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THE year 1889, says the Schome Gazette, marked a new era for Bellingham Bay and the entire county as well. The population of the county has been nearly doubled, as shown by the vote polled last October, which was 2300. Less than a year previous, i. e., on the 6th of November. 1888, the total vote of the county was only 1250. The natural resources of Whatcom county are practically inexhaustible. She has billions of feet of the finest timber in the world, hundreds of square miles of the most productive agricultural land, and mineral wealth, which though as yet not accurately estimated, is certainly very great. Her geographical situation alone is almost sufficient to guarantee the up-buiding of an important commercial city. Another year will find on Bellingham Bay a city of much greater importance than to-day.

BOSTON seems to have fallen a victim to Henry George's single tax ideas, says an exchange. The executive business association, composed in large part of Boston's heaviest business men, and said to be endorsed by many of the largest property-holders, have recommended that taxation for municipal purposes be limited to a single tax on real estate, holding that such a course would greatly stimulate manufacturing and commercial interests. If necessary, they suggest, this might be supplemented by taxation of inheritances, legacies and incomes, and they confidently claim that under this system there could be no delinquencies, there would be material reduction in the cost of collection, and the rate per thousand could be reduced. If Boston can afford to try the experiment the balance of the world can afford to look on and see how it works. It will be droll if the exemption of a large proportion of the property from taxation shall have the effect of reducing the tax rate. But to Boston ingenuity nothing is impossible.

THE following editorial paragraph from the Tacoma Ledger explains itself, and does not cast any particularly refulgent halo about Washington's new state legislature: "We regret that members of the legislature are still disposed to trifle with the question of appointing chaplains. If they do not want the services of such officers they ought, at least, to say so in a dignified manner. The Vicar of Wakefield, when in prison for debt, attempted to have prayers with his fellow-inmates. At first many of them scoffed, others jeered and nearly all made light of the exercise. But he persevered and finally the coarse and trifling men, upon his efforts, were made, one by one, to yield somewhat to the vicar, who had told them that the serious things of life are of the most permanent interest. So we may again remind these Olympia gentlemen that their coarse jokes and horse play over the chaplain question are not only unworthy of the position they occupy, but that they belong to the class of trifling things which are significant chiefly of the mental development of the authors. The serious things of life are the things of lasting interest."

AN American cotemporary foresees trouble in consequence of the monopoly which English syndicates are so rapidly securing in various business enterprises in the United States, and discourses on the subject as follows: English syndicates have now secured control of about one-fourth of the largest breweries in the United States, most of the grain elevators in Chicago and many of the largest flour mills in the Northwest. The material advance in the storage prices at Chicago elevators is a sign of what we may expect from the operation of foreign syndicates in this country. But if the British put the screws upon their American customers too tightly, the popular hostility to monopolies will certainly be aggravated. The attorneys and statesmen who are always ready to defend domestic monopolies will be less successful when it is found that the profits of monopolies are going into foreign pockets. A foreign monopoly, and particularly a British monopoly, will be a very unpopular and hazardous thing for our statesmen to support. When we consider the high cost of their purchases, the consequent necessity to do an extraordinarily profitable business, and the practical certainty of provoking great popular indignation, these new English syndicates are not entering on a path of roses. But it may be well for the country that they are thus likely to provoke a more open revolt against monopolies, for it will be almost certain to hasten the day when they will be placed in fact, where in theory they already are, under the control of the law. The principle is already established by our highest courts that common carriers must grant equal rights and equal facilities to shippers; that their charges must be reasonable, and that every kind of business affected with a public interest is subject to public control. A slight pressure from the English syndicates will lead to the adoption of methods for the prompt application of these principles.

A HIGH TIME.

