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Terse Tales of the Town

Park Problem For West Victoria. Regatta Day Suggestions—Sergeant-at-Arms' Painful Experience.

Is it not time that the city council were not only thinking but taking some definite action in the direction of providing the residents of the western suburb with a public park or square of some sort. Beacon Hill, in which all Victorians rightly feel equal interest and proprietorship, is situated at the extreme opposite side of the city, and may not be conveniently enjoyed by the Victoria Westerner. It is sound public policy, as demonstrated in the experience of all large cities, that public breathing places are essential in each district that ranks as a population centre. And there can be no time in the future so advantageous as is the present for securing a suitable park site to be enjoyed by future residents of West Victoria. Let this matter rest in the abeyance that is the resort of men too indolent to face a public question of importance until forced so to do by the exigencies of the moment, and an infinitely augmented price will have to be paid for a park site. Might not the city, even pending the adjustment of the Indian reservation question as a whole, prevail upon the Dominion government to specially grant that portion of the reservation above Point Ellice bridge for strictly park purposes—and thereby accomplish a public good that will make their names historic in connection with a worthy accomplishment. At the same time this might be the right introduction of the thin edge of the wedge for settlement of the Songhees reservation issue, so long a vexed matter for Victorians.

Preparations are now well under way for the annual Victoria fete in celebration of Empire Day, and one gathers already the satisfactory assurance that there will be the historic regatta on the Arm, Indian races, lacrosse and baseball matches, illuminations and fireworks, etc., etc., ad infinitum. It is to be hoped in connection with the regatta that a goodly portion of the $1,000 appropriation asked for by the committee will be devoted to the Indian events, which, in the opinion of a majority of the spectators, unquestionably contribute the best entertainment of the carnival. "Progress" would also suggest that, to afford some desirable novelty in the programme, an aquatic tug-of-war might well be introduced. This is contested in large double-ended ship's boats, the rival crews being seated (in the same boat) facing opposite ends, and pulling for dear life—and the prize—at the given signal. Life saving exhibitions, in which the lads of the navy would play a valuable part, might also be introduced with practical advantage as well as much entertainment. The evident duty of all loyal Victorians now is to work enthusiastically together to make the celebration a huge success And much can be done in this direction by giving up cheerfully when the collecting committee comes round.

Next Monday the new price card of the barbers' union in this city goes into effect, and the knights of the razor and clippers, to say nothing of the hot towels, will, it is expected, make larger deposits at the banks in consequence. The new scale does not involve any such radical changes as an increase of the price of a shave to 25 cents under ordinary conditions, the rumor to this effect proving as unreliable as most of the war news bearing the St. Petersburg or Cheefoo date lines. The ordinary common or garden shave of commerce remains at 15 cents nett, although a shave on holidays is rated to cost 25 cents. Having thus determined, the barbers paradoxically have passed another law which says that there shall be no work done on public holidays. One pays his money and takes his choice as to which edict will prevail. Under the new price scale beard trimming henceforth will cost 25 cents instead of 15, sea foam 25 cents instead of 10, and over two hot towels accompanying a shave will make the check 10 cents fatter. The shops are to close hereafter at 7.30 each week evening.

No date has yet been announced for the by-election in Lillooet necessitated by the forced resignation of Mr. A. McDonald, in consequence of his having accepted salary as a road superintendent subsequent to his election to the House. There has been some talk of Mr. J. D. Prentice making the running for the Liberals—and there has also been talk of Mr. Prentice running in the government interest. The large probabilities are that he will not run at all. Mr. McDonald is expected to stand again for the Conservatives, while Mr. D. A. Stoddart, ex-M.L.A., will, in all likelihood, be the standard-bearer of the Liberals.

Complaint has been made to "Progress" by a number of Victoria hackmen that their services in the last general election, for the local Conservative committee, are as yet unrewarded. They have been passed from committeeman to committeeman, and still the ghost refuses to promenade. Surely the men who drove the faithful voters to the polls to cast their ballots for Hayward, McPhillips, Helmcken and Hunter are not to be held responsible for the adverse verdict of the electorate, and penalized accordingly.

Sergeant-at-Arms Mason of the Provincial Legislature has reason at present to wish himself as proficient with his toes as is the armless wonder, since his hands temporarily are of very little use to him. He was recovering some copper wire from a piece of Clallam wreckage not long ago and accidentally scratched both hands. The wire had become impregnated with verdigris, and blood poisoning set in. Luckily for Mr. Mason he sought medical aid in time to save his hands and arms, although they are in slings at present.

Story of the Week

The unfortunate fire of yesterday by which the town of Fernie was swept from end to end of its main street comes as a severe setback to the much-tried community just as—with the promised construction from Morrissey of the Great Northern road—the town seemed on the eve of unprecedented prosperity. The business section of the town is now in ashes, the sweep of the fire having consumed three blocks or thereabouts, which means virtually the entire business area, with the Bank of Commerce, Fernie's five leading hotels, the Coal Company's offices, the town hall, and the post office. A rough approximation of the loss would make it fully half a million. The Coal Company may take the destruction of their office premises philosophically—for they were preparing to build this spring in any event, and have their plans already prepared. So also with respect to the post office, which was totally inadequate to the town's demands and disproportionate to its contribution to federal revenue. It, too, would in any event have been replaced this summer. Strange to say there was not a brick building in the devastated area.

There seem to have been few moves of importance in the Eastern situation during the past two weeks, the only one worth mentioning so far as an outsider can judge being the crossing of the Yalu near its mouth by the Japanese forces, while the Russians hold the river farther inland. This might indicate that the Russians are trying or will try a flanking movement on the enemy's right. Such a move carried out successfully may prove disastrous to the Japanese as their line of communication would be in danger. To gain only a small victory is of the greatest importance to Russia just now in order to keep the internal affairs of the country running smoothly. The loss of the transport Kinshiu-maru proves either that the Japanese have not as complete control of the sea as was generally thought or that their commanders have not been wise in placing their ships and men within reach of an enemy that has not yet been subdued. The probability is that the little brown men were over confident after their late victories. They thought the last kick on the sea had been given. No doubt if the

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A Reign of Anarchy

The Open Boycott, Maladministration of Justice and Falsification of Public Hospital Accounts Alleged.

Ymir, once one of the busiest mining towns of Southeast Kootenay, is just now in a condition described by residents as so near approaching unbridled anarchy as not to be easily distinguished from that article. A state of terrorism unquestionably reigns, and Attorney-General Charles Wilson in the emergency appears determined to earn the reputation given him by his political opponents, of lacking sufficient backbone to meet the demands of public duty with decisive action. To put the situation briefly: It is charged that a demagogic element dominating the miners' union for some time past has dictated and still dictates all action throughout the town and camp. Further, it is alleged that this little coterie of "bosses" has in the utilization of its power, manipulated the management of the hospital, a public institution, and by falsifying its accounts, has obtained large sums of money out of the public purse on bogus statements of expenditures and of the number of patients treated. And worse than this, the Ymir Mirror charges boldly that the criminal law is in its administration there, the veriest farce. the officials bending meekly to the dictates of the local Tammany and permitting the settlement out of court for a consideration of almost every crime short of murder. The Mirror, apparently solely for exposing the state of hospital affairs, has been openly boycotted, all its home advertisers allegedly being compelled by the union delegates to withdraw their patronage on pain of the boycott being extended to them; and efforts are being made to establish a union organ, the business men being notified—again on penalty of the boycott—that they must advertise freely in such a production whether or not they wish to. The solicitor for the prospective "organ of public opinion" is quoted as meeting a plea of hard times from one merchant with, "You'll have to advertise with us, you — — son of a —, or we'll boycott you and put you out of business the same as Smith," C. Dell Smith being the unhappy editor of the Mirror.

It was the Mirror which, impelled by the belief that there was something decidedly wrong in hospital circles, made repeated application to see the financial statements of the hispital, in each case being refused, although the hospital is a public institution receiving the customary grants from the provincial treasury and being largely maintained by subscriptions of the citizens. The paper finally sent to Victoria and after explaining the situation obtained from the finance department copies of the hospital statements for the past two years, a synopsis of which it published in defiance of the dictum of the miners' union that this must not be permitted. The Mirror even went further and alleged, with dates and specific particulars, that the returns from the hospital had been systematically falsified to permit the public treasury being defrauded for the benefit of the union "bosses." At the time of the promised publication of the carefully guarded statement, the editor was called upon and informed that if he persisted in exposing hospital affairs, his paper would be boycotted and he and his family, pauperized, would be driven from the camp. He accepted the challenge in the public interest, according to the reports that have since appeared in sequence, and his paper, from a prosperous eight-page journal containing in the neighborhood of fifty live advertisements, has dwindled to a mere apologetic production not any larger than a respectable window hanger, and, like such a piece of job work, unbacked by any printing. The

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B. C. in Brief.

Kelowna is to have a newspaper, edited by Walpole Murdock, formerly of the Hartney, Man., Star.

Ashcroft is not at all averse to being the location for a provincially assisted sanitarium for consumptives. Ald. Robinson of Kamloops, who has just returned from California, where his opinions appear to have undergone radical change, now wants it for Kamloops as heartily as he formerly opposed it.

Nelson's new Liberal-Conservative Union has been organized with a membership of 95. Hon. Messrs. Borden and McBride are honorary, and Dr. Rose the active president.

A peculiarly sad fatality was reported this week from Nelson where little four-years-old Allen Coulter wandered away from his home and in some inexplicable way managed to climb the mountain side where he was found by seekers, dead from exhaustion and exposure.

A ball is to be given at Trail in aid of the flood sufferers in that locality. The damage by floods and slides in the Slocan, Boundary and Kootenay districts generally this spring will not be less than $350,000.

The Silver Cup Mining Co., whose plant was injured to the extent of $75,000 by a recent slide, will repair the losses at once.

Empire day celebrations, on May 24th, are already arranged for at Victoria, Cumberland, Vancouver, New Denver and Kaslo.

A large number of Belgian miners are coming into British Columbia this spring.

Sandon's prospective fire department is still unorganized. The stumbling block appears to be whether Harry Nash shall be allowed $25 or $30 per month for maintenance.

F. W. Jordan's house at Fire Valley has been wrecked by a landslide.

The new tug Geo. F. Piper has been launched at Nakusp.

Chas. Sweeny, the Spokane mining operator, is reported to have gained control of the Sullivan group.

Fort Steele flat is described as a magic carpet of wild flowers at the present season, perfuming the air for miles.

Washington residents to the number of fifty are seeking new homes in the North Thompson valley, their vanguard being already on the ground. As usual they have had to apply to private citizens and business men at Kamloops for the information which should be available at all government offices if proper surveys were made.

High water on the North Thompson has put a stop to the improvement works there which will be resumed as soon as possible.

The provincial authorities have ordered a stoppage of the work of the Kamloops Sawmill Company on their new pier. The company claims that the North Thompson, being a navigable river, is wholly within Dominion jurisdiction.

New Denver has just passed through a fresh beef famine—the first in eleven years. It is not yet announced whether the honored bovine has escaped that erstwhile haunted the Ledge water barrel.

To quote the New Denver Ledge, the fast Rosebery express got tangled up with the scenery near the New Denver depot last week.

The Grand Forks Sun is now issuing a good paper twice a week.

A rancher named Brooks is in custody at Nicola Lake for wounding a troublesome customer known as Lanky Chisholm. Sympathy in the district seems altogether with the prisoner.

It is announced that the Kootenay Central people will erect a large sawmill at Canoe Flat.

Construction of the Phoenix branch of the V., V. & E., it is now promised, will commence within six weeks.

Duncan Ross, the Liberal candidate, is stumping Cariboo making speeches in both English and Gaelic.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the meeting of the Grand Lodge, K. of P., at Grand Forks on May 10th, 11th and 12th.

Fernie is to have a big manufactory of fire and building brick.

The newly organized Italian band at Fernie has just received its instruments direct from Italy. The band numbers 26 pieces.

Although the forests in that locality were originally as missing in bird music as other British Columbia woodland wastes, there are now thousands of song birds in the vicinity of Fernie, making the spring days melodious. They have not been imported but have found their way in, apparently as soon as assured permanent human companionship.

F. Cappellani was run over by an express train on the Crow line last week and instantly killed.

The body of Frank Kelly, drowned in the North Thompson last year, has just been recovered by Indians.

Cumberland had a short-lived murder mystery last week, owing to the discovery of a tiny infant's body. It proved to be the property of a resident practitioner, misplaced in the spring office cleaning.

Nelson has made a substantial grant to its tourist association.

The past week has been notable for valuable strikes at Poplar.

Capt. McAllister has arrived in Vancouver to take charge of the ferry service there.

Vancouver is making war upon houses of assignation outside the recognized "red light" district, and is also prosecuting keepers of Dupont street resorts for selling liquor without a license.

