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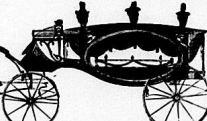
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The Story of The Week.

Three hold-ups in one of the principal residential parts of Seattle, followed by the attempted capture of the robbers and a running fight in which twenty-seven shots were fired, occurred on Monday evening. Residential Seattle is becoming one of the most dangerous places in the world to be abroad in after nightfall.

U. S. Senator Burton, of Texas has been found guilty by a petty jury of aiding and abetting certain parties in making a fraudulent use of the mails. This is said to be the first case on record in which a member of the United States Senate has been found guilty of a crime.

Some of the members of the Mounted Police, who have been stationed at the mouth of the Macenzie River, are expected at Dawson in the course of the next few weeks. It gives one some idea of the vastness of this Dominion to be told that these men will have to travel about 2,000 miles to reach Dawson, when they will be 1,600 miles from Victoria.

The United States Government is making enquiries as to the amount of tonnage available at Seattle for the transportation of men, horses and provisions, which looks as if that government were preparing for eventualities in the Orient.

The war news of the week is little more interesting than that of last week. A fresh attempt was made to bottle up the Russian fleet in Port Arthur, but it was only partially successful. The Japanese sailed the vessels, that were to be sunk, directly into the inner harbour, withstanding the fire from the forts and the attack of the torpedo boat destroyers. Great heroism was displayed, and the Russians showed themselves not lacking in resisting the attack, which they did to such good purpose that they sank the ships before they reached the points selected by the enemy.

A lively land fight occurred last Monday. The number of men engaged was not large, nor were the casualties on either side heavy. At the close of the fight the Russians retreated. The moral effect of the affair will be very favorable to Japan.

An attempt is to be made to introduce zebras into use in England for driving purposes. At present only two people employ them as drivers. Walter Rothschild has a four-in-hand and Arthur Yates drives a pair. Col. Baillie, a well-known South African traveller, is making an effort to popularize their use. He says that a driving team will cost him but little, trained to harness in six months, and when once broken is almost absolutely free from vices of any kind.

An expedition is being fitted out in Denver to search for Utah's famous "Lost Mine." Maps and documents have been found that are said to afford an accurate clue to the whereabouts of this wonderful deposit. It is said to have been worked at one time by the early Spaniard settlers, but of late years all efforts to rediscover it have been blighted by the Indians and the scarcely less savage white population. The first mining word of to-day heard of this mine was in 1879, when a ranchman living on the Roaring Fork of the Grand River, a few miles below where Aspen is now situated, was startled by the appearance at his door of a tall, emaciated stranger with staring eyes, unkempt hair and beard, carrying a bundle upon his back.

The stranger began a rambling incoherent speech in which mention was made of walls of silver, stone buildings, caves, centipedes, lizards and gold. The ranchman gave him food and put him to bed, where he remained most of three days, sleeping much of the time and irrational when awake. On the morning of the fourth day he awoke in a dazed, nervous, inquired how he came to be there, where his horses, guns and prospecting tools were, and where his samples had been put.

He told the ranchman that he had found the ruins of an old city while prospecting in Southern Utah. At gold mine on this was an old gold mine of untold riches. He unrolled his bundle and brought forth about twenty pounds of ore, almost pure silver and gold. He also had a few pieces of rich copper ore. He said there was an abundance of it; that the mine had been worked by some one in past ages, and that after selling his ore at Leadville he would return and, with the ranchman, try to find the mines again. The ranchman furnished him with a horse and saddle and the stranger took the trail for Leadville, never to be heard from again. He left the ranchman some of the ore, which is now on exhibition in Denver.

A London dispatch says that diamonds will be dearer than ever, first because, owing to labor disputes about mining, not a lot of diamonds during any year. A second and secondly because the Indian and Brazilian supply of stones is being exhausted. The emerald is now the fashionable stone, and is rapidly advancing in price. Rubies and sapphires are also going up, but not so rapidly as emeralds. Mr. Streeter, the famous Bond street jeweller, says that platinum is to be the fashionable setting for all precious stones.

Miniatures carved on ivory medals is the latest society craze. The King has set the example, and all "society" is following it. Most beautiful work is being produced.

The Paris correspondent of the New York Herald telegraphs: Spring fashions for Parisian dogs include many novelties, such as colored and brief night shirts, rubber shoes, thick, fluffy dressing gowns to wear after a bath, straw and felt hats, special wicker sofas, cushioned and beaded with garlands and ribbons; nail files, car pipes, powder boxes and vapourers.

THE GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC.

There has been a little discussion, although not nearly as much as there ought to have been, about the beginning of work on the Grand Trunk Pacific at the Western end. It is very much in the interest of this city that such work should be begun at the earliest possible day. What can we do to bring this about? There is nothing in the contract about the time of beginning at any point. An agitation ought to be started to secure an understanding from the company to construct simultaneously from the Coast eastward and from Winnipeg westward. Before going further it is as well to mention that, if any stipulation had been made in the contract to the above effect, objection might have been raised by the other provinces against exceptionally favorable treatment being extended to British Columbia. No valid ground of complaint exists, therefore, against the Government because such a stipulation was not made. It is well to keep this in mind, if an agitation is to be undertaken for securing early construction from the West. No one has any authority for saying that the company will not begin its work in this province just as soon as it has selected its termini, or that the selection will not be made as quickly as the necessary data can be got together. Such semi-official statements as have been given are to that effect, but it is not difficult to suggest reasons why the company may not find it expedient to adopt such a course. The company has been very in which to build from Winnipeg to the Pacific Coast. It can build to the mountains in two years, and devote itself to developing traffic there, so as to make the enterprise profitable, before beginning work on the mountain section. Having done this it can push construction westward through the mountains, in which event it may easily be 1909 before British Columbia feels the effect of this great national undertaking. This is a simple statement of fact without political, sectional or any other bias whatever. The question is: What are we going to do about it?

