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Editorial Notes and Clippings

NEWTON WANTS AN EXPERT.

Mayor Newton comes out with a suggestion at this time which is in perfect accord with his past methods of handling the civic business, but which in anyone else would be considered the surprising. He asked the Council last night to consider the advisability of calling in an expert to examine the scheme which the electors on Saturday turned down so decisively.

Before the bylaw was submitted to the people and there was a possibility of its passing and being adopted, Mayor Newton absolutely refused to call in any advice on the subject, and his reason for so doing with a dead issue cannot be determined.

Several weeks ago the cost of a competent engineer to look over the plans was one that the city could not afford,

but now they have been turned down by an almost 2-to-1 vote he would spend that money.

PUBLIC MEETING TONIGHT.

Everyone interested in the development of the city should attend the public meeting to be held in the city hall this evening to take the initial steps in the forming of an agricultural and mineral society.

The necessity of establishing a society of this kind is evident, and if any great effort is to be made to accomplish the fall fair here this coming year far more can be done by an organized body than by single individuals, each working on his own line of action.

Alderman Bullock-Webster has given a very considerable part of his time to the fair scheme and has been at a considerable expense and deserves great credit for his public spiritedness in the matter.



SARAH BERNHARDT.

(At the Empress Theatre Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 4 and 5.

JAP CONDEMNED TO DIE MADE BOAT IN HIS CELL

Paper and Porridge Were Materials Used in Making Boat for Bowser

Of the making of curious ship models—or of books—there is no end. Every bona fide sailor retired from the sea is certain to possess a model of some sort of a ship as he is sure to have an anchor tattooed upon his brawny arm; and in the design and material of such models much ingenuity is customarily displayed. Everyone has seen the favored mantelpiece decoration of a full rigged ship enclosed in a bottle of glass and puzzle models that are entitled to rank in the freak class otherwise are, as the auctioneers catalogue would put it, "too numerous to mention." For novelty of materials, delicacy and thoroughness of design, and strange incidental circumstances, a model which at present adorns a table in the office of British Columbia's Attorney General, Hon. W. J. Bowser, would, however, be hard to outclass.

It is a steamer model and true in every detail of line and equipment. The maker was the Japanese Takahashi, executed at the Kamloops jail in early August for the shooting of a compatriot named Omori, the sequel of a bunkhouse jangle chiefly produced by drink. Takahashi was an ex-sailor, and as soon as he was placed in the condemned cell to await the execution of his crime, employed his time in modelling two ships, one of which he expressed a wish to have sent to Hon. Mr. Bowser after his execution, with his compliments. It was accordingly sent on August 29th last by Warden John Vickers, who in an accompanying letter says:

"I am sending you by express the model of a steamer made by Takahashi, who was executed two weeks ago. I may say that it is entirely made of scraps of paper, with the exception of a little thread for the wireless aerials and rigging, and glued together with the prisoner's porridge. He

had no knife or scissors—simply bits of thin paper and porridge and a little thread. I consider it a very clever piece of work. I have one myself, but not nearly as good as this. We gave him a little paint to finish up with."

Takahashi's crime was the shooting of another Japanese lumber camp worker, K. Omori, at Furrer, near Kamloops, on April 27th last. Both had been drinking and Takahashi's explanation was that Omori had repeatedly bullied and beaten him, finally attacking him with a knife. He added: "I then lost my mind and used my pistol, not intending to kill or shoot him, but only to scare him." He accepted his sentence with fatalistic philosophy and expressed himself as thoroughly approving the course of the authorities.

Parson—I'm glad to see you on your way to Sunday school, Algonon. What do you expect to learn today?

Algonon—Well, I expect to learn the date of the picnic for one thing.

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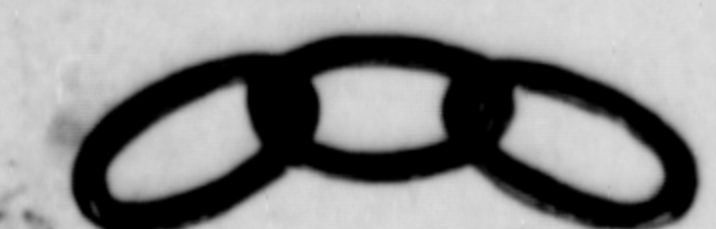
SIX PRISONERS ESCAPE FROM VANCOUVER JAIL

Hastings Townsite Under Fear of Violence from Men Who Escaped from Jail.

Vancouver, Dec. 2.—The settlers in Hastings townsite and vicinity are greatly alarmed over the fact that six prisoners from the chain gang of the Hastings townsite gaol, who succeeded in making their escape yesterday about 5:30 in the afternoon, have not been recaptured yet.

Owing to the fact that the men can all be identified even by their regulation suits alone, the residents of the townsite are in fear of the security of their homes. They believe that an attempt will be made by those who have escaped to change their prison clothes for mufti and terrorize the neighborhood by demanding food under pain of violence.

Teacher—What can you say of the Medes and Persians?
Young America—I never kept track of those minor league teams.—Harper's Weekly.



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