Mr. Rae, a Vancouverite, has introduced a dog with more lives than several cats. Being adjudged hopelessly vicious, it was shot and its body lay for two days in a backyard. Then the sanitary officer ordered the carcase burned and three witnesses saw it go into the crematory fire. The next day the dog came home.

The banks have about decided that it would be inadvisable to inaugurate a discount upon American silver, as it would militate against the tourist trade and business generally throughout the province.

Westminster will celebrate May Day as usual, this year on the 6th proximo. The Royal City will also have a big potlatch Dominion Day, when the new bridge will be opened for traffic.

Vancouver is making strenuous efforts to enforce the Curfew law.

Ald. Marshall and Mr. James Punch are the new license commissioners of Phoenix.

A Dominion order-in-council extends the time for the admission of nursery stock via Vancouver from the United States, Japan and Australia from the 15th instant to the 1st proximo.

James Anderson, of Grand Forks, and Dr. Armstrong are to assist in the purchase of 10,000 horses for the Japanese government. Oregon stock is preferred.

Sidney Saunders was brutally attacked with an axe by a Japanese at Sidney last week. The assault resulted from hard feelings engendered through Mr. Saunders having replaced a Japanese foreman.

The steamer Unicorn is replacing the Thistle on the Victoria-Nanaimo run, pending extensive repairs to the latter.

The Nanaimo Free Press, which has just celebrated its 30th anniversary, has never been better than now under the editorial charge of Mr. J. Edward Norcross and the management of Mr. Will F. Norris.

A first class new lighthouse, the light being visible 20 miles at sea, is to be erected at once on Leonard Island, West Coast. There is no part of Canada's coastline so much in need of aids to navigation.

Many Chinamen are being sent into Alberta by Sim Kee, of Vancouver, to engage in the beet sugar industry for him.

The courts have decided that members of the co-operative commonwealth at Malcolm Island must abide by the contracts entered into upon their joining the Finnish colony—established on socialistic principles. One of the colonists wishing to leave claimed possession of a team of horses used in community work and sued for the value of the animals in the county court at Vancouver. The defence was the colony rule, subscribed to by the plaintiff, that all disputes should be arbitrated. Judge Henderson ruled that this must be lived up to.

For ten days last week and this, the Great Northern could not get a train through between Spokane and Nelson owing to floods and slides.

Chilliwack's board of trade is again agitating incorporation for the town.

The Cranbrook Electric Light Company proposes to extend its telephone service to Fernie and Moyie.

General Manager Wood and Superintendent Kennedy, of the Great Northern are expected in Morrissey almost any day to arrange for the commencement of work on the extension up to Fernie.

There is a great scarcity of lumber in the Okanagan, and building operations are handicapped by inability of the dealers to meet the demand promptly.

A huge cedar stump carefully cut into sections was shipped from Vancouver this week to the World's Fair, St. Louis. There it will be put together as when the tree grew, and will form an outside office and waiting room in connection with Canada's Forestry exhibit. Washington had something in the same order at the Pan-American, but it was so hidden away in the agricultural building that very few even saw it.

The Seattle Cedar Lumber Mfg. Co. has purchased what are known as Stinson's limits in the Uchuelet district, and has also acquired a block of timber licenses in the Clayoquot district covering roughly 60,000 acres. Lumbermen say that this secures to the purchasing firm the greater part of the merchantable cedar on the Island.

Henderson's new directory makes Vancouver's present population 35,000.

Mr. J. H. Busustow, for many years with the C. P. R. telegraphs at Vancouver, is establishing a new summering resort at Maple Bay. There will be a large and modern hotel, with booths, dancing pavilion, etc. The beach at this point is a model one for the bathers.

A double daily transcontinental train service will be inaugurated next month by the C. P. R.

R. G. Hargreaves, one of the miners of the Silver Cup, in the Lardeau, fell 121 feet down a chute a few days ago, and is none the worse for his trip.

The H. B. Co. steamer Mount Royal has again taken up her run on the river from Port Simpson.

Northern cannerymen are making preparations for an exceptionally heavy season's work.

Townsite operators are now booming Tucks Inlet as the certain terminus of the G. T. P.

The Alberta Coal & Coke Co. have sold their coal lands at Cowley, Alta., to Emanuel Rester, of London, and J. H. Thorburn, of Edinburgh, the deal being consummated through James Rutherford, of Kaslo.

The recent disbursement of lead bounty to the mines of Kootenay totalled $121,000.

Port Simpson, Cumberland, and a number of other rural communities are now taking a daily bulletin service of the news, supplied by the C. P. R. The justice of the telegraph people or Associated Press thus entering into competition with the newspapers which pay a high price for their service and cater to these rural communities, does not strike the publishers as either fair or in good faith.

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Mr. Harry Smith, of Duncan, was in the city last week. In a brief interview he spoke in the most sanguine terms of the prospects of the part of Vancouver Island surrounding his home. Mount Sicker on the north is, he says, established as a mining camp beyond all question, and is certain to become of greater importance in the immediate future. To the south of Duncan is Koksilah valley, and there Mr. Smith says is one of the most promising mining fields in the whole country. For the amount of development work done there is more ore in sight than in any district in the province, and the mineralized area is extensive. The natural consequence of this is that there is a very healthy tone throughout the entire community, which is evidenced by a stiffening in the prices of real estate.

There is no longer any doubt that Duncan and vicinity will be the seat of one of the most thriving and busy sections in the whole of British Columbia. There are few localities for which more can be claimed than for the district between the Koksilah river and Extension mines. From present indications the number of shipping copper mines will within a very short time number half a score. The coal industry is steadily expanding. The lumber business is immense, and there is a large and exceedingly fertile area of farming land. All this means very much not only for the immediate locality, but for this city as well.

About Town.

The flagship Grafton has returned from her long southern cruise.

The Yukon is fast breaking up and navigation on the upper river is expected to open considerably earlier than previously reported.

Only those who drive much through the suburbs can form any idea of the amount of land that is being cleared. Most of it was of the class which was condemned for farming purposes only a few years ago, and its present appearance indicates that the agricultural capabilities of Vancouver Island are very much larger than has hitherto been suspected.

Captain R. Cox left for the north this week, having been appointed to command the Dominion government steamer Vidette, employed in the service of the N. W. M. P. on the Yukon and its tributaries. W. M. Tyson goes as chief mate and William Turnbull as chief engineer.

Mr. Henry Wolff, the famous English pencil manufacturer, paid Victoria a visit this week, accompanied by Mrs. Wolff. Mr. Wolff is an ardent Imperialist of the Chamberlain school. He wants to see Wolff's pencils used wherever the sun shines on the British flag. And Canadians are quite content that it shall be so, if the pencils are the right thing and the price meets competition.

The new and well appointed steam freighter Forage, built in the Turpel shipyard to the order of the Butler Freighting & Towing Company, is to be launched to-day and at once prepared for commission.

After four hours' exposure clinging to the bottom of their overturned sloop, Chief Julian, of Squirrel Cove, and his three sons were rescued from death in the storm last Saturday by the opportune appearance on the scene of the steamer Comox.

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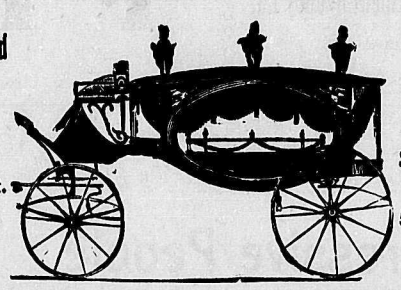

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TONSORIAL note: Beards promise to be more fashionable on holidays this summer.

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MR. CAIN does not appear to have been Able to get his railway subsidy.

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IT WILL be noted that the lost torpedo boat A1 is no longer so rated in Lloyds.

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BACHELOR, accused of bigamy at New Westminster, should have a perfect defence; how could a Bachelor have two wives?

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A FOURTEEN months' old child fell four stories to a stone pavement in Montreal a day or so ago and wasn't hurt a bit. Wouldn't that jar you?

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IF THIBET won't keep her treaties it is but right that the British troops should Lama, and Lama good and hard.

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THE Hearst presidential boomlet is evaporating. As the poet might remark:

"Hearst
Burst."

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WHAT A temptation to sinful punning there is in the fact that Mr. Buttermier is manager of the new Mainland creamery.

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THE correspondent who says that a certain red vehicle is not a military automobile, although it is owned by Mr. Troup, will probably go down to Esquimalt in search of navel oranges.

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THE RUSSIANS being reported in force on the banks of the Yalu and the Japanese advancing, a run on the banks may be looked for in the near future.

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IF THE Russians would only go a little further and suppress newsless despatches as well as wireless, from the seat of war, the American reader would say Amen.

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IT IS pleasant to note that the debating society at Beavermouth is giving attention to public questions of real moment. The last debate was upon the resolution: "That the clean but cranky woman makes a better wife than the slovenly, good natured woman."

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MR. E. H. RUSSELL was surprised to find himself credited with a wife in the last issue of this great family journal. No apologies are necessary—"Progress" aims to be a little ahead of the times.

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HEWITT BOSTOCK lost two horses by drowning in the late floods. If they had only been adorned with pneumatic collars this mightn't have happened.

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NO WONDER Vancouver finds it so necessary to enforce the Curfew law when some of its business men are still so young as to send East for green goods in response to circulars of invitation.

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ONTARIO'S legislators are seriously considering a law to compel all hunters to wear scarlet coats and a megaphonic-phonograph that will yell, "I'm not a deer."

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LIEUTENANT Pell, of the Russian navy, went down with his launch at Port Arthur. His name will be remembered by the world when Makaroff, Kuropatkin, Petropolavsk and Beszstrchini are faded and forgotten.

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WAR NEWS is quite comprehensible now to the average reader since it has been explained that the Russians are in force between Talungkan and Changfong, their point of concentration being Fengwangchong, a little northwest of Chimlienchong.

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AULAY MORRISON, M.P., is asking questions at Ottawa with respect to the propagation of lobsters in this province. He is ready to assure the members of the local government that nothing personal is intended.

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PROFESSOR E. Stone Wiggins, of Ottawa, has butted into public notice again by announcing that he may compete for a prize for the discoverer of the physical basis of meteorology. Wiggins as a prophet doesn't assay traces, but as an advertiser of Wiggins he carries high values.

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IT IS now in order for Walter Nichol of the Province to arise and explain that he is not the Walter Nichol accused of buncoing Thomas Cotter out of seven dollars.

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THAT big clock that Challoner & Mitchell have placed in front of their premises on Government street may be described as a striking advertisement. It is not a second hand clock.

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PROGRESS offers the suggestion that for convenience sake Kaneydo Oyadomari, Masakichi Yano, Gintaro Nishii, Shimakichi Sakai, Sanpei Nishino, and Icnitaro Kai, who are accused of being implicated in the Saunders assault case at Sidney, be referred to as Exhibits A., B., C., D., E. and F.

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APPEARANCES are apt to be deceptive. The man you meet with a court plaster overcoat on his face may have never even seen a railway smash-up. The chances are he is merely learning to shave himself or has been having a cosy chat with the wife of his bosom.

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Fraternal Societies.

I.O.O.F.—On Wednesday evening Columbia Lodge at their regular meeting initiated one new candidate and conferred the third degree on another. . . . Last Tuesday evening a splendid social was held to celebrate the 85th anniversary of the founding of the order. After an excellent musical and literary programme, refreshments were served, the members then engaging in dancing until a late hour. . . . Grand Master Arthur paid Cumberland an official visit last week, where he was splendidly entertained by the local lodge at a banquet.

Sons of St. George—The eve of St. George's Day was celebrated in local circles with a banquet in the A.O.U.W. hall. The fact that the Royal Cafe catered was sufficient guarantee that the menu was first class. The usual loyal, patriotic and fraternal toasts were honored, excellent post prandial oratory being the rule of the occasion. Messrs. J. Webb, J. Risley, W. Jones, J. Renouf, E. J. Stallard, T. Greenhalgh, C. Toneri and G. Hamlin gave songs which were well received. Greetings having been received from and sent to other branches of the order, the banquet closed with the National anthem.

A.O.F.—Court Northern Light held its regular meeting Wednesday night in the K. of P. hall. One new candidate was initiated and one application favorably considered. Dr. J. Gibbs gave an interesting address on anatomy, physiology and hygiene, concluding his lecture by promising the court a box of cigars for next meeting night. All members are requested to attend at that meeting to try the brand.

K.O.P.—Far West Lodge, No. 1, conferred the rank of Esquire on two candidates at their last convention and one brother was reported off the sick list. Bros. Redgrave has just returned from his trip to California, quite improved in health. He reports the order at the Bay City flourishing.

