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—Will Go To St. Louis:
 As urged in a late issue of this paper the City Council has reconsidered its former decision and passed a grant of \$250 to enable the Band of the Fifth Regt. C. A. to make the contemplated tour to St. Louis. This is the course which public opinion will approve and strange to say the president and one of the directors of the Tourist Association appear to be the only directly interested men who have expressed disapproval of the trip as a civic advertising feature; while the secretary of the Association has lent it neither encouragement nor assistance.

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Random Reflections

AND SO Victoria is to have Patience now.
 THE deer season is on in the neighbor states. The deer season here, is all the time.

THE Mad Mullah seems very like our own Sam Hughes in his constitutionally belligerent temperament.

IF THE packers' strike kept up, beef promised to go almost as high as when "the cow jumped over" etc.

JUST fancy the ice man of Seattle getting so hot about their wages as to strike!

THE Chicago packers have conclude their midsummer holiday and are at work again.

ALL Victoria's Native Sons with the exception of a few across the harbor, will celebrate at Shawnigan next month.

ISN'T it just a trifle paradoxical that a man by the name of Swallow should be the Prohibitionist nominee for president?

IT IS up to the C. P. R. to consider now whether the water is of sufficient depth for the Empresses to enter Vancouver harbor with safety.

ROBERT GRAY discovers that he had money in the Government Savings Bank for the past seven years.

JUDGING from the way the Japanese are attacking the passes, they must be members of the Interstate Railway Association.

THE Dawson people expect a very dry season. Thirty-five of their saloons have been closed by order of the Commissioners.

AFTER having defeated the Russians on sea and land, the war correspondents are retiring in good order.

FREE interpretation of a recent legal decision would seem to be: Striking is quite within the law, but when you strike you mustn't hit anyone.

THE Fifth Regiment band has got its grant from the city, as the Colonel says, largely through the efforts of the local press, i. e. "Progress."

TOO bad Fitzsimmons hadn't heard of the fate of the man who took the hive of bees, before it entered his head to appropriate that cub lion.

THE Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works was in Vancouver for the Glorious Twelfth, but took no part in the celebration. His name was against him.

A BAD man has been arrested up the line for passing Confederate States bills on unsuspecting bartenders of Fernie and Michel. It was the general impression that only innocent Vancouverites took that particular brand of "money" now.

THE power of the press is a wonderful thing. If you don't believe it just look at the Colonist and Times' lists of the guests at a recent fashionable wedding, and see how resurrections, reconciliations and hitherto undreamed of matrimonial unions have been brought about with a few strokes of the reportorial typewriter.

Seattle Is Wide Awake

Anxious to "Enlarge its Influence" to Embrace B. C. Oil Lands.

The Seattle Times concludes a long article on the coal, iron and petroleum resources of South-eastern British Columbia with particular reference to the Flathead Valley, which has just been opened up, as follows:

"With a combination of such staples in fuel and ore, as iron, oil and coal to work upon, the future of the district is assured."

"A number of Spokane and Seattle people have been working in the northern portion of the district and a large number of claims have been located in both the northern and southern sections, but it is in the latter that the best opportunities are now offering."

"It will be seen that close within the influence of Seattle there exists boundless opportunities for the future. It is open to the people of Seattle to give a spur to the movement that will bring under its direct influence this area of coal and iron."

"The necessity for manufactures is felt here to-day, and with the absorption by Seattle or any other city of the Pacific Coast of these lands, the future is assured, many say. Without the outlet by consumption through the process of manufactures, Seattle, Tacoma and many other cities must eventually remain mere distributing points, while the cities that take hold with energy and persistence, the transforming work will eventually become the centres of population, it is argued."

If these resources are within the influence of Seattle they are equally within the influence of Victoria, and Victoria is not so slow. A reference to our advertising columns this week will show that Victoria capital is already interested in the "absorption" and development of some of these lands. The pioneer company in this field is a company with its head office in Victoria and not in Seattle.

