of to-day will show:

COMPARISON OF VALUES.

	Value, 1872.	Val. 1889.
Lot 9, block XVI,	$45.	$1,320
" 4, " XXVII,	$34.	$2,310
" 24, " XXXII,	$27.	$1,000
" 9, " XXXII,	$35.	$1,320
" 10, " IX,	$65.	$3,850
" 3, " X,	$70.	$2,915
" 5, " X,	$55.	$2,750
" 3, " XXX,	$55.	$1,430

The values for 1889 are 10 per cent. higher than the assessed values, but as property has advanced considerably since the assessment was made last spring these figures are considerably within the mark. But the great difference in prices will be sufficient to convince any intelligent person that New Westminster is a solid and substantial city, and an unequalled field for investment.

CLAYTON NEWS.

(From our own Correspondent.)

CLAYTON, Dec. 2.—Farmers around here are looking forward to the completion of the Surrey dyke, which will enable them to cultivate a large tract of prairie land, second to none in the province. There has lately been a large demand for this class of land, and during the last week two quarter-sections away back off the road were sold for $4,000, and two other quarter sections, better situated, fetched between $3,000 and $4,000 each.

The postal authorities have lately given us a post office, in charge of Mr. John George, on the Yale road. Mr. George has also opened a store which he intends to keep well-stocked with groceries, etc.

Mr. G. W. Cann has let a contract for building a very comfortable house on his ranch, which he expects will be completed about the 1st of January. Mr. Cann at present styles himself a bachelor, but if report is true he will soon have to disown that distinguished title.

A requisition for a school house in Clayton has recently been forwarded to the authorities, and I understand the matter has received their favorable consideration.

All the farmers in this section of the country appear to be thoroughly disgusted with the means of communication between Brownsville and the city. A while back two of them were unable to return across the river between 4 in the evening and 10 o'clock on the next morning, which compelled them to stay in town all night, and one of them had to pay stabling for a couple of ox-teams which he had on the other side. A few days previously one of the wheels of a loaded wagon broke right through the rotten deck of the K. de K., and it was a wonder the whole wagon and load did not go right through.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Southern Railway Right of Way.

EDITOR COLUMBIAN—*Sir*:—I perceive you have a paragraph in your weekly edition of the 27th ult., taken from the Blaine *Journal*, stating that "the railway company have, during the past week, paid the settlers in British Columbia for the right of way across their farms" Now, sir, such is not the case. The majority of farmers around here have been compelled to take their cases to arbitration, and even now, although the award has been made some time, they have not yet received the money due them from the company. The editor of the *Journal* should use more discretion as to whence he obtains his information, and oblige,

A SURREY RANCHER.

Clayton, Dec. 2, 1889.

The harbor police, says a late Montreal despatch, are disbanded. This body has been in existence over fifty years, and have seen service all over Canada. They assisted in putting down the Papineau rebellion in 1837, and were stationed at the frontier during the camping of soldiers in the American war.

From the North.

The C. P. N. Company's steamer Sardonyx, Capt. Meyer, arrived from the north this morning with eleven passengers and a full load of freight. Among the freight was 368 barrels of salted skil (black cod) from Lundberg's fishery at Queen Charlotte Islands; also 2000 cases of salmon from Cunningham's (Skeena), 561 cases Windsor Canning Co., 3000 cases Rivers Inlet Canning Co., 1140 cases Alert Bay Canning Co., and a quantity of furs from Fort Simpson. There is no news of importance to report from the northern coast. Some preparations are being made for the four new canneries to be operated next spring, of which there will be two on the Skeena, one on Cook's Inlet (on this side of the Skeena), and one at Rivers Inlet. The Standard company have a good location on the Skeena which they are now clearing.—*Monday's Times.*

New Railway Projects.

Mr. Charles Wilson, barrister and solicitor of Victoria, gives notice that at the approaching session of the legislative assembly of this province, application will be made for an act granting to the Spokane Falls and Northern Railway Company (a foreign company) corporate powers, and enabling said company to construct, equip and maintain a railway from a convenient point near the mouth of the Pen d'Oreille River, near the southern boundary of the province, to a convenient point near the town of Nelson, on the west arm of Kootenay Lake, and for a grant of land in aid thereof, or for an act to incorporate a company for the above purposes.

Also application will be made for an act granting to the Spokane Falls and Northern Railway Company (a foreign company) corporate powers, and enabling the said company to construct, equip and maintain a railway from a convenient point on Kettle River, near the southern boundary line of the province of British Columbia, thence by the most convenient and practicable route by way of Rock Creek and Osoyoos Lake to the Fraser River, near its mouth, or to the coast, or for an act to incorporate a company for the above purposes.

Canadian Pacific Ocean Steamships.

The three steamships recently contracted for by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, for the service between Vancouver, B. C., and China and Japan, while not quite as large as some of the Atlantic liners, will, says an exchange, "with regard to their engines, lines, arrangements, finish and equipment, excel anything now afloat. These ships, which will be 6,000 gross tons, are to be built of steel, 440 feet long, 51 feet beam and 36 feet hold. They will have twin screw engines, and will be tested for speed up to 18 knots per hour. They are to be fitted with gun platforms, so as to be turned into armed cruisers in case the admiralty should ever require the service of these ships to protect British and Canadian interests. The contract for the construction of these steamers has been awarded to the Naval Construction and Armament Company of Barrow-in-Furness, and the engineer in charge is Mr. Bryce Douglass, who designed the engines for the famous sister ships, the Umbria and Etruria. The passenger accommodation will be about 150 first-class and 60 second-class, with ample room for 350 persons in the steerage, and each steamer's total dead weight will reach in the neighborhood of 3,750 tons. These vessels are to be completed, one probably before the close of 1890, and the others a few months later."—*Bradstreets.*

Opium Smugglers.

Several times in the past few weeks two very good looking young men have passed through Blaine, first north and then south. This occurrrd so ofren that Inspector James Buchanan's suspicions became aroused. They came to Blaine again last Thursday on the Eliza Anderson, and walked from here over to Elgin, B. C. They returned here again from New Westminster last Thursday carrying no baggage. They engaged seats of Mr. Lamphier in the Whatcom stage, but in the morning only one of them showed up, saying that his partner had gone on on foot and the stage would soon overtake him, which it did, taking him and his valises on board a mile or two out. It also picked up near the mouth of California creek another individual who carried a heavy valise and a roll of blankets. In the mean time Mr. Buchanan had hired a horse and started in pursuit of the stage, which he overtook at Ferndale, and while the three men were at dinner he examined their baggage, finding a large quantity of opium. After dinner the two young men were arrested, but the third man disappeared. The arrested ones plead for sympathy, saying that they had never done any smuggling before, etc., and the Ferndale people were considerably excited over the event, expecting to see something warlike. There was no resistance, however, and the young men were taken safely to Whatcom, where the third man was also captured in the evening. Next morning Inspector Buchanan left for Port Townsend with his prisoners. We believe there was about a hundred pounds of the captured opium.—*Blaine Journal*

Through an interview with Archbishop Walsh, it transpired that the hoodlums who stoned him attacked the convent adjoining the cathedral also. Twenty-five stones were thrown through the windows of that building, having been picked up by the inmates. However, he would rather the authorities would let the matter drop. The citizens had given him a magnificent reception, and he knew the trouble a few mischievous persons could make.

The McLean-Paine Canoe Race.

Yesterday morning, after the Law Bros. had formally decided not to compete against McLean, a lot of boat talk was indulged in on all sides, which culminated in a sort of arrangement between McLean and Paine to paddle a canoe race around Deadman's Island. Unfortunately for the ultimate settlement of the result nothing was mentioned about judges, rules or anything which goes to make articles of agreement binding, and puts certain restrictions on races, The only really business-like proceeding was the putting up of the cash, $100 a side. Canoes were procured, however, and a race started, McLean using a single-bladed paddle, Paine a double-bladed one. This about matched the men, as McLean is certainly one of the best in a canoe on the Pacific coast, and canoeing is hardly Paine's style. Capt. Dodd had been mutually selected as referee and judge, but was not favored with a boat to follow up the racers. The men got away well together, Paine leading slightly until past the railway bridge, when it became an even thing, but the McLean men backed their man at odds to win the race. On the run home McLean led about two lengths, although Paine was pressing him badly. As soon as the men landed Paine at once entered a protest on the grounds of a foul. At first the McLean men would not listen to this, as they said there was no rules governing canoe racing. Capt. Dodd reserved his decision, and a meeting between the principals and backers with the judge was held and the dispute discussed fairly. It was shown that fault was on both sides, and the fact that no regular articles were drawn up was taken by Capt. Dodd to be sufficient grounds upon which to declare the race a draw, stakes to be taken down and all bets off. This was a sensible and fair decision under the circumstances, and was accepted by the principal and backers with a good grace. McLean is still willing to pull a skiff race and Paine will oblige him in a short time. Paine says that McLean is a wonderful stayer, while McLean is also ready to admit that Paine is no mean antagonist. A good skiff race under well drawn up articles between these two men would be a good exhibition, and it is to be hoped they will soon be brought together for one.—*Tuesday's Times.*

GREAT IMPROVEMENT.