F.O.E.—A goodly number of Victoria Eagles attended the ceremonies at the institution of Ladysmith Aerie last Friday. A special train from Nanaimo brought down the Nanaimo, Vancouver and New Westminster contingents. Seventy of the foremost citizens of Ladysmith were admitted into the new Aerie, which began life under the most favorable auspices. Six separate Aeries of British Columbia and one from the state of Washington were represented at the institution. Officers of Victoria took a prominent part in the work, which was only finished at 5 o'clock the following morning. . . . During the past week Victoria Aerie has received from the Mother Aerie at Seattle an invitation to take part in the dedication of their new Eagle's nest, built by Seattle Aerie at a cost of $39,000. A committee, consisting of the following brothers, were appointed to devise ways and means to enable local Eagles and their friends to participate in this big event, which is set for May 15th: H. F. W. Behnsen, E. E. Leason, J. M. Hughes, A. W. Von Rhein and Frank LeRoy. These were given full power to act, which is a sufficient guarantee that there will be something doing on the 15th of May. An official circular was received from Grand Worthy President, Hon. Timothy D. Sullivan, of New York, stating that State and Provincial conventions had been abolished, and calling for the annulment of those contemplated to be held during the present term.

UP THE NILE.

Tuesday evening Rev. Mr. King will give his famous illustrated lecture entitled "One Thousand Miles Up the Nile," in Calvary Baptist Church. The views are all original and very beautiful.

Odd Notes of Sport.

Rossland has organized a lacrosse team.

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The Slocan Drill announces that the New Denver riflemen are to shoot the Slocan team shortly. It is to be hoped they will not.

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Golden's rifle association has been reorganized under the presidency of Hon. F. W. Aylmer.

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The Crow's Nest district has two lacrosse leagues this season.

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The Kootenay Mail complains that under the lax administration of the game laws, deer are being slaughtered wholesale in the mountains of that locality.

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Radical changes in the playing rules have been made by the National Amateur Lacrosse Association, the time-honored position of field captain being abolished, and the western style of dividing the game into quarters being adopted virtually without opposition. The quarters will be, as British Columbia has them, of 20 minutes each. The experience of the East is that the field captain is apt to interfere with the referee, and in reality does not greatly assist the play.

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Toronto talks of withdrawing from the National Amateur Lacrosse Association. The trouble arises over a demand from the association for the payment of fees.

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One of the English papers tells the story of a distinguished amateur golfer who came to the links with the air of one who has only to see and conquer.

"Haw, caddie," he said.

"Yes, sir."

"What is the length of this hole?"

"Two hundred yards, sir."

"Haw, I see. Just a drive and a putt."

He addressed the ball, swung, and drove it a couple of yards.

"Noo," said the caddie, "no for the de'il o' a putt!"

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The Fifth Regiment Bugle Band has formed a lacrosse team.

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Holness, the Victoria baseballer, has joined the Tacoma league forces. He will have to improve considerably to keep in his new company and not discredit it.

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The Fernwoods and McQuades had the honor of opening the local baseball season last Saturday, Fernwood going down to defeat to the tune of 27 to 7. Sargison's great pitching for the victors was the feature of the game.

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Victoria West had an easy victory over Ladysmith at basketball last Saturday, the score being 16 to 9. The visitors had played a hard football game during the afternoon.

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Manchester City won the English Cup (Association football), defeating the Bolton Wanderers by one goal to nil at the Crystal Palace grounds, London, last Saturday, in the presence of 60,000 people—which is rated poor attendance for such an attraction. The winners were a second league eleven last year. They now have as good chances as Sheffield Wednesday of winning the first league championship.

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Mr. Taylor, North Middlesex, has introduced in the Ontario legislature the following radical amendment to the game law, calculated to avoid the danger of the huntsman being shot down by some of the fools who carry guns during the shooting season in that province:

"Every person while engaged in hunting or shooting in this province shall wear a hat and coat of scarlet color, or shall wear a band not less than two inches wide, of cloth or other material, around his hat or cap, and a similar band not less than four inches wide, on each arm, not more than six inches from the shoulder, and no person while so hunting or shooting shall wear clothing of any shades of fawn, brown, green or grey color. Anyone violating the clause is to be liable to a fine or not more than $50, or less than $25."

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Victoria's lacrosse team expects to arrange games with Seattle, Everett and Tacoma—the teams in the new Puget Sound league.

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The Victoria West Athletic Association will enter teams for the intermediate and junior lacrosse championships of the city, and also a team in the intermediate basketball league.

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Michael Spring, of the Pastime Athletic Club, New York, won this year's Marathon road race (25 miles) in 2:38:4 2-5, the second fastest time in the history of this event; J. J. Caffrey, of Hamilton, Ont., still having nine minutes to the good on his performance in 1901.

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The J. B. A. A. has decided to hold a club field meeting in rehearsal of the programme for the championship N. P. A. A. A. field sports at Vancouver this summer.

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At the meeting of the city amateur baseball league the following schedule for the season was drawn up: May 14th, Victoria West vs. Hillside; May 28th, Hillside vs. Fernwood; June 11th, Victoria West vs. Fernwood; June 25th, Hillside vs. Victoria West; July 9th, Fernwood vs. Hillside; July 23rd, Fernwood vs. Victoria West; August 6th, Victoria West vs. Hillside; August 20th, Hillside vs. Fernwood; and September 3rd, Fernwood vs. Victoria West. The time for receiving entries for the intermediate league was extended until May 3rd. Three teams have already entered, Fernwood, North Ward and Independents.

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The organization of a new Northwest lacrosse league has been completed, and the following schedule adopted:

At Seattle—Everett, May 22nd; Tacoma, June 5th; Everett, July 24th.

At Tacoma—Seattle, May 29th; Everett, June 12th; Seattle, July 31st.

At Everett—Tacoma, June 19th; Seattle, July 3rd; Tacoma, July 17th.

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Owing to circumstances over which, like the tides, they have no control, the local ball team was obliged to cancel the game with Lopez, with which it had been intended to open the season here to-day. The big inaugural is now set for next Saturday, Victoria playing Everett.

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AN ISLAND RAILWAY.

The construction of a railway to the north end of Vancouver Island must be kept before the public, no matter at what cost in the way of reiteration, until success crowns the effort. So vast is the importance of such an undertaking to this city, that, if by laying aside for the time being every other public question, the construction of such a line could be secured, that course would be more than justifiable.

This paper has commented already at some length upon the advantages, which in a commercial way, would follow from Island development. There is another phase of the question to which attention will be directed to-day. Alaska is a region with an area of more than half a million square miles. It possesses vast resources. An important fact in connection with the distribution of those resources is that the best portions can be more readily reached by water than by land. The islands of the Alaskan archipelago, the great sweep of coast from Valdez around to Nome, are practically accessible only by water. A coastwise line of railway to them is out of the question. Railways can and will be constructed from points on the Alaskan coast into the interior, but the connection with those railways must, for physical reasons, be with some point on either the British Columbia seaboard or on that of the State of Washington. Railways will extend as far north as they conveniently can, but there is a point beyond which the conformation of the country will prevent their profitable extension. The most northerly point on the Mainland is Port Simpson, but the harbors on the north end of Vancouver Island are equally convenient to most of the Alaskan points to be reached, and they can be reached from the south with less outlay than Port Simpson. Of one thing we may rest assured: A very large portion of the traffic between Alaska and the United States will be carried by rail either to Port Simpson or to a port on Vancouver Island. Up to the present, time has not been of sufficient importance in this traffic, nor has the traffic itself been of sufficient volume to make the delays incidental to the water voyage from Puget Sound ports a very serious matter, but every year quick communication with Alaska is becoming of more importance to the people of the United States. The Pacific Coast states want the speediest means of communication with the great northern territory, and a glance at the map will show that this can be better obtained by way of Vancouver Island than in any other manner. Hence a north and south line on this Island will be a great highway of United States travel. In these days of great car-ferries, the water stretch between this city and the State of Washington is no barrier at all to the establishment of such a line of traffic.

Just a few words on another aspect of the case. There is a statement going the rounds of the press to the effect that the Grand Trunk railway contemplates starting a line to Australia from Seattle, pending the completion of their own through line to the Pacific, when the shipping point will be in this province. Whether this is or is not true, there can be no doubt that the Grand Trunk Pacific will have a line of steamers to Australia. With a railway to the north end of the Island, Victoria will surely be the shipping point for that line because cargoes can be assembled here and distributed from here as favorably as at any other point, and by making Victoria the terminus of the steamship line from 1,200 to 1,500 miles of sailing, in part at least through intricate channels, would be avoided.

CRAIGFLOWER ROAD.

One of the owners of the property along the Craigflower road is erecting a fence across that highway, or whatever it may be in law. The part of the road, where the fence is being put up, has been declared closed by the City Council. Now it is not the intention of this paper to disturb its youthful aspirations by any endeavor to reach the absolute basal facts and law bearing upon this perennial dispute; but it proposes to say that if the people who have been accustomed to use the road are to be deprived of it, the city is under an obligation to provide them with something just as good, and if possible something better. Victoria West is a valuable and rapidly growing part of the city. It will increase steadily in importance. It deserves fair treatment from the City Council, but does not always get it, and about the only time it ever came before the ratepayers and asked for consideration, it met with a flat refusal. It is time this sort of thing was stopped. In the matter of the Craigflower road it has been used very badly. No one claims that property owners, who believe their land is being unjustly kept from them, have not the right to protest and take all the steps necessary to retain that property. We are not concerned about that at all. What we have the right to speak of is the unsatisfactory manner in which one city administration after another has left this question an open one, instead of approaching the people interested and endeavoring to reach a satisfactory conclusion, and, if the road is to be closed, making arrangements beforehand to give the people something in exchange for it. Disputes of this kind can be settled. The old Esquimalt road was once a bone of contention, but it has been disposed of satisfactorily to everybody. But there does not appear to be any effort put forward to settle once and for all the Craigflower controversy.

A KOOTENAY CRITIC.

Of course it is the New Denver Ledge that prints the following. No one else thinks at such high pressure as the gentleman responsible for the opinions of that paper:

"C. H. Lugrin, of Victoria, has received the largest contract of the age. He will change the name of his paper to Progress and boom Victoria. In order to do this he will have to kill all the old Caribou men, all the government pap suckers, and the chappies who always say 'Aw' every time they take a sup of beer. Then he will have to import live men who know the art of advertising and are not afraid to spend their money. No city even with the advantages that surround it can grow unless its citizens are filled with the radium of hope and willing to spill it over the earth. By the time Lugrin gets Victoria on the boom the Angels will be sitting on his wings, and his plant will be a relic in some museum devoted to the exhibition of heroic deeds and things."

Equally, of course, the paragraph is a libel on Victoria; but it is a good thing occasionally to see ourselves as others see us. It is likewise an excellent thing to have a laugh even at one's own expense. These reasons, and another that will be mentioned later account for the reproduction of the paragraph.

The reference to the old "Caribou" men is certainly uncalled for. These men are not in any sense whatever obstacles to the progress of the city, but quite the contrary. As for the "government pap suckers," they are not more in evidence here than elsewhere. If the reference is to government employees, it is very unjust, because those gentlemen are practically debarred by their positions from participating in public movements. The rest of the paragraph, with the exception of one sentence, calls for no reference; but there is one expression that lifts it out of the grotesque, and it is the following: "No city, even with the advantages that surround it, (Victoria), can grow, unless its citizens are filled with the radium of hope and are willing to spill it over the earth." "The radium of hope" is certainly a fine phrase, implying as it does something with intrinsic force which never diminishes. It is in this that Victorians are deficient. We are not hopeful enough. We need to become openly, aggressively proud of our city.

AN IMPORTANT EXPERIMENT.

The federated sister colonies of Australasia have been making history during the past ten days, the news of the defeat of the Deakin government upon a resolution offered by a Labor member on the 22nd instant, being followed on the 26th by the announcement that, pursuing the only constitutional course, the formation of a new ministry had been entrusted to Mr. Watson, the leader of the Labor party. He had promptly accepted it, presenting on the following day a completed cabinet consisting of the following: Mr. Hughes, Minister for External Affairs; Mr. Higgins, Attorney-General; Mr. Batchelor, Minister for Home Affairs; Mr. Fisher, President of the Board of Trade; Mr. Dawson, Minister of Defence; Mr. Mahon, Postmaster-General; and Mr. McGregor, President of the Federal Executive. It will be noted that all of the new ministers are active members of and acknowledged leaders in the Labor party, with the solitary necessary exception of Attorney-General Higgins, who is a gentleman highly esteemed for his thorough mastery of the intricacies of constitutional law, and standing high in his profession generally.

This new government therefore takes rank as the first Labor ministry in the history of British constitutional government—if not of any form of constitutional government in all the world, which it most probably is—and its course will be studied with keenest interest by legislators and the public of the entire universe. The task imposed upon its members is an exceptional and most responsible one, since not only are the important affairs of the Australian colonies held in the hollow of its hand, but the success or discredit of Labor as a party factor in politics must very largely depend upon the measure of wisdom and discretion exercised by Premier Watson and his colleagues. Should they demonstrate by their official course that they are of sufficiently statesmanlike calibre to give fair recognition to the rights and interests of all classes, with business capacity to direct the country's affairs prudently and with a view to substantial progress, eliminating all such so-called "class favoritism" in public affairs as seeks to benefit one section of the community at the expense of others, the cause of Labor must receive an impetus and an argument of magnificent proportions.