Terminal Facilities

How Shall Victoria Prepare to Become a Great Commercial Port? The Songhose Reserve.

The people of Victoria will have to take into consideration very shortly the matter of terminal facilities for railways. That this city possesses certain exceptional advantages in connection with trans-Pacific trade is beyond all question.

It is the first and last port of call for steamers engaged in that trade and sailing by way of the Strait of Juan de Fuca, which is certain to be the main highway of such business, no matter how important a town the Grand Trunk Pacific may build up at the North, or how San Francisco may put forth efforts to secure a commanding position. The facts of geography are the determining factors in commerce, and these place Victoria in a position of exceptional advantage. Steamers from Seattle and Tacoma will always either make regular calls here both coming and going, or will be available when freight offers.

The climatic conditions here are specially favorable for manufacturing, because it is well known that excessive heat or excessive cold reduce the efficiency of operatives. In this respect Victoria is more favored than any other place in America.

Victoria is a good point to assemble raw materials, not only because the local supply in some lines is very large, but also because water power is available for much that would have to be imported elsewhere. Fuel is plentiful and of excellent quality.

The matter of land transportation no longer presents any difficulties, for all these have been solved by the establishment of car ferries.

Thus there is no reason why Victoria should take a second place to any other city on the Pacific Coast as a manufacturing centre.

The matter of terminal facilities is our weak point at present. The Outer Wharves are the only wharves to be taken into account in considering ocean-borne traffic, are fully a mile from either of the railway stations, and there are very few factory sites which do not involve considerable drayage to carry their goods to steamships. If this city is to become an important export and import point, an effort must be made to remedy these defects. The E. & N. Railway and the Victoria & Sidney Railway ought both to be extended to the Outer Wharves. There is business in this for a terminal company. Presently the Canadian Pacific ocean steamships will continue to carry their freight to Vancouver, but there will be a chance to build up a large traffic here with other steamship lines. There is also good reason for the hope that any traffic which there is at a time when the Outer Wharves, destined to ports in Australia, Mexico and South America, can be brought into Victoria. The advantages of our geographical position are very great and ought constantly to be kept in mind. Perhaps it is not too much to say that in this direction, but it is not too soon to talk about it, because unless we keep possibilities of this nature constantly before us, we are apt to lose sight of them. Seattle people used to talk about terminal facilities there at a time when they owned very much less prospect of their being needed than there is here at present.

Then there is the perennial question of the Songhose Reserve. How much longer are we going to be content with the efforts to get that opened? Let us get down to business. Does any one know why the endless negotiations on that subject have as yet come to nothing? This paper proposes to find out, if it can. There is a fine piece of land there, the waterfront of which ought to be lined with wharves; there is a chance to provide terminals to be used in connection with ocean-going steamships; a bridge can be thrown across the harbor to permit connection to be made with the Outer Wharves; there are fine sites for other wharves; there is a place that can be made into a beautiful little park.

We have been told in the daily papers and in the Legislature time and again that the question was on the eve of settlement. What is the reason of the delay?

HERE AND THERE.

The Garrison beat the Victoria last Saturday 3 to 1.
W. Ritchie conducted the service and Miss Sewerfort sang at St. James's Hall last Sunday.

Walter Nichols, of the Half-Way House, was fined \$50 for ill-treating a horse.

An Englishman worships three gods—his pig, his trade and his top hat—Sidney Bulletin.

Chas. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, is under arrest for deserting the U.S. flag.

The Hawses are in Revelstoke interesting the people as they did here. Bishop Thomas had a narrow escape from drowning in Alberni Canal.

Captain John Irving is home from Whitehorse, where he was looking after his mining interests.

The Finn colony on Malcolm Island is disbanding.

Mrs. William Henderson died on Thursday.

The firemen want more wages. They think \$60 a month not enough for 24 hours' duty seven days a week.

The Jubilee hospital last Saturday.

Camron Bros. have purchased McNeil's lively stable on Johnson street.

The Typographical Union has given \$10 towards furnishing a room in the new building for the Jubilee hospital.

The Montreal Star wanted only \$22,500 to advertise Victoria and British Columbia.

Marconi is ill with fever.

K. Wollaston is touring the Upper Mainland on business.

Newspaper correspondents have been expelled from Port Arthur by the Russians.

The School by-law has passed the Council. It now remains for the citizens to vote "yea" on the 14th.

Trout are not flying very well yet. Miss Greville is giving a Musical Kindergarten Recital Monday afternoon. The little Victorians did splendidly.

Stone for the Carnegie Library building is arriving.

The ladies of St. John's choir were surprised at the services yesterday.

Mrs. Lester gave a masquerade dance last night.

Crofton smelter paid \$15,000 for a dump of low-grade ore at Marble Bay to be used for fluxing.

A gold strike is reported in the Liard district.

Large lumber bunkers and wharves are being erected at Departure Bay.

There was a sham battle at Mount Tolmie yesterday.

Mr. H. P. Collis was presented with a gold-mounted ebony walking stick before leaving Cumberland.

Yesterday 17 Chinese paid fines aggregating \$382.50 for gambling.

Woodmen of the World did not meet last night.

The Japs are buying salmon.

The Women's Auxiliary will furnish one of the new rooms at the more successful than Mr. James Dunsmuir will also undertake one room.

F. C. Wade, formerly of Yukon, will practice law in this province as soon as he has passed the regular Benchers' examination.

The Canada Law Journal commenting upon the proposed appointment of Mr. Justice Duff, says he never was a politician, which will be news to Mr. Justice Duff.

According to the latest account, it would seem that the attempt to block the entrance to Port Arthur was more successful than first reported.

At least one ship was barred from the entrance, making the passage very difficult if not altogether impossible for ships of heavy draught.