The Legislative Halls Remodelled and Improved Both Inside and Out.

Anyone who attended the sessions of the provincial legislature during this or previous years, must have sympathized with the law-makers of British Columbia over the barn-like desolation of their assembly room. The old legislative hall was unfit for this age of improvement.

Rising to the occasion the government have had the legislative building so completely remodelled and modernized that no acquaintance would recognize it. The roof has been supplanted by a new one. A brick extension has been made to the back of the main building, providing a more convenient and comfortable room for Mr. Speaker and another for committee work. The spectators' galleries have been extended and furnished with more comfortable seats, while the press galleries are better lighted than they were before. The antiquated fireplaces on the floor of the house have disappeared, and the speaker's throne, thoroughly renovated, has been placed about twelve feet further back. The throne and dais, in the new order of things, is backed by a blind arch, with massive bronze pillars on either side, and flanked by open arches, admitting to an air passage, which separates the main building from the committee and speaker's rooms.

A great part of the old woodwork has disappeared, and the very objectionable flat roof and skylight of early days has gone as well. The new roof is vaulted and handsomely frescoed, the patterns being most artistic and the colors brilliant and harmonious. The vaulted ceiling, where it merges into the glass roof, is heavily gold corniced, while gold bands relieve the frescoing wherever a pleasing effect can thereby be produced. The walls are also handsomely frescoed, both above and below the galleries, while the woodwork is finished in oak and very carefully grained.

Modern windows make the ventilation as well as the lighting better than formerly, while the hot water pipes have been arranged to produce the most comfortable effect when heat is required. New gas fixtures have been introduced, the pillars supporting the galleries have been painted in imitation of black veined marble, and the desks of all the members have been painted and polished in imitation ebony with trimmings of gold. The carpets and hangings about Mr. Speaker's throne are all to be new and of the best, and the library, and other rooms attached have also had the same radical improvements made to them as have been made in the assembly room.—*Colonist.*

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There is great interest at Ottawa over the controversy between Mr. Mercier and Hon. Mr. Chapleau, about the attempted settlement of the Jesuit estate matter by the latter. A letter from ex-Premier Ross to Cardinal Taschereau regarding the matter having been found in the archives confirming the statements made as to the Dominion secretary of state's position, and there is a good deal of curiosity over the uncomfortable position in which Chapleau has been placed.

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WEEKLY BRITISH COLUMBIAN

Wednesday Morning, Dec. 11, 1889.

If anything were wanted to demonstrate the utter contemptibleness of the local morning paper, the evidence is forthcoming in the vulgar and dishonorable tactics which that sheet practices at election contests. Misrepresentation, untruth, and the endeavor to foment denominational and class differences are the unworthy weapons to which it has recourse by preference whenever an election contest of any sort is on. This was amply proved by its conduct during the late Corbould-Cunningham contest in this city. On the very next opportunity —which the civic elections offered— the "wretched" paper rushes incontinently to its dirty tricks again. In its usual erratic and unreasoning way, the Church street freak imagined that it wanted to oppose Mr. James Johnston in ward two. Forthwith Mr. James Johnston must be maligned in some way. Without daring to assert directly what it knew to be an untruth— or, to give it the benefit of the doubt, what it did not know to be true—the organ of undoubted veracity invented a fiction, and introduced it in the assassin style, "It is alleged," etc.; but took care before concluding to assume its own allegation to be fact. When the cowardly untruth was publicly branded by this paper, instead of retracting, true to its character, the misnamed sheet has kept on reiterating its false insinuation. In its issue of Sunday morning *Truth* (?) says: "Although every opportunity has been given them to do so, neither James Johnston or his coadjutor, The Columbian, have accepted *Truth's* challenge to deny that he is alleged to be connected with the Salvation Army, and that there has been some justification for the allegation." To show how thoroughly and stupidly unscrupulous in its statements the morning paper can be we will reproduce a sentence from an editorial paragraph in this paper on Friday last: ....."in the interests of strict truth, now that the question has been raised by a falsehood, we may state, what all Mr. Johnston's friends know, that in matters of religion he is one of the staidest of Presbyterians—the very antipodes of the demonstrative Salvationists—and, in fact, is known to have personal predilections not favorable to the Army." No reasonable, honest mind could ask for a more emphatic contradiction than the above so far as this paper is concerned. With respect to a flourishing denial in its own columns by Mr. Johnston, which the morning paper appears to expect, we may state, for its delectation, that Mr. Johnston, very properly, entertains too strong a contempt for the sheet in question to defend himself in its columns. Without Mr. Johnston's knowledge, we published our correction of *Truth's* (?) false insinuation, on Friday last. The next day Mr. Johnston called at this office and thanked us for voluntarily correcting the utterly groundless insinuation concerning him; he expressed himself perfectly satisfied with the contradiction in this paper, and intimated that he would scorn to have his name appear in the columns of the morning paper in contradiction of such a gratuitous and contemptible falsehood. We owe our readers an apology for noticing a comparatively trivial matter at such length. It is not so much the matter, however, as the principle that induced us to notice the question again. *Truth's* (?) malign influence is bound to affect a few in the community. It is well, therefore, that its true characteristics should be pointed out occasionally. Otherwise it is beneath notice.

Prize fighting as a sport seems to stand a fair chance of revival. Of course the practice of the manly art has never yet died out, but the brand of the law having been fixed on it, sporting gentlemen have had to be satisfied with carrying on the little game *sub rosa*, more or less. The vigilant policeman has had to be watched, and his eagle eye diverted by all manner of means, to enable combatants to blacken each other's optics, or pound each other into jelly, all in the interest of "sport." But a revival of old times seems to be imminent, and prize fighting, so far from being dead as a polite art, is still in high favor with the "cream of society." That such is a fact is conclusively proved by the accounts of a "glove contest" which recently took place at the Pelican club in the fashionable west end of London. The combatants were Jem Smith, the champion heavy weight of England, and Peter Jackson, the colored pugilist of Australia. The reports of this degrading fight are simply revolting, and we have no intention to inflict any of the horrible details upon our readers. It is suggestive, however, to read that "never before in the history of modern London has such a sight been seen within the walls of a club house. Every class of society may be said to have been represented. Here were leading lights of fashion, there popular actors; playwrights jostled stockbrokers, and guardsmen from Wellington barracks and cavaliers from Canterbury elbowed solicitors and financial agents. Music-hall proprietors, negro comedians, and theatrical managers were packed like sardines with foreign office clerks, racing men and newspaper owners. At least two composers could have found inspiration for a 'hurly-burly' chorus from the din by which their ears were greeted, and writers of comic copy might fairly have annexed some of the jokes which country squires had brought with them for the edification of Londoners. But be it remembered that all these spectators were in faultless evening garb, that not even the smoke of a cigarette rose towards the electric girandoles, while no oaths or coarse language defiled the attendance, which was positively saintlike in its demeanor. The lack of refreshment was a great inconvenience." From the preceding remarks it is very clear that the exhibition of fistic brutality was patronized by many persons of prominence in "society", and the fact that the encounter came off at a fashionable club house like that of the "Pelican" is proof positive that this "glove contest" was no second rate affair, but on the contrary quite "the thing." That it was a prize fight pure and simple is only too evident from a perusal of the particulars. Thus the accounts, after gloating over a great deal of brutality, declare that "Smith was knocked all over the ring and had to cling to the ropes to prevent himself from falling," and then add that "the colored man struck Smith repeatedly in the face, the latter being quite incapable of returning the blows."

The question at once arises, Where were the police, and why did they not prevent this affray? Prize fighting is illegal in England, and it seems scarcely credible that such a very representative gathering of spectators could have been in "the know," in regard to the contest without some inkling of what was about to happen reaching the ears of the authorities. Cock fighting, bull baiting, and the manly art were in high favor with Englishmen of a bygone generation, but so was habitual intoxication, and we had hoped that sport of the prize ring order had gone out with the last of the three bottle men. It seems, however, as though the *jeunesse doree* of to-day are apeing the blackguardism of the past without the excuses of their predecessors. It is high time that Mr. Secretary Matthews should awake to the fact that the purlieus of Piccadilly and Pall Mall are after all very little better than the courts and thieves' kitchens around Ratcliff highway, if there is a tittle of truth in the disgusting revelations brought to this country over the cables. The club houses seem to have degenerated into gambling hells or worse, and nameless horrors are reported as being perpetrated by the rising aristocracy of the greatest empire the world has yet seen. For the credit of our common race, for the good name of the mother country, we hope that much has been exaggerated, but it behooves the government of England to see that the law is obeyed, and that offenders, no matter what their position in society, are brought to justice for their misdeeds.

