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THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL.

We publish the full text of a resolution proposed by Mr. Orr for the appointment of a committee to consider the question of the future capital of British Columbia. This resolution seems to have been received with some merriment by the press and some of the statesmen of Victoria, but it is one, nevertheless, which deserves the most serious consideration, and which may be pressed upon the attention of the people of this province sooner than some persons expect. The present government buildings will have to be replaced before many years pass, and the expense of the erection of new ones would be considerable. No one knows how soon a demand may be made for new buildings, and if there is going to be any change in the location of the capital, that change should be determined before any additional outlay of this kind has been incurred. It is evident to any disinterested observer that the present location of the capital buildings is very far from being central either with respect to territory or population. Geographically it could be scarcely further from the centre. Population is sure to increase much more rapidly on the mainland than on the island, and the inconvenience of the present arrangement will become more and more evident. Hitherto Victoria has been the commercial metropolis of the province, a position she cannot expect to maintain when operations have begun on the Canadian Pacific Railway. Thec ommercial center will then be on the mainland, whence all goods will be distributed. In view of these facts, the resolution of Mr. Orr ought to receive more than passing notice, both in the House and in the country. It has always seemed to us a mistake for mainland constituencies to elect non-residents as their representatives. So long as this practice continues, the interests of these constituencies may be expected to suffer whenever they seem to come into competition with the local interests of the representatives. In view of the very serious questions which are sure to come forward for settlement in the near future, every constituency on the mainland ought to resolve that it will not sustain any candidate at the coming election who resides on Vancouver Island, or whose personal interests are not fully identical with its own. Of course this rule cannot be applied to members of the cabinet, who must necessarily reside at the seat of Government, but whose interests are nevertheless in the constituencies they represent. It is not too soon now to be discussing this question and considering whether the present circumstances and future possibilites are not sufficiently grave to call for intelligent, united and vigorous action.—*British Columbian.*

We heartily endorse the sentiments of the *Columbian* both as to the capital and as to representatives, and go further than our contemporary, we believe that every constituency on the Island should be particularly careful not to elect a Victorian, or indeed any one not actually resident in and identified with the locality represented.

The Western editor who put the head "Natural Gas" over the proceedings of a woman's rights convention, was conveniently "out of town" when a committee of ladies wearing spectacles and a revengeful expression called to interview him.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD'S ILLNESS.

OTTAWA, April 7.—Sir John A. Macdonald, whose condition appeared to be improved a few days ago, has taken a turn for the worse, and grave fears are entertained as to his ultimate recovery. It is stated on good authority that should his condition preclude the possibility of his attending parliament this season Sir Chas. Tupper, at present Canadian high commissioner in England, will be sent for to lead the conservative party.

THE END NOT YET.

DENVER, Aqril 6.—The Union Pacific began selling first-class limited tickets to San Francisco this evening for $30, with $5 rebate. This is a reduction of $5, whidh will be met this morning by the Denver & Rio Grande and Santa Fe roads. The railroad officials here think the prospects of a speedy termination to the Transcontinental war are by no means bright.

LANDED.

A private telegram received here states that the Chinese passengers of the steamer Sardonyx were landed at Mazatlan without any trouble after the vessel had laid off shore for a few days for the excitement to quiet down. The Sardonyx is returning to San Francisco, and will be due there about the end of next week, She will bring from there freight and passengers for this port.-Colonist.

DEATH OF W. E. FORSTER.

The Right Hon. Wm. E. Forster, who was chief secretary for Ireland under the previous Gladstone ministry, is dead. He has been ill for some time. Foster was 68 years of age.

Dominion Doings.

HALIFAX, April 8.—Three brothers named Boylin so seriously assaulted Isae Torse, a prominent resident of New Ross, Lunenburgh, that his life is despaired of. Before committing the assault they demolished the New Ross post office and a large quantity of goods in the place.

TORONTO, April 7.—There were three incendiary fires in St. John's ward last night, all being stables not far from each other. Fortunately the damage was slight in each case. Within the past ten days there have been seven or eight incendiary fires iu this ward and the police have so far failed to capture the scoundrels.