The central part of the James Bay retaining wall above the railway is being renewed under Mr. James Dunsmuir on the bulge caused by pressure from the filling in. It was necessary to move some of this to allow for the buttresses. The ear line has just been laid on terra firma and the remainder of the old bridge will be removed at once.

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LOOKING FORWARD.

As Victorians let us look forward
a little.

What has the future to offer us?
There are yet a few honored resi-
dents of this city, who have lived
here ever since it was founded. They
have seen a great change, not as great
a change as has been witnessed in
some other localities, but at the same
time a great and decided change.
From being a remote fort of the Hud-
son's Bay Victoria has become a
modern city, with many things to
make it attractive, and many causes
operating to ensure it a prosperous
future.

Certain things contributed to the
progress of Victoria. It was the first
place in this part of Canada to
become in any way a commercial
centre, and from here the men, who
exploited the placer mines, drew their
supplies, and here they came to spend
a good part of what they made.
It was a place of importance in respect
to trade with the Indians, which, per-
haps, was not always in articles of
legitimate commerce. It has always
been the seat of government, since
there was any government for this
part of the world. It was the seat
of a military station, and for many
years a military post. It played a
very important part in the develop-
ment of the interior of the province, in the early
stages of that movement at least. It
has derived advantages from the
proximity of the coal mines, from the
proximity of the sealing industry
and from the lumbering opera-
tions along the coast. Other things
must be mentioned, for example the
fact that it has been able to attract
many people of moderate means, who
found here conditions favorable for a
life of ease. All these things oper-
ated to make Victoria and vicinity
grow to a community with a per-
manent population of 25,000 people
and more wealth per capita, proba-
bly, than any other city in Canada.

Every one of these causes is oper-
ating today upon the development of
the city and some of them in a
greater degree than ever.

Let us take them up one by one.
The exploitation of the placer
mines. This is not carried on in
British Columbia to anything like the
extent it used to be, but when the
business of the Yukon is taken into
account, it will be seen that placer
mining continues to contribute to
Victoria's trade. Happily it may be
predicted with much confidence that
a period of new activity in the
placer mines, and it is absolutely cer-
tain that hydraulic mines will be
worked to a vast extent in the very
near future. Readers of this paper
know the grounds upon which this
prediction is based. Whether we
shall see a repetition of what
happened in the case of the
placer mines and came out with
plethoric boasts, the contents of which
scattered with lavish hands, no one knows, but
that at least an evanescent prosper-
ity. Gold mines, yielding a steady,
substantial profit are better for the
country than bonanzas that remain
unworked. We can look forward with
absolute certainty to an increasing
number of the former, scattered over
a wide area.

Trade with the Indians is not the
factor it formerly was. It is simply
an incident of general business. The
Victoria is still to remain the
capital of British Columbia and when
it is borne in mind that this province
has an area of about 400,000 square
miles, and is packed with natural
resources, besides being the Western
Frontier of the Dominion, it is argu-
mentum est, that it will remain the
feature of the future of the city will
be one of vastly greater importance
as the years pass.

Every year witnesses an advance
in the expansion of the naval and
military interests here. In view of
the shifting of the world's power
gravity to the Pacific Ocean, it is not
easy to set a limit to what this com-
munity may become as one of the
Outposts of Empire.

When the development of the in-
terior is spoken of, most people un-
derstand that reference is made to
the interior of the continent, to be
Kootenay, or rather that part of these
districts which lies between Okana-
gan Lake and the Eastern border
of the province and between the In-
ternational boundary and the C.P.R.
—and this is the great interior whose
progress has attracted so much at-
tention, and has led to the building
up of many thriving towns—is only

twice as large as Vancouver Island
and not as rich in value by nature
wealth, while the Central and North-
ern Mainland of the province and in
the Yukon is a region twenty times as
large as the "interior" just men-
tioned, only awaiting transportation fa-
cilities to add to the commercial im-
portance of our city.

The coal mining industry is not
only good for an indefinite number of
years to come at its present capacity,
but is capable of almost indefinite
expansion.

We have only begun to utilize our
timber resources.

The fishing industry may have
reached its zenith, but the deep sea
fisheries will in the course of not a
very long time become of vastly
greater importance than it ever was,
while the salmon canning business
near at home will be something new
to the number of people who will
seek Victoria as a residential spot
is steadily growing, and as a leisure
resort we are only on the thresh-
hold of great things.

Why, then, should not the people
of Victoria look forward with confi-
dence? Why should they not be in-
spired with an enthusiastic determina-
tion to make their city the foremost
place on the shore of the North Pa-
cific Ocean?

EASTER.

The World's Great Festival of Prom-
ise, Antedating Christianity
by Unnumbered Centuries.

There are two great festivals whose
origin no man knoweth, namely Yule
Tide and Oestre. There is no tradi-
tion as to what it antedates them,
and it is perhaps not wholly a fig-
ment of the imagination that assigns
their beginning to the period before
the Ice Age, when mankind dwelt
in the circum-Polar regions, and the
Winter Solstice corresponded to mid-
night and the Vernal Equinox to sun-
rise. Certain we may be that it was
to no ordinary events, or mere con-
ventional observance, that the observ-
ance of these two festivals became
universal among the tribes, whose
origin was somewhere in the North.
The Christian Church did not invent
these festivals. It found them already
in high esteem among the Pagans,
and with great wisdom, instead of
seeking to abolish them, changed
them from days of carousal and
pagan rites to holy days commemor-
ative of the two great events in the
history of mankind. Yule Tide be-
came Christmas, the day when the
Babe of Bethlehem was born; Oestre
became Easter, the day when the
Victim of Calvary exhibited His
dominion over death. But as to the
names, Yule Tide was not the birth
and hope of Oestre, a day of promise
as Christmas and Easter, respectively
to us. The event of which the
Herald Angels told was full of hope;
that to which the angelic guardians
of the empty sepulchre testified is
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certainty. Perhaps immortality can-
not be proved by chemistry, or by
astronomy or mathematics; but then
you cannot prove the love of a mother
for her child by these sciences. The
child needs no proof; it knows. So
with the resurrection of the dead.
It cannot be demonstrated by the
means whereby material things are
demonstrated. But there is a higher
proof than they afford. It comes to
us when we prepare ourselves to re-
ceive it. The proof is within us. We
can, if we will, say truthfully that
we know that the dead live again,
but the knowledge must come to us
spiritually, and it is as foolish to deny
that one has had this inward proof
as it would be for a deaf man to
deny that some one has heard a bugle
call.