There is a remote part of the Russian empire, says an exchange, where the girls do all the courting. The young woman calls at the young man's house and makes the proposal; if the young man declines she remains there in the hope of coaxing him into changing his mind. The poor fellow is not permitted by the custom of the country to turn her out or even to be rude. His only recourse is to go away and leave her in possession of his house until her patience is exhausted. Thus the young woman can secure a home whether she gets married or not.

To give persons unacquainted with natural science an idea of the more interesting of the actions affecting the surface of the earth—especially in their relations to the welfare of man—has been the aim of Prof. N. S. Shaler, of Harvard, in his "Aspects of the Earth" (Chas. Scribner's Son, New York). In successive chapters, he treats clearly and in the light of the latest knowledge, earthquakes, volcanoes, caverns and cavern life, rivers and valleys, the instability of the atmosphere, forests of North America, and the orign and nature of soils. Especially attractive are the discussion of future earthquakes, curious facts concerning the Charleston upheaval, Pliny's account of the volcanic eruption that buried Pompeii, and the description and tracing of the origin of tornadoes, whirlwinds and cyclones. Many accurate engravings add to the instructiveness of the text.

The elections in this city on Monday passed off very quietly, as everyone anticipated, the aggregate vote polled, as shown by the mayoralty contest, being considerably less than half the number on the register. The reasons for this are numerous. As we stated on Monday, there was no very important issue before the electors, resulting in a natural lack of interest, and the weather was wretched as well as the state of the roads. The fact, too, that in wards one and four there was no contest for aldermen tended directly towards making the total vote for mayor smaller than if there had been more inducement for indifferent or supine electors to visit the polls. Last, but not least, probably, as a factor in the small vote for the mayoralty should be mentioned the fact that neither of the candidates conducted a personal canvass, nor were their agents or supporters encouraged to do so. In fact, by general consent, there was practically no electioneering done at the elections, except to a limited extent in the aldermanic contests in wards two and three. Under the circumstances, then, the vote for mayor was not so small as it seems, and, while Mr. Brown's majority is a fairly respectable one, Mr. Townsend's vote is one, when all the circumstances are considered, that shows him to stand well in the estimation of the ratepayers, after his year of service in the council, as alderman and mayor. There can be no doubt that, had Mr. Townsend chosen to seek re-election for the honors, without raising the question of salary, he would have been returned without opposition as a mark of approval of his services. Mr. Townsend's emphatic and definite stating of the salary issue in the first place was responsible for Mr. Brown's candidature, and to a certain extent for his election. We supported Mr. Brown, as our readers know, apart from the salary question, on the ground that, while Mr. Townsend had made a good mayor, we believed that Mr. Brown would make a better. We think so still, and, therefore, cannot but commend the choice of the ratepayers in the mayoralty matter.

The aldermanic contests in wards two and three did not go altogether as we anticipated, nor in every respect as we honestly conceived to be in the city's best interests. The ratepayers of the wards themselves, however, are the ones to be suited, and we bow with the utmost grace to their superior judgment. Notwithstanding, we must express our opinion that in the (to us) phenomenal defeat of Jno. Reid in ward two and of H. Elliott in ward three the city loses experienced and valuable advisers and counsel which we are afraid the new board as now constituted will stand in need of, more particularly in the board of works department. We shall not indulge in forebodings of evil, however, but accept the new council which the ratepayers have given us, for better, for worse, and congratulate every mother's son of them. It is unnecessary to say that we heartily agree with the ratepayers in their unmistakably expressed choice of Jas. Johnston as one of the aldermen in ward two and of B. W. Shiles in ward three. We have nothing to say against the return of D. McPhaden as the second alder men in ward two, except that we still believe Jno. Reid would have been a much better choice. With respect to the election of Marshall Sinclair as the second alderman in ward three, we would repeat, what we said before the election, that we do not believe he will do discredit to the office of alderman. We honestly believed, and still hold to the belief, that Mr. Elliott, having had many years' experience in civic matters, and particularly in connection with the department of the board of works, would have been a more valuable accession to the city council for the ensuing year than Mr. Sinclair. However, if the latter carries with him into the council the same energy and skill that he has exhibited as a canvasser, he will make a howling success as alderman. Mr. Sinclair is a comparatively young man. We congratulate him on his very evident faculty of get-there-ativeness, and during the ensuing municipal year The Columbian will give him, as well as every member of the new civic parliament, a perfectly fair field, without favoring any. The municipal council for 1890, which was completed by Monday's elections, will be found to be constituted as follows: Mayor, John C. Brown; aldermen, Messrs. Alfred Smither, Joseph Batchelor (ward one), Jas. Johnson, D. McPhaden (ward two), B. W. Shiles, Marshall Sinclair (ward three), D. Lyal and H. Hoy (ward four). It will be seen that the new council is composed of new men, with the exception of Messrs. Shiles and McPhaden, and, with the additional exception of Mr. Hoy, both mayor and aldermen are new in the sense of having never occupied positions at the council board in this city before. The new council will no enter upon their duties until January first. In the meantime the members will probably improve their time and "get onto the running" by devoutly marching in a body to the council chambers whenever they hear the civic bell toll for an assembly. In this way they will be able to catch and appropriate what is good in the old council and the more intelligently carry on its unfinished enterprises. The maiden deliberations of the new council will be watched with interest. There are some very good men in its make-up. There are others not so good. But we shall suspend our judgment and hold ourselves open to be convinced that the municipal council for 1890 is the best in every respect that the royal city has ever had.

It will be generally admitted that three good men have been elected for water commissioners in Messrs. J. C. Armstrong, W. A. Duncan, and Geo. Turner. The total number of votes polled on this ticket was also small as compared with the voting strength of the city, and for the same reasons that produced a similar result on the voting for mayor and aldermen. While on the subject of the water commissioners, it is only fair to Senator McInnes, who was put in nomination unsought by himself, as were the others, and who received a considerable vote as it was, to state that he lost many votes owing to the fact of his senatorship and the unavoidable impression that his Ottawa engagement would interfere with his duties as water commissioner. Mr. Major, it should be mentioned, withdrew from the nomination at the last moment, which left but five nominees to select from, instead of the original ten proposed by the council.

It is characteristic of the morning paper, and a very fair illustration of its "style" all through, that it should retract election slanders, that it has stubbornly and wantonly reiterated for days, after the election is over and the purpose for which they were uttered has been either fulfilled or defeated. This is what our very absurd and erring cotemporary has done with respect to its intended slander against Mr. Jas. Johnson, who was on Monday returned at the head of the poll for ward two. The slander first appeared in the *Truth* (?) of Thursday morning. On Friday we gave it a contradiction that should have satisfied that paper, if it had the least disposition to be honest—or at least set it thinking and inquiring, if it wanted to be fair and repair an injustice before the election, obviously the proper time to make a retraction. But what does the "independent" Church street sheet do? Why, it mulishly reiterates its slander of Thursday on both Saturday and Sunday mornings. And on yesterday (Tuesday) morning, when the election is over, and the false insinuation had done all the harm that it could (which, as the sequel has shown, was *nil*, owing to the source from which it emanated, except upon the head of its originator), the journalistic terror to the "early worm" in this bright and blooming burg breaks out in its editorial columns, with a mingled "gall" and simplicity that is as refreshing as whisky-and-soda, with the following cheerful but tardy confession: "From careful enquiry made among those who are best acquainted with James Johnson, it appears that, so far from being a Salvationist, he is a rigid Presbyterian of the old school. It is with unfeigned pleasure we make this correction." Now, what is a discriminating public to think of such a confession in view of all the circumstances? There are only two conclusions possible: *Truth* must be either a deliberate and unblushing journalistic knave or a hopeless "chump." In charity let us suppose the latter, and we have the sublime and edifying spectacle of a so-called journal making "careful enquiry," when it is practically too late, into the truth or falsity of slanders that have been making its columns offensive and ridiculous for fully half a week. It does not need calcium lights or other stage accessories to enhance such an object lesson. *Verb. sat.*

A "bee in the ear" of our ecclesiastical cotemporary—The "Methodist ring" in the retiring council will have a very pronounced Presbyterian "ring" about it in the new. Those churches again.

The Columbian is a sort of "Burke's Peerage" on the religious affiliations of the people of New Westminster—*Truth.* Thanks awfully. Whenever *Truth* wishes to consult an authority on any subject we shall be happy to oblige it, and thus save it the humiliating necessity of making "careful enquiry" afterwards.

