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PUPILS' RECITAL A BRILLIANT SUCCESS

Nanaimo, B.C., July 26.—The capacity of the Presbyterian church last night was taxed to the utmost limit to accomodate the large and representative crowd which assembled to participate in the Sixth Annual Recital of Prof. Arnold's pupils. The programme was carried out as previously announced in this paper. The public of Nanaimo and especially the music loving portion of the community always expect a musical treat on this occasion. They certainly expressed no feeling of diappointment, as this year's recital was not only up to the high standard set on prebious occasions, but through a fortunate combination of circumstances surpassed them. Per se the recital from a purely educational standpoint stands unique in its class. Assisted by talent like Mr. Owen, the gifted Violinist the occasion becomes a musical event.

The programme as set in black type does not convey an idea of the actual performance. It is almost unnecessary to give a resume of each individual number. As the programme unfolded itself from the first steps of pupils hardly tall enough to reach up to the keys of the piano up to the finished performance of a Hayden Symphony it became apparent to everybody present that there was a most remarkable manifestation of intelligent tuition as demonstrated by talented pupils. The audience enjoyed, to judge by their marks of appreciation every item and some of the numbers enthused them to a pitch seldom experienced on an occasion of this kind. When Master Leo Mahrer finished his number "Idylle" by Kjerulf, he had to come out and acknowledge the vociferous demands of the audience again and again. He could not respond to an encore as its against the rules of these musicales to allow any pupil to do so. When so much good was presented it would be superflous to enumerate the different items. The violin solos by Mr. Owen were rendered in a highly artistic manner, especially the Reverie of Vieuxtemps, every note as it came from the strings by a masterhand found its echo in the hearts of the listening multitude and as the last notes expired like the breath of a pure memory, for a moment there was silence and then the applause broke forth, which could not be suppressed till Mr. Owen responded with an encore, another gem, the Cavatina by Raff. The second numbee, "Poet and Peasant," closed the programme for the evening and left the crowd in spite of the many numbers presented, looking for more.

Mr. Arnold for the first time since he inaugurated these musical festivals appeared as a soloist. His rendition of the Wagner-Liszt transcription of Lohengrin was a revelation, not only displaying a marvelous technique, but also a masterly grasp of the musical possibilities of this chef d'ocuvre.

He had to respond to an enthusiastic recall and delighted everybody present with a dainty and poetic rendition of Thome's Illusions. A feature of the evening was the beautiful floral decorations the proscenium presenting an enchanting appearance the plants and flowers having been arranged in a harmonious effec-manner. The tous ensemble, good music, beautiful girls, appreciative audience, certainly there is nothing more to be desired and great credit is due to Prof. Arnold, not only as a musician, but as an organizer and teacher.

PREDICT BAD LUCK

Seattle fishermen just returned from the halibut banks off the northern end of Vancouver Island report that for a distance of about twenty miles the water on the Pacific has the appearance of being blood red, and many fishermen say that to pass through the area of red would bring them bad luck.

Other fishermen also said that there is bad luck coming for some one. Just what has apparently turned the water red they do not know. Capt. Odsen, who commanded the fishing steamer San Juan during the absence of Capt. Weeding, says that he saw the red colored water, but could advance no theory for its existence.

WILL PURCHASE PROPERTY IN LADYSMITH

Mr. J. Dunbar was in the city yesterday with a view to purchasing some real estate here, and has entered into negotiations with a property owner on First Avenue for the purchase of his property. Mr. Dunbar reports that he like the looks of the city, and predicts a bright future for Ladysmith. "The trouble is," said Mr. Dunbar, "in the past there has not been sufficient energy displayed by the residents in some cases, but as the town grows, confidence will be instilled and you will see a busy little city here before long. Outside reports are very favorable as far as the payroll, quality of coal mined, etc., are concerned, but I must confess it is a little disappointing for a stranger to come here and see the number of stumps sticking out of the ground in some of the main streets. However, this can all be remedied in time, and I do not think the time is far distant."

BIG RAFT MAKES TRIP IN SAFETY

San Francisco, July 26.—The steamer Francis H. Leggett, arrived today from the Columbia river with an immense log raft in tow. The raft contained 9,000,000 feet of lumber, and is made up entirely of piles. It is one of the largest ever towed down the coast, but the voyage was made in six days and without mishap.

Chained into a cigar-shaped cradle the logs made a raft 735 feet long, fifty-five feet in beam and 20 feet deep.

