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A Calm Before a Storm! CROW'S NEST PASS

The future of gold mining is brighter than that of any other industry in the world. It is without competition. A great deal of money was made in following it last year. The next year will surpass anything ever known in any country. The mines in British Columbia are world-wide; shares and properties will be much sought after, shares are lower now than for some few weeks. This is nature of the time of the year when work is suspended on the mines that are just being opened up, and when the investing public is waiting for spring. There are signs of a steady advance. The time to buy is now. The time to sell will be about six months from now. Buy with judgment and care and you are almost sure to make good investments. We sell all reliable mining shares and are sole brokers for the "Athabasca" gold and the "Gibson" silver mines and strongly advise you to invest in them. We have mining prospects and claims in the following districts: and others for sale to applicants: moon's Boundary rock, Nelson.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Grand English Ballad Concert.

Prices: Reserved Seats, \$3, \$2.50, \$2, & \$1.50

Gallery Admission To-Night,

ONLY 50 CENTS

WOLCOTT'S MISSION.

He Did not Receive Much Encouragement in France.

Paris, Feb. 4.—Senator Wolcott, of Colorado, who is visiting Europe in the interests of bi-metallicism, had an interview yesterday with Premier Mellie. The correspondent of the Associated Press here learns on authority that the senator, who has been here for some time, has been without the result hoped for by the senator. The latter's interview with President Faure on Sunday was short and formal and did not lead to encouragement or promise whatever. M. Loubet, president of the senate, in an interview with Senator Wolcott, seems to have been enthusiastic. On the other hand M. Mellie was guarded. He is reported to have said that however favorable France might be to the object sought, nothing could be done unless the consent of England and Germany was previously obtained. In official quarters little confidence is felt of the ultimate success of Senator Wolcott's mission, although the senator seems to be sanguine of England taking part in the bi-metallic movement.

Minister of Railways Has Decided Upon the Government Ownership.

Canada Will Have a Competitive Trans-Continental Railroad.

Toronto, Feb. 4.—The Telegram this afternoon says: "While no official announcement has been made it is certain that the Crow's Nest Pass railway will not be built by the Canadian Pacific Railway company. Hon. A. G. Blair, minister of railways in the Laurier cabinet, has been looking into the Crow's Nest question and has come to the conclusion that the government had better build the line. The object of Mr. Blair is to secure for Canadians the benefit of a competing line to the Pacific Coast, and it is fair to the West that this initial step should be made. At first, for a few years, perhaps, the Crow's Nest railway, as built by the government, will benefit only the district which it is built to benefit, but after the arrival of the expected property that Canada is to have, it is to be extended to Lethbridge and then connect with James Bay. Thus Canada will have the benefit of a competing line to the Pacific coast, for it is understood that the minister is of the opinion that much good will be done by allowing the Grand Trunk to secure running privileges over the line. Although it seems a roundabout way to reach the Pacific Coast, a glance at the map shows that via the Grand Trunk, James Bay, Lethbridge and the Pacific route freight would not be more than twenty-four hours longer in transit, while passenger trains might be run on an equality of time with the Canadian Pacific service. Mr. Blair has another idea and one that will be carried out. The Intercolonial Railway, whose western terminus now is Lewis, is to be given running privileges on the Grand Trunk as far as Montreal. Here again, Mr. Blair proposes to go against the Canadian Pacific."

CANADIAN MINISTERS Reach Washington to Discuss the Tariff and Other Questions.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 4.—Sir Richard Cartwright and Hon. L. H. Davies, Canadian ministers, arrived in this city to-day, where they were to meet the leading political men to discuss the tariff, alien labor law and other matters which for a long time have been the subject of friction between Canada and the United States. It is understood these gentlemen come, not as formal representatives of the Canadian government with any expectation of negotiating a treaty or settling the alien labor law, but solely for the purpose of having an informal talk with representative men of Washington on matters affecting the interests of both countries.

AMERICAN DISPATCHES.