Job printing of all kinds neatly done at the Columbian office. Prices will be found as low as at any other office in the province.—*Adv.*

Indestructible boors, with leaves and covers of asbestos and printing in gold or silver letters, have been suggested.

Nothing, says the New York *Tribune*, serves to measure the grade and character of a people to the eye of a thoughtful traveller so readily and distinctly as the condition of the rural roads.

Though scarcely ten years old, Volapuk is said to be studied by 2,000,000 people, to have been the subject of more than 2,000 books, to have regularly issued in its interest more than 30 periodicals, and to have led to the formation of more than 600 societies.

Among the centenarians of all nations and all times, says Dr. Felix L. Oswald, a significant plurality were either rustics or city dwellers addicted to out-door pursuits. Centenarians are remarkably frequent among the baliff-ridden boors of southern Russia, and the five oldest persons of modern times were careworn if not abjectly poor villagers. Peter Czartan, who died in a hamlet near Belgrade, 1724, in his 185th year; the Russian beggar Kamartzik, a native of Polotzk, who reached an age of 163 years, and died in consequence of an accident; the fisherman Jenkins, who, in spite of life-long penury, lived at least a century and a half (the estimate of his neighbors varying from 158 to 169 years), the negress Truxo, who died in slavery on the plantation of a Tucuman physician, in her 175th year; and the day laborer, Thomas Parr, who attained the pretty well authenticated age of 152 years, and who died a few weeks after his removal from country air and indigence to comfort and city quarters.

Meteorological Observations at New Westminster for November, 1889.

Mean temperature	44.5
Above Nov. mean	4.0
Highest max	60.0
Lowest min	31.0
Mean of max	50.1
Mean of min	39.0
Rainfall in inches	5.74
Below Nov. mean	2.16
Days rain fell	14
Greatest day's fall	0.99
Cloudy days	12
Partially cloudy	11
Clear	7
Windiest day	150
Calmest, " "	31
Total miles of wind	2313
Highest Barometer	30.43
Lowest "	29.27

Fogs, 10; haloes, 2; 17th, tremendous circular squalls from S. E; speed from 40 to 45 miles an hour (nothing like it since 1875); 22d, first frost of the season; 28th, sea fogs; roses, violets, and other flowers.

A. Peele, Capt'n.

Special Meeting of Richmond Council.

Council met in the town hall on Monday, Dec. 2nd. Present, the reeve and Councillors Reid, Garratt, Stewart and Daniels. The council was called for the purpose of considering the following government communications: From W. S. Gore, surveyor-general, stating that as the construction of the North Arm bridges was about completed, the government had much pleasure in handing over the structure to the council of Richmond municipality; from W. S. Gore, surveyor-general, containing an extract of the report of Geo. Turner, to the effect that a caretaker should be appointed to look after the North Arm bridges, that steamboat captains should be warned not to approach too near the bridges until the swing is fully open and that a lead being made to the opening of the swing would tend to prevent steamers striking the spans. On motion, it was decided that the communications from W. S. Gore be received and laid on the table for one hour for the purpose of inspecting the bridges.

On resuming, it was decided, on motion, that the reeve and Coun. Stewart be appointed a committee to engage a board of engineers to inspect the bridges, both in respect of the general plan of the work in detail, and to have such board report to the council on or before Saturday, Dec. 7th, if possible.

Business Change.

Mr. Luke Pither, well known in this city, has purchased the interest of M. Boucherat in the wholesale liquor firm of Boucherat & Co., and with Mr. J. Coigdarripe will continue the old established business. M. Boucherat, it is understood, will return to "la belle France," and spend the remaining years of his life in his beloved native land. Messrs. Coigdarripe and Pither are well and favorably known in the business world for their energy and integrity, and under their guidance the house of Boucherat & Co. will undoubtedly continue to enjoy that extensive patronage which has always been extended to it. Mr. Pither will enter into the business on 1st March next. His many friends will be pleased to learn of his permanent return to Victoria.—*Colonist.*

Hugh Browne is suing the Montreal *Gazette* for $5,000 damages for having printed a statement to the effect that there was a shortage in his cash while agent of the Glasgow & London Insurance Company at Toronto.

Ed. Marston has been appointed agent of the Northwest government to superintend the shipment of 4 per cent. beer from Manitoba to the Territories. His headquarters will be in Winnipeg.

THE CHURCHES.

Summaries of Some of the City Sermons Spoken Sunday.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

At St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal church Sunday morning the Rev. Thos. Haddon spoke on "True Greatness," taking Matt. 20 c., 25 to 27 v. as the basis of his remarks. He said: Perhaps there is hardly a man in the wide world who has not at some time in his life had a desire to be great, and hold some position of honor amongst his fellow men. Ambition is inherent in man; it comes into prominence even with the disciples in their dispute as to who should be the greatest; then in connection with the text the mother of Zebedee's children is ambitious for her sons to sit in honor near Jesus, in what she looked for as a temporal kingdom, and coming from the narrative, in the indignation of the ten, is a witness of the inherent, ambitious craving. The desire to know which should be accounted the greatest was met in a similar way to that recorded in the text. One thought arises just here. If Peter was present on this occasion, as he certainly must have been, and he was to be accounted the chief among them, why did not Christ say so? Why did not the disciples regard him as chief? The interpretation of that remark Christ made to Peter, "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church," as made by the teachers in the Romish Church, is erroneous; it was upon Peter's confession, that Jesus was the Christ, He would build His church. Upon the principle, upon the belief, and not upon the man; imagination must take wide scope to come to any other conclusion. The church of Christ, divinely instituted, divinely honored, certainly would have divinity as a foundation rather than man. None of the early churches recognized or acknowledged Peter as greater than any of the rest; even Paul, who by his achievements might be counted the greatest of all the apostles, calls himself the least. My impression is that in the text the Lord does not in the least seek to crush ambition, but would have it founded on a sure, true and honest foundation. Humility is the true source of greatness, and Christ's own case of ministering and sacrifice for others is an example. Jesus acknowledges the right of princes, but as differing from the ordinary course. The men of influence in the world are in many cases looked upon by God as unstable beings, and while many counted among the noble and the daring have conquered and ruled nations, they have not succeeded in conquering and ruling their own hearts. Men are like Alexander the Great, when he had conquered all the then known world, wept because there was nothing more to conquer, but he had forgotten his own heart. Count not that man great who has reached the top of the ladder of fame and yet has not started to climb toward heaven. The measure of true greatness is in proportion to the profession of the graces of the spirit, and the willingness to minster for and to others rather than self. May we be led to labor on at His command and offer all our works to Him, and then the reward will be sure. Let us take Paul's advice, "Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.

At Holy Trinity church Sunday morning Bishop Sillitoe preached another interesting discourse on eschatology, or the doctorine of the last or final things; death and judgment. In beginning his discourse the preacher descanted on the utter impotence of man and his puny judgment in face of spiritual things. It has been too much the custom to turn the idea of the day of judgment into a mere ceremony devoid of all meaning, but it is not so, but will be a terrible reality. Human faith though sadly weakened is still used as a battlefield in which the genii of good and evil struggle for the mastery. The speaker then described the doctrine of fatalism; that what is has been ordained from the beginning. The work of redemption stretches far away beyond the needs of human nature; the gospel is a remedy for all human ills. There is a wide difference between fatalism and Christianity. If arguments, as an excuse for not being Christians, are to be based on the ground of unfavorable circumstances, where are we to draw the line? Every one is more or less unfavorably situated. And it is a question whether a man born among thieves and vagabonds is more unfavorably situated than one born in the higher ranks of society. Blessing after blessing has been attached to poverty and persecution, and curses and warnings unto the rich. Dives was not so favorably situated as Lazarus. Another great question on this field of battle is that of purgatory versus heaven and hell. Among the Jews the intermediate state was termed Sheol, but in the gospel we have Hades. It was the Roman church that attempted to substitute purgatory for Sheol, and the idea of purgatory became established. According to the primitive idea neither heaven or hell was attained until after the day of judgment. Even Justin Martyr cherished this belief. With the dawn of the idea of purgatory this belief exploded. And now according to the Roman church imperfect souls are relegated to purgatory. After the Reformation the Protestant theologians at once rejected the doctrine of purgatory and made heaven and hell the immediate issues. If this doctrine is correct of course all those who have died outside the pale of the church are lost. There is no other alternative. The consequence of sin in this life is immediate consignment to hell after death. We have cut out from theology the intermediate state and substituted heaven and hell; they are the final things. Next Sunday the bishop will continue the series in another sermon on the same subject.

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(*From Daily Columbian, Dec. 9.*)

Christmas displays are now taking a prominent place in every store in the city, and all are on a large and much more handsome scale than in former years.