On the other hand, should the Watson government signalize its gaining of control of the reins of power by injudicious, radical and extreme class legislation, or by a disposition to advance the interests of the workers banded together in organized unionism at the cost of their fellow citizens, an incapacity for government will have been demonstrated which will assuredly be cited to the disadvantage of other ambitious Labor parliamentarians throughout the empire and the civilized world. It is to be hoped that the former course will be the one chosen.

It is well to bear in mind in considering the possibilities and the probabilities of the situation under the Southern Cross, that the propaganda and methods of the Labor legislators there are considerably less radical or revolutionary than those of North America. Nor is it hinted that the Labor party of the Australasian commonwealth aims to introduce many or very drastic changes in the existent laws. The fact appears to be that previous governments have from time to time adopted so many planks in the Labor platform, in the hope of discouraging the movement of Labor for recognition as such in parliament and the consequent dismissal of the old party divisions, that there is really comparatively little in this direction remaining to be done—the functions of the new ministry being to demonstrate Labor's fitness and administrative ability rather than governmental gymnastics.

One present danger in the situation as it affects this country it may be well to constantly keep in mind: that the Labor propaganda and party in the Australian colonies is considerably removed from that of those of America, being decidedly less radical and less revolutionary. It cannot be cited as a parallel for the condition were the so-styled Labor party, for example in British Columbia, to find itself in power; although the greatest danger to the Labor cause in Australasia is, as it would be here, that the leaders may lose their heads on acquiring office and indulge the demand of ultra-radical and superficial followers for such a revolutionary course of government as must spell ruin for the country. The world will wait and watch with keenest interest. Although New Zealand has led in Labor legislative experiments heretofore, it has been under such hodge-podge party definitions as prevailed in British Columbia up to the introduction of straight Liberalism and Conservatism. The Australian Commonwealth thus has the honor of introducing the first definite Labor government. Patience, wisdom, patriotism, success and longevity to it!

Opinions are bound to differ with respect to the degree of courage exhibited by the Japanese troops on the transport Kinshin-maru, who—declining to surrender—"went down with their flag still flying, nailed to the nation's mast." It is debatable whether such refusal to accept the inevitable under such circumstances be heroism or foolhardiness, since had the troops surrendered it is quite probable that they would later on have been exchanged for Russian prisoners of war and been enabled to take their revenge upon the foe and their part in their country's quarrel. Still there is a spectacular element in their display of physical disdain for death that will appeal to the world, and the incident will go far towards intensifying popular regard for plucky Japan as the national knight errant. With respect to the Russian action—sinking in cold blood a defenceless company, there can be no variety of opinion. In war with its chances, the taking of life is justified by modern philosophy. The drowning of the people of the Kinshin-maru was not war, however—nothing less than deliberate and calmly meditated murder. No wonder the humane Czar is enraged. And no wonder the world shrugs its shoulders at the protestation of Russia that Christendom must be protected from the barbarism and savagery of Japan!

It will be only a few days now before the long uncertainty as to the government's intentions in respect to blocks 4,593 and 4,594 will be made an end of. Premier McBride announced some time ago that the Government would act when the period for possible disallowance had elapsed, which will be about May 1st. It is true the Federal government has stated plainly and decisively that it fully recognizes the intra vires of Bill 16, and will not interfere with it in any way whatever. Still Premier McBride and his colleagues have been so desirous that there shall be no possible further interference with holders of bona fide rights in the now celebrated coal and oil lands that they have waited patiently until the expiry date. According to his promise to Mr. George Fraser, M.L.A., the Government will now recognize all legal locations according to priority. For a Premier's promise so given must be held to be sacred and not under any conditions to be departed from.

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Progress has been endeavoring to ascertain if there is not a way whereby the rank injustice done to Victoria West by the vote on the school by-law cannot be remedied, but so far without success. We would be greatly pleased if correspondents can help us find a solution for the problem. If the by-law were again submitted, or something of a similar nature, so as to avoid any legal objections it would most probably be carried with a good majority. The strength of the opposition is now known, and the friends of fair play would not be caught napping again.

The request of the licensed victuallers to be recouped for their losses by reason of the illegal sale of liquor by Chinamen must be intended rather as a hint to the municipal authorities that the rights of the holders of licenses must be protected than as a claim which they expect to be paid. No man acquires a right of action against a municipality because another man violates the law, and the assent, tacit or otherwise, that a mayor may give to the illegal sale of liquor or any other commodity, does not give the person who is legally selling it a claim against anyone, which can be collected by law or valued in money. At the same time, when the municipality takes the money of an individual for a license to sell liquor, it ought in justice to him to see that no one sells who has no license. While the law permits the sale of liquor, those who comply with its provisions have good cause of complaint, if through laxity or connivance on the part of officials their business is injured by sales made contrary to law.

Not "The Progress," good correspondents and contemporaries—simply "Progress."

A city daily, which never mentioned the matter at all, allows a correspondent to give it credit for ascertaining the real nature of the difficulty in the way of settling the Songhees reserve, which was the work of Progress.

Mr. Edward Musgrave seems to think that we are extremists too particular in our dealing with the Indians. That is a feature of Canadian policy, and it has proved of incalculable value.

Robert Henderson, the true discoverer of the Klondike if his case be not mis-stated, has gone to Ottawa, where it is suggested that the Government is considering a proposal to compensate him for the loss of his discoverer's reward, upon proof of title, which reward has been lost to him as yet, through technicalities alone. If this be so, the Government does right and well. Canada owes much to the discoverer of the Klondike, and is not so parsimonious as to seek to deprive him of aught that is coming to him on any score of petty technicality.

This topsy-turvey world sees few more curious contradictions than that of Kuropatkin, the Russian responsible for the historic butchery of women and children at Plevna, warning the world against the "barbarism" of Japan.

THE SONGHEES RESERVE.

An Attempt From a New Direction to Settle This Much-Vexed Question.

Progress took what it hoped would be the initial step towards the settlement of the Songhees reserve question, when it caused Chief Cooper to be interviewed as to the difficulties in the way. It appeared from what the chief said that the governments had done all that they could to bring matters to a successful issue, but that a stage had been reached when individual effort had to be made. Acting on this line Mr. Lugrin has obtained the appointment of a committee by the council of the Board of Trade, which will ask the city council committee appointed to deal with the subject, to co-operate with them. Hon. Mr. Tatlow has the matter in hand for the provincial government, and he has expressed his pleasure that the board has taken this step. The efforts made by Mr. Vowell, the Indian commissioner, to bring matters to a head are a guarantee that anything that he can do to assist in closing the question up will be promptly done. His Worship the Mayor has promised his hearty co-operation. The Board of Trade committee are Messrs. Lugrin, Hanna, Kingham, Paterson and Helmcken.

Mr. John L. Howard, president of the Western Fuel Co., Nanaimo, has left on a trip to the Old Land.

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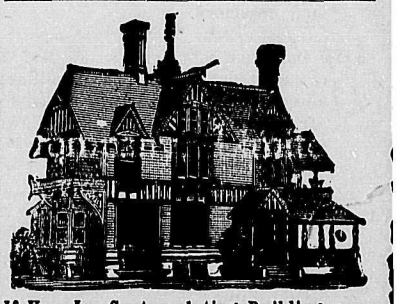

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The Week in Society.

On Tuesday evening there was a gay gathering at the Assembly Hall, the occasion being the breaking up dance to mark the closing of Mesdames Dickinson and Simpson's classes for the season. Through the courtesy of the James Bay Athletic Association the beautiful festoons of evergreen hung with pennants and lanterns, were allowed to remain. A few additional touches transformed the old hall into a brilliant ballroom. All the members of the classes and many of their friends were present, the large room being fairly packed. Supper was served about midnight, and it was well on into the morning before the Regimental orchestra played the National Anthem. Among those present the following were recognized: The Misses Sehl, Miss Lindsay, Miss Moresby, Miss Laing, Miss A. McQuade, Misses Cameron, Miss Wilson, Miss Munro, Misses Garvin, Miss Camsusa, Miss Woodworth, Miss Futcher, Miss McQuade, Misses Brooker, Miss Bucket, Miss McKenzie, Miss Atkinson, Miss Roberts, Miss Fell, Miss Kermode, Misses Moss, Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Sparrow, Mrs. Oliver, Misses Jackson, Miss Adams, Mrs. and Miss McKay, Mrs. Grant, Miss Crook, Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Dickinson, Mr. Dier, Mr. Child, Mr. G. Simpson, Mr. J. Simpson, Miss Adam, Mr. H. G. Dalby, Mr. R. Dalby, Miss Cornell, Mr. V. Gray, Miss Williams, Mr. Patton, Mrs. Cameron, Mr. J. Leeming, Miss Leeming, Mr. King, Mr. Porter, Mr. Courtney, Mr. and Mrs. Sehl, Mr. Winsby, Mr. F. Whyte, Mr. G. and Mr. R. Wilson, Miss Haney, Miss Adam, Mr. Thompson, Mr. J. Levy, Mr. Ward, Dr. Dier, F. Clarke, Mr. Greswold, Mr. and Miss Daniels, Miss Saunders, Mr. J. H. and Miss Sweet, Miss Lowe, Mrs. T. Roberts, Miss Roberts, Miss Carr, Miss Belfry, Mr. Holness, Mr. Sylvester, Mr. A. Belyea, Mr. E. Fawcett, Mr. Bell, Miss Donaldson, Mr. J. Dunlevy, Messrs. G. and R. Power, Messrs. W. and J. O'Keefe, Messrs. W. Jackson, Kent, Keefer, C. and F. Foote, Grant, Dr. Quay, Messrs. Lang, R. Wilson, H. Lawson, Leiser, J. Lawson, D. McConnan, Stewart, W. and L. Yorke, Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Siddall, Messrs. J. McArthur, Russell, Townsley, Vaughan, Maynard, Mr. and Miss Clay, Misses Fawcett, Miss M. John, Miss Austin, Mrs. Kilpatrick, Miss Harris, Misses Maynard, Miss George, Mr. Johns, Misses McMicking, Miss Scott, Mr. C. Wilson, Misses Nicholles, Mr. Virtue, Mr. Redfern, Mr. Cook, Miss Carr, Mr. Cornwall, Misses Morrison, Mrs. Rathom, Miss Andrews, Mr. Jacobson, Mr. A. Pyke, Mr. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Jones.

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The members of the Cotillion Club were entertained in a novel way at their dance in the A. O. U. W. hall Wednesday evening. A new cotillion called a peanut frolic had been introduced for the occasion by Mrs. Lester, who is always on the lookout for new and up-to-date ideas. The dance was entered into with much zest, the various figures causing much merriment. At the close of the cotillion, supper was served in the adjoining room, dancing being afterwards resumed and continued until a late hour. The hall was very tastily decorated with light festoons of stringed peanuts decorated w.. colored ribbon. These gave an airy effect, a striking change from the usual heavy evergreen decorations. The music, which was provided by the Fawcett-Heater orchestra, was excellent, and the floor in good condition. Among the seventy members of the club and guests were: Mrs. and Miss Little, Misses Irving, Miss Monteith, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Pemberton, Misses Hasell, Mr. Tyee, Mr. and Miss Cobbett, Mr. and Miss Keifer, Misses Lucas, Miss Newlings, Mr. Jones, Messrs. Ewart, Mr. Olebar, Mrs. Dumbleton, Mr. Radcliffe, Dr. Alstead, Misses Dickey, Mr. Cornwall, Mr. Cambie, Mrs. (Dr.) Fagan, Mr. and Miss Johnson, Misses McKay, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Worlock, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hanington, Dr. Hanington, Mrs. Alan S. Dumbleton, Mr. Perkins, Mr. M. Bell, Miss Gaudin and Misses Newcombe.

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On Thursday evening at the residence of Mr. R. J. Mugford, 198 Pandora street, Miss Elfreda Mugford, of Port de Grave, Newfoundland, was happily united in marriage to Mr. Henry Thomas Bradley of the same place. Rev. LeRoy Dakin officiated. The bride was gowned in white satin trimmed with lace. Miss Isabella Bradley, the bridesmaid, wearing the same color. The groom was supported by Mr. John Bradley. A recherche supper was partaken of after the ceremony. The bride was the recipient of many beautiful presents.

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Many Victoria and Esquimalt friends will read with interest of the marriage, solemnized on the 6th instant at the parish church of Kill-of-the-Grange, County Dublin, Ireland, of Staff Paymaster Reginald Clutton-Baker, R. N., secretary to the admiral commanding on the coast of Ireland, and the elder son of Mr. Reginald Langford Baker, of Moreton-in-Marsh, England, and Miss Kathleen Ellice Locke Paddon, eldest daughter of Rev. Canon Locke Paddon, of this city, the marriage being solemnized by the vicar, Rev. C. W. Welland.