TIRED OF HIS JOB

Tacoma, July 26.— Quartermaster Sergeant Dodds, of Company A, Twenty-second infantry, in camp at American lake, committed suicide yesterday afternoon by drowning himself in the lake. The body has been recovered and will be buried by members of the company.

Dodds left a note to Capt. Isaac Newell, of the company, stating that he was tired of his job, and not being able to get anyone to take his place he had decided to put himself out of the way. With a companion he started fishing yesterday afternoon. When near the lake he sent his companion back to camp on an errand and then hurrying forward, he jumped into the lake.

INVITES INSPECTION

The Pacific-American Fisheries with headquarters and their cannery at Bellingham, has issued invitations to the jobbers of the United States, requesting them to spend their vacation, or at least part of it, at Bellingham, where they will be shown through the cannery and have explained to them the process of canning salmon. "The Pacific-American Fisheries," says the invitation, "invites you to visit its cannery more particularly because it is one of the largest in the world, having a capacity of 10,000 cases per day, four dozen cans to the case, and therefore affording in point of magnitude a sight that will leave a lasting impression," says the invitation. "We must be occupied. We must have rest. Rest consists in change of occupation. Could you be better occupied than by repairing to the Pacific Coast and there beholding thousands of salmon writhing and squirming in one trap at the same time, and a hundred thousand, perchance, from sundry traps assembled on one floor, awaiting the swift experience that constitutes the process of canning?"

C. P. R. IN A NEW [redacted] ENTERPRISE

Medicine Hat, July 26.—The Canadian Pacific Railway Company is starting at this point one of the greatest undertakings in western Canada. The company will make a test to ascertain whether or not there is oil underlying the natural gas field. "Where there is gas there is oil," appears to be the assumption, and medicine Hat people hope that the railway company will be able to prove the truth of this maxim. Last week nine carloads of drilling machinery arrived at Medicine Hat, consisting of a modern cable-rigged drilling outfit and drill pipes of various diameters. The drill is a modern one and is capable of fast work and will be the first cable-rig to work in this field. The greatest depth reached in this field is 1010 feet, where there is a tremendous flow of natural gas. The company will go, if necessary, 2,500 feet deeper. The test should certainly ascertain what is down below, and the result of the test, if oil is found will mean as much to Medicine Hat as the great gas find of a few years ago. The town is much pleased to have the C.P.R. interested in the work, which will be in charge of Eugene Coste, an engineer of repute, while the drilling will be in charge of Mr. Gunter, who has been doing the gas drilling at Edmonton. Both gentlemen were in town on Saturday. About a year and a half ago Mr. Coste made a test of the gas well at the west end of the town. Mayor Forster, on behalf of the city, suggested to Mr. Coste that one of the shallow gas wells, 700 feet deep, was at his disposal if he considered it any advantage to use that much drilling. He considers, however, that it will be necessary to start drilling a 14-inch hole and work down smaller from that diameter. The well will be drilled on Bullshead Creek, about three miles from Medicine Hat.

MOTOR BOAT FOR THE YUKON

Seattle, July 26.—Lying in the stream just back of the Campbell Brothers' engine works is one of the newest models of motor boat that has been patented. It has been adopted by the government and was invented and made by John Twigg, of John Twigg & Son's plant, at San Francisco, and is to be taken north by G. F. Lewis, a well known engineer and boat builder of the California city. The boat will be used in carrying United States mail on the Yukon River between Tanana and Eagle City, and will be shipped on Thursday on the steamship Bertha.

The little craft is made for speed and to secure this the builder has constructed her with a double bottom, one being like a canoe and the other a protecting shell, giving her speed and at the same time strength Mr. Lewis says that fifteen men can be placed on her side without moving the craft. The boat is capable of making 18 miles an hour, but her speed is lessened by a heavy shoe which is fastened to her stern. The canoe-shaped section of the boat is only two feet wide, and carries all of the machinery.

REMARRIAGES

"Do widows or widowers most remarry?" said the reporter.

"Widows—widows, decidedly," the minister answered.

"And how do you account for that fact?"

"I account for it on monetary rather than on sentimental grounds. Widows remarry oftener than widowers because they need help more than widowers. They are alone; they may have a child or two and all the money they can call their own is a life insurance policy for $1200 or $1500.