Salt water fish are being received at the market in heavy consignments, Vianen's fish store was completely stocked this morning. Game is also plentiful.

The fiend who asks perspiring citizens in the middle of July if it is hot enough for them, was to the fore today with the sage remark, "looks like winter, eh?"

There was a non-appearance at the police court this morning on the part of a plain drunk, and a consequent addition to the coffers of the city of $5 forfeited bail.

John Campbell, a Langley farmer, and a native of St. Anns, N. S., died of consumption at the Royal Columbian hospital yesterday. Deceased was 45 years of age, and leaves a wife and family to mourn his loss.

Messrs. Proud, of Pitt Meadows, and Martin, of Harrison River, are importing a carload of thoroughbred horses and cattle from Ontario. The animals are now *en route*, and are expected to arrive in a few days.

The str. Irving arrived from Chilliwhck last night with a heavy cargo of farm produce: 320 bales of hay, 87 sacks oats, 42 sacks potatoes, 25 sacks turnips, 50 boxes apples, and a quantity of other merchandise. She had also a considerable number of passengers.

Mr. E. M. Jewell, advance manager of the Essie Tittell Dramatic Co., is at present in the city to arrange for the appearance of Miss Tittell and her company three days next week. The sound papers speak highly of Miss Tittell, who is a young Californian of more than ordinary ability.

Specimens of coal taken from croppings at Sumas mountain have been brought to the city and are pronounced by competent authorities to be good lignite. Some years ago parties prospected in the vicinity without very much success. It is understood, however, that a large claim has been taken up and that fresh prospecting will be pushed vigorously.—*Times.*

The *Times* says it is understood that the effort to remove the rice mills to Vancouver is being renewed with some prospect of success. It was learned from Mr. Ross, who arrived from Montreal a few days ago, that the matter was under "serious consideration" in view of the inducements which the direct steamers from China are prepared to offer in the carriage of paddy.

Gilley Bros. have just added to their outfit a new spring dray, the finest in the city, which will be used by them in moving furniture, pianos, and for general work. This dray was made at J. E. Sully's factory, and it is a credit to the manufacturer, being equal, if not superior, to the best imported vehicle of the kind. Home manufactured goods are gradually replacing the imported, which is as it should be.

The steamer Princess Louise arrived this morning from Victoria with a large cargo of general merchandise and the following passengers:—Mr. and Mrs. Brompton, Mr. and Miss E. Ladner, Miss C. Ladner, F. S. Barnard, A. W. Vowell, Jas. Laidlaw, Rev. P. F. McLeod, Rev. Calvert, M. Cly, E. M. Jewell, T. Thirkle, S. R. Howard, W. McGregor, Capt. Fevola, P. O'Brien, H Harlock, H Kirkland, L Gorum, D. McWilliams, J. D. Gobell, H. Hodge, Messrs Jacobi, Alexander, Dean, Dowlan, and Mathieson.

Westminster's Contingent.

The Vancouver elections were hotly contested to-day, and strong reinforcements were procured in Westminster to assist in the fight. The agents of Mayor Oppenheimer visited this city and engaged every available cab, for the services of which each will be paid $25 for the day and expenses. At this rate the item for cab hire alone must be very large, and will make a large hole in Mr. Oppenheimer's civic salary, should he happen to be elected.

New Tug for Harrison Lake.

Messrs. Joseph Martin & Sons, proprietors of the Harrison River Saw Mills, have commenced building a fine new tug to be used on Harrison Lake, in connection with their mills, for towing purposes. The machinery, which is daily expected from the east, will be strong, giving the new steamer all the power necessary for the class of work she will be engaged in. It is expected that the tug will be afloat and ready for operations within sixty days.

Lighted by Electricity.

For the first time in the history of the Royal City, the electric light shone in Westminster last night. By some means the new telephone line got crossed with an electric light wire in Vancouver, and Mr George Pittendrigh, the local manager, noticing that something was wrong, disconnected the Vancouver line and closed it to the ground line. In doing so he received a shock so severe that he dropped both wires and fairly danced with pain. Knowing that some unusual power was at work on the wires, Mr. Pittendrigh procured a carbon and attached it to the ground wire, brought the Vancouver line in close proximity to it, and in an instant the central telephone office was ablaze with electric light. The stolen light lasted some time, but was finally shut off, and the telephonists were once more reduced to probe their way by the blinding glare retailed by the Westminster Gas Company.

Beautiful Snow.

About noon yesterday snow commenced to fall, coming from the northwest in small flakes. A little later the wind veered to the west and then the southwest and the flakes became larger and the fall more steady and heavier. During the whole afternoon and evening the "beautiful" descended, and when the sky finally cleared about three inches of snow had fallen in the lower, and four and a half inches in the upper portion of the city. Churchgoing people on their return home last evening experienced a very fatiguing journey up the hill, and many were completely "done out" before reaching home.

This morning the corporation gang got to work bright and early, and cleared all street crossings in the lower part of the city. The weather set in mild, and the probabilities are that a couple of days will see the last of the snow. No attempt at sleighing was made, except by the small boys on coasting sleds, as the snow was too slushy and the ground underneath too soft. A few telephone and telegraph wires suffered, but beyond this no damage was done.

Drift Floats.

Mr. William Smith, deputy minister of marine, has issued the following notice to mariners: Lieut. Commander Chas. H. Stockton, commanding U. S. S. Thetis, reports that, during the past summer, while on the north and northwest coasts of Alaska the Thetis set adrift numerous drift floats. The floats are made of wood, about two feet long and nine and a half inches thick, with the name of the ship, date, and the words "for drift" cut upon the face. In a cavity at one end of the float, plugged with soft wood, there is a copper cylinder containing a letter requesting the finder to inform the U. S. hydraulic office, Washington, D. C.; the nearest U. S. consul, or the commanding officer of the Thetis, the time and place where the float was found. These different floats are intended to show the direction and strength of the currents off the coast of Alaska, and any information obtained from them will be of value to navigation. Masters of Canadian vessels in British Columbia and Alaska waters, or residents on the coast of British Columbia, finding any of these floats are strongly urged to comply with the request contained therein.

A Thrilling Escape.

One of the most thrilling and hairbreadth escapes that has been chronicled in railroad history for a long time, occurred near Donald Saturday. From one of the passengers a representative of THE COLUMBIAN gleaned the particulars of the accident. The Pacific express had proceeded west of Donald about three miles, when one of the sand boards of the Colonist sleeper became detached and dropped to the rail throwing the car and three following coaches from the track. The airbrakes worked like a charm, and the train speedily came to a standstill. The spot where this accident occurred was near the mouth of a tunnel, and at a place where the road is cut out of the side of the mountain, the lower side being almost perpendicular for nearly 300 feet. When the train stopped three of the derailed cars overhung this terrible precipice, only held from an awful fall into the depths below by the strength of the couplings. The accident, together with the perilous situation in which the lives of all were placed, caused much consternation among the passengers, and the agony endured by some of them during the few minutes that passed before they could be removed, was something intense, and never to be forgotten. Conductor Unwin, who was in charge of the train, behaved with the utmost coolness throughout, and his cheery manner and quiet way served to reassure many of the passengers whose nerves had sustained a rude shock by the mishap. Jackscrews were quickly got out and placed under the endangered coaches, and by these means they were once more set upon the rails and the train proceeded, reaching its destination yesterday afternoon without further accident.

CRIMINAL COURT.

Before His Honor Judge Bole.

A warrant was issued for the arrest of Ah Toy, one of the witnesses summoned in the Foo Sing, robbing with violence at Ladners, case, and who did not appear. Edward O'Brien, the victim of the crime, was the first occupant of the witness stand. The indictment was read over to the prisoner and he pleaded *not guilty*. The witness stated that on Sunday, Nov. 17th, he met the prisoner half way between Ladner's Landing and his farm. They travelled on for some time until they came to a fallen tree, on which they sat for a while and prisoner told witness he had cut his foot with an axe; witness told him to come to his house and he would give him some sticking plaster. While at the house the prisoner acted very imprudently and witness ordered him out, after having given him a meal. The Chinaman returned about an hour later while witness was lighting a fire in the stove, and throwing his arms around witness' neck pushed his head into the blazing wood; an old felt hat which witness was wearing fell forward and saved his face. Witness' hands were burned. Prisoner then snatched his watch away, breaking the chain, then jumped up and took witness' shot gun out of a corner near the door, and ran away bareheaded across the fields. The gun was loaded. Prisoner dropped his hat in the flight and witness delivered it to the magistrate at Ladner's Landing.

The prisoner stated, through an interpreter Cum Yow, that witness had given him whiskey and neither food nor sticking plaster. Witness admitted that he had offered prisoner some brandy, but the latter refused it. Witness positively identified the prisoner as the man who robbed and assaulted him, having seen him often before.