A delightfully novel and decidedly humorous entertainment was given by Mrs. Lester last evening to the members and friends of her juvenile class at A. O. U. W. hall, to close a successful season—the function taking the form of a nutting party. Favors and prizes of baskets of sweets, nuts and prettily dressed dolls gladdened the hearts of the little ones. Several cotillion figures were given, followed by the Highland fling in costume by Master Eddie Hill. The skirt dance was very gracefully executed by the following young ladies: Marguerite Rickaby, Mona Rickaby, Mildred Sargison, Hilda Ireland, Elsie Sparrow, Marie Blair, Gladys Anderson and Dorothy Lester; it certainly reflects much credit in the perfection of execution, upon Mrs. Lester, who had carefully drilled the participants. After 10.30 the floor was given over to the grown ups, who danced until the tiny hours.

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Miss Pearl Matheson and Mr. Francis Hawkins were married Thursday evening at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. R. Matheson, by Rev. Mr. Dean. The bride, who was given away by her father, was daintily attired in cream silk, the bridesmaids—the Misses Maggie and Ada Matheson—both wearing white. Only the immediate friends of the contracting parties were present.

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Mr. J. E. Jeremy, of Valdez, and Miss Jean Shaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shaw, of Colwood, were the principals in a quiet but pretty wedding solemnized by Rev. W. Leslie Clay at St. Andrew's church last Wednesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy are spending their honeymoon in the Sound cities and Portland.

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At St. Andrew's Cathedral on Tuesday morning last, the marriage was solemnized by Rev. Father Leterme, in the presence of a family wedding party, of Mr. Godfrey Comerford and Miss Elizabeth McCormick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James McCormick. Miss E. Ruth and Mr. Fagan were respectively bridesmaid and best man.

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Mrs. Dickinson and Mrs. Simpson will close their children's classes next Friday by giving a children's fancy dress ball in the Assembly Hall on that evening. Their classes having been so large during the past season, they have released the Assembly Hall for the next year.

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Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Seabrook and family spent last Saturday and Sunday at their country place at Sooke Lake.

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The Officers' Club at Work Point Barracks have issued invitations for an evening of dancing Monday, at the Fives Court.

STORY OF THE WEEK.

(Continued from page 1.)

Russians are really bottled up the Japanese will watch them more carefully in the future. One can but admire the bravery, foolish though it may seem, of the little men. Perhaps they will do much more for their country through their deaths than they could have by spending the next few years as prisoners of war.

The Senate Chamber of Thursday was the scene of an unusual incident, when Senator Wark, now in his 101st year, was presented with a portrait of himself. Senator Wark is a remarkable man, although he occupies the unique position of being the only legislator in the world who has passed the century mark. Think of a man taking part in the making of laws, who was old enough to take an interest in events when Waterloo was fought, and who remembers when the great shadow of Napoleon covered a continent.

The movement on the part of the United States to abolish pelagic sealing in its entirety is gaining strength. This matter will shortly have to engage the attention of the people of British Columbia.

The Germans are in very serious trouble in their South African possessions. They made the mistake of underrating their barbarous foe. This is almost the first time that the Germans have had to cope with savages in warfare, and their methods will be watched with great interest. They have been accustomed to laugh at the difficulties which the British encountered, and are now finding out for themselves what such operations are like.

With respect to the contemplated Canadian-Mexican direct steamship service, Premier Laurier has announced, in response to a question in the House by the opposition leader, that the government is expecting a representative of Mexico upon whose arrival arrangements will probably be completed. The Vancouver board of trade is already moving energetically to secure the terminus of this new line for Vancouver. What is the Victoria board doing in this connection? Does it propose to let the fruit of Victoria activity in working up the new line be gathered by Vancouver through laziness in pushing Victoria's legitimate claims?

Greenroom Gossip.

The performance by Al G. Field's minstrels at the Victoria theatre Tuesday evening came very near to being a grim tragedy, for while the audience murmured against being kept waiting at the doors for a few moments and then at being refused a sight of the rising curtain for some fifteen minutes, Drs. Robertson, Milne, Hart, Lucas and Gibbs were laboring behind the scenes to bring back several members of the company from the gates of death. A Chinaman had lighted the fire in the theatre furnace, in which gaseous coke has for some time past been used as fuel without the slightest inconvenience or misadventure of any kind. Perhaps not understanding the management of furnaces as well as he might, the Chinaman had left the furnace doors open, and sent the choking gasses in a rush through the dressing rooms and corridors where the minstrel men were assembling. They noticed a sickly, somewhat exhilirating odor in the air, and starting for the outer doors were seized with dizziness and fell unconscious ere they could reach them. Assistant House Manager Edwin North discovered them just in time to avert death at least for some of them, eight being found unconscious. Some of these were lying prone in the corridors, others in the dressing and property rooms, and one on the stage itself. As the smell of gas was not particularly in evidence then, and as there was no suggestion of possible asphyxiation offered, the doctors at first were puzzled and the insensible singers and funmakers were treated primarily for ptomaine poisoning. Then with the explanation of the first to regain consciousness, the medical men started to work with a will and had a majority of the victims sufficiently recovered to take their parts in the performance. Not so, however, the featured European specialty team, Percy Lee and brother, head and hand balancers, who until a late hour in the night were still unconscious, the heart of the one being dangerously feeble. The others seriously affected were Dave and Jule Walton, Tony O'Dell, Aldo Mignani, Frank Minch, Tommy Hyde, Charles Flynn, and Tommy McKenna, all of whom were pronounced out of danger and able to accompany the troupe to Vancouver by Wednesday morning's steamer. Flynn, despite the fact that he had only a few minutes before regained consciousness under the doctor's care, was in exceptionally good voice in the first part—a very prettily set and tuneful first part too, it may be said—and his song, "The Sweetest Dream of All," received a generous expression of spontaneous appreciation. Reese Prosser, a last year favorite with Northwest lovers of minstrelsy, was another singing favorite, his hit being made with Richard J. Jose's last season success, "Dear Old Girl." Of the comedy features, Tommy Donnelly's musical version of "How Old Was Ann" was easily preeminent; while in the afterpart the honors were divided by the musical Mignani family and the Walton Brothers, phenomenally expert hoop rollers.

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A few art-loving Victorians are in Seattle to-day to see Mrs. Minnie Maddern Fiske in the Paul Heyse masterpiece "Mary of Magdala," and one of Ibsen's best studies, "A Doll's House." Victoria does not get Mrs. Fiske this season, not by reason of the fact that there is no house available, but because Mrs. Fiske's book was completed under the impression that the Victoria theatre alone could be used to present a dramatic entertainment. Next season she will play here, as well as in Vancouver, despite the trust. Parenthetically it may be mentioned that the efforts of Mrs. Fiske, Hackett, Mansfield, and a few others in fighting the Trust—although Mansfield has now capitulated—a chain of independent theatres has gradually been worked up, the coast line being made complete by the opening on Thursday of the Columbia theatre at Portland by Mrs. Leslie Carter in "Du Barry." It is to be regretted that Victoria and Vancouver could not have seen their way clear to be in the anti-syndicate line.

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At the Victoria theatre yesterday evening Mary Mannering presented Leo Ditrichstein's brilliant new comedy, "Harriet's Honeymoon," in which he utilizes artistically and in a way to provoke much merriment, an incident of one of his own walking tours through rural Germany. Miss Mannering in the role of the romantic girl-wife has a part which lends itself well to her personality, while Mr. Arthur Byron in the opposite part is equally well fitted. The comedy is clever, clean and quaint—but it is a debatable point whether or not it should be offered at $2 in cities of Victoria's limited population. Shortage of space in this issue precludes further reference until the next appearance of "Progress."

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Curious, isn't it, that while James K. Hackett is engaged in his bitter war on the theatrical trust, his wife (Mary Mannering) should be one of the best exploited of the trust attractions.

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Archbishop on the Bible

Canon Henson's Recent Sensational Declarations Answered Emphatically by Very Rev. Dr. Orth.

Considerable comment and that of a very diversified character, has been excited both in Roman Catholic and in Protestant circles here over the lecture upon the inspirational and sacred character of the Bible which His Grace Archbishop Orth delivered at St. Andrew's Cathedral a few days since, and in which the learned Catholic prelate took occasion to refer to the recent so-called heresies of Canon Henson of London, pronouncing his denunciation of the Bible scandalous in the extreme, while hoping for the Canon's speedy repentance and renunciation of his grievous errors. Should he preserve his present position on the subject of the Bible, the Archbishop expects that Canon Henson will shortly be found establishing himself as founder and leader of still another party within the Protestant church. The Archbishop spoke only words of sympathy and regret in his references to Canon Henson, but freely scathed his utterances as utterly unwarrantable. Said he:

"The Canon impugns the veracity of the Bible by calling it 'a pack of lies' without attempting to give his hearers a reliable substitute—nor any proof of the veracity of his own impugnations. Upon his own statement he was in error before his onslaught; what proof has he given that his present position is the true one? None whatever—and why not? Because he has *none to give.* He and his adherents still are groping in the dark—no 'kindly light' for them unless they accept an unerring and infallible judge as did the immortal Cardinals Newman and Manning. This the Catholics possess in their Church—the infallible mouthpiece of God: 'Who heareth you, heareth me.' In all matters affecting faith and morals we must humbly bow to the teachings of this infallible Church: 'He who does not hear the Church let him be to thee as the heathen and the publican.'"

Then the Archbishop went on to show in lucid and eloquent words how the Catholic Church had made and protected this Holy Book.

"Now the Holy Bible was not from the beginning a book as we have it," he said. "For several centuries it existed in fragmentary booklets scattered with many spurious books among the faithful. It was in the fourth century that the Church separated the chaff from the wheat, declaring which books were sacred and which counterfeit; the sacred ones were bound into one volume and called the Holy Bible—or the Book of Books. In fact when we accept the Bible as the Word of God we must receive it on the authority of the Catholic Church which was its sole custodian for fifteen hundred years and since then has been its sole true guardian to the present day. When Martin Luther and his consorts commenced to publish their own Bibles with their many new additions and interpolations, the Catholic Church exclaimed: "It is the Word of God and it cannot be changed at will by man.' When about three hundred years ago the King James edition was about to be published, again went forth from Rome the same solemn warning. Our separated brethren have had their own Bible for the last three or four centuries. They set it upon a pedestal, idolizing it as the sole rule of faith, the only source of God's word. But now we see it decried as 'a pack of lies.' Again the Church would exclaim 'It is the Word of God.' From these facts we learn how the Catholic Church was its true custodian to this very day. Were it not for the Church there would be no Bible. Instead of the Bible, the dominant part of our people would have the impious and ungodly Koran. St. Paul tells us "all Scriptures are divinely inspired,' the Old as well as the New Testament. St. Paul knew a wee bit more than does the London Canon. In him we believe and trust and hope.

"The Catholic Church calls the Holy Scriptures enunciations of the Holy Ghost, who is the true God with the Father and the Son. Her authority is paramount. She comes to us from God saying: 'Go and teach every creature.' She is not of recent date but she looked into the face of our Blessed Lord, heard His sacred words, and received His commandments."

The Archbishop admitted that knotted intricacies and perplexities are found in human writings: Virgil's Georgics, Cicero's Orations, the wondrous creations of Shakespeare and other standard classics are difficult to understand. But when one is sufficiently disciplined to follow the author's trend of thought he can master them; there is no meaning hidden behind meaning in them. It is fortunate for all of us that controversies regarding human writings are of very little consequence relatively, and the attainment of man's end does not depend upon them. But not so with the Holy Scripture. It will always remain an unexplored land, for there is more meaning implied than expressed. It is not given to each individual to explain it. "No prophecy of Scripture," says St. Peter, "is made by private interpretation." It is God's sacred word, and hence, the Archbishop declared, His living representative on earth alone is its interpreter.

"'My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,' saith the Lord. Who then will venture to interpret the unsearchable ways of God and the incomprehensible mysteries hidden in the Bible? 'How can I understand it if no one explain it to me,' said the Ethiopian."

When the Archbishop referred to the different methods still in vogue to interpret the Bible, he mentioned the Montanists, Anabaptists, Adamites, Mormons, and others believing in private inspiration, who wrest the Scriptures to suit their own freaks, fancies and caprices. "There is no error so degrading, no crime so heinous, and no practice so deplorable," he remarked, "which has not been justified by some passage of the Holy Bible thus interpreted."

When speaking of the individual interpretation of the sense of the Bible, the speaker remarked that just this method produced among the more rational class of Protestants in England alone no fewer than three hundred different denominations; "it must be acknowledged," he added, "that this is a standing scandal and stumbling block to the Gentiles."