OTTAWA, April 9.—In the Commons Mr. White said that volunteer service during the late rebellion, would count for one year's residence under the homestead law, but the patent would not issue till three years after entering.

Mr. Thompson in replying to Mr. Burpee, said that Mr. Travis was still performing his magisterial duties. Formal complaints had been made against him, and a commission was now investigating the matter.

The expenditure on account of the reebllion up to the 15th of March was $4,129,237.

It is now understood that a general election will take place in the latter part of September.

Sir John was not so well to-day.

LONDON, April 9.—The wife of Nathan Griffith, in the township of Westminster, while suffering from a religious mania, arose from her bed, procured her husband's razor, and drew it across his throat twice, Griffith awoke and prevented further mutilation. He is very low from the loss of blood, but may recover. The wife says she wants to kill her husband so that she can go preaching.

D. W. Gordon, M. P., has been asking some pertinent questions at Ottawa and has elicited a good deal of information on one or two topics, notably on the question of the patents for lands that have been so long expected.

It appears that the Provincial Government have for some reason not explained, persistently retarded the granting of the patents. What is meant by the incorrect description of the lands is that they are described as Dominion lands, which they are not, but the Provincial Government is so heartily ashamed of the Settlement Act that it endeavors in that way to throw the odium on the Dominion Government. For the sake of making a miserable point, which they never will make, the executive council at Victoria withhold the crown grants from the struggling settlers.

George Frederick Watts the renowned English artist, has presented Canada with his celebrated picture, "Time, Death, and Judgment," which was on exhibition last year in New York.

THE CLAPP-GRIFFITHS STEEL PROCESS.

The metallurgy of iron has for several decades past attracted the closest attention of the chemists of both Europe and America. It has become, beyond question, the chief industry of the century, and therefore worthy of their best study. Each of the numerous departments of iron working has claimed its special investigators. In the reduction of the ores to the crude pig metal, the improvmeents have been marvelous. The clumsy stone furnaces of twenty and thirty years ago, with their weekly product of forty to a hundred tons, have given place to the graceful shafts of iron and firebrick, which now produce as much as three hundred and twenty-five tons of pig metal in twenty four hours. In the subsequent transformations which the crude metal undergoes, the changes have been no less remarkable. The introduction of the Bessemer process in this country, and the revolution effected by the cheap steel thus made possible, are within the memory of many of our readers.

This metallurgical activity has brought the introduction of so many improvements and modifications that, perfect as the art of the iron worker has now become, new changes must be expected at every turn. It is our present purpose to illustrate one of these improvements—the process of Messrs, Clapp & Griffiths—as it has now passed from the experimental to the practical stage, and its rapid introduction among American iron works indicates that it is destined to become an important factor in the metallurgy of coming years.

But it will, perhaps, be advisable to first point out the condition of the industry at the time of the introduction of this new process, and glance at the field which it is probably to occupy.

At present a strong tendency exists to substitute steel for wrought iron wherever possible. The change is not the result of any demand on the part of consumers, nor in many cases is it due to any superiority of steel over iron. The cause is even more potent. It is simply because it is easier and cheaper to make steel than iron, and this being the case, the substitution must inevitably follow. Yet this tendenoy has certain limitations. Crucible and open-hearth steel are still too expensive to be used for aught save the better grade of goods, while the Bessemer product is restricted by the the quality of the crude materials it requires and the heavy expense of erecting and operating such a plant. For years the puddling furnace has been used to produce iron, but it has done so at a heavy cost and with a labour the severity of which in time becomes fatal.