Ah Toy, for whose arrest a warrant had been issued, turned up a few minutes before his name on the list of witnesses came round. He took the stand and was told that if he did not answer the questions directly he would be sent up for a year; this had the desired effect. Witness, prisoner and four others went over the river from Ladner's Landing. On returning witness said that prisoner had no hat. Several other witnesses gave evidence in the case.

Chas. Calhoun said he had never figured in the witness stand before and evidently thought the best way to do was to fence the questions. His honor called his attention to the warning that had sufficed for the Chinese witness. His honor finally ordered him out of the box. His honor sentenced the prisoner to seven years' penal servitude.

The case of E. Scalen, the man charged with receiving stolen goods, knowing them to be stolen, was the next, and the evidence was identical with that already given in the police court and reported in these columns. A clear case was made out, and his honor in imposing a sentence of 3 years and 6 months in penitentiary said he was determined to put a stop to this species of crime in the city. Westminster had enjoyed a comparative immunity from it in the past, and he would see that it did not become epidemic. His honor as good as promised that the next case of this kind that came before him would meet with a punishment that would likely stop all such crimes here.

THE CIVIC ELECTIONS

And Election of Waterworks Commissioners Pass off Very Quietly and a Small Vote Polled.

A more unfavorable day than to-day for inducing the ratepayers of Westminster to attend the polls could not have been made to order, and thus the smallness of the vote is easily accounted for. The roads and sidewalks were covered with slush, and walking was so unpleasant and fatiguing that many voters living quite close to the polls refused to make their way thither unless a carriage was provided. As most of the carriages were in Vancouver, it was difficult to oblige all who wished to ride and as a consequence many votes remained unpolled. The lack of any very important issue in the elections, and the consequent absence of any great enthusiasm, had also probably much to do with the smallness of the vote. Voting commenced at 9 a. m. and closed at 5 p. m. Following are the official returns:

FOR MAYOR.

J. C. Brown	146
W. B. Townsend	121
Majority for Brown	25

FOR ALDERMEN—WARD TWO.

Jas. Johnston	79
D. McPhaden	68
Jno. Reid	67

First two are elected.

FOR ALDERMEN—WARD THREE.

B. W. Shiles	83
M. Sinclair	77
A. M. Herring	52
H. Elliott	47

First two are elected.

FOR WATER COMMISSIONERS.

J. C. Armstrong	196
W. A. Duncan	188
Geo. Turner	149
T. R. McInnes	125
J. W. Harvey	50

First three are elected.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A Contradiction.

EDITOR COLUMBIAN. — SIR: Rumors have been circulated that it is my intention to remove from New Westminster to another field of practice. Some of my friends informed me this morning that they had heard that I had already left. Will you kindly allow me space in your columns to deny all such reports. The movements of another individual, with whose surname mine has frequently been confounded, has doubtless given rise to the rumor. I have no intention of leaving this city, which, as a home, I prefer to any I have yet seen.

Yours truly,
I. M. MCLEAN, M.D.

New Westminster, Dec. 9, 1889.

Deer Slaying.

In addition to the information referred to last week in the *Sentinel* as to the killing of deer for the hides, we are this week in receipt of a letter from a private source which fully confirms the statements made in that article. Our informant states that the slaughter is still going on and that "thousands of deer are being shot down for the paltry sum paid for the skin, and several tons are being forwarded for shipment." A resident in the Spallumcheen district states that the manager of the steamers plying between Enderby and Sicamous has refused to transport the skins waiting there for shipment. He referred to a party from Seattle who passed through the district recently for the "express purpose of arranging for deer skins, and that unprincipled traders are getting organized lodges of Indians to slay the deer wholesale." The same party says "this thing is going on all over the country, and that back of Clinton last winter two men killed 1200 deer, while there are men living in that district who make their living at it." The names of traders in the Spallumcheen and Okanagan districts who are trafficking in hides are given, but we are not at liberty to make them public at this writing. The government, however, should investigate the statements made, and we have no doubt all the information necessary will be forthcoming to prove the truth or falsity of them.—*Sentinel.*

(*From Daily Columbian, Dec. 10.*)

There was no police court this morning.

Eleven carloads of cattle arrived from the interior this morning, consigned principally to Victoria.

The str. Gipsy took down a scow load of lumber this morning to Ladner's Landing for Mr. Elliot of that town.

Fish and game still figure in the market in large numbers. Fresh smelts are being received in heavy consignments.

The steamer Irving left this morning for Chilliwack and way ports with a cargo of general merchandise and a number of passengers.

Mr. Jas. Wise advertises that the bay horse which broke into his wharf and had a square meal a few days ago will be sold by auction ten days from date.

The Belle glided off the ways this morning into the water in fine style. She is like a new boat again, and will sail to-morrow for Mud Bay to fetch some booms of logs for the R. C. P. mills.

The Presbytery of Columbia meets at Kamloops to-morrow, and will probably conclude its business in one day. A missionary meeting will be held tomorrow night at the close of the presbytery.

The chief topic of conversation on the streets this morning, was the election. There was practically no money "up" on the mayoralty contest, as it was known that it would be a very close race.

The street naming and numbering committee have at last finished their work, the streets are all named, and the city engineer has been instructed to enter the new names on the official plan of the city.

The Royal City Planing Mills have an order booked for 100,000 feet of posts and fencing to be sent to Sumas; the lumber is for G. A. Keefer, of Vancouver, and will be used in fencing in his land at Sumas.

Alderman Cunningham gave notice at the council meeting last night that he would introduce a bylaw to pay Mayor Townsend a reasonable amount for services faithfully rendered by him since his election to office.

The streets and crossings were in a terribly muddy condition to-day, and foot traffic was simply abominable. To people living in portions of the city where sidewalks are not yet laid, the present sort of weather has few charms.

George Gray, an employe of the Brunette Sawmills Co., lost two fingers yesterday by his hand coming into contact with a circular saw, at which he was working. Dr. Cooper attended professionally to the unfortunate man's injuries.

The weather department does not anticipate any more of the vagaries from the weather that characterized last Sunday. There was a marked rise in temperature to-day and the department is hopeful of mild weather for the rest of the week.

A heavy rain fell last night for a few hours, causing the snow to almost entirely disappear from the streets. The fond anticipations nursed by many, that sleigh driving would be in order for a few days, have been washed away by last night's rain.

Remember the Girard Leon's We 3 Co. will appear at the opera house Saturday evening December 14th. Twenty artists of merit will positively appear. Don't forget to bring the little ones to see the donkeys. Seats on sale at Lyal's book store.

Mr. Zed S. Hall was busy this afternoon distributing the "Christmas Globe," a number of great beauty and merit. One of the colored pictures represents every branch of the Canadian militia, a very handsome affair, and well worthy a place in any drawing room.

About 5 o'clock last evening a horse attached to a buggy dashed down Columbia street, and when near the corner of Mary street came to grief by colliding with a heavy dray. One of the wheels of the buggy was knocked off, but beyond that no serious damage was done.

Upper Clements, and upper St. Andrews streets are to be put in proper repair immediately. Clement street between Agnes st. and Royal ave. is in a terrible condition for either foot passengers or vehicles, and the council before retiring from office should take some steps to have a sidewalk and gutters laid.

The class in vocal music at the Y. M. C. A. last night was very successful, both in point of numbers and in the work done. On the fine new blackboard the instructor illustrated his remarks by drawing the notes and signs, so that every facility is offered the students for acquiring a practical as well as theoretical knowledge of the art.

The English iron bark Ullock, with a cargo of 620,000 feet of rough and finished lumber, cleared this port from the Royal City Mills' wharf, this morning in tow of the steamer Active, which took her to sea. The Ullock is bound for Port Philip, N.S.W., Australia, and has a full complement of officers and men, the places of deserters from the ship having been filled before she left.

The Young People's Society of St. Andrew's church gave a very pleasant social last evening. A select programme of songs, readings and instrumental music was rendered, after which tea and cake were served to the audience. These social affairs are becoming more and more popular with the members of the congregation, and deservedly so, as they are admirably conducted.

At Portland on Friday evening, eighteen members of the Salvation Army, six being women, were arrested while beating drums and blowing horns on the street in violation of an ordinance recently passed by the Portland city council. The Salvationists evidently anticipated arrest, as they were carrying a banner inscribed "Prison Brigade." They were in jail only a few minutes when they were bailed out.

Eleven carloads of Christmas prime beef cattle arrived to-day from up country and were unloaded at the C. P. N. stockyards. There were 160 head in all, 18 destined for Nanaimo, the remainder for Victoria. These cattle are some of the finest stock that has been landed here this year, and are a credit to the ranches which produced them. In the consignment which went to Vancouver was one steer weighing 2200 pounds.