"So they remarry. They remarry speedily. With much wisdom acquired from their first marital experience, they have no difficulty in persuading some prosperous and steady young man to let them float upon a second matrimonial voyage.

"Widowers are most apt to remain single if they have children. Eight out of ten of the widowers whom I remarry are childless men."

INQUEST OVER MURDERED GIRL

The hearing at the inquest at S. Wellington this afternoon was a lengthy one, and in all probability will not reach a conclusion until tomorrow afternoon, when the jury will bring in a verdict.

At two o'clock this afternoon Coroner Davis called the court to order, and read out the names of the jury, which he had empannelled on Saturday afternoon last to enquire into the cause of the death of Mary Jane Dalton, who was murdered in South Wellington that day. Those answering to the roll call were: Foreman, Francis Brennan, J. Halloran, R. Archibald, A. Godfrey, F. Burns and E. Evans.

The prisoner, Robert Stiles Featherstone, occupied a seat at the rear of the court room, and was the centre of all eyes when the inquest opened. While he had nothing to say, he was, as could be plainly seen, much concerned with what was taking place, and as witness after witness was called, the prisoner would frequently wet his dry lips, and nervously tap on the bench with his fingers in a manner which showed plainly that he realized at last the seriousness of the charge against him, and throughout the whole hearing followed every detail of the evidence.

Constable Stevenson's Evidence

Provincial Constable Dave Stephenson was the first witness to take the stand, and said: On Saturday afternoon, last, upon receipt of a telephone message from South Wellington, I at once proceeded here from Nanaimo and found Mary Jane Dalton dead, with a bullet wound in her forehead, one over the left ear, and another through the body. After viewing the body I at once proceeded to a small house, where it was thought that the prisoner had taken refuge and arrested Robert Featherstone. Upon entering the room in which the prisoner was, I said: "I arrest you for murder."

"For murder in the first degree?" queried the prisoner.

"Yes," I replied, and then gave him the customary caution, warning him that anything he might say would be used in evidence against him at his trial. He stated that he understood the meaning of the caution, and asked the name of the victim. Upon being told, he said that he had never heard it before."

Witness then went on to describe the position of the body at some length. He had found it lying in what he termed the kitchen, with the feet towards the lounge and the head towards the stove. The arms were outstretched from the body. Several mats upon the floor were in a disordered condition as though a scuffle had taken place. The wrists were discolored as from bruises, especially the left wrist.

Day before yesterday witness stated that he had received an empty shell from John Godfrey, which latter had found on E. & N., forty-five yards from the crossing towards the Dalton house. Witness had himself picked up another cartridge 25 yards from the crossing towards the Dalton house. Witness next produced a bullet which had been found in the pantry of the Dalton house and which had apparently come from a .38 calibre revolver. The latter was also produced, and is a five-chamber, steel colored revolver, which several successive witnesses identified as that usually carried by the prisoner. The revolver had been given to witness by Wm. Nicholas, at whose home Featherstone had been boarding. Witness thought it had been found in the prisoner's room. The empty shells produced by witness fitted the revolver. Referring back to the arrest of the prisoner, witness related what had occurred immediately after prisoner had stated that he had not carried the revolver that afternoon, and said: "Here it is on the table," taking witness back to the other end of the room with him. Upon reaching the table, however, prisoner exclaimed, "Why, someone has taken it." Witness had then examined table and behind a picture had found five loaded shells, which fitted the gun. Under the bed he had also found a valise, in which were seveeal more shells. The empty shells near the track corresponded with the loaded ones in prisoner's room. Witness then produced what appeared to be

Blood Stained Handerchief

which he stated he had found upon the person of the prisoner after his arrest. The handkerchief was stained a reddish color in some spots, with the largest stain in the cente On one corner, too, were smaller stains. Before leaving the stand, the witness was asked by the brother of the murdered girl if any marks had been found upon the prisoner. Witness replied that there had. What appeared to be three scratches were visible on the back of the left hand. The jury not having any questions to ask, the witness retired.

Dr. Obrien's Evidence

Dr. O'Brian was the next witness to take the stand. He also described the position of the body as it had appeared when he was summoned.