The festival of Easter is the tes-
timony of Christendom to the belief
not only in the resurrection of Christ,
but in immortality. Without this
belief there would be nothing in
Christianity to distinguish it from
half a dozen other systems of ethics.
There are other moral codes just as
good as those we find in the Bible,
but there is only one system of religion
founded upon the belief in the Resurrection. "In Christ shall all
be made alive" is the basis upon
which has been reared the superstruc-
ture that has lifted mankind in the
highest plane ever attained. Hence
as we value all that is best in our
race, all that is most progressive, all
that makes life perfect and all that
develops the highest type of men and
women, so we ought to hold Easter in
high reverence, not because it is
more holy than any other day but
because of what it stands for to hu-
manity.

It is understood that several rail-
way projects in this province are in
a fair way to mature, so that the pro-
posed summer session of the legisla-
ture may be called. The Government
will doubtless proceed cautiously, and
before asking the members to meet
will have definite proposals to sub-
mit. The province wants new rail-
ways, but it does not want any "hot
air" lines. If Mr. McBride can nat-
ure plans that will ensure the con-
struction of specific lines he will find
the country ready to help him carry
them out. From what little knowl-
edge we have of the situation, we
think the outlook is hopeful.

ABOUT TOWN.

"This is the fourth bridge that I
have helped wear out across these
James Bay flats," remarked Col.
Wolffenden yesterday. "At least I
feel quite sure it is the fourth." The
Colonel went on to say that the first
bridge was an exceedingly primitive
structure for pedestrians only, but
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Are the wires to go underground
on the James Bay Terraces? They
are, because the poles would
much disfigure a very handsome pub-
lic work. Perhaps it is a little too
soon to make permanent arrange-
ments of any kind on the new road-
way, as the earth will probably set-
tle more or less for a little while.

All obstacles in the way of the
construction of the new C. P. R.
wharf have been removed.

The march of improvement de-
mands the removal of the James Bay
Club House. But the Club itself, it
is to be hoped, is one of the fixtures
of this good city.

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all being offered at nearly

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Vandalism in the Ross Bay Cem-
tery is reported. It seems incredible
that any one can be so unutterably
mean as to steal flowers, vases and
other things from graves.

A white man, a Siwash, and a
Chinaman, handcuffed together, were
marched up Douglas Street to gao
the other day in the charge of two
policemen. There being no other
way possible, the officers did right
to take the men to prison as they did,
but the marching of unmanacled men
through the streets is a needless hu-
miliation to unfortunates, who have
brought themselves, sometimes
through misfortune, under the ban
of the law, and the spectacle is not
edifying to the general public. Such
incidents afford a strong argument
for a patrol wagon.

The flower plots that are to grace
Bastion Square will be a great im-
provement and many thanks are due
to Mr. Wollaston, who has offered to
keep them looking right at no ex-
pense to the city. The square and
street were an eyesore a year or two
ago. Now they will be an ornament.

The idea of abolishing "Corpora-
tion Moonlight" is excellent. Elec-
tric lights should burn every night,
no matter if the moon does shine.

"A more hopeful tone is observed
in town than has prevailed for some
time" remarked a real estate man
one day this week. Yes, and the more
frequently such things are said, the
stronger becomes the tone. Nothing
makes a town prosperous like a be-
lief that it is bound to prosper.

Which street will be the first to
get a boulevard? Quebec street is
after it.

Four-inch water mains are being
laid on Belleville Street and Bird
Cove walk to replace the old two-
inch pipes. A new main has also
been laid up Elliott Street which will
connect Bird Cave Walk with Doug-
lass street extension.

Thos. Barton, who arrived from
the North West Territories only a
short time ago, is building six new
bungalows, three on Superior street
and two on Michigan street. These
houses will have five rooms down-

stairs and one upstairs with gable
windows on two sides. They will be
fitted with bathroom, electric light
and all modern conveniences. The
three on Manizies street are already
rented though work on them has but
just commenced. Mr. Barton com-
plains of the bad sidewalks in front
of his lot. The boards are broken
and in some places are dangerous.
No doubt this will be repaired in the
near future; the walk should be re-
newed all up that side of the street.

D. E. Campbell, the popular drug-
gist at the corner of Port and Doug-
lass streets is making extensive alter-
ations in his shop. He has taken the
adjoining store lately known as
Jameson's Tea Store. These new
premises are to be used as store
rooms and factory while the old store
room will be fitted up as an enlarge-
ment of the shop. On the Port street
side will be an elaborate counter,
refrigerators, for the dispensing of
soft drinks. One feature of Mr.
Campbell's business will be that he
will manufacture almost all the med-
icines and perfumes that he dispenses.
Provision is being made for this in a
well lighted room in the rear of
the premises. When finished Mr.
Campbell says his will be the
most complete and up-to-date drug
store in Victoria.

The house just built by J. J. Mul-
holland on Bird Cave Walk is finish-
ed all except the varnishing. It is
finished throughout in cedar with
dark panellings, the woodwork be-
ing supplied by Lemon & Gossnson.
All modern conveniences, including
electric light, gas and bathroom have
been installed. A low fence is now
being erected. The lot adjoining on
the south side will be used as a lawn
and vegetable garden.