Redmond Concludes His Lecturing Tour in the States.
New York, Feb. 4.—John E. Redmond, M. P., concluded his lecturing tour of this country and sailed by the steamship Britannia yesterday. Beecher Tree and his company of players, including C. Du Maurier and Miss Kate Rocke, sailed on the same steamer.

Ukiah, Cal., Feb. 4.—Benjamin Henderson, a wealthy ranch owner and a pioneer settler, was murdered by a Mexican employed on his ranch. The murderer stabbed Henderson in the back and then hacked to pieces the body of the victim.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 4.—With almost continual rain for six weeks the crop prospects in California are considered excellent. This season's average of wheat has been largely increased over recent years and conditions point to a beautiful cereal crop. Fruit also promises well, but it is too early to predict the yield.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 4.—The comptroller of the currency received a telegram from Griggold announcing the failure of the First National Bank of that place. The capital of the bank was \$50,000. The total assets of the bank, including bonds, is given at \$440,000.

THE BYE-ELECTIONS

Liberal Candidates Have a Good Lead in North Ontario and Brant.

Intense Excitement Prevailed in North Ontario During the Election.

Hon. Mr. Mallock Receives a Rousing Ovation at the Closing Meeting.

Cambridge, Feb. 4.—The campaign in North Ontario ended here last night with a large and enthusiastic meeting in the interests of Duncan Graham, Patron-Liberal candidate. The large hall was packed and hundreds were unable to find entrance. Hon. William Mallock, postmaster-general, was met at the station by the band. An imposing procession was formed and the honorable gentleman was escorted to the hall amid the greatest enthusiasm. The first speaker was Mr. Mallory, grand president of the Patrons of Industry organization, who made an appeal to the electors. The speech of J. L. Haycock was also loudly applauded. When the postmaster-general rose to speak he received an ovation. For over an hour he held the attention of his hearers as he arraigned the late administration and showed the record of the Liberal government since it took office.

Beaverton, Feb. 4.—Intense excitement prevailed in connection with the North Ontario election to-day. The weather is fine and as long as the interest that every available vote will be polled. At 1 p.m. the vote at this place was supposed to be in favor of McLeod, although the Liberals are confident the constituency will return Duncan Graham.

Brantford, Feb. 4.—Heyd, Lake et, has been elected by over 200 majority.

Cambridge, Feb. 4.—Nine places in North Ontario give Graham, Liberal-Patron, 57 majority over McLeod, Conservative.

PART ATLANTIC SERVICE.

Canada Will Have Steamships the Equal of the Best.

Montreal, Feb. 4.—Hon. R. R. Dohell has just returned from England and expresses satisfaction at the feeling in England in regard to Canada. Speaking of the government's plans, he said: "We are about to do all in our power to develop trade with England. There is the fast line of steamships. I will stake my reputation that before long Canada will have an Atlantic service that will be the first in the world. Let us not hurry the question. Canada will be served with a type of vessel which will be superior to any of the foremost trans-Atlantic liners, and then there is the fact that Mr. Laurier is premier. The feeling in England toward Mr. Laurier is not merely one of satisfaction, but cordiality. If he should go over for the Queen's jubilee he would be given a reception greater than accorded to any Canadian premier, not excepting the late Sir John A. Macdonald. The tone of the Canadian press touching the election of Mr. Laurier to the supreme place in the council of the country has been noted and great hope is felt that under his administration the country will prosper."

As to the Pacific cable conference, Mr. Dohell had very little to say. "The fact is," said Mr. Dohell, "the conference was held in secret, and nothing whatever has leaked out. The conference was a good idea, and there will probably be a resumption of it if Mr. Laurier should go to London in the spring, but we will not have the Pacific cable yet. Before we are committed to it, it will be well to find out where the money is coming from and whether the business which it would take would pay for the outlay."

WANT SUNDAY RACING.

California Delegates to the L. A. W. Going to Albany.

San Francisco, Feb. 4.—Frank K. Kerrigan, chief consul for North California, division of the L. A. W., and Robert Walsh, coast member of the racing board, are en route to Albany, N. Y., to attend the national assembly of the league. Their chief mission is to make a fight for a local option clause which carries with it the right of any division to make laws which govern Sunday racing. Sunday racing is an absolute necessity in this division if cycling is to be encouraged in the future. Sunday is a day of recreation in California and cycle race meets held on any other days prevent financial failures.