The well known Bessemer engineer, Captain W. R. Hunt, has made a careful study of the steel, and his results have attracted wide attention from their unexpected character. The product is a very soft steel, containing only from 0·07 to 0·1 carbon, and the amount of silicon is usually so small as to be undeterminable. The best product is of course made from Bessemer pig, but astonishing results have also been abtained from steel made of cheap, phosphoric pig. Steel containing as much as 0·85 phosphorus gave a tensible strength of over 70,000 pounds, while another carrying 0·55 of this element gave a tensible strength of 79,780 pounds, an elongation of 23·5 per cent, and a reduction of area of 35·5. These qualities appear the more remarkable to us, because phosphorus has always been regarded as the one element above all others to be shunned by the iron master. In this process, however, is is rendered comparatively harmless by the almost total elimination of the silicon, and the low carbon. By careful manipulation, the Bessemer process can produce a steel very low in silicon-but there seems to be little dependence upon the certainty of such a result; but in the Clapp- Griffiths process, in spite of the variations in the composition of the pig iron, the silicon is always eliminated.

The low cost of erecting a Clapp-Griffiths plant is an essential part of the success of the process. It varies, of course, with the locality. Under ordinary circumstances, a two 3-ton converter plant can be put in running order, with all necessary accessories, for from forty-five to sixty thousand dollars. Compared with the hundreds of thousands necessary for the erection of a Bessemer plant, this is a very small sum, and will bring the process within reach of smaller iron works throughout the country. At the present time seven Clapp-Griffiths plants, in addition to the one at Pittsburgh, are either in course of construction or have recently been completed. The one at Pottsville, has been planned to allow an output of 250 to 300 tons a day. The converters are similar in size and style to those in use at Pittsburg, but the more ample facilities for handling the product will permit a much larger output. At the Oliver Mill, the converters are blown alternately, and are out of blast Saturday afternoon and Sunday. The entire cost from pig iron to ingot steel is here $5 a ton. It was calculated that the cost would be $6 at mills and $4 at blast furnaces where the pig metal could be run directly from the furnace into the converter, and the men formerly employed at the pig bed transferred to the steel department. This, it is thought, will in time largely change the product of our blast furnace plants from pig to steel ingots, dispensing entirely with the puddling process and substituting a soft steel for wrought iron.—*Scientific American.*

THE WORLD IN BRIEF.

W. S. Ladd, of Portland will give $50,000 to endow a Presbyterian seminary.

There are in twenty-two States of the Union 308,478 more women than men. Dakota has 28,415 more men than women.

Gladstone has twice refused to dine with the Queen, but he persists in his scheme of Home Rule for Ireland, and is said to have the approcation of Parnell.

A girl named Hoyt, 12 years of age, fell from a bridge in Portland Tuesday, a distance of sixty feet to the ground, and strange to say was not injured beyond a few slight bruises.

Roman Catholic priests are joining their Episcopalian contemporaries in denouncing some of the prevailing fashions in women's apparel, especially at places of public amusement. The Freeman's Journal of New York declares that Juvenal's description of the dress of Roman matrons in the worst days of pagan Rome would almost describe the immodesty of Christian women of to-day at the Opera House in New York.

The riots in Belgium may be traced to the congestion of population in that small kingdom, and the extreme severity of the toil entailed whenever five people try to live on the products of an area that God intended only to feed and support one—Belgium is an exceedingly cheap country to live in, but that cheapness is attained partly through the inhuman employment of children and women in the mines and about the furnaces, the long hours of labour, the stern enactments against the unemployed.

The scenes described in our dispatches recall what we have read of the French Revolution. No doubt much cruelty and inhumanity will be perpetrated, but it is perhaps unjust to call the leaders of the mob cutthroats and to take it for granted that the mob is wrong, and has no evils to redress. We may well reprehend the methods of the rioters, but until we have had an opportunity of judging how the English or Americans would conduct themselves under similar provocation it were wise to withold condemnation.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

TENDERS.

Tenders addressed—"Secretary Nanaimo Water Works Company (limited), Tender for printing" will be received until Wednesday, April 14th, 1886, for printing the company's prospectus. Manuscript may be seen at the company's office, or at W. C. Halleck's. from whom further information may be obtained.

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We were under the impression that the bonus offered by the government for smelting works was intended for iron smelting works. It seems the bonus was voted for what are known as "reduction works"—for extracting gold and silver from the *matrices* in which they exist. But if the vote is an index of the prevailing sentiment of the House iron or steel works would probably receive similar assistance if applied for.