His description was identical with that of the preceding witness, with the exception that he described two pools of blood at the head of the victim, which had apparently been wiped up by the murderer after the crime. Dr. O'Brian gave a minute description of the different wounds caused by revolver bullets. He stated that any one of them would have caused death almost instantly. Witness thought the first shot had been fired into the girl's side, followed by one in the forehead. The latter in the witnesses' opinion, was fired on a level with the head, and within a few inches of the mark. Another bullet had entered just behind the ear. Upon making a careful autopsy in Nanaimo, Dr. O'Brian stated that he could find no evidence tending to show that rape had been committed. With the exception of the bullet wounds, the body and organs were all in normal condition. One bullet he had found in the base of the skull, which had apparently traversed downward and lodged at the back of the neck. While the bullet was damaged by contact with the hard substance of the skull, still it plainly showed the grooves received in leaving the barrel of the pistol. Upon being shown the revolver which was found in Featherstone's room, witness was of the opinion that the grooves of same correspond with those upon the bullet found in the victim of the tragedy.

In reply to a question from the coroner, witness stated that he had seen the handkerchief produced previously, and was of the opinion that the stains upon it were blood. It was impossible without a more thorough examination, to say whether they were stains of human blood or not. Witness was also asked to give opinion of scratches upon the hand of the prisoner, but stated that he did not wish to be emphatic upon that point. They looked to him as though caused by scratches from a woman's finger nails, although they were, perhaps rather wide apart for this conclusion. He had examined carefully the finger-nails of the murdered girl, but had found nothing.

Mrs. Nicholas Afraid

Wm. Nicholas testified that prisoner had been boarding at his house for some weeks. On the day of the murder witness had eaten dinner with the prisoner, when some conversation arose over the latter carrying a revolver. Prisoner was not drunk at the time. During the course of the dinner, Mary Jane Dalton had come to the door and handed Mrs. Nicholas a paper, which she had just brought from the station. Witness was unable to say whether or not prisoner had seen Miss Dalton at the time, although she passed before a window which prisoner was facing.

Witness had heard of the murder about 1:45, and immediately rushed home to see if his wife was all right. Asked why he had thought something might be wrong at home, witness replied that he had been talking with his wife that day. She had told witness that the prisoner must leave the house, or else she would. She had seen him flourishing a revolver, and was afraid of him. In fact, she had left the house in the forenoon, and had visited a neighbor to keep out of his way. Witness had left the house abou 1.45 accompanied by prisoner, who left him in the vicinity of Grame's store.

Upon reaching home after the murder, witness had gone into the room of the prisoner, accompanied by two other men, and taken out the revolver, which was lying on the table. He had taken same and afterwards turned it over to Constable Stephenson.

Geo. Evans was the next witness. He had accompanied Nicholas when getting the gun, and merely confirmed previous witness' statement in this respect. He had, however, opened the revolver, and saw what he called powder smoke still in the barrel. He thought the gun had been fired very recently. Upon cross-examination, he explained that what he meant by powder smoke, was burnt powder adhering to the barrel.

Had Killed a Man

Mrs. Lillie Graham gave what was perhaps, the most sensational evidence of the day. She stated that the "sawyer" had come to her gorcery store about 7.30 in the morning and asked for a drink. He displayed a revolver, and stated that he was going back to the States shortly. He had, he said, killed a man over there a while ago, but he thought he would go back again. Prisoner had followed witness from the store to the kitchen and back several times as she was doing her work, talking most of the time as though he did not know what he was saying. He also came to the store about 12 o'clock and again at four in the afternoon, upon neither of the latter occasions, however, speaking.

Directed to House

H. Godfrey sworn, said that at about ten minutes to one on Saturday he was going to work when he was joined by Featherstoae. Latter had talked some about leaving the town, saying he thought he was going to be fired. Upon nearing the crossing he had stated that he wanted to say good-bye to "Old Man Dalton," and asked where he lived. Witness had pointed out the house, to him and prisoner left, going n the direction of the Dalton residence.

Mrs. Davis testified that she had heard two shots fired about one o'clock on Saturday. Just previous to this, about five minutes, she had seen prisoner pass, going in the direction Dalton's house. A little later she had seen him return, carrying a rule in his hand. She had not noticed that he apprared excited upon either occasion.

Mrs. Geo. Bertnam had also been visited by prisoner upon day of tragedy. Prisoner had opened her door in the morning and asked if the master of the house was in. Upon being told no, he left. Witness had heard two shots fired about 1 o'clock At 3.45 she saw prisoner coming towards her house, and locked the door as she was afraid he would enter again.