ADVANCE NOTICES.

There will be a special class for
school children at the August Flower
Show.

Lifboat meeting on Wednesday.

A. O. U. W. benefit concert Mon-
day. Those desiring to contribute to
the refreshment table kindly have
their donations at the hall between
ten and four o'clock or call up phone
39, and they will be called for.

Easter Monday the Soldiers' and
Sailors' Home, Esquimalt will be open

to all friends during the afternoon
and evening. Tea, games and music
will be the chief attractions.

There will be special Easter ser-
vices at the Centennial Church to-
morrow. Rev. Mr. Deans will preach.
As this is also the anniversary of the
Young People's Society a special
offer has been made to decorate the
church and make the services at-
tractive.

Besides the wharf to be erected
by the C. P. R. in James Bay, another
is to be erected near the back of the
post office by the Victoria Dock Co.,
Ltd., a company lately organized for
that purpose. The Alaska Steamship
Company will use this dock as soon as
it is ready.

A GOOD SUGGESTION.

To the Editor: In your issue of
"Truth" of March 18th, your com-
ment re the building of a new sterner
for Quarantine service by the Do-
minion Government. Do you not
think the present time the right
one to make a proposal to the Gov-
ernment to install a powerful fire
pump on board their new vessel
which could be used with great ef-
fect in the near future in the event
of a large fire taking place along the
water front of our city, at Esquimalt,
Quarantine Station, or in case a ship
or cargo should get on fire while ly-
ing in the Roads.

The history of all cities near the
water, record the disastrous effects
of fire, with little or no fire fighting
apparatus to combat the elements
from seaward, which as a rule the
wind always blows from during dry
weather. The steamer could always be
reached by phone and make the run
in half an hour easily W. E. L.

A number of people expressing in
the boot trade are complaining that
the increased use of tramscars is hav-
ing a serious effect on their business.
We feel sure it is only necessary to
draw the attention of the public to
this, and they will take to walking
again.—Punch.

The Russian government declares
that the Jews throughout Russian do-
minions are now the aiders and abet-
tors of high treason. The ingrates!—
Punch.

The Societies.

Knights of Pythias.

The two lodges in this city are quite busy at present receiving applications for membership and initiating candidates. Far West Lodge No. 1 at its last convention conferred the rank of Page and received several applications. They will have a meeting on Good Friday but on Friday, April 8th, expect to initiate four candidates into the rank of Page and one to that of Esquire. They have just purchased a set of stereoscopic views to be used in the initiatory work. Their amplified team is doing first rate work. There is talk of reviving the Uniform Rank in this city in the near future.

Sons of England.

Alexandra Lodge had a meeting of the White Rose degree on Wednesday night, 30th inst., at the K. of P. hall, Douglas and Pandora streets. There was a fair attendance of members and three candidates were advanced by the District Deputy, Bro. Hillier, into the White Rose degree. The finances of this degree are in a good sound state.

The following is the Balance Sheet showing the result of the Peatt benefit concert:

Receipts—	
By sale of tickets	\$201 75
Taken at the door	20 95
Total	\$222 70
Expenditure—	
By heating tickets	\$2 00
" Theatre tickets used	1 15
" Chinaman janitor	1 15
" Printing ads, for cars	4 00
" Postage, stationery, etc.	1 35
Total	\$10 00
Receipts	\$222 70
Expenses	10 00
Balance	\$212 70

Total amount to be handed over to the Peatt family, \$212.70.

Ladies of the Macabees.

There is great activity in the Macabee Hives in the city at the present time. Queen Alexandra is endeavoring to fill up its charter membership, while Baxter Hives is very busy completing arrangements for the Bazaar Social to be given at Sample's Hall, Victoria West, next Tuesday evening, April 5th, and which promises to be one of the most unique and enjoyable affairs ever given in the city. Delegates from the "Quaker Courtship Club," "The Sprig Shamrock," "The Dutchman's Kindergarten," "The Ancient Order of Sprinklers," "The T. A. C. R. Circle" (composed solely of ladies), "The Independent Bachelors," "The Hon. Order of Hayseeds," and other prominent organizations will take the train at Sample's Hall for the great World's Convention to be held at London, and while en route will furnish an excellent programme, accompanied by one of the interesting features included in a railway journey. The following are among those who will assist: Mrs. Mary Clyde, Cherry, Colby, Lawson, Hardy; the Misses Scowcroft, Bradford, Underhill, and Messrs. Kinnard, Semple, Dresser, Colby, Rogers, Firman. Those who attend will have every opportunity of enjoying themselves. The rally of Macabees to be held in Vancouver in May, by which time an effort will be made to double the membership in the province, is also creating much interest, this being the first provincial gathering in British Columbia. The members are looking forward to it with great pleasure and are working hard to make it an unqualified success.

Craigflower Amateur Dramatic Association.

The last of a series of winter socials and concerts was given by this society at the Craigflower Public School last week.

"Popping the Question" was the one act comedy played by the members. Mr. and Mrs. Roe and the school children took part in the music and singing.

Sunday School Association.

The meetings of this association held in the Congregational Church on Monday and Tuesday proved most helpful. There was a good attendance at each session and much interest was taken in the papers read. Owing to the programme being rather long there was but little time for discussion. Mr. McMicking, the president, with great tact, kept things moving, yet the clocks went faster than the papers.

Special mention should be made of the paper on Primary Work, by Mrs. R. B. Loebe. If there was a fault it was that she covered all the ground rather than emphasizing the important points. The paper should be printed and studied by primary Sunday School teachers.

Daughters of Pity.