The chief of police brought sorrow to the hearts of most of Chinatown yesterday afternoon. He went down and ordered every mother's son of them out to shovel the snow off the roofs of the shacks. And of all the horrow and contempt and deep loathing disgust that ever were seen since the rise in the price of coal, the pick of them were to be noted on the dirty faces of the Celestial crew. They jabbered and swore in the choicest Pekinese, and in the nine hundred and forty-seven dialects of the Flowery Land. The chief was inexorable. "Up with you, and get that snow off double quick," said he. "A nice thing if I had to write home and tell your parents you got heap smashee up in your own building—here, you skulking son of a chop-atick, come out from behind that fence and go shovel 'm snow off the roof." Once they got down to work they didn't do badly, although with a prodigious amount of finger-blowing and chattering of teeth. The chief waited to see that no shirking was done, and that every roof got a good scraping. But for this prudent action of the chief, it is beyond doubt that some of the wretched Chinese hovels would have collapsed last night; and probably with loss of life or the starting of a serious fire. As has been described in these columns several times, the Chinese, when sleeping, huddle closely together, and it is no uncommon thing to fall over half a dozen of the hygienic criminals packed together in some passage or some room scarcely big enough to stable a bull-dog in. It, therefore, is not very hard to imagine what would be the effect of a ton or so of wet snow, ornamented with jagged beams as full of nails as an old maid's pin-cushion is of pins, perhaps a desultory brick chimney or so, just tumbled in to be sociable, rafters, broken lumber and other architectural haberdashery, coming down on the slumbering opium-smokers. Another thing is that at this season of the year the Celestial stoves are kept "humming" (often with somebody else's wood and coal, "borrowed" on a forty-second mortgage), night and day. So it would be a toss-up as to whether they slid into the happy hunting grounds on the snow, with rafters for coasters, or received their preliminary toasting from the very planks that an hour before had sheltered their shivering forms from the severely pure breath of rude Boreas.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS FOR DECEMBER, 1889.

Mean Temperature	35.1
Above December Mean.	0.7
Max. Temperature	46.0
Min. "	20.0
Mean of Max.	38.7
Mean of Min.	31.5
Rainfall	5.87
Below December Mean	3.11
Days Rainfall	22
Greatest Days Rainfall	0.75
Snow in Inches	12.5
Greatest Days Fall	5.0
Days Snow Fell	10
Cloudy Days	17
Partially Cloudy	9
Clear	5
Total Wind in Miles	2450
Windiest Day	139
Calmest Day	21

Eighth, first snow; 19th, lightning, hail; 27th, ice in river, sleighing; 31st, river fast.

A. PEELE, Capt'n.

B. C. FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association was continued at Vancouver yesterday. A number of interesting papers were read. Mr. J. W. Henry, of Port Hammond, was chosen delegate to attend the fruit growers convention at Ottawa. The following officers were elected: W J Harris, Maple Ridge, president; O D Sweet, Richmond, first vice-president; A C Wells, Chilliwack, second vice-president; and A H B Macgowan, sec.-treasurer. Directors: J M Browning, Geo G Mackay, Vancouver; Peter Latham, Westminster; G A McTavish, Victoria; O D Sweet, Richmond; D McGillivray, Sumas; A C Wells, Chilliwack; C B Sword, Matsqui; Jas McAdam, Langley; J Punch, Surrey; H. B Bales, Burton Prairie; Mr. Bulwer, Mission; E Hutcherson, Ladners; W J Harris, Maple Ridge; Jno Claperton, Nicola; W J Roper, Kamloops; Alfred Postill, Okanagon; Donald Graham, Spallumcheen; J Murray, Spence's Bridge; C A Semlin, M.P.P., Cache Creek; Richard Hay, Lillooet; John P Booth, Salt Spring Island; Thos Percy, Denman Island; J D Bryant, Saanich; W Grimmer, Mayne Island; J G Halfpenny, Nanaimo; Hon C Pooley, Esquimalt; H Fry, Cowichan; ex-Governor Cornwall, Ashcroft; W J Brandreth, North Arm; A W Mannell, Donald.

THIS IS THE COUNTRY.