Mr. C. C. Muir testified that prisoner had called at his office about 8:30,, and asked about some land which was to be cut. During the conversation, prisoner had drawn a revolver, which witness identified as same produced in court, and flourished it about in the air. He said he always carried it as protection against Japs and Chinamen. Witness had seen prisoner again at two o'clock as the latter was passing the office. Witness called him in and talked to him regarding lumber. Latter had talked intelligently upon the subject. During the course of the conversation, prisoner had remarked that he had heard old man Dalton and his daughter having a racket down the road. Witness had paid no attention to this statement at the time, but had thought of it later on.

Mr. McIntosh had heard three shots about one o'clock. The first two had been fired in quick succession, while there was a short pause before the last shot. He had thought nothing of it at the time, however. Witness is time-keeper at the mills, and stated that Featherstone had began work there on June 8th.

After hearing one or two more witnesses the inquest was adjourned until 7:30 tomorrow evening. By this time the stenographer will have his notes transcribed and in readiness for the jury.

Mr. R. Simpson attended [illegible] in the interest of the prisoner.

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SILVER CUP FOR BATTLESHIP DOMINION

London July 25.—At Portsmouth on Friday next the handsome silver centrepiece purchased by subscriptions of Anglo Canadians in London will be presented to the battleship Dominion. The cost was £350 It was designed to represent Canadian resources. A number of the subscribers will go down to see the presentation, which will be made by Lady Stratchona or her daughter. The guests will be entertained on board. The ship will be open for inspection.

Discussing the King's decision in regard to the invitation to visit Canada the Outlook says: "The difficulties in the way of a visit to Canada have been exaggerated. For the first time the mother country had the power to take a step of real importance in the development of imperial unity. The other colonies would have been satisfied to be represented by Canada. In according such a visit of the crown as a national recognition the issues involved were so vast that nothing should have stood in their way, except for reasons far weightier than given in Lord Elgin's despatch.

The Spectator hopes that at a future date His Majesty will be able to visit a country of pre-eminent loyalty, which by actual achievement and the splendor of its destiny is regarded as the first among the allied nations of the empire.

Recognizing the necessity for the presence of the King at home now, the Statist urges a change in His Majesty's duties, giving more freedom in the future.

The Yorkshire Post publishes the new Canadian immigration law. In an editorial comment it says the law might have been enacted in some quite alien country, instead of a part of the empire. Canada is perfectly right to set barriers against undesirable aliens. It is a different matter, it says, to have the same right against undesirable persons of the same race, and protests against the idea that this country, which bears the naval expenses of the empire, has no right outside of England.

At the Birmingham distress committee, Alderman Barrow suggested to the distress committees that they establish an agency in Canada, to look after arriving immigrants.

Major R. G. Turning of Gulmarg, Kashmar, writing to the Out look points out that comity of race language and interest between Canada and the United States is rendering annexation not improbable. He calls on England to wake up or the empire will slip from her grasp He advocates closer commercial ties.

WIRE WOUNDS.

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SAVED HIS COMRADE'S LIFE.

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Entry must be made personally at the local land office for the district in which the land is situate.

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(2) If the father, (or mother, if the father is deceased), of the homesteader resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for, the requirements as to residence may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.

(3) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead, the requirements as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land.

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NEWS NOTES FROM NANAIMO

The annual general meeting of the subscribers to the Nanaimo Hospital was held last night in the Council chamber, and judging by the large number present considerable interest has suddenly been aroused in the welfare and workings of the hospital.

Those present were Messrs. J. Booth, A. E. Planta, T. Rickson, F. J. Peto, A. Henderson, J. McAloney, Wm. Manson, M. P. P., F. Snowden, J. Gillespie, W. Willis, J. Bushfield, W. Dick, C. Van Houten, C. Rawlinson, J. M. Rudd, O. Randle, Jas. Booth, T. Boyce, D. Alexandra, W. Dick, sr., T. Graham, A. R. Johnston, Dr. Davis, J. Shaw, M. Bray, J. Mahrer, H. Reifle, A. Forrester, J. Mullett, E. Hoskins, W. H. Morton, and S. Gough.

After the minutes of the last general meeting had been read and adopted, the Auditor's report was read and also the Balance Sheet for the past year.

Receipts for the year ending June 30, 1906, totalled $17,178.70 and expenditure $17,135.87, leaving a balance of cash on hand, July 1st of $42.83.

The assets amounted to the tidy total of $23,083.11 while the liabilities were nil.