The very courteous treatment accorded this paper, since its foundation, by the *British Columbian* of New Westminster, is deserving of recognition, but we beg to assure our contemporary that the only trouble we are in has arisen from the misappropriation of our earnings and exhaustion of stock by the late leasee. We will be temporarily embarrassed by it, but it can scarcely be called trouble, nor will the late leasee bring any action of any kind whatever against the owner. Where the law courts are likely to intervene that person is remarkably discreet.

Hypocracy seems to be the god that the people bow down to. So long as a man will profess good principles and violate them every hour of his life he fulfills the conditions that make him successful, but should he in foolish simplicity endeavor to live up to the principles he professes he is bowled out instanter. Toronto elected last January a young and high principled gentleman to the mayoralty. On a recent occasion the Hon. Frank Smith having discharged some of his street car hands, because they were Knights of Labor, was met by a strike, participated in by all the men employed on his street car lines. On applying to the mayor to obtain the city's assistance in suppressing the strike, he received a reply accusing him of having been the instigator of the strike by discharging men for exercising a legal right and declaring that the city would not give him any assistance, but would hold him responsible for delays in street car service traffic. And now they are trying to unseat him on some technical ground. In connection with this we would direct attention to an item relating to Alderman Jæhne of New York.

The startling disclosures in New York in regard to the transactions of Alderman Henry W. Jæhne should be a lesson to the business men of every large city. Not only is he shown to have been a receiver of stolen good, but he confessed that he received twenty thousand dollars for his vote on the Broadway Street Railway bill, and asserts that other aldermen were also bought up in the same way. All over this continent the substantial business men take care of themselves, and the result is instead of having in the city ouncils mne of high character, who will work for the interests of the taxpayers, the civic expenditure is often controlled by men who are most intent on lining their own pockets.

We resent the imputation that we are now or ever have been animated by personal motives in first opposing and now endeavoring to modify the terms of the Settlement Act. Of the persons principally benefitted by that act we can only say what we have said before—we admire their abilities, we are pleased with their success, we refuse to believe them actuated by improper motives. Nevertheless, there can be little doubt that if those chiefly interested had thought for a moment that a few short years would see their vast domain wrested from them by the populace they would never have undertaken to build the railway. The coal business is not all smooth sailing. It has its ups and downs and there is little probability (less indeed) of its being overdone than other branches of trade. It is probable that the possibility of controlling the vast stores of coal on this Island commanding the California market may have dazzled some members of the railway company and led up to the present condition of those lands. But it is probable that the power expected from the possession of much coal land was over estimated. Why is it not possible to modify the terms of the Island Railway Act? Is it not possible to induce either the Dominion or the province to assume possession of the road, granting compensation to the company in lands and money, and freeing a vast acreage for occupation by the best classes of immigrants?

Would the Railway Company object? We scarcely believe it.

Would the Dominion Government object? We do not think so.

Would the provincial government object? As at present constituted probably it would, for in a speech made by the premier at Victoria when the Settlement Act was under discussion he admitted that the Island Railway quarrel with the Dominion Government could have been settled as a separate question to the other matters in dispute, but for reasons that he did not go into, he had managed to make the Act cover all grounds of disagreement. Lastly—how would such a compromise be viewed by the people? We think we are within the mark when we predict that it would be hailed with delight and satisfaction.

We have frequently adverted to the political power of Victoria as an element, dangerous to the province at large. If, in the exercise of their legislative functions, members of the provincial parliament were always guided by a broad provincial spirit and were indifferent to every consideration but the general welfare, perhaps it would not matter how many persons represented the small peninsula lying south of Saanich Arm. But experience teaches us not to expect in the future a greater degree of disinterestedness than has characterized the past, and unless the infusion of new blood into mainland constituencies awakens them to a due appreciation of how the interests of every part of the province are made subordinate to those of Victoria, and of the importance of united action on the part of the mainland and the northern constituencies of the Island they will soon be bereft of every legislative attribute but the name—Already the mischief done by virtue of the unfair preponderance of voting power possessed by Victoria in the Legislature is well nigh irreparable—if not soon checked it will become irresistable.