At the same time this attitude of the Seattle papers shows that the Seattle people are alive to the territorial importance of this new territory and are not going to sleep over getting the control of as much of it as they can.

However, Canada has awakened to her opportunities quite considerably in the last year or two. The first company to secure a gushing oil well in this field is a Canadian company managed and controlled on this side of the line. And the first company to enter the British Columbia portion of the field is a British Columbia company. With their great energy and enterprise the cities of Spokane and Seattle will undoubtedly get some of these resources, and the qualities of their citizens will be most useful in assisting their rapid development. But they should not get it all if our own people are alive to the situation.

As applied to the gain in net amount of insurance in force in Canada for the five years ending 31st December, 1903, The Mutual Life of Canada still maintains its position at the head of all its competitors among Canadian Life companies as shown by the Government reports. This old reliable home company has well earned the title of "Canada's favorite company." It will pay you to examine our rates and plans before insuring elsewhere. R. L. Drury, Manager, 34 Broad street.

Semi-Ready Business Change Sale. Bargains for This Week.

STRAW HATS Half Price. 40 FANNEL AND BLACK SUITS (balance of stock) **Half Price. 100 Boys' 2-Piece-Suits, sizes 22 to 26, Half Price.** All Men's and Boys' Suits Raincoats, Overcoats and Pants **20 PER CENT or 1-5 OFF FOR CASH.**

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Weddings of the Week

Marriage of Mr. L. A. Genge and Miss Rithet a Brilliant One
—Denison-Walbran.

The marriage of Miss Gertrude Alice Rithet, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Patterson Rithet of "Hollybank", Victoria, to Mr. Lawrence Arthur Genge, late of H. M.'s Naval Dockyard staff at Esquimalt, which the Ven. Archbishop Scriven solemnized at the Cathedral on Saturday evening last, proved as pre-destined, one of the smartest and most brilliant social events of the season, the incidents of the charming hymenal celebration from first to last being prettily picturesque. The wedding was at nine, by which hour the Cathedral was crowded to the doors by fashionable friends who prior to the arrival of the wedding party employed the time in appreciative inspection of the very effective floral decoration of the sacred edifice—which certainly was well worthy of such attention. For the church decorations the artistic temperaments and deft fingers of Mrs. Robin Dunsmuir and the Misses Loewen were responsible, a refreshing color scheme in white and vivid green being very effectively and harmoniously worked out. Three arches forming the chancel, were a maze of variegated ivy, a basket of ferns and Canterbury Bells pendant from the centre, under which the principals in the marriage ceremony, upon arrival, took their places. On either side was a profusion of palms, ferns, roses and Canterbury Bells, interlaced with white ribbon; the altar having its separate and effective adornment in June lilies.

The bridal party entered to the majestic strains of Wagner's "Tannhauser" march, Dr. Herman Robertson officiating at the organ throughout the service. The bride entered upon the arm of her father, by whom she was given away; while by adoption of a pretty custom for which our American cousins are to be thanked, the maid-of-honor (Miss Dunsmuir) and the bridesmaids (Miss Velda Wason of Cleveland, O., and Miss Roberts of Seattle) were escorted to the altar by the ushers—Mr. Edward Gunn of San Francisco and Professor Milnor Roberts of Seattle. Mr. J. A. Rithet attended his friend the groom.

The bride's gown was of white crepe de chine, ornately trimmed with Duchesse lace and with regulation train, veil and crown of orange blossoms from California, the bride's trousseau state. Her bouquet was of bride's roses, and her only ornaments a "Broke" pearl pendant (the gift of her groom) and a handsome diamond star (her mother's remembrance). Maid-of-honor and bridesmaids wore tainty greens of olden time quaintness, in Nile green with chiffon fichus and white trimmed with Maltese lace, and picturesque poke bonnets with long chiffon streamers crossed at the neck and loosely tied at the right side with large bows and long ends. Each carried roses—Miss Dunsmuir, pink American Beauties; Miss Wason and Miss Roberts, blossoms of white—none in bouquet arrangement, but long-stemmed floral jewels held loosely in the hand.