Mr. A. B. Cowan, member and representative of the well-known firm of Cowan & Co., Galt, Ont., is now on his annual business tour to the Pacific coast. The firm of which he is a member is extensively engaged in the manufacture of wood-working machinery and engines. The field their products occupy extends from Halifax to Victoria, and only three weeks ago Mr. Cowan was in the peninsular province where his firm have done business for many years. Mr. Cowan said last night he never came to the coast without doing as much business as he expected, and this time it was no exception. He had been kept very busy during his stay in the city. Their sales were constantly increasing among manufacturers on the coast and he had every confidence in the brilliant prospect of British Columbia. In New Westminster the Ackerman Brothers were securing a complete outfit from him for their new sash and door factory they were about to build. In Vancouver he had made ready sales, the Vancouver Manufacturing and Trading Company (Limited) having placed a large order with him for their new establishment. Mr. Cowan says he meets with little opposition here from American factories, his chief competitors being from his own town of Galt, the Birmingham of Canada. He was sure there was trade enough on the coast to keep a good-sized foundry in plenty of work manufacturing engines and machinery, but he had heard of no Ontario men proposing to establish a factory here.—World.

THE GLORIOUS GRIP.

The prevailing epidemic, la grippe, still holds sway in about half of the houses in this city. Each day many new cases are reported, and, strange to say, the symptoms do not vary materially from those accompanying the first outbreak of the disease. People who a week ago laughed and scouted the idea of being laid low with the "grip," are to-day at home devouring quinine and nursing an abnormally big head, in fact, enjoying the miseries of the illness to their fullest extent. You laugh till you catch it, and then you groan and moan, and don't laugh any more until the "grip" loosens its hold and allows the facial nerves to work in a happy manner again. The schools are still poorly attended, but the number of scholars present to-day was rather better than for some days past. The disease is attacking the ladies now; at first only the sterner sex were affected. It is the ladies' turn now, and from all that can be learned a very large number of the fair sex are grappling hard with the "grip" in all its forms. None of the latter cases, however, are reported to be of a serious nature.

THE CHILLIWACK HORROR.

Another despatch from Chilliwack contains further particulars of Monday's tragedy. George Rutherford, the murderer of his neighbors, John Segers and Edward Hall, had lately developed symptoms of insanity. The gun used was a Winchester rifle. Both were shot dead instantly. Irwin's life was spared him for Monday evening by special pleading. He said he would commit the deed next day. He mentioned the names of other persons whose lives he was bound to have before taking his own. He wrote a will concerning the disposal of his property. Jealousy and disappointment in love are supposed to have unbalanced his mind. Hitherto he had been regarded as a quiet, inoffensive person. Nothing is talked of in the settlement but the dreadful affair, which has cast a gloom over the entire community.

THE WAY IT HAPPENS.

'Tis not the blandishment of the surreptitious sand bag nor yet the caress of the stealthy stuffed club, applied to the nape of the neck, that produces the astronomical panorama lately observed by several of our citizens. No, it is the overweening confidence of the earth to slip up and bang him behind the cerebellum in a portly citizen, who too solidly plants his heel upon a piece of slippery side walk that starts, and causes the shockingly startling way. Hence those moons and "them" stars, and the inextricable entanglement of the whole planetary system for one rash citizen's edification and amusement.

A POTATO FAMINE.

Mr. A. M. Nelson, the veteran produce dealer, was in the city yesterday afternoon, and, it is understood, purchased 50 tons of potatoes at the high price of $35 per ton. This about cleans the surplus stock of potatoes from the Westminster market, and the next thing that may be expected is a potato famine. The market has been very short in "murphies" for some weeks, but now it is nearly bare. It is predicted by those who have information on the subject that potatoes will reach $50 per ton before spring, the only possible offset to this being the importation of potatoes from the Sound country.

15 PER CENT OFF FOR CASH AT GRANT & MACLURE'S BOOT AND SHOE STORE. *tc

LOCAL ITEMS IN BRIEF.