We little thought some weeks ago when we predicted the failure of the attempt made to prejudice the government in the eyes of the people on account of Riel's execution that such absolute confirmation of our views was forthcoming.

Anything more ludicrous than Col. Amyot's telegram to the Minister of Militia, telling him to rely on the "ninth," and that volunteers were best adapted for guarding the forts and provisions, we have seldom read. But it would be unfair to infer that Amyot represents the chivalry of his race. All over the world we find representatives of the heroic races whose chivalry is tempered with discretion, who breathe death and destruction on parade days, and when ordered into battle beg to be left with the forts and provisions. We are afraid that in the future cowardice will be epigrammatized and that the worst accusation that will be hurled at a man's courage will be, "We rely on the ninth."

The London *Daily Telegraph* draws attention to the sales of horses and art treasures that have recently taken place in New York, and points out that history is repeating itself.

The collection of Mrs. Morgan brought under the hammer $883,000 and was the most valuable in America. It consisted of some of the finest productions of European artists, Meisonier, Vibert, Bougereau, Rosa Bonheur, Breton, Corot, Knaus, Millet and Diaz all having contributed to the collection. The bric-a-bac and choice porcelain brought extraordinary prices, but what is most to be wondered at is the discrimination and cultivated taste that enabled Mrs. Morgan to choose so unerringly the finest and only the finest of art productions. Reference is made in the same article to the sale of Pierre Lorillards stud. His horses were amongst the most famous in the world—among them Iroquois and Pontiac. Dewdrop said to be one of the most beautiful fillies ever stripped in an auction ring was knocked down to Messrs. Dwyer for six thousand guineas. From all this it would appear that there is a good deal more money in America than what is absolutely required to purchase bread and butter.

It may be interesting to Canadians to know that the Hon. D. A. Smith was the purchaser of "Les Communicants" by Breton for which he paid the highest price ever given for a production or a French artist during the present generation. Mr. Smith was also a large purchaser in other departments.

A GREATER THAN HE.

"I thought," said Hanlan at the dinner at Sydney, N. S. W., after his defeat by Beach, "that I was the greatest oarsman in the world, but I am reminded of a saying of an old friend, who on hearing of any great exploit by anyone used to remark, "aye, lad, but there is a greater than he." So it is all the world over, no person can retain permanent pre-eminence in any walk of life, a time will always arrive when the greatest will have to succumb to a greater.

Whatever may have been the position occupied by Hon. Edward Blake as a lawyer and parliamentary debator previous to March 17th there can be no doubt that since that date he has ceased to occupy the first position.

Thompson of Antigonish, the new and almost untried Minister of Justice, in a speech that we have read at length and which is almost unique in its lucidity, its logic, its exhaustive thoroughness, its dignity and diction has set at rest forever the question of Mr. Blake's position in that respect—"A better than he" has arisen above the political horizon. Nova Scotia is prolific of prodigies, Johnson, Howe, Tupper, Thompson almost lead one to believe that there is some sort of sympathy between a blue nose and a big brain. Should the Minister of Justice sustain the reputation he has made Sir John may congratulate himself that his instinct for selecting the best men for ministers of departments, has developed a keener phase than usual.

"Charles, I hear you are going to marry Miss Softly. Charming woman! Let me congratulate you on your good taste." "Ah, yes, but--the fact is, I have broken off the match and I'm not going to marry any one." "Then let me congratulate you on your good sense." —Philadelphia *Call*

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that application will be made at the next Session of the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, for an Act to amend the "Nanaimo Water Works Act, 1885" by granting to the Company the further privilege of taking water from Crystal Lake, Cold Spring Basin, Chase River and their tributaries. with power to the Company to build flumes, aqueducts, lay pipes, erect dams, acquire lands, and do all other acts and things necessary for the purpose aforesaid.

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SATURDAY ..... April 10, 1886

Home News.

City, Island, And Province.

The fire brigade had the engine out for practice last evening.

The ship Belvidere is under the Wellington shutes at Departure Bay.