During the ceremony Dr. Robertson played the bridal chorus from

"Lohengrin", and as the party left the Cathedral, the magnificent wedding march of Mendelssohn, the chimed also ringing out a merry benediction under the skillful manipulation of Mr. T. E. Pooley.

After the church ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Genge received the congratulations and good wishes of their friends at "Hollybank", Mr. Rithet's Victoria residence, which was smartly decorated with a multitude of midsummer roses, white and green again giving the key-note to the color scheme, and the grounds also being when the rain permitted, ablaze of vari-colored light. Bride and groom received in the drawing room beneath an arch of roses and smilax, while here and elsewhere within doors, palms, ferns and roses were employed in floral decorations to excellent effect. After the time-honored toasts and acknowledgments of such occasions, and the cutting of the bride's cake—which was of pagoda form, a veritable triumph of the confectioner's art of which Mrs. Clay, the caterer, might well be proud—the bride re-appeared in her travelling costume of dark blue cheviot, with touches of stem-green velvet, brass buttons, and vest of white, the travelling hat being a Napoleon, of straw, with a large green wing. Mrs. Rithet wore at the church and reception a handsome gown of pearl grey crepe de chine trimmed with old Brussels, her ornaments being diamonds.

Other especially smart items in the bridal trousseau are a black and a blue spangled evening gown, and a very modish reception dress in green crepe de chine. The groom's gift to the bride was a handsome "Broke" (fresh water) pearl pendant. To the maid-of-honor he gave a pretty wish-bone pin with violet centre and Broke pearls; to the bridesmaids, new art brooches with green enamel leaves and fresh water pearls; to the best man, a gold nugget fob; and to the ushers, nugget stick-pins.

Shortly after midnight Mr. and Mrs. Genge took leave of their friends amid showers of symbolical rice, confetti and good wishes, for their honeymoon, which is being spent at the Kynaston Farm, Saanich Road upon their return about August 1st they will take up their residence in their new home on Vancouver and Humboldt streets, where Mrs. Genge will be at home to her friends on Tuesday afternoons.

A Glimpse At The Presents

The wedding presents, which were displayed in the reception room on one long centre-table and several smaller tables, and which quite filled the apartment, comprised a selection made with marked taste, of beautiful silver and art china, bric-a-brac, bronzes, historic old silver, etc. Mr. Rithet's present to his daughter was a complete silver cutlery set—knives, forks, spoons, etc.—a dozen of each article and size, there being upwards of two hundred pieces in the service. Other gifts received by the bride as souvenirs of her wedding day included the following, to which are yet to be added many gifts now on their way to Victoria from the Old Country, Eastern Canada, California, Hawaii, and the Continent: Mr. Hutchinson, San Francisco, silver berry spoon; Mr. and Mrs. J. O'B. Gunn, San Francisco, candle set; Mr. A. T. and Miss Muriel Howard, coffee cups; Miss Philpot, Vancouver, sugar bowl; Mrs. Cronyn, tea pot; Mr. Thomas Binnev, pounded silver fish servers; Miss Dunsmuir, gold heart; Mr. Albert Sanford, silver tea pot; Dr. Aldison, H.M.S. Flora, silver bonbon dish;