STRIKE ENDED.

Leaders and Men of B. A. & P. Railway Could not Agree.

Anacosta, Mont., Feb. 4.—The strike on the B. A. & P. railway has been declared off. All trains ran as usual all day yesterday and the strikers, seeing the issue was lost, gave up the battle. The leaders among the men declare they failed because the men failed to keep their pledges, and the men say they were misinformed as to the facts or they would not have voted to strike. About forty men lost positions, their places being filled rapidly. The railroad officials declare the strike, but firmly refuse to take back the men who went out.

HOME RULE FOR CUBA

Plan for Reforms in the Island Signed by the Queen Regent To-Day.

Council of Administration of Which Twenty-One Members are to be Elected.

Spanish Imports Must Receive Advantages Over Those of Other Countries.

Madrid, Feb. 4.—The Queen Regent to-day signed the plan for the reforms in the island of Cuba. The text of the document will be published Saturday. The scheme includes numerous and elaborate decrees which will occupy several pages of the official gazette. The full text cannot be obtained at present, but it is understood the reforms will consist chiefly in the creation of an assembly, to be called the council of administration, composed of 55 members, of whom 21 are to be elected by the people, six by different corporations and the remainder to be one magistrate, one university professor, one archbishop and five former senators or deputies. The council of administration is empowered firstly, to prepare the budget; secondly, to examine into the fitness of officials appointed; thirdly, to make a tariff subject to the condition of Spanish imports having advantages over general tariff.

The governor-general will represent the government, and will have the right to nominate officials, who should be Cuban or Spanish resident two years in Cuba. Nevertheless, he may nominate high functionaries, such as magistrates, prefects, etc. Other decrees concern the organization of provincial municipalities, which will be liberally representative. The municipal councils will be empowered to elect their presidents, and will have exclusive control of public education. According to another decree the government reserves itself extraordinary power in event of any disturbance of public order, and Cuba is to continue to elect deputies to the Cortes as at present. Altogether the reforms are much broader in decentralization than those granted to Porto Rico. The powers of the governor-general are much extended, while the council of administration is fairly representative of all parties and interests. The Spanish government will continue budgets and treaties for the colonies.

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The Spanish products, according to the reform scheme, are to be allowed a rebate of 40 per cent of the Cuban tariff compared with other imports.

New York, Feb. 4.—A special to the Herald from San Juan de Porto Rico says: "The autonomists of the island have issued a manifesto announcing strong dissatisfaction at the reforms recently granted by Spain."

FROM THE CAPITAL.

Over Twenty-Five Thousand for the National Famine Fund.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 4. (Special)—Hon. Mr. Fielding left for Montreal this afternoon and starts for Winnipeg to-morrow. Hon. Mr. Laurier returned this morning.

The national famine fund has reached \$25,100. Burland & Co. gave \$200, William Gibson, M.P., \$100 and Hon. Mr. Davies, minister of marine, gave \$50. Applications for samples of seed grain must reach the experimental farm by March 1.

The Atlantic steamship companies want the government to pay half the cost of fitting up their steamers with cold storage appliances.

His Excellency the Governor-General to-day received the following message from the Earl of Elgin, Viceroy of India: "The prompt sympathy shown by Canada is warmly felt here. The famine fund committee considers that money is more useful than grain or other supplies."

The executive of the Dominion legislative board of railway employees is sitting here preparing bills affecting railway employees for presentation next session.

The Dominion Executive of the Railway Employees Association waited upon Premier Laurier to-day and made some complaints of dissimials on the Intercolonial railway. The Premier said he would consider the matter.

AN EXCESSIVE BILL.

For the Federal Expenses of the Late Sir John Thompson.