EARLY ROSE SEED POTATOES FOR SALE AT JOHNSON & CO.S' *

General Touch, has arrived from England, and will proceed to Metlakatlah on mission affairs.

The barque Otago is at Departure Bay taking on a cargo of East Wellington coal.

The appropriation of $3,000 recently made for streets and sidewalks is exhausted.

Mrs. Walkem and James Wilcox have returned to town—the latter much improved in health.

Thomas Myles was severely injured at East Wellington an Friday evening—Injury confined to his right hand.

The S. S. Queen of the Pacific sailed on Thursday morning with 700 tons of V. C. Co's coal.

The Provincial Legislature was prorogued last Tuesday by the Lieutenant-Governor until June 7th.

The bark Majestic arrived in tow of the tug Holyoke, and will take a cargo of V. C. Co's. coal for 'Frisco.

The S. S. Mexico sailed for Alaska on Thursday morning with 400 tons of V. C. Co's coal and a large number of passengers.

A good Carpenter and Joiner needs employment. Town or country. Apply to FRANK THOMAS, near Craig's Blacksmith shop, Fraser street. *

Buildings are going up in all directions in the terminal city and there are plenty of idle men there. The only thing that seems to be scarce is cash.

Mr. Baker has been hauling past our office some very large timber during the past few days said to be for the erection of a fan for the V. C. Co. at the shaft.

Ex-mayor Pawson, who has returned from his annual trip to Southern California, describes business in that State as stagnant, but the crop prospects good.

The loan Bylaw passed on Monday night. Councillors Webb and Knight opposing. The city will be put to the expense of voting the bylaw down in consequence.

Consignees per steamer Dunsmuir from Comox yesterday: S. Brightman, J. Morton, A. Bullock, A. R. Johnson & Co., B. Madger, H. E. Walker, W. P. Sayward.

At the rate of $1,000 per month it will not take the Chairman of the street committee long to exhaust the $10,000 loan, should it obtain the endorsation of the property-owners.

The following passengers came down on the Dunsmuir from Comox yesterday: Justice Crease, G. H. Walker, A. R. Johnston, Father Duron, H. Gordon, S. Creech, Smith, Algae, R. Shaw, J. McLeod.

Under the management of Mr. S. M. Robins, the Vancouver Coal Company's business is rapidly assuming business shape, and even to the casual observer the chaos that characterized their affairs in Nanaimo seems to be rapidly disappearing.

The gas company recently championed by a well known citizen display some reluctance about commencing operations. It is unfortunate for the company that the odvocacy ot their interests should have fallen into the hands of such unpopular parties

The following passengers arrived on the steamer Amelia from Victoria yesterday: Mrs. Broadwell, Mrs. Beaumont, Mrs. Dawson, Gov. Cornwall and son, Jenkins, Bolton, Bolton, French, Westwood, Quennell, Graff, Sutton, McPherson, Mahaffy, Holborn, Miller, Wilkinson, Sullivan.

REPREHENSIBLE CONDUCT.

A few days ago a dispute arose in the Pioneer Livery Stables over a question of wages, which ended in T. Eric Peck drawing a revolver from his pocket and pointing it at a poor man who was demanding his wages. The courts of justice in British Columbia, whilst disposed to act leniently in cases of smuggling or other offenses not attended by violence, mete out condign punishment to all who threaten to take life, or are found guilty of habitually carrying concealed weapons or of using them even in self-defence. There is much wisdom in the course the bench pursues, and as a consequence personal violence is rare in this province. We cannot too strongly condemn the practice of carrying revolvers, and in the case above cited confess considerable surprise that an officer of Her Majesty's customs and an aspirant to political preferment should have been guilty of so cowardly an act and one so likely to have brought down on him the stern resentment of the British Columbia Bench.

EXCITEMENT AT NEW WESTMINSTER.

A bitter feeling has been evoked at New Westminster by the suspension of work on the New Westminster branch railway. It is said that the order for suspension was caused by the passage of the anti-Chinese clause by the legislature, which stipulates that no Chinese shall be employed on the works. The company want an extension of the time limit as provided in the original bill. They royal citizens are deeply concerned and threaten to adopt energetic steps in consequence.