"Who then will extricate them out of this chaotic state?" His Grace continued. "Nothing less than an infallible guide. If Our Blessed Lord, the source of all wisdom, did not appoint any authorized judge to decide on the meaning of His own Word he acted contrary to common sense. No legislator ever passed enactments without appointing judges and magistrates to decide on their meanings and enforce obedience to such decisions. The Jews who revered the Old Testament highly and regarded it as the Word of the Most High; referred the final decisions regarding it to the High Priest and the Synagogue, and Our Lord sanctioned this method by His own words: 'The scribes and the Pharisees sit upon the chair of Moses; all things therefore whatsoever they shall say to you, observe and do.' When the synagogue was waning, Our Lord appeared; and when He withdrew He appointed a church guided by the Holy Spirit to carry on His plan to the end of the world: 'As the Father hath sent me, so also I send you—Behold I remain with you always, even to the consummation of the world.'"

AN APRIL DRIVE.

The country roads are good and there is no dust. The fresh, bright green of the maples and alders contrasts beautifully with the sombre foliage of the firs. The roadside is bedecked with lilies, as we all persist in calling them notwithstanding the efforts of certain learned folk to make us say "trillia." The winter grain stands up tall and luxuriant in long, graceful rows. The cattle in the pastures look sleek and fat. Wherever there is an unused open space among the trees millions of daisies and buttercups make a carpet of white and yellow. The fruit trees are laden with blossoms, whose delicate perfume scents the gently moving wind. The black, freshly plowed land glistens in the sunlight. Do you see that field, which looks so very black in contrast with the green surrounding it? When we last drove along here—was it last year or the year before?—that was a tangle of brush, which looked as though it were the very abomination of desolation. You are right: we could not see the city from this road then. Here the omnipresent broom is just coming into blossom, and how graceful are the maple boughs with their pendent blossoms. Yes, indeed, he was a wise man who left those stately oaks standing when he cleared up the rest of that field. "I think crows like oaks," remarks the little fellow who is handling the reins. "I never see an oak tree but there's crows." The grammar is not good, but the statement of fact cannot be impugned. Now the road rises a little and there is a long vista of forest through which it winds. To the left is a beautiful lake. A little higher up, just before the timber ends, the snow-capped mountain peaks show above the horizon, and in another minute the mighty range of the Olympics is in full view. A little farther on we get a glimpse of other mountains. That is Mount Baker. Yes, there is no mistaking it. It catches the rays of the declining sun in a wonderful way. Those other snow peaks are somewhere on the Mainland north of Vancouver. How calm the Gulf of Georgia looks and what gems the islands are in this light. Shall we stop and climb Cedar Hill? No, not to-day. We have not more than time enough to get home before dinner, and after dusk the air may be a little too chill for people without wraps. So we turn homeward. The evening mist settles down over the Strait, and above it the mountains stand out like enormous cameos, pink-tinted by the sunset and over-arched by a soft blue sky.

It is a quiet part of Victoria where one does not hear the sound of the hammer. New buildings, repairs to old old ones, new fences and new things generally are the order of the day.

CLIPPINGS AND COMMENT.

Not Good Biters.—"The mosquitoes are biting very badly."—Beaver cor. Revelstoke paper.

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Over-exercising.—"The dining room at the Filbert is running extra hours."—Sandon Standard.

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Sandon Picking Up.—"Plenty of men and money are scattered about the town."—Sandon Standard.

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He's Got the Habit.—"Thomas L. Wolsey is still putting up fence posts."—Melakon cor. Kootenay Mail.

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In One Round.—" A slide at the Queen Bess put Koch's barn out of business."—New Denver Ledge.

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Taylor's Large Thought.—"John Taylor thinks of closing his shoe shop and opening a dairy."—New Denver Ledge.

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Sonshine.—"A little baby boy has come to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Black."—Mount Pleasant Advocate.

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The Versatile Violin.—"At the entertainment next Friday evening Baby Egan will whistle and play a violin solo."—Nelson Economist.

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Here's To Hoar.—"O. D. Hoar's new residence on the North Golden townsite is looming up in great style."—Golden Star.

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More Troughs Needed.—"Extra tables have been put in use to accommodate the diners at the Sandon."—Sandon Standard.

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Fishery Note.—"Miss Whale and Miss Nellie Whale attended a dance at Roger's Pass last week."—Beaver cor. Kootenay Mail.

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Mikado In Cog.—"A husky looking Jap was in town yesterday. He may have been one of the fighting princes we hear so much about and was on his way to the front."—Sandon Standard.

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Want Beer.—"Quite a number of the men are sick; they complain of the water that they have to drink."—Beaver Breezes.

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A Slow Community.—"Mumps are very bad here but fortunately so far none of the men have caught them."—Beaver Breezes.

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Sweet Youth.—"C. Martin and Kid Price are in town. Kid's visits are always hailed with delight by the young Beaverites as he is very liberal with candy."—Beaver Breezes.

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Inexplicable Interference.—"Two pugnacious characters were jugged Wednesday while fighting in an orderly manner."—Sandon Standard.

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Boy or Girl?—"Important news awaits John Alexander McNaughton at his home in Aberdeen, Scotland."—Nelson Tribune.

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Valuable Suggestion. — "By cutting away the mountains for half a mile on either side of Sandon, the city can be made quite safe from water or slides."—New Denver Ledge.

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What About Ping-Pong?—"Now that the snow has gone and the ground is drying up nicely it is high time to consider what game we are to play this season."—Morrissey Dispatch.

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Prospective Pleasures.—"In a short time we will publish a list in black type of the deadbeats who owe this paper money."—New Denver Ledge.

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Jollying The Jiner.—Postmaster Kipp is a late 'jiner' of the Gun Club. Out of 25 pigeons he broke—well never mind, he says he can do better."—Ashcroft Journal.

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Brainy But Bald.—"D. Mark-Carley is a heavy man in body, but in brains a lightweight—his head not even carrying a trace of gray matter."—Nelson Tribune.

Important If True.—"One of the upper town anglers has recently made the purchase of a swell steel rod."—Morrissey Despatch.

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Seismic Shock.—"Peter McSwain spilled his brains into the Nelson Tribune last Saturday, and caused an earthquate amongst a certain portion of the community."—New Denver Ledge.

Beaver Breezes.—"Some of the boys celebrated here last Tuesday. . Beaver is getting full of strangers. . . Capt. Pete Campbell is to be seen at the throttle of the 'goat.' . . the boarding house and shacks are being whitewashed . . . everyone is so busy these days that we haven't got time. . . The boys wish it was Easter every Sunday; the eggs went down good. . . Mrs. Whale, accompanied by J. Howden, went to the dance at Rogers Pass. . . Straw hats are being worn by the girls around town. . . There was much excitement over the 'Beaver Breezes' last week; men's curiosity exceeds the fair sex."—Golden Star.

BAZAAR AND CONCERT

At Reformed Episcopal Church Proves Signally Successful.

Owing to that pressure upon space that is the bane of the newspaperman's life, the following report was crowded out of the last issue of Progress:

A sale of work and entertainment was given on the 20th inst. by the Ladies' Aid of the Reformed Episcopal Church, which was very successful. The following ladies assisted:

Fancy Work—Mrs. Schwengers and Mrs. Hardress Clarke.

Plain Sewing—Mrs. John Langley and Mrs. George.

Candy Table—Miss McTavish, assisted by Miss O. Wilson and Mrs. Gardiner.

Ice Cream—Mrs. W. R. Higgins, assisted by Miss McTaggart, Miss M. Nicholles and Miss A. Carr.

Afternoon Tea—Mrs. T. Nicholson, assisted by Mrs. W. Wilson, Miss Wilson, Miss Ellor, Miss B. Fawcett and others.

The tea, candy and ice cream booths were well patronised all the afternoon and evening.

The children's operetta, entitled "The Dream of the Flowers," was charmingly rendered by the following young ladies: Fairy Queen, Miss Mabel Miller; Morning Glory, Miss Ada Schwengers; Bumble Bee, Miss Ethel Cross; Cora and Bessie, Miss Blanche Smith and Miss Grace Cameron; May Queen, Miss Ethel Casey; Rose, Miss Georgina Bebbington; Nine Fairies, Misses H. Young, E. Young, E. Sparrow, E. Casey, S. Gosse, J. Cameron, G. Anderson, D. Lester and K. Herberge; Daisies, Miss M. Atwood, L. Nicholles and E. Cowper; Buttercup, Miss N. Brown; Violets, Misses O. Vincent, A. Young, S. Baynton and I. Carter; Arbutus, Miss C. Stirtin; Primrose, Miss M. Stirtin; Carnation, Miss B. Andernach; Daffodil, Miss D. Howard; Wild Rose, Miss Netta Heyland.

This was all under the direction of Miss Nicholson and Mrs. G. Dickenson, and reflected great credit on the energy and ability of these two ladies.

The following young ladies took part in the parasol drill: Misses George, N. Spence, A. Mahoney, Wilson, B. Fawcett, O. Fawcett, Cowes, Helmcken, Heyland, Bishop, McTavish, Lemon and Holmes.

Major Hibben, 5th Regiment, C. A., commanded this gallant corps, which presented a bright and soldier-like appearance, and won unstinted applause. One must congratulate the major on his recruits, who in time will prove a very worthy company of amazon warriors, and a great acquisition to the gallant Fifth.

The interlude was pleasantly filled in with instrumental music and songs, the opening duet being played by Mrs. F. A. Futcher and Misses Nicholson. Solos were sung by Mrs. J. A. Hinton and Miss Colquhoun, who received a well-deserved encore. The accompanists for the evening were Mrs. W. H. Higgins and Miss McTavish, who admirably filled their parts.

THE VOICE OF FRIENDSHIP.

"Truth" has disappeared again from Victoria and in its place has come "Progress." It requires some restraint to forbear the obvious comment but seeing that the change means the welcoming back to the grindstone of a well known newspaperman a tight hold will be kept to-day on all jokes which have Victoria as their butt. "Greasepaint" has found another medium through which to reach the public and if one reads "between the lines" those "Random Reflections" have a familiar air about them—an air that always catches a whistle. Well, here's progress to "Progress," and Victoria also. With the two men who are at the helm of the newspaper bark—American spelling for barque—Victoria will be shown how to make progress, and if it does not go forward then "Progress" cannot. That truth will prevail if "Truth" itself has not. "Progress" is a readable paper. Vancouver Island has in it a bright and ready champion. With the advent of the new blood and the new name the paper has taken on other features. The theatre, sport and society—in fact the people and their amusements—are well looked after. There should be a long life of usefulness before the weekly.—Vancouver World.

MODERN PROVERBS.

(From the New Denver Ledge.)

Many a man, like the moon, shines with borrowed light.

Many a man who doesn't take water has to be bailed out.

Playing the fool is said to be a universal accomplishment.

The longer you keep whiskey the better it is—and the better you are.

Men never object to being overrated except by the assessor.

Division among families is an unsatisfactory sort of arithmetic.

Young man, beware of the girl who is too lazy to return your kisses.

A small boy says that Adam was the only man who was not grown up.

One reason men get over the habit of saving money is that when they do they lose it in investment instead of having the fun of spending it.

Generally you can tell the man who is worrying over how he can pay the family milk bill by the way he buys champagne down town to show he has plenty of money.

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A REIGN OF ANARCHY.

(Continued from page 1.)

Editor's own explanation of the shrinkage of his paper to less than one fourth its normal size is embodied in a line beneath the title:

PRINTED IN THE BOYCOTTING CAMP OF BRITISH COLUMBIA."

The original or initiatory publication was on the 9th of February last, when, after narrating the fact of inquiries having been frequently made for information as to how subscribed moneys had been applied in connection with the hospital work, and of point blank refusal on the part of the hospital authorities to give out any portion of the contents of their reports for publication, the Mirror presented extracts to the extent of two columns from the statements forwarded from Victoria.