St. John, N.B., Feb. 4.—The preliminary proceedings in a peculiar legal case are being conducted here, the issue at stake being the bill for the undertaker's services at the funeral of the Right Hon. Sir John Thompson, premier of Canada. The original bill for \$12,000 was presented to the Federal government by Gourdon and Keith, of Halifax, on the 27th of December, 1894. The government refused to pay the full amount on the grounds that the charges were excessive and returned \$7,250 to the firm. Messrs. Gourdon and Keith demanded the full amount of the bill. The latter brought suit against Her Majesty the Queen in the Exchequer Court of Canada. The case will be brought to trial after the commission, which is now securing evidence, has reported. The commission is sitting in the city of Halifax for the purpose of having the bill submitted to undertakers for their estimates on the cost of the services furnished at the funeral and the value of the services rendered. The commission is now in this city. According to undertakers who examined the bill it is about 50 per cent in excess of what it should be.

BUTLER RETICENT

The Alleged Australian Murderer Has Little or Nothing to Say.

Evidence Which Goes to Show That He Killed Four Men at Least.

San Francisco, Feb. 3.—Butler, the Australian murderer refuses to make any statement as to his identity further than that his name is Egan. He admits having shipped under the name of Lee Weller. He refuses, however, to give any reason why he assumed Weller's name, and declines to admit that he even knew Weller. He says a man is innocent until he is proven guilty, and says he will make no statement regarding any portion of his past history.

Butler appears unharmed by his position, and sits unconcernedly facing his questioners with contemptuous glance. He affects to be rather amused than otherwise at his predicament. He is below medium height and is highly intelligent in appearance. He has a malevolent expression, but hardly looks like a confirmed criminal. He is apparently about 27 years old.

When his baggage was brought ashore any quantity of incriminating evidence against him was found carefully packed with his own belongings. A photo of Mrs. Weller, a pair of binoculars on which were stamped "Weller's name; two watches, a spectacle case and a watch chain with a locket, all bearing Lee Weller's name or monogram; a number of books, of the kind of which were the names of Weller and his wife, and many other articles are considered by the detectives as positively connecting him with the murder of the sea captain and prospector. The detectives are very positive as to the identity of their prisoner and scoff at any possibility of mistake.

When the Monowah sailed for Australia on Friday she will not take Butler and the Australian detectives. The prisoner's presence is required before United States Court Commissioner Hancock next Monday, and if Butler makes a technical defence to his extradition, as he says he will do, he may remain in San Francisco for several weeks. When he was taken before the commissioner this afternoon he said his true name was Lee Weller, and after Constable Conroy, of the Australian police force, had identified him as Butler, the alleged murderer, the prisoner's attorneys asked for a continuance for ten days, in order to prepare a defence. Next Monday was set by the commissioner.

Butler maintains his policy of reticence and absolutely refuses to discuss his past, except for momentary lapses when a shrewd question throws him off his guard temporarily. Butler is displaying much cunning, but it is of rather a low order. He refuses even to look at a reporter, unless the newspaper man keeps his hand applied with cigars which he smokes incessantly. When thus bribed he will listen to questions, but will return no replies.

A physiognomist who saw Butler today, gave his opinion of the prisoner as follows: "Commonplace, vulgar, cowardly, sensual in every way, and cunning, all in degrees not sufficient to mark him greatly above or below his fellow-men. These characteristics are stamped in Butler's face with unmistakable plainness, as they are in the faces of thousands of others who will go through life and never do their neighbor any grievous wrong.

The evidence of Butler's abnormality lies almost entirely in his ears, clearly those of a degenerate. They start well enough, but run into the head at the bottom in a way which, according to the books, indicates cunning, craft and treachery. They end in malformed lobes, which are as unclassified as the man's crimes. There is probably not another pair of ears like his on earth, and there is probably no other such criminal. He has indicated plenty of cunning, which, in a man of larger brain power, would be formidable, but in Butler it is cheap and of a low order. He is clearly degenerate, and therefore void of moral sense, and consequently of a proper appreciation of his crimes and his situation. He has more than the average amount of cowardice in his makeup, and probably killed his victims while they slept.