No police court this morning.

Barometer 29.42; thermometer 35°. Indications, mild weather.

Room I, Bank Building, is the temporary office of THE COLUMBIAN. *tc

SPECIAL BARGAINS IN REMNANTS AT THE GLOBE HOUSE. tc

Another inch of snow fell last night in the upper portion of the city. Down town the fall was very light.

The snow is not deep at Kamloops, but the weather is reported to be very cold, the thermometer ranging several points below zero.

Mr. S. H. Webb has had a terrible siege of la grippe. His store has been closed for several days on account of this unfortunate circumstance.

The Dominion parliament was opened at Ottawa today with the usual ceremonies. The speech from the throne had not come to hand as we went to press.

Mr. Donald Chisholm M. P., passed an excellent night last night; he enjoyed a deep and refreshing sleep, and symptoms are very favorable. His iron constitution seems to be rallying once more from the late illness, and this time with hopes of prolonged good health.

The board of trade meeting was not largely attended last night. The object of the meeting—the holding of an annual dinner—was discussed at length, and a committee, consisting of Messrs. W. Wolfenden, C. E. Woods and Ald. Sinclair, was appointed to report on the matter at future meeting.

While a team of horses was drawing a heavy load of hay up Mary street, between Front and Columbia streets, this afternoon, the whipple tree bolt broke and the animals dashed forward like a shot from a cannon. The driver, who was on the top of the load, clung bravely to the reins, and was dragged to Columbia street where his strength and weight combined stopped the animals before they could do any harm.

Several nondescipts, known as "tramps" across the line, arrived in town this morning, on foot, from somewhere. They were sturdy vagrants and had no intention of eating anybody's cold victuals, or the young house-keeper's experimental pastry without an honest sweat produced by that eminent sudorific the buck-saw. Some got jobs shovelling snow, while others attended professionally to the wants of the fiery and untamed sawbuck.

Several persons crossed the ice today from Brownsville. It is about time the authorities made a test of the ice and prohibited those would-be suicides from using it as a bridge. If this is not speedily done a terrible drowning case will probably have to be recorded. The water of the mid current of the Fraser river at this season of the year is so cold that the most robust man would be numbed and rendered helpless in a few seconds, by immersion.

It is reported that the mainland association, just formed at Vancouver, will send over a deputation to the royal city in a few days to boom the objects of the association, Just what the objects of the league are, and how it is expected to attain them, will have to be pretty thoroughly explained to the people of Westminster before they will allow themselves to be identified in a struggle that may mean very much more than the items so far made public.

Mr. D. Drysdale returned on Tuesday from a three months trip to the east. During his absence Mr. Drysdale visited New York, Boston, Montreal, and Halifax, his old home. He reports more snow in the vicinity of Westminster than at any point along the line except in the Selkirks. Mr. Drysdale looks very well after his long absence, and declares that the trip throughout was very enjoyable. Mrs. Drysdale, who had been visiting in the east since last spring, accompanied her husband home.

Bitter complaints have been heard about the amusement famine in the city since the beginning of last month. At that time the theatrical companies took the boards in rapid succession—almost shoved one another off, in fact—and then they suddenly stopped, and week succeeds week now, unmarked by a public entertainment of any kind. To be sure, the companies that came here played to almost empty benches and rude, disorderly galleries, but it is to be hoped they may not have circulated the report that Westminster, from a thespian point of view, is "cultus."

The department of customs at Ottawa has just issued a pamphlet containing in concise form tables of the trade and navigation of Canada as preliminary to the annual bulky blue book. The total exports for the year were valued at $89,189,167; imports, $115,224,931; and the duty collected amounted to $23,784,723. The total revenue collected by the department was $24,001,687, as follows: Nova Scotia, $2,369,359; New Brunswick, $1,539,696; Prince Edward Island, $1,118,634; Quebec, $10,469,302; Ontario, $7,834,296; Manitoba, $550,000; Northwest Territories, $26,191; British Columbia, $1,027,359. The amount paid as bounties on pig iron produced in Canada was $37,233. Expenditure on account of customs collections reached the sum of $1,004,478.