On motion of Mr. W. H. Morton, seconded by Mr. J. Mullett the report was adopted and ordered spread on the minutes.

The report of the Medical Officer was read to the meeting and is as follows:

Nanaimo, B. C., July 20, 1906.
To the President and Directors of The Nanaimo Hospital:
Gentlemen:—

I have great pleasure in presenting to you the annual report of the Nanaimo Hospital for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1906.

There were 761 patients treated during the year, as against 969 the previous year, making a difference of 208. This falling off is due mainly to the fact that very few outside patients are treated on account of the hospital receiving a government grant for this class of work for the last year.

There were admitted to the Medical wards 353 cases, to the Surgical ward 380 cases and 28 Maternity cases, making a total of 761.

There were 117 major operations and 145 minor operations performed during the year making a total of 263.

The number of patient days were 10,824, and a mortality of 24 deaths making a percentage of 3.15 per cent. Most of these cases were incurable, not taking into consideration accidents. I consider this a very good showing.

In the maternity Department the mortality was nil.

There have been a great many innovations in the hospital during the past year, and one of the most important has been the inauguration of a training school for nurses, which was started last February under the very able supervision of Miss Fuller who is doing excellent work. The class at the present time comprises thirteen probationers, the course being three years before graduating.

The Board has gone to a great expense in istalling an up to date sterilizing plant, so that the operating department is now pretty nearly perfect.

I again take this opportunity to thank the Ladies Auxilary for valuable services rendered, and can assure them that they have the sincere thanks of the Board and myself for the accomplishment of work which is entirely charitable in character.

I cannot conclude without thanking the steward and Matron together with the efficient staff of nurses for the very valuable services rendered during the year, and can assure them that the testimony of the different patients as to the ability, kindness and courtesy of the general staff is highly complimentary.

In this connection I cannot let this opportunity pass without thanking and complimenting Mr. and Mrs. Jones, late Steward and Matron, up on the very excellent and efficient services rendered during the first half of the past year. In this estimate of their services I venture to state that I have the hearty endorsement of the Board, and would suggest that the Board may be pleased to issue to Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Honorarium Certificates on Merit accordingly.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen,
Your Obedient Servant,
LEWIS T. DAVIS,
M.D., C.M.

The report was received on motion of Mr. J. Mahrer, seconded by Mr. A. R. Johnston.

The retiring President Mr. J. Booth, next read his report, commenting on the past year's work, which on the whole was without exception the best in the history of the hospital. At the close of his address, Mr. Booth was greeted with an appreciative round of applause:

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen.—

We are met this evening to receive the reports of the business of the Nanaimo Hospital for another year in the history of the institution. The year just closed has been in some respects the busiest in many years. A large expenditure has been made by the board in renewing the heating plant, this was forced upon us on account of the large amount of coal used during the winter of 1905 and 1906, it was then felt that something must be done to effect a saving, and at the same time gave us better results, with this in view, the services of Mr. W. Leek of Vancouver, an expert Heating Engineer, were secured, after a thorough examination he advised the removal of the old plant, and the installing of a warm water heating system, this was done last fall at a cost of over $1,500.00, the new plant has proved satisfactory, warming the whole premises in a proper manner, and at the same time the fuel bill is much lighter.

Commencing with the 1st of February last, a training school for nurses was established in connection with the hospital, this step was deemed advisable so that nurses passing through a course of training in the hospital, could be awarded diplomas of efficiency according to their abilities, and at the same time our own board could depend on the services of the members of the staff for a definite time. In consequence of this change in the work of the hospital, which, at the same time placed it on a better footing, considerable money had to be spent. At the present time the work is in its infancy, yet I know that the change has increased the efficiency of the institution, the full development of the new order of things will rest upon the new board to be appointed tonight, and the successful working out of the scheme will largely depend upon the manner in which they maintain the control of the business of the hospital.

To meet the expenses incurred in carrying out the matters above referred to, we were compelled to make an appeal to our citizens as well as to the people of the neighboring city of Ladysmith, I am pleased to be able to say that we received a most liberal response. In this relation I should like to make special mention of the substantial grant made by the government in aid of the new heating plant, also the generous donations the Western Fuel Company, the underground employees of the Western Fuel Co and the Artizans' Club, and as well the kindness of Mrs. Dr. Davis, and Hugh Allan and his fellow clubmen, in getting up entertainments in aid of the funds of the hospital. Our income for the past year enables us to retire from office without leaving any obligations for our successors, that are not fully covered by cash now in hand and other sums due to the hospital.