To those who boarded the ship armed for an encounter with a desperate, blood-drinking outlaw, the meek little man must have come as a painful disappointment. He merely has no nerves, no superstitions, no morals, no mercy and not much intellect. He has a strong sense of humor, and would fret more over being deprived of his tobacco than he would over hanging.

The captain of the Swanilda is heartily glad that the responsibility of having a fugitive murderer aboard his ship is at an end. The knowledge of the true character of the man who passed under the name of Lee Weller, has haunted Captain Fraser and his mate, since December 8, when the steamer Tampo signalled the Swanilda and conveyed the information aboard. The captain of the Tampo gave Capt. Fraser a number of papers and from these he learned that the man who had shipped on the vessel as Lee Weller had been away from port, shown himself a hard worker and a quiet man. I studied him more closely, however, for a day or two after receiving the information and finally thought it best to consult with my first mate about the affair. We decided that Butler had no suspicions, and that, since he had committed an offense aboard the ship, it would probably be better to let him keep his liberty, and not put him in irons. Then again we had a long passage before us, and I did not care to confine a man for 50 days when I could accomplish my purpose of bringing him safe to San Francisco by watching him closely. We were very careful to let

nothing leak out among the crew, and I am confident that neither Butler nor anybody else could have had the least inkling of what the mate and I knew.

"I watched Butler carefully for the rest of the trip, but his conduct all through was that of a model sailor. He never got into any trouble and seemed rather religiously inclined. He would not mix much with his shipmates, preferring to work alone whenever it was possible. The men in the fore-castle all thought well of him. I knew, of course, that the police on this side would be waiting for him, and I was not at all surprised when we were boarded by the detectives.

What may be evidence of another murder committed by Butler came to light to-night when a young woman called at the police station with a story that will keep the police busy for some time to prove or disprove. The young woman said she was the daughter of James P. Dixon and had arrived here three months ago from Australia, leaving her father there. She has not heard from him since, and is alarmed by the stories of the crimes perpetrated by Butler, she called at the police station to make inquiry. This immediately set the officers to work, and startling evidence was produced. Several shirts marked James P. Dixon, were found among his effects, and the police and the young woman believe that the shirts belong to the latter's father, who has not been heard of since. The young woman thinks she has some shirts in her possession bearing her father's mark and will compare them with the shirts found in Butler's possession to-morrow.

WOMEN'S FRANCHISE Discussion on the Bill in the House of Commons Yesterday.

London, Feb. 3.—The debate on the bill to extend the parliamentary franchise to women, which passed its second reading, was conducted in a jocular spirit.

Mr. Henry Labouchere, Radical member for Northampton, and Sir William Vernon Harcourt, the Liberal leader in the house of commons, were the principal opponents of the measure. The latter pointed out that there are 4,200,000 more women than men in Great Britain, and added that the ultimate result of the adoption of the principle would be a fundamental change in the parliamentary constitution, and such a result ought to be introduced on responsibility of responsible government.

Mr. Charles W. Radcliff Cook, Conservative member for Hereford, referred to the repeal of woman's suffrage in Wyoming and Washington. He said that only the most remote and unimportant districts in the United States had given votes to women. The voting upon the bill was of a mixed character, the minority opposing the measure, including Mr. George N. Curzon, parliamentary secretary for the foreign office and Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, and other members of the government.

STATE CAPITOL BURNED. Loss to Pennsylvania Will Amount to Over a Million and a Half.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 3.—The Pennsylvania state capitol was destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon. The legislative halls are in ruins, and a new structure must rise from the ashes of the structure that has served as a meeting place of the state legislature since 1822. The flames within the short space of one hour ate up \$1,500,000 worth of property.