Lieut. Rose, R.N. and Dr. Scribner R.N., silver salt cellars; Mrs. Duncan MacTavish, ink pot; Mr. Savers, San Francisco, loving cup; Mr. and Mrs. Mullins, San Francisco, cutglass dish; Miss George, Cleveland, centrepiece and doilies; Hon. J. S. Helmcken, cut glass vase; Mr. and Mrs. Laing, silver frame; Miss Mitchell, Montreal, paper knife; Judge and Mrs. Spinks, Vernon, silver peppers and salts; Miss Bish—San Francisco, bead purse; Miss Roberts and Professor P. Rithet Roberts, Seattle, oyster forks; Mr. and Mrs. Brotherhood, Montreal, cut glass bowl; Mr. Froelich, San Francisco, clock; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bruce, San Francisco, silver coffee set; Miss Eva Weir, Montreal, silver bonbon dish; Captain Elliott R. E., silver cup and spoon (dated 1740); Mrs. Dunsmuir, Royal Worcester vase; Captain and Mrs. Bunbury, old snuff box; Mr. Edward Gunn, San Francisco, fish servers; Miss Evelyn Brotherhood, Montreal, knives and carvers; Mr. and Mrs. Robin Dunsmuir, silver salt cellars; Mr. and Mrs. Allan Kirk, centrepiece; Mrs. Milnor Roberts, Seattle, berry spoon; Mr. and Mrs. E. Temple, handkerchief case; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Jackson, pair vases; Col. Mrs. and Miss Prior, vase; staff of R. P. Rithet & Co. Ltd., cut glass bowl, Mr. and Mrs. Burton, silver bonbon dish; Lieut. Blandy R.E. and Lieut. Hood R.E., silver powder puff; Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie, gun-metal clock; Mrs. Harvey and Mr. R. Harvey, coffee cups; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Keith, San Francisco, silver bonbon dish; Captain Popham, R.A.M.C., silver berry spoon; Mr. and Mrs. C. Morrison Wood, San Francisco, silver decanter; Miss Brotherhood, Sydney, Mabel Brotherhood, Montreal, sugar jug; Mr. and Mrs. D. Ker, travelling clock; Mr. R. J. Ker, cut glass punch bowl; Major and Mrs. Bland, silver coffee spoons; Mr. and Mrs. Clapham, centrepiece mirror; Mr. and Mrs. Keith Wilson, vase; Mr. and Mrs. Oliver, chocolate cups and saucers; Mr. Mrs. and the Misses Kitto, vase; Mr. and Mrs. Vesper, San Francisco, silver fruit dish; Mr. Frank Gelselshore, silver brush; Miss Wason and Miss Velda Wason, Cleveland, O., coffee, tea, sugar and cream service; Mr. Alexis Martin, silver butter knife; Mr. and Mrs. James Dunsmuir, silver flagree sherry decanter; Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Johnson, Greenwood, silver crumb tray; Mlle. Fausch de Mervezdron, flagree silver scent bottles; Mrs. J. D. Emberton, silver frame; Messrs. Challoner & Mitchell, French silver bread tray; Mr. A. K. Munro, set Shakespeare; Miss Irving, Miss Genevieve Irving, and Mr. Will Irving, fountain pen; Dr. and Mrs. Home travelling clock; Miss Woodward, picture; Miss Victoria Wilson, screen; Mr. and Mrs. Pooley, pictures; Mrs. Monk, oil painting; Mr. T. E. Pooley, cut glass water carafe; Mrs. W. Ralph Higgins, silver sugar spoon; Mrs. Robert Heaven, silver bonbon dish; Mrs. McCallum, silver perfume bottles; Captain and Mrs. John Irving, cut glass berry bowl; Mr. K. V. Munro, pair cut glass vases; Mr. and Mrs. E. Crow Baker, cut glass and silver berry bowl; Lt. Col. and Mrs. Arthur W. Jones, brass candlesticks; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lawson, glass and silver vases; Mrs. Loewen, cut glass bonbon dish; Mr. and Miss O'Reilly, silver mounted mirror; Mr. and Mrs. James Genge, Surrev. Eng., cheque; Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Munro, cheque; Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Genge, cheque; Dr. George Duncan, clock; Mr. and

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5 Papers Good Pins	5c
2 Fancy Hat Pins	5c
2 White Handkerchiefs	5c
1 Pair 25c. Side Combs	5c
2 White Linen Collars	5c
2 Skeins Wool	5c
1 Bunch 25c Flowers	5c
1 Pair Cashmere Hose	20c
1 Pair \$2.00 D. & H. Corsets	95c
1 Chatelaine Purse	40c
1 Pair 60c Silk Gloves	20c
1 Silk Necktie	15c
1 Bunch 75c Foliage	25c

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14 Hats worth to \$6.00 for	45c
\$1.75 White Underskirts	45c
\$2.00 Golf Coats, clearing at	95c
25c Undervests clearing at	12½c
\$2.50 Skirts in Black & Grey at	\$1.50
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THE GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC.