I would like to refer to the need of more private wards, these are revenue producers, any reasonable expense that may be incurred for that purpose will soon be returned in fees and thus the income of the hospital will be increased. A rearrangement of the Fever Ward should also receive the attention of the new board, with these matters attended to the accomodation will be largely increased.

I feel it incumbent upon me to refer to the satisfactory manner in which Doctor Davis has attended to his duties as Hospital surgeon, also to the care exercised by the members of the staff in the performance of their duties, the extremely light mortality during the past year shows that every care is taken to ensure the successful treatment of patients.

In past years complimentary reference has been made to the good work carried on by the Ladies Auxiliary in connection with the hospital, the past year has not been an exception, the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary deserve the best thanks of this meeting for their continued exertions in aid of the welfare of all departments of the institution.

As in former years, liberal donations of coal have been received from the Western Fuel Co., and the Wellington Colliery Company, the Union Brewing Company has donated ice as it has been wanted, and Messrs Rumming have also donated sodas from time to time and a large number of our citizens have donated articles at all times useful.

I wish to thank the members of the Board for the support they have given me during the past year, and for the time they have so willingly given in the consideration of business that has come before them during the year.

Trusting that the coming year will be the most successful in the history of the hospital, believe me,
Faithfully Yours,
JOS. BOOTH,
President.

Nanaimo, B. C., 25th July, 1906.

After a short discussion as to who was entitled to vote for the new officers, it was finally decided to allow all present at the meeting one vote.

Mr. W. H. Morton was appointed Chairman and the election of officers was proceeded with and resulted as follows:

President—J. Booth, (re-elected.)

Vice President—J. Mahrer, (re-elected.)

For Secretary there were two nominations. Mr. S. Gough, was nominated by Mayor Planta, seconded by William Manson, M. P. P., and Mr. John Shaw was nominated by W. Dick, jr., seconded by F. Snowden. On being put to a vote Mr. Shaw was elected by the vote of 18to 16.

Mr. Wm. Manson was elected treasurer, and the Board of Directors were elected as follows:

Messrs. J. Mullett, W. H. Morton, Wm. Dick, Jas. Booth and M. Bray.

Mr. T. Graham moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Johnston, a vote of thanks which was unanimously passed to the retiring Board for the able manner in which they had conducted the business of the Hospital during the past year.

Votes of thanks were also passed to the Western Fuel Company, Hon. Jas. Dunsmuir, Union Brewing Co., Mrs. Dr. Davis and her troupe, and a special vote of thanks to the Ladies auxiliary for their faithful work in connection with the work of the Hospital.

A general vote of thanks was passed to all who had in any manner contributed toward the hospital's success.

On motion of Mr. Mahrer, seconded by Mr. Bray. Dr. Davis was tendered a hearty vote of thanks for the able manner in which he had carried out his duties as Medical Officer.

A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.

Wm. J. Bryan made a great hit at the luncheon given by the House of Lords yesterday. Mr. Brian believed it better to live a useful life than die a hero on a battle field.

Mayor Fitzgerald, of Boston, Mass, has assured the representatives of the Central Labor union of the city that in the future all work done for the city during his administration would be under union conditions.

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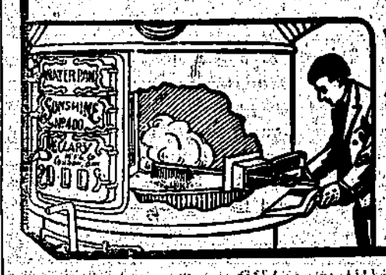

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J. Galloway, of Nanaimo, is in Ladysmith today on business.

Mayor Nicholson arrived in the city this morning from Wellington.

Mr. T. Cartwright, of Cumberland is in the city, the guest of his sister, Mrs. F. L. Reynolds.

Mrs. J. J. McNeill, of Camp Six, presented Mr. J. J. McNeill with a lovely daughter today.

Miss M. Thomas, of South Wellington, left this morning for California to spend the summer on a vacation trip.

The regular meeting of the school trustees will be held this evening at seven o'clock in the office of Mr. J. Stewart.

Miss Renfree, who has been spending the past few weeks visiting her sister, Mrs. J. Knight, left for her home in Victoria today.