"The figures as supplied make very interesting, if mysterious, reading," the Mirror said at that time, "and go to explain the natural reticence of the board to submit them for public perusal. For the half year ended December, 1902, the government contributed $889.55 towards the hospital; contract patients are credited with $1,770.95; and pay patients $25.10—$2,685.60 in all. Disbursements figure up $2,320, showing a profit of $350.60 on the half year's operations, and including a balance charged to disbursements from November of $135.99 for which there is no clue in the November returns. The salaries for these months are $200 per month, and rent $18.50 per month except for December, when an additional $150 is tacked on under the salary heading. It is reported that 140 patients were treated during this period, but there is nothing to show how many of these were outdoor patients or how many merely received medical advice. One can only make a blind stab at this by looking at the figures set opposite maintenance, which range from $117.61 to $59.34 per month. . . . . According to the returns sent to the government there were as many as fourteen patients in the hospital during one of these months. In the December return for 1902 there is a government grant of $639.55, and again in January, 1903, a sum of $650.55 is credited to the same source; in April, $659.55; in July, $655.50; and in October, $650.55 — total government grant for ten months, $2,516.15. The salaries up to September are set down at $250 per month, but in October they run up to $294.50, and the following month to $348.70. The rent and water rates of the old hospital ($18.50 per month) appear to have been regularly paid up to October, for which month there is no entry under this heading, but in November there is $89 charged to rent. This appears to have been a rather heavy month, for in addition to the big salary charge and the heavy rental, $148.73 is charged for maintenance—exclusive of drugs and equipment, fuel and lighting—and $358.62 for 'new buildings.' 'New buildings' in December cost $220.37, and maintenance $160.48; fuel and light, $46.50; drugs and equipment, $39.87. The amount received from contract patients (that is miners and others whose $1.00 per month is deducted for medical fees) varies from $508.20 to $174 per month—a big margin for this district. The receipts for the year, including the government grants before alluded to, total $6,379.00, and the disbursements, allowing for all the extraordinary charges made, total $5,911.46, leaving a profit of $467.84. Almost every entertainment got up in Ymir during the term covered by these figures was in aid of the hospital, yet the only credit given is $10 attributed to 'other sources.' Every month's return as supplied by the government sets out the number of patients remaining in hospital. According to these there were 11 patients in hospital in January; four in February, eight in March, 10 in April, six in May, six in June, nine in July, eight in August, 13 in September, 12 in October, 11 in November, and 11 in December. Now, everybody knows that there was never this number in the hospital. The figures on the main must allude to outside patients under medical treatment, yet the maintenance of three nurses and a couple of indoor patients last December is said to have cost $160.48. The accounts will stand investigating. We have shown the official figures to several parties interested in the hospital and the general verdict is 'mysterious.'"

One week later the Mirror returned to the crusade and the present serious condition of affairs began apparently to take choate form. In that issue, on the 13th February, a letter was published over the signature of "Hospital Subscriber," in which particular reference was made to the charge for new buildings during November and December, of $79.99, appearing in the quoted official report of the hospital board, and the comment is offered: "The only new building in connection with the hospital erected about this time was a woodshed." Editorially on that date the Mirror commented upon the persistent refusal of the local authorities to give out the hospital figures and asked the reason of this unusual reticence if all was straight and as it should be. It also announced with considerable heat, perhaps not wholly unnatural, that it had been called upon and informed that if any further reference were made to hospital finances the managers of the union would declare an official boycott against the Mirror and its editor.

"Just what we expected and have been preparing for," is the comment upon this. "Let it come, and a few of these fellows will find themselves in jail—where they should have been long ago. The experiment has been tried by the 'packer' president of the union, and it did not work. We were advised to take out a warrant for his arrest, but his friends interceded and action has been deferred pending developments. . . . In the interest of the public we gave publicity to figures showing how the receipts of the Ymir General Hospital are handled, and for this heinous offence the merchants of the town are to be ORDERED to withdraw their patronage from the Mirror under the usual dire penalties. . . . . Except some explanation can be given of the figures published, the public have a right to demand an investigation. There will be no confidence placed in the management of the hospital until the government in this instance as in all others, appoint a couple of independent men to act on the directorate of the institution, to which they contribute liberally."

The union leaders apparently were as good as their word, for in the next issue of the paper, on February 27th, it is shown that the boycott had been initiated. Commenting thereupon the Mirror said: "Encouraged by the apparent success attending their efforts, the instigators of the boycott against the editor of this paper are now agitating another 'reform.' They propose that no mine manager, mine superintendent, foreman, shift boss or other mine official shall be appointed by a company before their names shall have been submitted to the miners' union, and that no such appointment be made unless with full approval of such body. Should these conditions not be promptly complied with the union edict will be 'Strike,' 'Boycott.' Is it any wonder that capital is giving and has given Ymir a wide berth? The mineral wealth of this district is undoubted. Why, then, is it allowed to lie almost dormant? The answer is that there is ever present a sense of danger at the hands of the dreaded agitator—resident or imported. The few merchants there are in town live in fear and trembling of these demagogues, and as these gentry are also the business 'push' for the saloons (nine of which mysteriously flourish in a town of 250 inhabitants) the position can be understood by the fortunate outsider."

Elsewhere in the same paper was dealt with a case in which three allegedly prominent members of the miners' union were charged with breaking into the house of one Frances Leslie, in the "red light" district, and stealing some $30 worth of property. It was plainly charged in this connection that Constable Forrester had forborne to act upon definite information against the union men, and when the victim of the robbery herself found her property in their cabin and insisted upon bringing the case into court, it was promptly dismissed, "although $50 had been offered the night before to settle it out of court—the usual rule when crimes are committed in Ymir."

Editorially on the 27th February the Mirror dealt with the situation thus: "The boycott instituted against this paper is the outcome of a mean conspiracy, and so clumsily promulgated that the victims of the instigators have had their heads forced into the halter by being made parties to a criminal plot. A clear proof of conspiracy is that all the advertisements were withdrawn at the same time. The reason assigned is

FEAR OF THE BOYCOTT COMMITTEE. So terrible is this fear that some of our former patrons have offered to pay for their advertising space as usual provided their businesses are not advertised. And this condition of terror exists in Ymir—in British Columbia. Why was this boycott instituted? Simply because we tried to do our honest duty. . . . Under the circumstances and as we were being pressed for the information, we applied to the government at Victoria and secured a copy of the returns the hospital board are required to make every month so as to entitle them to the government grant. These figures we published—an extraordinary, puzzling compilation. Instead of trying to explain matters, what was the answer of the board of directors and the miners' union to the challenge? Simply—'Boycott him.' . . Why all this if the accounts be correct? Would not the honest, manly way be to court investigation, not shirk it? Are boycott and conspiracy the weapons of honest men?"

The self-same day the paper printed a conspicuous tombstone device, "erected to the memory of the departed spirit of Ymir business men by the Boycott Committee, February, A.D. 1904—R. I. P." —with sundry inelegant addenda and the advertisements turned upside down of those patrons who had yielded to the union command under threat of a withdrawal of custom.

On March 19th the Mirror reviewed the situation up to date, charging that public subscriptions to the hospital in 1903, amounting to $897.65, and acknowledged in detail through the press at this amount, had been reduced in the reports to $382, and that the management regarded this as too trivial a matter to call for explanation. It was further pointed out that the Mirror had originally won the enmity of the union because it had dared to oppose the union candidate for the legislature, Al. Parr, and vengeanse had been sworn upon the paper in this connection. In respect to the hospital, the Mirror inquired how the four cots in the hospital could accommodate the 13 patients allegedly under care, and how two months' rent at $18.50 could total $89, as it appeared in the reports?

"The reign of terror prevailing in this camp cannot be well understood by the ousider," the Mirror said at this juncture. "There can be no doubt but that in this immediate district there are some of the richest mineral properties in the province. It takes capital to work them, however, and capital gives Ymir a wide berth. Why? Simply because there is the ever-present danger of labor troubles. It breaks out every now and then in the form of a strike; a boycott, or other mischief. At the present moment there is mischief brewing which will make the coming season a decidedly 'hot' one in this camp unless the mischief-makers be cowed before their plan matures."

The next exhibit bears date of March 26th, by which time the Mirror had shrunken to a one-page paper containing but four local "ads." It consists chiefly of a report of the killing of Alec McDermid by Murdoch Campbell, with the allegation that Police Officer Forrester had—suggestively at the inspiration of the union clique—grossly neglected his duty in the premises, making no move to apprehend the homocide until Campbell, by advice, surrendered himself into custody. A ghastly picture is drawn of the vagrant camp dogs feasting upon the blood of the victim of the affray, and editorially the town paper observed:

"The camp is fast becoming one of the most lawless in the wild and woolly west, and will continue to enjoy this most unenviable reputation until it is properly policed. Ymir has the distinction of being the first and only town in British Columbia in which boycotting is openly and systematically enforced by the ruling despots. It is hence a congenial atmosphere for the frothy agitator and mischief-maker. The camp always had a bad reputation but this is growing worse as recent events demonstrate. ANY CRIME COMMITTED THAT DOES NOT CALL FOR THE SERVICES OF THE UNDERTAKER CAN BE SETTLED OUT OF COURT FOR A MONETARY CONSIDERATION, AND WITH THE FULL KNOWLEDGE AND ACQUIESCENCE OF THE LOCAL POLICEMAN."

Elsewhere in the self-same issue it is flatly charged on the information of one E. W. Widdowson that Officer Forrester had improperly imprisoned him, had searched him, removing his money and other property, locking him up in a cell as drunk and disorderly, which charge he succeeded in disproving before Justice P. J. Elerazer, who discharged him. The constable, it is alleged, took $8.10 from Widdowson's pockets, and upon his release returned but $3.10, denying that there had been more. Upon threats of complaint to Victoria in the premises, the officer produced the remaining five dollars.

"Forrester was drunk when he locked me up, and he was badly under the influence of liquor when he came in and took my cot away." Widdowson is quoted as saying. "I have reported him and can prove all I say."

The arrival of the government auditor, Mr. Goepel, to expert the hospital accounts, was noted in the Mirror of the 2nd instant, coincidentally with the fact that Acting Chief Constable Young had arrived from Nelson to investigate charges preferred against Officer Forrester, who, it was remarked, "is accused of almost everything except efficiency or sobriety."

Commenting upon the situation at that date—the Mirror had become an almost microscopic one-page sheet—the editor said: "When the hospital returns arrived at this office, we were visited by a deputed agent of the union and cautioned, or threatened, that if we made use of the information there was trouble in store for us. But there was a public duty to be done and we resolved not to shirk it, happen what might. It is a horrible revelation to make, but some of the very men who were most persistent in demanding the information we published were among the first to be intimidated to join in the boycott against us—creatures who are now cringing after the union bosses and paying homage to their sway. We shall publish their names later on. But the figures did appear in the Mirror, and then came the threatened decree—Boycott Smith and his family and drive them out of the camp! How it has worked the world knows. . . . The one-page paper we are now publishing is convincing evidence of that boycott decree. . . . . What appears to be an inexcusable delay occurred in sending a goverument auditor to look over the challenged accounts. But at last that official has come. And what does he find? That for years past the union bosses have been robbing the government by issuing false reports. Let us illustrate how the graft has been worked: A sawmill hand comes up from Salmo minus a finger joint of which he has been accidentally deprived by the machinery. The doctor here dresses the wound and the man returns to his home with instructions as to how he shall treat what remains of the finger. During the couple of months he is living in Salmo before he can go to work again, this man is put down as being a patient IN the Ymir hospital, and the per capita grant which the government allows is collected as if he were an indoor patient of the hospital. This is a typical case. Then the general impression was that the miners' union was maintaining the union hospital, whereas such is not the fact. It was set forth that the union had contributed $2,164.50 towards the building of the present hospital; the bosses now claim that this was only a loan. The big profits made on running the institution—despite lavish extravagance and gross mismanagement—are said to go towards paying off this loan (?) and other very shaky debts. But there will be a sworn investigation held and then the guilty ones will be brought to justice. The sooner it is held the better. . . . There is great anxiety twice a day in Ymir—when the trains arrive. Every train is expected to bring some government official to investigate the criminality of the camp. A few more of these gentlemen are daily looked for."

The issue of the Mirror of last Saturday week is in the nature of a progress report, neither the auditor's nor the police chief's report of their several missions of inquiry being as yet available. Editorially the paper then said:

"A community is correctly judged by its newspaper. The boycotted sheet we are now sending out is truly representative of Ymir. It shows that the business men of the town are too timid to advertise when the union bosses tell them not to, and wholesale houses no longer compete for Ymir trade as a consequence: in fact they are just now pressing for overdue payments. Those holding mortgages are demanding payments on the principal, no longer safe in merely accepting interest and giving extensions. Some half dozen families—all who can get out—are at present packing up preparatory to bidding Ymir adieu. The mines of which so much was expected this year are closing down, pending a more settled condition of things, and all is misery and gloom in the camp.

The case as made out by the Mirror would seem to make its editor a courageous public benefactor and a journalistic hero, despite the crass vulgarity of expression that not infrequently disgraces the columns of his sheet. If he is right, no petty considerations of what course the Ymir labor vote might take, should influence the course of the Attorney-General of British Columbia or cause him to further neglect to do his obvious duty—punish the guilty ones whomsoever they may be, and forthwith restore respect for law and order in the Ymir camp. If C. Dell Smith be speaking falsely through the Mirror it is almost inconceivable that he has not long since been criminally proceeded against for the most slanderous libels upon his town, its hospital and police officials, and the union and its officers. Organized labor, the department of justice, and society generally have a right to demand of the Attorney-General immediate action in the premises—make plain the facts, punish the guilty, and give the Ymir camp once more the right to share the generally excellent reputation of British Columbia's mining communities.

Since the above was written, inquiry at the interested public departments here has elicited the information that no report has yet reached the Attorney-General's hands from Acting Chief Constable Young, of the result of his investigation of Constable Forrester's conduct. Mr. Goepel's report of his examination of the accounts of the Ymir General Hospital has been made to the Provincial Secretary, but in the absence of the Minister himself from the city, no inkling of its contents could be obtained.