Between the sarcasm of the Times and the efforts of the Colonist to create political capital—both of which things are legitimate enough in their way—there is danger that the Victoria public may get hopelessly muddled over a very simple, if exceedingly important, business proposition. The matter referred to is the construction of the new transcontinental line.

The Colonist's position is that the Dominion Government is exceedingly culpable in not providing a date when construction shall be begun at the western terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific, and wants the public to believe that the omission is intended to enable the company to compel the province to give it a subsidy. The Times answers its contemporary's charges with chaff, which would be amusing, if the matter dealt with were not so serious.

The simple facts of the case appear to be as follows: The Dominion Government made the best contract it could with the G. T. P. people, which was for the completion of the line from Winnipeg to the Coast in eight years. We all know that there was no little difficulty in getting the Grand Trunk shareholders to agree to this. They refused to agree to a contract to build it in five years. It is not unreasonable to suggest that if, coupled with this time limit there had been provisions as to the time and place of commencement and method of carrying on the work, the shareholders might not have ratified any agreement. The point of view from which Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues approached the question was purely for the province. It is submitted, is the correct point of view for a federal ministry to take, and so that the construction of the new road was secured within the time limit, the Government was fully justified in not exacting anything more, if by exacting it the successful carrying out of its policy would have been imperiled.

It can easily be understood that the promoters of the undertaking might object to the fixing of any of the details as to time, place and manner of construction, because such conditions would impose new obligations, the full extent of which could not be estimated in advance, and as the responsibility of the people of Canada is proportionate to the cost, it follows that by inserting such conditions in the contract the public would be pledged to an indefinite additional responsibility. What the company will undertake to build is a road, which while of the specific standard of construction, will cost the lowest sum compatible with such work, and under such an arrangement the responsibility of the public treasury will be reduced to a minimum. To secure such a contract was the duty of the Dominion Government, which, we repeat, must approach such questions from a Dominion standpoint. The Colonist the other day said that this view of the case was the only one requiring serious consideration, and it proceeded to answer it by saying that a Liberal member of the Board of Trade had said that the company would find it cheaper to construct eastward from the Coast than westward through the mountains. This view of the case is not the only one requiring serious consideration, but is the only consideration entering into the case, and if the contemporary does not dispose of it by setting forth the member of the Board of Trade is reported to have said. If he did say it, and it is true, then we may rely upon it with confidence that the company, composed of business men desirous of building in line as cheaply as possible, consistent with quality, will begin construction at the Coast, and in that case the complaint of our contemporary falls to the ground.

Just here a word as to Senator Templeman. The Senator gave notice of an amendment relating to the time of beginning work at the Coast. This was not an amendment to the Transcontinental Railway bill, but to the bill incorporating the company. When Senator Dandurand, who had the bill in charge, declined to accept the amendment, Senator Templeman had to choose between defeating the whole project and leaving matters as they stood in the contract. As a private

member of the Senate, he endeavored to get a private bill amended, but did not succeed. As a member of the Cabinet he could not be expected to take an attitude calculated to defeat a measure for which the Cabinet was responsible. His course in the premises is fully justifiable.

The Parliament of Canada having made an agreement with the Grand Trunk Pacific Company to construct a line from Winnipeg to the Coast in eight years, a question presents itself to the people of British Columbia, which may be stated as follows: Is the immediate construction of the line from the western terminus a matter of such importance to the business and other interests of the province, that the province ought to be willing to give something to secure it? It is as simple a proposition as tipping a waiter in order to get a dinner served quickly. There is no use in belaboring either Sir Wilfrid Laurier or Mr. McBride about it. British Columbia will get a line through its territory within eight years without directly contributing a dollar or an acre of land to its cost. This is a good thing. Most of us would have thought it a very good thing if in 1896 we could have been assured of a new railway across the province with a transcontinental connection by 1904. Now what the people have to think about is whether it will be to their advantage to get the line more quickly and have it built from this end, and if so what are they willing to give to secure such a consummation?