APPOINTED CORONER.

Capt. Pittendrigh received official notification this morning that he had been appointed coroner for the city and district of New Westminster. The appointment is a good one, and the captain's experience on the magisterial bench will be of great assistance to him in sitting on inquests. Almost the moment Captain Pittendrigh received his appointment he was summoned to Chilliwack to hold an inquest on the bodies of Edward Hall and John Segers who were murdered on Monday by George Rutherford. He left by the 1 o'clock train and will open the inquest at Centreville to-morrow morning.

REMEMBER OGLE, CAMPBELL & FREEMAN'S STOCK-TAKING SALE. SEE BILLS.

PARLIAMENT OPENS.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Jan. 16.—The fourth session of the sixth parliament was opened to-day at 3 o'clock p.m. Before that hour the Governor-General's Foot Guards approached, with music filling the air. Shortly after came the Governor-General, escorted by the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards. He entered the senate and demanded the presence of the members of parliament. By His Excellency parliament was then and there declared opened. Flags were flying from all public and many private buildings, and thousands of persons from other parts of Canada were present to witness the opening. Not more than one half the elected members were present. The house adjourned at 3:40 until to morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Sir John A. Macdonald was present, hale and hearty, and received many congratulations. Hon. Edward Blake was absent. Hon. Mr. Laurier was present. Lady Stanley is unwell with la grippe and could not attend.

CONDENSED DESPATCHES.

Walker Blaine, eldest son of James G. Blaine, of Maine, died at Washington of la grippe last night.

Don Carlos, the Spanish pretender, has had an interview with his brother, Don Alfonso, for the purpose of agreeing upon a policy to be followed in case of the death of the King of Spain.

It has just been learned from Edwin A. Abbey, who has lately returned from Europe, that Alex. Harrison, the American marine painter, committed suicide near Dover in England.

Several earthquake shocks were felt in Carinthia Tuesday night. A performance was being given at the theatre in Klagenfurt when the shocks were felt. A false alarm of fire was raised at the same time, the audience became panic-stricken and fled. No one was hurt.

The fact that the new Portuguese ministry under Senor Primental is strongly anti-English, is widely commented on and leads to a general belief that the dispute between England and Portugal will be reopened.

Photographs of Major Serpa Pinto are in great demand in Lisbon and are sold at high prices. A movement is on foot to purchase a magnificent sword as a present to him, and the necessary money is being rapidly subscribed.

It is said in certain circles that the czar of Russia is insane, owing to the chronic state of fear in which he lives. His bodily condition is known to be weak. He exhibits the deepest feeling of despondency and insists that his death is drawing near. It is known that he is trying to alleviate his misery by the use of morphine.

Leander Richardson the editor of the Dramatic News, was arrested in New York, charged with libelling Delancey Nicoll, the lawyer, by printing a statement that Mr. Nicoll had been seen riding in a carriage on Long Island with Mrs. J. G. Blaine, jr., and with his arm around the lady's waist. Mr. Nicoll pronounces the story false in every particular.

The applications to the Dominion parliament for legislation during the coming session number 91, against 94 last year. Of applications for bills of divorce there are five; they are as follows: Hartley Ashford from his wife, S. W. Ashley, on the ground of adultery; David Clapp from his wife, Alice, on the ground of adultery; Christiana F. Glover from her husband, C. C. Glover, on the ground of adultery and desertion; Hugh F. Keefer from his wife, Rebecca Ann, on the ground of adultery; Emily Walker from her husband, A. P. Walker, on the ground of desertion.

NOTICE.

All monies due the estate of the late Robert Dickinson must be paid forthwith to W. W. DICKINSON. All accounts outstanding on the 31st day of January, 1890, will be placed in the hands of our solicitors for collection.