Since the story told above was put in type, too, word has come from Ymir that the editor of the Mirror has been practically starved out of the fight. To quote his own words in a letter to a friend:

"I believe this is the first case of open and avowed boycotting in British Columbia. . . The arrangement was to starve me out, and the devils are succeeding to their hearts' content. The union here as a body is not bad, but unfortunately its affairs are run by a little band of fellows (not miners) who appear to be living on union princiPAL and making a good thing out of it. I exposed this state of things and hence the boycott. It is a complete success, and although the case has been represented to the Crown, no practical action has been taken. I am forced to clear out of Ymir."

A RECORD INCOME.

The income of the British Columbia Permanent Loan and Savings Company for the month of March amounted to $118,359.34, which is the largest single month's income in the history of the company. The income for the month of March, 1904, was more than double the income of the month previous; the quarter ending March 31st, 1904, was over one hundred and twenty thousand dollars in advance of that of the quarter ending March, 1903.

Captain D. Paul Hughes, of Pittsburg, well known in the Revelstoke camp through his connection with the mines of Smith Creek owned by the Duquesne Mining Co., has committed suicide. No reason is assigned.

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Fraternal Order of Eagles.
Victoria Aerie No. 12 F. O. E. meets every Wednesday evening in Eagle Hall, Adelphi Block, at 8:30 p. m. Sojourning brothers made welcome. Joseph Wachter, W. President; Frank LeRoy, W. Secretary.

Court Northern Light, No. 5935. A. O. F.
Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday in each month in K. of P. Hall, Douglas St. Visiting members cordially invited to all meetings.
J. P. Hancock, Chief Ranger; W. F. Fullerton, Secretary.

Knights of Pythias.
Far West Lodge No. 1 meets at their Hall, cor. Douglas and Pandora Streets, every Friday at 8 p.m. Sojourning brothers are always welcome
J.H. Penketh, C.C.; Harry Weber, K. of R.&S. Box 544.

Juvenile Ancient Order of Foresters
Court No. 1 meets first Tuesday in each month at K. of P. Hall. Adult Foresters are aiways welcome. S. L. Redgrave, President; J. H. Mansell, Secretary.

Court Vancouver, No. 5755, A. O. F.,
Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays K. of P. Hall, cor Pandora and Douglas Sts. Visiting Brothers are cordially invited.
Sidney Wilson, Secretary.

The Realm of Sports

Extensive Improvements at Caledonia Park—Tennis Association—Baseball Opens Next Saturday.

A conference of no little interest and importance to lovers and exponents of tennis in the Pacific Northwest is in progress at Tacoma as this issue of "Progress" goes to press, the object of the gathering being the formation of an authoritative association having jurisdiction over the game of tennis in British Columbia and the adjacent states, in the same manner that the Pacific Northwest Golf Association and the North Pacific Association of Amateur Oarsmen govern and direct these special sports and allot the championships therein after tournaments in the several affiliated cities in successive years. It is, of course, proposed that a similar procedure be now adopted with respect to the tennis championship, which under present conditions is something that is only determinable by mathematical calculation, Mr. R. B. Powell, of this city, being British Columbia champion, while Mr. L. R. Freeman, of California, holds Pacific Northwest, State of Washington and British Columbia Mainland honors. Victoria's representative at the Tacoma conference is Mr. Powell, Mr. F. W. Crickmay attending for the Vancouver tennis players, Mr. W. O. Ruddy for the M. A. A. A., Portland; Mr. S. R. Russell for Seattle, and Mr. A. Remington being Tacoma's delegate.

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A magnificent gold and silver challenge cup, standing nearly three feet high and valued at $800, is to be offered for competition as a perpetual challenge trophy amongst the amateur oarsmen of British Columbia. This was the announcement made to the Province by Mr. A. E. Tulk, who will act as the local representative of an English manufacturing firm donating the cup. Mr. Tulk states that he expects to receive the trophy from London in about a fortnight. The exact conditions governing the competition are also expectetd to arrive with the cup. It is said to be the most valuable trophy ever offered in Canada for amateur sports. There are several challenge cups in eastern provinces valued at $500, and one is worth $600, but this rowing trophy is expected to eclipse all these, both in value and beauty of design.

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The difficulty experienced by the management committee of the Victoria West Athletic Association in securing grounds for practice purposes has at last been overcome. A portion of the Indian reserve has been rented which will be large enough for both baseball and lacrosse grounds. It is in almost perfect repair and will involve but little expense to make ready for the opening matches of the season.

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Hon. J. H. Turner writes that a team of English footballers (strictly amateur) will shortly visit Canada and may be induced to come through to the Coast. The Agent-General also hopes to see a British Columbia lacrosse team visit England, where a royal reception would be accorded them. Let Victoria but win the provincial championship and the wish may be realized.

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The cricket club is preparing for a busy season, many members turning out to practice and the indications being that the eleven this year will be an exceptionally strong one. The pavilion has been moved from Beacon Hill to the new grounds at the Jubilee Hospital, and the new field is looking well.

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Complaints are again to hand of pothunters without the fear of the game law before their eyes, bringing in large bags of grouse during the past week or two. At least two city restaurants are under observation in connection with the sale of game out of season.

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Fishing has been very poor this week, decent catches having been made at very few of the favorite resorts. The rivers are high and the cold weather seems to have seriously affected the lakes. There will probably be a vast improvement next week.

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The final match for the Provincial Association football championship is being contested at Nanaimo to-day between the Garrison boys and the Coal City men. Luck be with the Garrison!

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The Victoria Cricket Club announces a smoker for the 28th May, at which date both the Seattle and the Tacoma cricketers will be here for games with the club and the navy.

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The tennis club in connection with the Y. M. C. A. has taken Mrs. Wolfenden's lawn on Menzies street for the season.

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Chemainus wants games with some amateur ball teams of Victoria.

Dynamiting the trout still continues along the Elk river, one party of foreigners being credited with a "string" of eighty thus secured last Sunday. There is a popular impression that the province has a constable or two stationed in the neighborhood of Fernie. Might it not be well for these officers to give the dynamitards attention instead of waiting overlong for poetic justice to get in its work?

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The fishing is reported excellent at Cushion Lake, Salt Spring Island. It is a little out of the path of fishermen, but repays a trip to it with good bags. Mr. Richard Hall, M.L.A., Frank Adams and W. Walker made some fine catches there a few days ago.

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The Nanaimo Athletic Club will have a wrestling tournament as a feature of the 24th of May attractions at the Coal City. The Hurst Challenge Cup and gold medals are to reward the victors.

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An excellent card of horse races is being arranged for in connection with the fall fair, an energetic committee having the booming of the meeting in hand.

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Nelson has invited either New Westminster or Vancouver to visit the Interior city and play on the 24th proximo. Both are too busy getting ready to play off the championship rubber, and so send regrets.

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The crack University of Washington four will, it is promised, be here to row against the "Big Four" at the Empire Day regatta.

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The final monthly medal competition of the Victoria Gold Club for the season is being disposed of to-day.

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Victoria's ball team is to play a practice game with the Fernwoods at Oak Bay to-morrow morning at 10.

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Schock will probably pitch for Everett next Saturday.

In Music's Realm.

The principal performance during the week given by local talent was the recital by Miss Underhill in the Calvary Baptist church on Tuesday night. Miss Underhill was assisted by Mrs. William Gregson, Mr. J. G. Brown and Mr. G. F. Watson. The first named sang "Ah, 'Tis a Dream," and "The Flight of Ages," both numbers being beautifully rendered and deservedly encored. Mr. Brown and Mr. Watson were also recalled and their singing greatly pleased the audience. The accompaniments were played by Mrs. Lewis Hall, who is gaining a high reputation in this regard. Miss Underhill is a reader of talent and exceedingly popular with her audiences. She has a pretty trick of evoking laughter, but the deeper emotions are easily within her reach. The church decorations were in the hands of Miss Bishop, who with Miss Galbraith, Miss Strachan and Miss Freeman took up the collection, there having been no charge for admission to an entertainment that would have been well worth a good admission price.

The pretty operetta, "Dream of the Flowers," got up by the Ladies' Aid of the Reformed Episcopal church, and the parasol drill will be repeated on the evening of May 4th at the church school room.

The Victoria Amateur Orchestral Society will repeat their excellent concert in the Institute hall on the evening of May 5th. Mr. Watkis, who has done so much for the society and also for music generally in Victoria, is to be the beneficiary, and this fact, combined with the admirable character of the concert, ought to secure a crowded house.

The most notable event in musical circles for a long time was the performance in the Vatican of Perosis' new oratorio, "The Last Judgment," the exceptional feature of the performance being that ladies assisted in the rendition of the music, which is the first occasion for at least four centuries when female voices have been heard in song in the Vatican. The Pope was present and the audience was made up of the highest ecclesiastical dignitaries. The music was magnificiently rendered and the Pope gave the signal for applause. His Holiness is exceedingly fond of music and great things are expected from his patronage, especially in the development of sacred song.

The Victoria Ladies' Choral Society in its initial concert, given in the Institute hall on Monday of last week, gave a very delightful performance, reflecting great credit upon the members of the society and upon Mr. Watkis, the talented leader.

Progress has made arrangements for the proper treatment of all musical events in this city, and will be glad to be notified of any that are being arranged.

Victoria and Vicinity.

News of the Town Told Briefly For Busy Readers.

The promoters of the Cowichan, Alberni and Fort Rupert Railway have met with a temporary set-back, but have not abandoned their enterprise.

During the last twelve months upwards of 26,000 express and mail packages passed through the customs house inwards to Victoria, or rather more than one for every man, woman and child in the city. The value of the parcels was considerably above $100,000, and the duty collected was upwards of $24,000.

George Werner, of Fletcher Bros., has composed a very pretty two-step which he has called "Nokomis." Mr. Werner has already given the public samples of his work in the "Sweet Lavender" waltzes, and "Our Evening Paper" march. The new two-step, which is likely to please the popular ear, is on sale at Fletcher Bros.

The experts interested in the deep diving tests made at the scene of the Adalena's submersion in Tacoma harbor with the Smith diving machine, are convinced that it will be quite feasible not only to raise the Adelena, but also the Islander. An inspection of the Adelena made with the Smith contrivance shows her to be covered with but half an inch or so of silt.

Ald. Fell is to be congratulated upon the resolution standing in his name and which will be brought before the council Monday, looking to the removal of the reproach upon the city constituted by the gross neglect of the resting place of so many pioneers in the abandoned Quadra street cemetery. It is proposed to invite tenders for the repair of the fences, removal of large trees, and general renovation of the acre of the dead.

The Victoria Liberal Association has an energetic, a popular, and a clear-headed president in Mr. Joshua Kingham, his associates in the direction of the association's affairs being first vice-president, Capt. J. G. Cox; second vice-president, William Humphrey; secretary, A. B. Fraser, jr.; treasurer, John Piercy; executive, Messrs. W. E. Ditchburn, R. H. Swinerton, L. H. Hardie, F. B. Gregory, James Paterson, Alexis Martin, C. H. Lugrin, John Taylor, Dr. T. J. Jones, Dr. G. L. Milne, W. K. Houston, Geo. Glover and Thos. Walker; Wm. Laird, A. E. Greenwood, auditors. As before, Hon. Senator Templeman is honorary president.

The attitude of the council of the Board of Trade in regard to railway construction on the Island appears to be this: They wish to see it begun at once; they believe it to be the duty of the government to give reasonable aid to such a project; they are not very particular as to who may build the railway, so that it is built soon; but they feel that the detail of the subsidy is a matter that ought to be left in the hands of the government, who can be held responsible by the people if they give too much or fail to take such steps as will secure the work being done on reasonable terms. In other words, the board may properly pronounce in favor of the project, but the government must take the responsibility for the making or the failure to make a contract.

An alderman "rose to a question of privilege" the other day and complained of something that was in the papers. It is a good thing to call things by the right name. Aldermen have no "privilege." Only members of the legislature have it, and the "privilege" consists, not in the right to complain when they are misrepresented, but in the right to object if they are reported at all. The "privilege" is the right to transact business without what each person says being made public. That is why, when a member "sees strangers in the gallery" the House must be cleared at once. The Speaker has no discretion in the premises. There are other things which are embraced in the privilege of parliament, but just now we are only talking about reports of proceedings.

Not many months ago, in the opinion of one of Victoria's daily newspapers, the nearest approach to a heaven-sent financier, which British Columbia had seen in several dog's ages, was one J. D. Prentice. A little further back in antiquity the same paper wielded a large and vigorous club against the Semlin administration. But times change. Mr. Prentice is now, in the opinion of that same paper, a discredited financier, and the days of Semlin & Co. were a foretaste of the millennium. Verily it must bother our contemporary's readers to keep up with its political curves. The whirligig of time brings about many queer things, but to have Mr. Semlin's ex-finance minister defending in Mr. Dunsmuir's paper the government which Mr. Dunsmuir helped to overthrow, and decrying Mr. Dunsmuir's finance minister is about as odd a performance as any that is on record.

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