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Several parties drove up to South Wellington this afternoon to attend the inquest held there into the death of the late Miss Dalton.

Yesterday was one of the busiest days on record at the Wellington Colliery Company's wharves. Nine boats were in for coal, one boat loading coke for the smelter, and two transfers.

Mr. E. Conway, who has been for the past few months engaged at the Omar mines, Ketchikan, in the assaying department, returned home yesterday. Mr. Conway was a passenger down on the Princess May. He reports that for the present, the Omar mine has closed down, and will likely not resume operations this season.

VICTORY LODGE, No. 61, I.O.G.T meets every Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the I.O.O.F. Hall.

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NANAIMO vs. U.S.S. TARS.

Wednesday's Victoria Colonist says "The United States gunboat Princeton, which is at present in Esquimault, has among her crew a well organized baseball team, which is open to meet any team in Vizitoria. The vessel will be in port till August 3, and any of the city teams desiring a match will be accomodated by getting in touch with any of the officers of the ship."

The Management of the Nanaimo Club is in communication with the Princeton's team and it is expected that a game will be arranged for Sunday next. Most all of the American warships have good ball teams on board and a game between the team of the ship now at Esquimault, and the locals with Miller doing the twirling would be a great attraction.

TRAINING HARD.

Nanaimo, B.C., July 26.—

Bob Williams and Bob Ritchie evidently do not intend to be out of condition when they step into the roped Arena on Saturday night in the Athletic Club to battle ten rounds for a side bet.

Yesterday both men took a nine mile run early in the morning, and last night went through some shadow sparring. Williams skipped the rope 5,000 times, and while he was fast in his last bout with Kelley, he has nevertheless gained speed since and when he meets his opponent Clarke, on Saturday night he will be prepared to put up the fastest bout of his career.

Ritchie and Kid Merrifield of Vancouver are to box a ten round preliminary, and while their last fight ended in a draw, Ritchie feels confident of turning the trick this time, and getting the decision over his opponent.

Reserve seats are now on sale at Whitty's cigar store. The price of admission is 50 cents, 75 cents and one dollar.

Labor Notes

An all round increase of 50 cents a day has been secured by the Wood Carvers' union in New York, and is to remain in force until the middle of 1908. Then the members work 8 hours a day and half a day on Saturday.

The Musicians' National convention recently held in Boston, adopted resolutions instructing its members everywhere, whether buying civilian clothing or uniforms to demand and take only such as bear the union label.

Many members of the United Association of Plumbers, Gas Fitters and Steam Fitters are urging that the organization establish a home for the aged and infirm. An offer of a house in Pueblo, Col., is being considered by the officers.

A strike of 8,000 carpenters, employed in New York city, against the independent employers for the advance in wages from $4.50 to $4.80 a day, granted by the Master Carpenters' association, lasted only two hours.

The International Boot and Shoe Workers' union adopted a resolution that the union label will be withdrawn on August 1 from all shops which do not meet the requirements of the organization as to wages and hours of labor.

The annual convention of the Industrial Steel and Copper Printers' union at Washington, D.C., elected William Foley, president, and T. L. Mahan, of Washington, secretary-treasurer. The next convention will be held in Chicago.

Railway mail clerks are said to be resigning in larger numbers than at any time in the history of the service. The cause is the heavy character of the work, and the strain of making long runs after doing considerable work, before starting out on the rails.

Cotton trade workers in Great Britain report that employment continues very good, and is better than a year ago. Returns from firms employing 143,408 work people show an increase of 4.7 per cent, in the wages paid, compared with a year ago.

The mine workers of the anthracite region will again be called upon to show their appreciation of the assistance given them by the bituminous miners in the 1902 strike. An assessment of 50c per week has been levied to support the strikes in the soft coal regions.

State Factory Inspector J. E. Vallier, of Wisconsin, is after the manufacturers who withhold the wages of their child employees. He says knitting companies alone have withheld between $4,000 and $5,000 during the past two years.

There are many disputes now in progress in France with the object of obtaining an eight-hour day without diminution of the present wages. The disputes affect nearly every branch of industry and are taking place in many parts of the country. In Paris alone nearly 100,000 men are said to be affected.

The Federation of Musicians of Chicago is considering a scheme which is described by its sponsors as a plan for "carrying high-class music to the doors of the poor." It contemplates among other features, the "Charity" band, which is to furnish free street concerts during the summer in the crowded residence districts of the city.

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