Miss D. Sehl, Miss Potts and Miss Hartnagle were appointed at the last meeting of the above society to arrange for an Easter Sunday concert at the Hospital. This society has also arranged to furnish a room in the Strathcona Ward.

The Letter Carriers.

At the last meeting of this society the report on their concert showing a handsome surplus was received, the sum of ten dollars was donated to the trades unions towards furnishing a room in the new wing of the Jubilee Hospital. After the close of the regular business meeting the president, Mr. Charlton, presented the secretary, Mr. Sivertz, with an address and a very nice fountain pen for his valuable services rendered the society during the last year.

Seamen's Institute.

The manager of the Seamen's Institute acknowledges with thanks the receipt of reading matter during the month of February from the following: Mrs. Wm. Atkins, Mrs. H. D. Helmeke, Mrs. R. B. McMicking, Mrs. R. Maynard, Mrs. W. F. McCollough, Mrs. F. F. Fowkes, Mrs. I. Braverman, The Lord Bishop of Columbia, the Navy League (B. C. branch), Mr. J. C. MacKay, Mr. David A. N. Ogilvy, Mr. H. Burnett, the Times and Colonist daily papers, and the local weekly paper "Truth." During the past month parcels of literature were supplied by the Institute to the crews of the sealing schooners Rainbow and Oscar Hattie, and to one sailor.

Victoria West Methodist Epworth League.

A very interesting address was given by the Rev. G. W. Dean in the Victoria West Methodist Church under the auspices of the Epworth League of that church. His subject was "An Old-fashioned Politician," the Bible character being that of the prophet Jeremiah. At the close of the address the members of the League felt that the old-timer showed up well even in the light of present day politics, and that perhaps new-fashioned politicians would do well to take a leaf out of Jeremiah's policy. The profits from his "timber limit" were expended solely for the benefit of his country and not for any personal emolument; he was an astute wire-puller but the only wire he pulled was that of prayer; he went back to first causes in his diagnosis of his country's bankruptcy and corrected the national evils, one of which was Sabbath breaking. (We wonder if our politicians would not meet with better success to-day if in financing our country they first corrected our most formidable national evil, intemperance, which costs us directly and indirectly hundreds of millions of dollars, giving us only 5 per cent. returns in revenue, our Government drawing only one million dollars revenue for every twenty million dollars lost in the liquor traffic. O for "an old-fashioned politician.") Jeremiah was shown to be a man who knew no compromise with sin; could not be frightened from the plain path of duty; and always scorned a bribe.

OUT OF TOWN.

Saanich.

Land clearing is being pushed forward by the owners between Saanich and Royal Oak. Those driving along the Saanich road notice that a great change is coming over that region as the bush is rapidly disappearing.

Strawberry Vale.

A Literary Society has been organized and holds weekly meetings in the school house. Mr. Case, the school teacher, takes an active interest, and the society is increasing in numbers and interest.

A new driving shed has been erected in connection with the Methodist Church.

Cumberland.

The bazaar and concert given by the Methodist congregation was very successful. More than \$200 was netted for church work.

T. White and W. Hayward will start in business on their own account.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson Monnee and family are moving to Vancouver.

Many regrets are expressed at the death of Wm. Anthony, who was an old-timer here.

Dr. Gillespie was appointed Health Officer at the last meeting of the Council.

Cowichan.

The Municipal Council met on Saturday last to receive the assessment roll. As few changes were made progress was rapid, and there being a little time to spare the Local Improvement by-law was read a third time. Councillor Bazett gave notice of his intention to introduce a by-law regulating the width of tyres.

Now that the time for spring work has come, and a thousand acres of the best land out of doors still lies under several feet of water, the perennial topic of lowering Somenos Lake sprouts up again. This subject has been talked of for twenty or more years. About ten years ago a public meeting was held to consider the advisability of the Municipal Council taking a hand in it. Some were opposed to this, arguing that the fall from lake to river was so slight that no satisfactory result could be obtained. Others were strongly in its favor, and discussion waxed warm. One of the latter—

the gentleman especially noted for the correctness of his life and conversation—in speaking to the subject, said: "Some of you believe that the level of the lake cannot be reduced two or three feet. Why, gentlemen, I will undertake with a flume and pump to drain it absolutely dry!" "But," objected some one, "what about the old outlet?" "Oh, dam the old outlet, sir! Dam it!" exclaimed the speaker with fervor. When everybody laughed he thought it was in ridicule of his idea, and launched into a vigorous defence of his scheme. To this day he does not know the cause of that broad smile, but if this should catch his eye he will probably tumble, and, being a good sort, will enjoy the incident as heartily now as so many others did ten years ago.

LadySmith.

James Thomas, a motorman in No. 2 mine, had two fingers of the left hand badly crushed on Friday afternoon while uncoupling the cars from the motor.

Fred Marshall had his wrist and two ribs broken early Sunday morning by some cars being hauled over the top of an electric winch in No. 3 mine.

The boy, John Johnston, who had his leg broken a week ago is not progressing as favourably as was expected.

Fred Chadwick returned home from Nanaimo hospital on Saturday. Mr. Chadwick had his arm broken about seven months ago and was in the hospital three months.

Mr. T. D. Conway is making a trial shipment of 300 tons to the Tye smelter from his mine on the West Coast.

Provincial Deputy Parsons of the Eagles, Vancouver, has been requested to come to LadySmith and institute a lodge of that order. It is understood that a number of Eagles from Vancouver, Victoria and Nanaimo will be present. The degree team from Nanaimo will take charge of the would-be Eagles.

On Thursday evening last Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Pelkey were surprised by a number of their friends. A very pleasant evening with music and cards was spent.

Mr. Donald Nicholson is having a drop curtain painted for his opera house. When Mr. Nicholson finishes the work in the opera house everything will be up-to-date.

Duncan.