DEATH FROM OPIUM.

The Sad Fate of a Pacific Coast Girl at Chicago.

CHICAGO, April 6.—Jennie Reed, a handsome woman of 20, was taken from an opium den yesterday, and died soon afterwards from the effects of smoking, as it is declared, ten pipes of the deadly opiate. It is stated she went out with a medical student and accompanied him to the den kept by a Chinamen named Sam Lee and his white wife, both of whom were arrested last night. She left there with her male company who succeeded in getting her to her room where she died before a physician could be summoned. Her companion has disappeared. Her identity has not yet been made clear, but it is stated she is from California, where her parrnts are now supposed to live. Her maiedn name was Jennie H. Reynolds.

WHOLESALE FORGERIES.

By an Ex-U. S. Customs Official at Victoria.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—A lot of forged certificates, purporting to have been issued at Port Townsend, and upon which Chinese from Victoria have landed In this city, have been returned to Collector Hager by Collector Beecher, of Port Townsend. After comparison of them with the stubs on file in the custom house of the latter port, Collector Beecher reports that 40 of the 100 are forgeries, having been altered by means of acids and re-written. In several the signature of the deputy-collector, "H. L. Blake," is an apparent forgery, and leads to the inference that many of the certificates were procured from other ports and altered to fit Port Townsend. Forged certificates were received during the months of September, October and November. Collector Hager states an investigation will be made to discover the custom inspector who was detailed on the Victoria steamers during that period. It is said to be a person who was discharged last December.—Colonist.

HANLAN ACCEPTS BEACH'S CHALLENGE.

Edward Hanlan, on hearing of Beach's challenge to the world, sent the following cablegram to W. J. Innes, London, at once "One hundred pounds forfeit for a £500 match against Beach on the Thames has been deposited with the Sportsman."

Hanlan has engagements on this side of he Atlantic until July, but will sail for England about the middle of that month. The race, if arranged, will probably take place early in September.

That Sir Adolphe Carion was reported as hoving read a telegram from Col. Aymot while in the northwest that, "I found Gen. Laurie perfectly sober." What Sir Adolphe did say, and the colonel wired was: "I found Gen. a perfect soldier." All the reporters understood Sir Adolphe to quote Amyot as testifying to the general's temprance principles and nearly all the papers had it that way. Now, everybody is laughing at it—except perhaps Sir Adolphe and the gallant general.

It is a strange thing that the man who knows exactly how to run a newspaper is always engaged in some other kind of business.

A man went through Seattle the other day giving every person he met a silver dollar. He said he was a Christian and that Christ wanted him to give his money away, and he was going to do it. The police thought he was crazy and arrested him.

Frank Murgatroyd of Philadelphia was seized with a violent spell of sneezing in bed. Everything was done for the man's relief that could be thought of but the sneezing was kept up, and before medical aid could reach him Murgatroyd was a corpse. It is supposed that he ruptured a blood vessel.

In an affair of honor between gentlemen, one man was sentenced to offer an apology for the affront he had offered to his peers. Being a Frenchman, and not familiar with the English language, he appeared before the judges and said: "Gentlemen, I 'ave zaid you are the vorst old fools I 'ave zeen. Zat is true. I am under zentence to offer you my apology. I am verry zorry for it."

FIRE!

If you wish to insure your property you cannot do better than call upon Mr. W. K. Leighton, agent for the Liverpool and London and Globe and the Ætna Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn. Risks are accepted at current rates. *

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For the past two months Dr. E. T. Crossette has been carrying on the practice of Dentistry at his rooms at the Royal Hotel, Nanaimo. During this time many of our citizens have availed themselves of the opportunity to have their teeth overhauled by this skilful gentleman. His work speaks for itself and he has made many friends and customers during his stay here, which will be prolonged a few weeks only. Those who are desirious of obtaining a skilled dental examination will do well to call upon Dr. Crosette and arrange for an appointment at an early day. *

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