C. M. DICKINSON,
CHAS. E. WOODS,
Executors.

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ELECTION EXPENSES.

Detailed statement of the election expenses of Thos. Cunningham, at the election held at New Westminster November 25th, 1889:

Printing (Columbian)	$147 58
Printing (Truth)	37 50
Shorthand report	5 00
Gas bill	2 65
Total	$192 73

J. C. ARMSTRONG, Agent.
New Westminster, B. C., Jan. 12th, 1890. j15w1

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR RECEIVING TENDERS.

The time for receiving tenders for the Pile Work Extension to the Wharf at the Custom House in the City of Victoria, B. C., is hereby extended to the 1st March next.

Plans and specifications can be seen, and forms of tender procured at this Department, Ottawa, at the Agency of this Department, Victoria, and at the Post Offices, Vancouver and Nanaimo.

WM. SMITH,
Deputy Minister of Marine.

Department of Marine,
Ottawa, Canada, 24th Dec., 1889. ja15

[L. S.] HUGH NELSON.

CANADA.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, etc., etc., etc.

To Our faithful the Members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia, and summoned and called to a meeting of the Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, on Thursday, the Sixth day of February, 1890, to have been commenced and held, and every of you—GREETING.

A PROCLAMATION.

THEODORE DAVIE, Attorney-General. } WHEREAS the meeting of the Legislature or Parliament of the Province of British Columbia, stands called for Thursday, the Sixth day of February, 1890, at which time at Our City of Victoria, you were held and constrained to appear.

NOW KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia, to hereby convoke, and by these presents enjoin you, and each of you, that on THURSDAY, the TWENTY-THIRD day of the month of JANUARY, 1890, you meet Us in Our said Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, FOR THE DISPATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat, do, act, and conclude upon those things which in Our Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, by the Common Council of Our said Province may, by the favor of God, be ordained,

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, the Honorable HUGH NELSON, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this twenty-sixth day of December in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, and in the fifty-third year of Our Reign.

By Command. JNO. ROBSON,
Provincial Secretary.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session for an act to incorporate a company to construct, operate and maintain a street railway in the City of New Westminster, and to acquire lands and do all things necessary for the purposes aforesaid.

Dated this 25th day of September, 1889.

B. DOUGLAS,
HENRY V. EDMONDS,
For selves and others.

WANTED.

A boy 16 years old as an articled clerk in a law office. Apply to box 240, New Westminster. j8d6t.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore subsisting between the undersigned, carpenters, has been dissolved this day by mutual consent. All accounts owing the undersigned are to be paid to S. Turner, and all claims against the said firm are to be paid by him.

EDGAR A. KIPP.
S. J. TURNER.

S. TURNER will continue the business under his own name at the same shop on Main street, Centreville, opposite A. Kipp's harness shop. All kinds of woodwork done; satisfaction guaranteed.

Chilliwhack, Dec. 29, 1889. ja3w3m

NOTICE.

A brown heifer has strayed on to the premises of the subscriber, on Melbourne street. The owner can have her by proving property and paying expenses. If not claimed within thirty days she will be sold to pay expenses. (j8d1m) A. J. GORDON.

"LAND REGISTRY ACT."

LOT No. 12, BLOCK XXII, AND LOT No. 21, BLOCK XXVIII, CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER.

A certificate of indefeasible title to the above mentioned hereditaments will be issued to Alexander Coutts on the 11th day of January, 1890, unless in the meantime a valid objection thereto be made to the undersigned in writing by some person claiming an estate or interest in said hereditaments or some part thereof.

T. O. TOWNLEY,
Deputy Registrar.

Land Registry Office,
New Westminster, 7th October, 1889. j15w1

TENDERS WANTED.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned, at the City Hall, up to MONDAY, 20th inst., at 6 p. m., for the erection of a fire hall. Plans and specifications may be seen at the City Clerk's office.

H. HOY,
Chairman B. of W.

New Westminster, Jan. 14th, 1890. 5t