A sacred cantata was given on Wednesday evening in the Agricultural Hall. The soloists, who were in splendid form, were: Sopranos, Mr. H. de M. Mellin; contralto, Mr. J. M. Whitmore; tenor, Mr. Hearn; bass, Mr. Barrington; recitatives, Mr. Skrimshire; piano, Mrs. W. J. Watson; organ, Mrs. Clark. The proceeds were given to the King's Daughters' Convalescent Home, the handsome sum of \$35 being netted.

Y. M. C. A.

The social on Wednesday was well attended. Microscopes were introduced as a novelty, operated by Messrs. Hastings, Pineo and Best. A short programme was given, Messrs. Trotter, Wheeler, Thomas, Martinale and Bates supplying the items and Mr. A. Longfield assisting with a pianoforte solo. Mr. Trotter's recitations were much appreciated. The Ladies' Auxiliary as usual touched the hearts of the young men through the inner man. It is evident that this association is doing a splendid work, many of the young men making this their club.

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On Divers Themes

The Building Trades.

Mr. Whittington, of the firm of Moore and Whittington, contractors, said that he entered into partnership with Mr. Moore in October, 1893. At first they undertook contract work but were without either plant or premises. They first located on the corner of Douglas and Pandora streets. They have gradually enlarged their business and plant until today on their premises, Yates street, they have everything necessary to manufacture all the woodwork used in building a house.

"Our specialty," said Mr. Whittington, is the erection of residences. Last week we signed contracts for four new ones and we already have in hand four that we are working upon. One of these is a fine house on Cook street, for Mr. S. A. Bailey, who came here from Winnipeg, attracted by our splendid climate. Besides building, we do a large jobbing business, garden screening doors and windows being our leading lines. We also do considerable out of town work at Crofton, Colwood, William Head and other places. We employ between twenty and thirty hands at all times.

Going through the factory with Mr. Whittington, he showed all his machines and apparatus. Everything is run by electric power, a new Canadian General motor having been lately installed by the Hinton Company. There is also a drying kiln just in process of erection, the boiler for same having been inspected last Tuesday. He also showed me a fine four-sided moulder. As I saw the boards passing through the machine and pictured to myself the old process of planing, it seemed like a revolution in this as in other industries was forcibly brought home to my mind. Lathes, rip-saws, band-saws, planing machines, a machine for making wooden gutters, and dozens of other machines for special work were buzzing around me—a veritable hive of industry. In the gluing room were mantels, made by themselves for the houses they are building.

"We have lately," said Mr. Whittington, "been making the premises for furniture which is becoming so popular. In order to keep sufficient lumber on hand for our purposes we have taken a vacant lot across the street on which we stack some of the stock."

"Here are some photographs of houses we have built," said Mr. Whittington, showing a box full of mounted prints. They were mostly pictures of small and medium sized residences worth from one to five thousand dollars each though some few may have been larger. All were neat little homes, elegant for their size.

"A good summer for our business? Yes, I think it will be. The prospects are certainly good and in speaking to other contractors I find they think as I do. Victoria is bound to move ahead. The climate here is everything. As in Mr. Bailey's case, many come here from Manitoba and the Northwest to live after they have made their pile in the extreme climate of those territories."

Victoria Weather.

Dr. G. L. Milne returned last week from a short business trip to Toronto and Ottawa and in his expressions in his expressions of pleasure at being back again in this part of the country. He had a pleasant trip considering the season of the year, but he said:

"The difficulties in the way of traveling were very marked in comparison with other years, owing to the depth of snow, which prevails all over the East. Some of the towns and cities have had a serious time with it, communication having been cut off completely, so that the mails could not run out. Some of the towns were in darkness for want of coal to run the engines in the electric light works, and the inhabitants had to resort to the primitive methods of kerosene and candles."

"One of the severest storms that has been experienced there in many years occurred while I was in Toronto. On my way home a blizzard swept over the Northwest, and I am afraid with the severe cold which preceded it must have played havoc with live stock that within the recollection of the oldest residents in all parts of the East such a long and continuous cold winter has never been experienced. The prospect of business improvement, when once the spring has fairly opened, is generally conceded. During the winter there has been a great deal of employment for day laborers in the cities in keeping the streets clear of snow. This work has cost all the cities a great

deal of money. It is said that Montreal spent over a million dollars in this way during the winter."

"The opening of Parliament was the event of the season at Ottawa. So many people sought admission to the Senate Chamber that it was impossible to accommodate all of those to whom tickets were issued."

"It is conceded that the session will not be a long one, the desire being to cut short the debates, as a repetition of last year is not desirable. The debates in the House were animated, the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific being the chief subject of discussion. The recent amendments were no doubt made, in order to meet the requirements of the shareholders of the company, who held that the previous arrangement was too stringent for them to carry out. The terminus of the line on the Pacific was a subject of enquiry, but it is not known where that will be. Some people were discussing the advantages of Port Simpson; others maintaining the terminal point would be a good deal further south. One man even went as far as to suggest a terminus at the mouth of the St. Lawrence. There will no doubt be a large immigration of people West this summer. The Northwest is being filled up rapidly with immigrants from Great Britain, and I found considerable enquiry about British Columbia and no doubt residents of Eastern Canada will find their way to this province. Many are now preparing to come this way. The past severe winter is doing much to dissatisfy them with the climate and inducing them to come for a better west."

"Enquiries in different places were made for timber lands. The supply in the East is now limited. One dealer said: 'We must look to British Columbia for much of our future supply.' The improvement in the Northwest is doing much to stimulate a better feeling in our mining in this particular. I feel sure that within the next five years such an impetus will be given to our mines that it will put the mining industry in this province beyond any past adventure."

WINTER IN VICTORIA.

A Few Official Weather Data That Show What Sort of a Place Our City Is During the Winter Months.