Mr. Townsend's Thanks.

Mayor Townsend called at THE COLUMBIAN office this morning and requested us to convey to the ratepayers who voted for him yesterday, his heartfelt thanks. He says he is quite satisfied with the results of yesterday's election so far as he is personally concerned, as it relieves him of troubles and responsibilities that even a good large salary fails to compensate for. Mr. Townsend takes his defeat with good grace, and in a manly way, and is by no means discomfited by his retirement. He will continue to interest himself with all affairs of importance relating to the city, and will identify himself with all progressive movements in the future as he has done in the past.

The Battle of the Flags.

The Gorrie flags are still flaunting bravely in the breeze, but at the reduced price of $75. Messrs. Davie & Bodwell, of Victoria, instructed by Mr. Gorrie, have offered to compromise the flag loan for $75, half the former demand, which must be paid immediately or a suit will be entered against the city. The council, some time ago, offered Mr. Gorrie $40 for the wear and tear of the box that enclosed the flags, but this he refused, demanding the full amount at first claimed. At the council meeting last night it was decided to allow Mr. Gorrie to pursue any course he wished in regard to the matter, and it was thoroughly understood that the city would not allow anything in the shape of browbeating to force a surrender.

The Vancouver Elections.

The Vancouver elections resulted yesterday as was generally expected—Mayor Oppenheimer was re-elected, with a majority of the aldermen as his supporters. The fight was the most bitter that has ever occurred in the terminal city, and every influence that could be brought to bear, one way or the other, was forced to the front and used to its fullest. The defeat of the ticket favored by the *News-Advertiser*, one of which was the editor of that journal, was overwhelming, and cannot be attributed to anything but the popularity of the opposing ticket. Following are the results: Mayor, D. Oppenheimer, elected by 256 majority. Aldermen: Ward one, Messrs. Browning and Carroll; ward two, Messrs. Garden and Horne; ward three, Messrs. Fox and Sentell; ward four, Messrs. Costello and McLeod; ward five, Messrs. Doering and Mason, elected by acclamation.

Bottled Enthusiasm.

Before the returns were all received at the city hall last night quite a large audience had gathered to listen to the remarks of the newly elected aldermen, but the crowd dwindled rapidly away after 6:30 o'clock, a good warm meal being apparently of more pleasure and importance than the speech of an alderman-elect. At seven o'clock the mayor and aldermen-elect had all taken their departure, and when Mr. Robson did make the official announcement, less than a dozen ratepayers were present to hear the "joyful news." Consequently there was no speechmaking, no enthusiasm, and, afterwards, a conspicuous lack of "red paint" round town, all the fresco work and kalsomining being done in private, or not at all. The damp and disagreeable weather had probably a chilling effect on the cheery ratepayers, and the bottled up enthusiasm will be liable to find vent on some future important occasion.

Declines to Take Second Place.

Tickets are selling well for the exhibition and concert to-morrow evening at the opera house. The merits of the entertainment have already been pointed out in these columns, and it only remains to be said that all who attend the concert to-morrow evening will discover that Westminster does not have to depend altogether upon outside talent for a good entertainment; and all who believe in giving home talent a fair trial will be there. The work on the horizontal bar is not the work of novices by any means; some of the most daring feats performed by gymnasts in the finest gymnasia of the east are done with ease by the young men who will gyrate tomorrow evening in the opera house. There has been rather a plethora of theatrical performances this week and they have been well supported; it would therefore be rather unfair to pass over the "home show," which in merit declines to take a second place to any that has appeared or will appear this week.

Edmund Fitzgerald Cowen, who was mangled on the Grand Trunk track at Chatham, Ont., the other day, died Saturday. He was for several years in the civil service at Ottawa. He was English by birth and a grand-nephew of Cardinal Manning.

The *Clarion*, the new organ of the National Liberal Club, was issued for the first time on Friday last. It will represent the opinion of the younger liberals of the Rouge stripe.

A Terror to Evil Doers.

The sentences passed upon Foo Sing and Scalen yesterday will undoubtedly be a source of satisfaction to all law abiding citizens, and make the petty members of the criminal class shudder. But these sentences are light compared with what will be dealt out to the next offender. Judge Bole hinted at fourteen years in the penitentiary for some of the sneak thieving fraternity, and there is little doubt that a worse place than Westminster for them does not exist. In his remarks on the Scalen case, his honor said the prisoner's crime was not characterized by the ferocity of the burglar, and luckily so for the prisoner, as had it been so proved, his honor would have sentenced him to fifteen years at hard labor. It was intolerable, said his honor, that people dare not leave their doors unlocked without the fear of some mean, pitiful, sneaking thief coming along and stealing their goods. If he found the crime increasing he would increase the sentence. It will be very much to the interest of those who are inclined to evil ways to remember these things and take timely warning. With the law dealt out in such doses New Westminster cannot fail to become a notoriously unhealthy place for the practice of crime of every kind.

The Cautious Witness.

No man knows the hour that he may be called into a court of justice to give evidence, and it is well to cite a happily rather unusual case that occurred yesterday during the hearing of the robbery with violence case, before Judge Bole. A witness from Ladner's Landing exasperated the crown prosecutor and the judge by an extraordinary display of caution; he was sure of nothing and would swear to nothing; he thought he saw a man, but wouldn't swear to it; he thought he remembered a certain day, but would not swear to that. After about twenty minutes of this useless fencing he stated that he was positive—he actually startled the court by such positivism—that the man in the dock was not the man he saw with a gun in his hand that Sunday. This was more than Judge Bole could bear and he wheeled round indignantly and demanded how witness dared to have the audacity to come into a court of justice and tell such things. His honor said he had a good mind to commit him to jail, and finally told the witness to get out of the box and be ashamed of himself. On account of the disgraceful manner in which the witness gave his evidence, his expenses were disallowed by the court. This ought to serve as a warning to all others who imagine they are smart because they waste the time of the court by senseless equivocations.

The Galley Slave.

There was a thin house last night in the opera house, and the gallery predominated. The gallery also behaved itself in a way that was disgraceful, and by its stupid brawling and whistling spoiled the play for those who had paid their money to listen. The gallery hung its large feet and heavy shoes over the front railing and stuck its cap on the back of its head and tyrannized the whole house. The police in most other cities have a funny way of jumping right into the middle of such a howling mass and taking a grip of the noisiest ones by the back of the neck and hauling them like bales of hay down to the front entrance where a tremendous kick on the tail of the coat knocks all the wild enthusiasm out of the howling gallery "tough." The play was good and the acting strong. Bartley Campbell's "Galley Slave" is a favorite with eastern audiences, and with the respectable part of last night's audience was well received. The play really deserved a much better house than it had. Mr. Keene announced to the audience that the company would play "*Damon and Pythias*" to-night, the leading role of Damon being taken by an actor who has played that character all over the United States, and who, Mr. Keene said, is the best actor that has played in the north west. A representation of the fine old play *Damon and Pythias*, which was never played in Westminster or in fact the province, ought to attract a bumper house.

PERSONAL.

T. C. Atkinson left for Victoria this afternoon.

A. R. Green, C. E., returned from the interior to-day.

L. P. Eckstein has gone over to Victoria on professional business.

John Hendry and C. M. Beecher, of the Royal City Planing Mills Co., went over to Vancouver this morning

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Edmonds went over to the terminal city to-day, where they will remain for the rest of the week.

Rev. Thos. Scouler left for Kamloops to-day, where he will attend the meeting of presbytery to-morrow, and return probably the day after.

Mr. and Mrs. Shadwell left yesterday, via Victoria, for California. Mr. Shadwell goes to Southern California for the benefit of his health, which has been very bad of late. He will remain for the winter at least.

Rev. P. McF. McLeod, of Victoria, went up to Kamloops yesterday to attend the meeting of presbytery at that place. He was billed to give a humorous lecture to-night at the inland capital on "That Young Woman."

Capt. Pelletier's schooner, with a general cargo, which was some time ago wrecked and abandoned near D'Islet, Quebec, while bound to one of the lower parishes, subsequently went ashore and was pillaged by the inhabitants and then burned. The cure of the parish, in a discourse to his flock, severely censured this act of piracy.

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Late Despatches.

ANOTHER ARGUMENT AGAINST TOBACCO.

CANTON, Ohio, Dec. 3.—Early this morning Uhloe's residence in the southern part of the city was entirely destroyed by fire. His son, aged 14 years, was suffocated, and two other children will probably die. The fire originated from a pipe which he had been smoking and left on the lounge.

REVENGE REWARDED.