THE BULKELEY VALLEY.

The information which Mr. Dorsay gave the Colonist about the Bulkeley Valley does not differ in any particular from what has already been known of that part of the province, although he states details, which strongly corroborate the highly favorable reports already received. The existence of a large and valuable area in the locality mentioned can hardly fail to have an important bearing upon the route of the Grand Trunk Pacific, and it also affords an argument for its early construction. The Bulkeley Valley has an area of about 400 square miles, that is to say it is about as large as the Saanich Peninsula, including all the region between Saanich Arm and a line joining that Arm and Esquimalt on the one side, and the Gulf of Georgia on the other. It is evidently richer in natural resources than the Saanich Peninsula, because valuable coal mines lie contiguous. This comparison will give some measure by which an idea can be formed of the future value of this new part of the province, which now only has a few dozen settlers. Four hundred square miles is 256,000 acres. Five acres per head is a high average for cultivated land in Canada. On this average, the Bulkeley Valley will support a population of over 50,000 people without taking into account its possibilities in coal and mineral. And this is not by any means the only valley in Central British Columbia that awaits and will repay settlement.

Now in view of the fact that these splendid areas are soon to be rendered accessible by a railway, what are the people of Victoria going to do about it? No one has any right to suppose that, secure in their present comfortable position, they are going to rest upon their oars and permit the current of trade to carry them where it will; but everyone has a right to urge that a policy of apathy shall not prevail, but that a determined effort shall be made to secure for the city her due share of the enormous business which will be developed in the next decade in that part of the province referred to. And to-day is not too soon to begin the effort to secure it.

Demonstrations of personal respect to Lord Dundonald are in order, but no one has yet arisen to say he did not think that no one who has rudimentary ideas of how the Government is carried on in a constitutional country.

We must not be too hasty in jumping at conclusions in regard to the action of the Russian fleet in respect to neutral vessels. Great Britain has always asserted very broad claims in this respect and it is not her interest to narrow them too closely, when put forth by another power.

If a steamer has come to grief while entering Victoria harbor, we are afraid the Vancouver papers would not have been so forbearing in their comments as the Victoria papers have been in respect to the accident to the Princess Victoria in the Vancouver Narrows.

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The Flathead Valley Oil Lands Development Company has been formed for the purpose of developing and dealing in the lands of Block 4593.

It is the pioneer company in the field and already controls a large acreage.

Its shares are a good investment because those who invest get in upon the ground floor and become partners of the pioneers in the oil field.

Opportunities like this do not recur.

Twelve, even six months from now, capitalists all over the continent will be aroused to the resources of the Flathead Valley.

There will be keen competition to secure portions of its resources.

One dollar invested now will give as great opportunities of profit as \$10 invested later on.

Remember the Crow's Nest Coal Company and the fortunes made in its shares.

Get a prospectus of the Flathead Oil Lands Development Company, read it carefully, and ask yourself the question whether it is not a fair risk that this company should come to occupy an equally commanding position in the oil industry.

Oil is more easily handled than coal. Its development is not so costly. It is more independent of railways. It returns larger profits and therefore the capital value of oil lands is greater than that of coal lands and increases more rapidly.

The boom in the lands of the Northwest must spread to British Columbia. But capital will not be attracted by generalities. Some specific resources capable of development will bring money and enterprise into the country.

No richer, more accessible nor more easily developed territory lies within the boundaries of the province than the oil lands of its southeastern corner in the Flathead Valley.

It is there the first movement will be visible.

Prospectuses of the Flathead Valley Oil Lands Development Company may be procured from the office of the company, Imperial Bank Chambers, Victoria, or from any of the directors.

The shares of this company are now for sale at 25 cents each. Applications for blocks of 40 shares and upwards will now be accepted.