The past winter, and it is not quite past yet in the East, has been an exceptionally hard one all over the world. It has been a winter of severe cold, heavy snowfall and violent storms. Railways have had to suspend service, because their tracks were clear; fuel has been scarce at times because coal trains have been stalled; and the mercury has hidden in the bulb of the thermometer on many occasions. Blizzards have swept down the Mississippi valley; heavy snows and killing frosts occurred in Oregon and parts of California. There has been great suffering over wide areas. How have we fared in Victoria? Special interest attaches to this question, because our citizens have been complaining that we have had a hard winter here. Therefore we will let Mr. E. Baines Reid, Meteorological Officer here, answer the question.

Take the three winter months: December, January and February, 1903, when the thermometer at the Meteorological Station registered freezing temperature, the coldest for the month having been 34.3 deg., which occurred on December 2nd.

January, 1904, was a little colder than the previous month and on four days the mercury went below 32 degrees, the coldest day having been the 10th, when the temperature registered was 27.7.

February, 1904, was up to its record of being the coldest month of the winter, and on five days the mercury went below 32; the lowest point reached being 24.5, which was on February 8th, which was the coldest day of the winter.

The temperature of these three months was as follows:—
December 42.95
January 41.06
February 39.03
Now it is only fair to mention that the thermometer at the Station is 100 feet above the ground and therefore its readings do not give the temperature at the surface. Thus though the freezing point was not reached at the Station during December, there were three days on which there was frost on the ground in the mornings; in January the number of such days was six, and in February only two. But the Easterner will say that although we did not have a great deal of weather we had a great deal of rain. We did have more than usual; but

the total for the three months is not larger. It was as follows:

	Rain.	Snow.	Th.
December	2.41	0.0	2.41
January	4.05	2.65	4.32
February	3.40	5.25	3.93

There was more cloudy weather than usual, yet the sun shone on 19 days in December, 13 in January and 19 in February, although it is to be understood that there was not continuous bright sunshine on all those days, and also that it did not rain anything like continuously on the cloudy days. The characteristic of the winter was cloudy weather with occasional heavy rains and somewhat more wind than usual.

These are the scientific facts about the weather. Now for some of the common-place facts bearing upon every day life. There was not a day during the three winter months when flowers could not have been picked out of doors; there was only one day so stormy that cows could not be turned out to pasture; there were many days upon which an overcoat was a burden if one had to walk far; and it was not uncommon to see ladies on the streets without wraps of any kind. There was no skating, and not even the most enthusiastic Easterner could persuade himself that there was snow enough for sleighing.

Such was the winter of 1903-4 in Victoria. There was snow in sight on the Scotch Hills some of the time, which was a most unusual occurrence. There was a good deal more snow than usual elsewhere on Vancouver Island; but the neck of land on which Victoria is situated had fields all the winter through except for a few hours on two or three days.

To-day, April 2nd, the crocuses have about all gone out of flower, and the daffodils, hyacinths, cowslips and primroses have taken their places, though the fields in which daisies have opened, and here and there plum trees are in blossom. But this is a late spring, as everyone knows.

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Mark VII. 24-39.

This is the only case on record where Jesus seems to turn a deaf ear to the supplications of the suffering. Yet it would seem even here as if the Master wished to give the woman an opportunity to show earnestness of purpose, and her faith in his power and goodness. Probably there was another reason beside that. The woman was a Gentile, a heathen, one of a particularly despised people. The disciple of Jesus would have had nothing to do with her. Perhaps Jesus was here just to show that what was in their minds in order to teach them a lesson when he said: "It is not meet to take the children's bread and cast in answer to her supplication. 'Oh, we are good, holy people, don't speak to us.' The woman's humility must have showed up in striking contrast to the Jewish pride of race. This humility Jesus approves and as the woman goes away rejoicing to his followers as with a quiet look of reproof the lesson is brought home to their hearts."

The lunatic child is cured, the earnest prayer of the afflicted has been answered and a lesson is taught the arrogant Jews. The deaf and dumb man hears and speaks and the verdict of the people is: "He hath done all things well." This verdict is the verdict of the ages. We are learning as never before has been learned that "Jesus does all things well." He sympathizes with us to-day as he did with the heathen woman of old. And though he may delay answering our supplications as in her case, yet we may be sure that there is good reason for the delay. It may be better for us that our prayers should not be answered immediately or it may be that a lesson is needed for someone else. Only let us remember that "Jesus does all things well," that he knows more and sees infinitely further than we do and we must trust him implicitly, as the healer and saviour of men.

Faith comes from knowing. We know that Jesus cured hundreds who were afflicted both in body and soul. We know that he never refused to help anybody; when he was on earth he was always with us for the promise to be always with us for the same purpose. It should then be easy to believe that he will hear us when we call upon him.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Miss Maude Stenier gave a most pleasing musical recital on Monday evening at the studio of Miss Stoddard on Queen's Avenue. She was assisted by Miss Stoddard and Little Beatrice Fullerton, who sang wonderfully well for a child of four years. Miss Stenier has no doubt a promising future before her. Her excellent performance reflects great credit upon Miss Stoddard, under whom she has studied. At the conclusion of the recital a bouquet of lovely flowers was presented to Miss Stenier by one of her guests. Tea was served at the close of the performance.

Mr. McCandless, of the firm of Carter & McCandless, is home after an extended business trip through the Western States.

Miss McKend's Domestic Science class from Miss Cameron's room in South Park school were at home to their friends on Wednesday afternoon. First an address was given by Miss McKend on the value of this part of education. Her remarks were forcibly emphasized by the passing around of some of the choicest of confections, tea and coffee.

The skeptics are all converted. Rev. J. H. Wright, pastor of the Methodist Church, Lillooet, spent a couple of days in Sidney this week.

Mr. W. C. Wells, M.P.P., has gone East on a visit. He will spend some time in Montreal and Ottawa.

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