UPPER MARLBORO, Md., Dec. 3.—About 2:30 o'clock this morning a band of market men came to the jail and overpowered the keeper and broke open the cell of Joe Vermillion. They took him out and hanged him on the bridge leading to this village. The cause of the lynching was the burning by incendiarism of several barns on the night of the 23rd in Prince George county. The incendiarism was due to a desire for revenge on the part of Joe Vermillion, whose father had been maltreated by a number of men. All the Vermillion men were arrested on a charge of arson, but John Vermillion told the officers that Joe was the cause of all the trouble and that he had set the fire to the barns. His brothers had tried to dissuade him from it, but he followed his own impulses.

A GREAT SURPLUS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Secretary Windom's annual report states the total receipts of the government from all sources for the fiscal year ended June 30th, amount to $387,050,058; the ordinary expenditures for the same time were $281,996,615, leaving a surplus in the treasury of $105,053,443. For the current fiscal year the revenues are estimated at $385,000,000 and expenditure at $293,000,000, and after the proper application of revenues to the sinking fund the estimate dnet surplus for the current year will be $43,678.883. The estimates of receipts for year ending June 30, 1891, are $385,000,000; and estimates of expenditures for which this congress will make appropriations, are $292,271,404, with a net surplus of $43,000,000. Bonds and other obligations of the government have been purchased and redeemed during the year amounting to $50,465,485, leaving available cash on hand amounting to $45,335,762.40. The estimate for pensions for the fiscal year of 1891 is $9,685,872.52; internal revenue receipts for the current year are $135,000,000; the tobacco tax amounts to $31,886,837. The secretary believes a revision of the tariff and customs laws necessary, the adoption wherever practicable of specific rather than *ad valorem* duties is recommended for checking frauds by undervaluation. A tribunal for the disposition of customs appeal cases is recommended. The entire tonnage of the United States is reported at 4,307,475, of which 1,765,551 tons are steam. Iron vessels amounting to 53,513 tons have been built during the last fiscal year. Amended bylaws regulating the tonnage tax are recommended. The secretary urges that liberal and judicious government aid be given for the construction of steam merchant vessels, suitable for conversion to cruisers in time of war, and that subsidies be given for mail carrying steamers plying to South America, Chinese and Japanese ports. Secretary Windom devotes much space to the consideration of the silver question and in substance makes the following proposition: "To issue treasury notes against deposits of silver bullion, at the market price of silver when deposited, payable on demand in such quantities of silver bullion as will equal in value at date of presentation, the number of dollars expressed on the face of the notes at market price of silver, or in gold at option of the government, or in silver dollars at the option of the holders; to repeal the compulsory feature of the present coinage act."

DANGERS OF IRON CASTING.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 5.—At eight o'clock this morning a red hot tap slipped from the hands of some workmen in Phillips, Mimick & Co.'s Sligo Mill and dropped into a small pool of water. A terrific explosion followed, prostrating the workmen by its force and scattering a shower of molten lead throughout the mill. Patrick O'Brien, a laborer, was literally encased by a splash of liquid metal and was burned in a horrible manner. He was removed to the hospital in a dying condition. John McBeth and John Kelley were also badly, perhaps fatally, burned.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Commissioner Groff, of the general land office, has rendered a decision in the case of John Fleet, James Delaney and John Algyer *vs* Northern Pacific Railroad Company, involving a quarter section said to be worth $1,000,000 near Tacoma, Wash. The tract is within the city limits of the Northern Pacific grant. Fleet settled upon the land under the preemption laws in the spring of 1869. In 1870 Fleet left the land. In 1883 Algyer moved upon it. Delaney is the present occupant. The commissioner's decision re-instates Fleet on his rights under act of March 3, 1887, holding that his abandonment was involuntary and allows him to complete his entry. The commissioner also holds that neither Algyer nor Delaney can have any claim to the land, for unless Fleet is entitled to it, it must revert to the railroad company under its grant.

A HOPEFUL DECISION.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Judge Wheeler in the United States court to-day, announced that after a casual perusal of the papers he had come to the conclusion that Jimmy Hope, the bank burglar, was illegally in the state, and consequently was a free man. The offense for which Hope was extradited from California, the judge said, was one of an entirely different character from that on which he was now held by the Cayuga county authorities. "Hope," said the judge in conclusion, "I pronounce you free, and I will give you forty hours in which to get out of the state." In two minutes Hope was out of the court room.

HANDSOME HARRY HANGED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—"Handsome Harry" Carlton, murderer of Policeman Brennan, was hanged in the Toombs yard this morning at 7.29 o'clock. His neck was broken and he he did not struggle. The execution in the scenes preceding and immediately attending it was more than usually lacking in sensational incidents. The prisoner was to have been awakened at four this morning, but was sleeping soundly at that hour. It was decided to let him rest till 5 o'clock, and at that time he was aroused. He dressed himself, taking special pains with his necktie and hair, and finally selected articles for breakfast, to be ready at six. Afterwards he attended mass in the prison chapel, remaining some time in conversation with the priest and prison officials. He did not flinch on the way from the cell to the scaffold, nor while the preparations were being made by the hangman on the scaffold. There was no hitch in any part of the execution. or any scene at the last, The body remained hanging about ten minutes, when the physician pronounced Carlton dead. Carlton was the last New York murderer to die on the gallows. The law for execution by electricity now comes into force. His crime was the murder of Policeman Brennan on the night of Oct. 28,1888.

THE POLYGAMIST.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 3.—Judge Anderson to-day delivered a decision in the matter of the application of the Mormons who have taken the endowment house oath for admission to citizenship. The decision reviews the testimony at length and denies the application. In the decision Judge Anderson states the ground of his opposition to the admission of the applicants to citizenship to be that the Mormon church is, and always has been, a treasonable organization in its teachings and practices; that it is hostile to the government of the United States; disobedient to its laws and seeking its overthrow; that the oath adminstered to its members in the endowment house binds them, under a penalty of death, to implicit obedience in all things, temporal as well as spiritual, to the priesthood, and to avenge the death of the prophets, Joseph and Hiram Smith, upon the government and people of the United States. The judge reviewed at length the evidence submitted by the government regarding the endowment house ceremonies and teachings of the church.

Sealers Getting Ready.

Preparations for next spring's sealing are already being made, and if reports which are in circulation are at all reliable, the coming season will be a very good one, as the seals all along the coast are said to be plentiful. The "Mary Ellen," Capt. Dan. McLean, will sail from San Francisco about the middle of December; the "Sapphire," Capt. Wm. Cox, will start fitting out next week, and the "Maggie Mac" will go on Turpel's ways next Thursday preparatory to fitting out. It is rumored on Wharf street that Capt. Dodd of the "Maggie Mac," has about completed the purchase of a neat steam schooner yacht for use in the sealing, and which will be capable of steaming sixteen knots an hour.—*Colonist.*

Nelson Bennett Interviewed.

Nelson Bennet, in a casual conversation with a *Reveille* scribe, Thursday, stated that the F. & S. would certainly pass through Blaine, but that it was doubtful if it touched Whatcom. "The water front of course is free, but we do not care to go to sea. If Whatcom furnishes a right of way on the line mentioned to the chamber of commerce we shall pass through that city; but I have no faith in that being done. Our road will join the Canadian Pacific at New Westminster and will be completed from that point to Fairhaven by July 1st, 1890. We shall commence grading here as soon as the exact location of the line is made. The contractors are here and the work ordered to Ferndale. Where we shall cross the Cascades is indefinite. We shall cross the Skagit and continue on to the Stillaguamish, and shall run up the Skagit after coal, iron, limestone, marble, etc. We are not building street car lines and are not asking for franchises. I understood Mr. Cornwall has secured all the Whatcom franchises, so that it is just as well that we are not anxious about them. I am not in favor of incorporating the four Bay towns under one charter. The Whatcom people have evinced such hostility to our enterprises that we should not favor such a scheme. If the Fairhaven and Southern, at an expense of a hundred thousand dollars, were to move its road up in the water front and Whatcom property was benefited, still the ruling element of the city would oppose it as a monopoly and accuse us of stealing the water front. I do not think we can suit the Whatcom people, and I have given it up. As to the water question, that is a matter of business—our business." The gentleman's emphasis being upon the OUR the reporter concluded that the communication was about ended, while the president of the F. & S. picked his way to the State of Washington, en route for Tacoma.—*Whatcom Reveille.*

An Ottawa dispatch says: "It is likely that before the close of the year Hon. W. Hamley, collector of customs at Victoria, will be superannuated, Mr. Hamley, in pre-confederation days, was a member of the colonial council of British Columbia. He had been an efficient officer of the department, but being well advanced in years, retires to enjoy the remainder of his days relieved of the cares of office, and with an ample competency. Mr. A. R. Milne, chief appraiser at the port, will probably be appointed collector.

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