The house was in session and the senate was about to convene after a few minutes' recess. It was about 1 o'clock when the flames were discovered. The members were not mindful of it until the great clouds rolled by the window. Instantly there was a motion to adjourn and all was consternation. In the senate the members were looting about in pairs. The place began to smell of smoke and soon deep clouds of smoke came down the rear elevator shaft. Fire alarms were sent in and the senate became a mass of howling men. Desks were being jerked loose and carried out. The same work was going on in the house chamber. Out in the grounds the great crowds quickly gathered. The flames were then shooting out of the roof over the lieutenant-governor's chamber, where the fire originated. The fire department was slow to arrive. Soon there was a fire in every portion of the building. For a time it looked as though the adjoining department buildings would be destroyed, but a shifting wind saved them. At 2 o'clock the flames were under control. The records were saved. The contractor for the improvements in progress held an insurance of \$70,000, his contract not being failed. There is not much over \$100,000 insurance on the building and contents. The burned capitol was built early in the century, but was nevertheless regarded as one of the handsomest specimens of Ionic architecture in the country. The building was of red brick, with white trimmings. It was surrounded by a park of ten acres, and stood on an eminence almost in the centre of the city. The main structure was two and one-half stories high, surmounted by a large dome. The capitol's dimensions were: Length, 180 feet; width, 80 feet. The corner stone was laid on May 21, 1810, by Governor Findlay. The building was finished in 1821, and was first occupied by the general assembly on January 3, 1822. About 100 feet south is the modern granite building known as the executive building, which cost \$1,000,000 for the accommodation of the governor, attorney-general and secretary of state. This building also shelters the state library and a portion of it is used as a state museum.

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PASSENGERS IN A TUBE.

Londoners Think They Have the Best Rapid Transit System. The failure of the effort to furnish New York with an acceptable plan of rapid transit has drawn renewed attention to the suitability for that purpose of the Greathead system, now operating in London. This consists of a circular car, which travels within a tube running 60 feet under ground. It has been running so successfully for four years that another line on the same principle is being constructed. The cars can be made light as day, the motion is smooth, and the supply of pure fresh air is perfect. Accidents are made impossible by automatic appliances. The passengers are carried up and down to the stations by electric elevators. Since the system has been in operation there have been no accidents and no serious stoppages of trains.

This system interferes with all other kinds of traffic more than any other, and is infinitely less costly when compared with the accommodation afforded and the difficulties overcome. Its construction can be carried on without the slightest surface disturbance, as it is clear of water, gas, electricity and sewerage service, subcellars and foundations of buildings, and whatever it removes is replaced by something of greater tonnage and bearing strength. It has the advantage of disturbing no existing rights; it has neither right of way nor damage compensations to pay for. It has proved a success from both a financial and an engineering point of view, and Londoners are convinced that they have the simplest and best system of rapid transit in the world.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Let Me In. Lord, let me in, that I may see Thee. I have been trying too long to judge Thee from the outside. Let me in. I have asked my soul where is the sign of Thy power. I have asked what good there is in being good. I have asked what advantage the righteous have over the wicked. I have forgotten that the advantage can only be seen inside the door. I have forgotten that the poet may be threadbare and yet joyous, that the painter may be penitential and yet exultant. I have forgotten that the reward of art is beauty, that the reward of loving is being loved, that the reward of holiness is strength in temptation. I shall see Thy power within Thy holy place. In Thy light shall I see light. Lord, Lord, open unto me, give me a view from within. Let me look at the outer grounds from the window of Thy dwelling. Let me pass on Thy world from where Thou Thyself art standing. And I know that my prospect shall be changed, the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.—George Matheson.

A Lesson in Temperance. Some few days ago a youth who believes he has the wisdom of manhood was out for his daily walk, when he came to a village where he was unable to find a refreshment house.

Being rather thirsty he began to look about for some one who could direct him to one. After a while he came across a little girl of about eight summers winding a baby.

"My little girl," he said, "can you tell me if there is a refreshment house in this neighborhood?"

"No, my little man, I cannot," replied the little maiden, "but you're a great deal too young to drink beer, take this (at the same time offering him the baby's feeding bottle), it will do you a great deal more good."

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Fraser Valley and Kootenay Railway Company.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, at its next sitting, for the incorporation of an act to incorporate a company to be called "The Fraser Valley and Kootenay Railway Company," to construct, equip and operate a line of railway from some point on the Fraser River or Kootenay Bay in New Westminster, thence eastward through the valley of the Fraser River and the southern part of British Columbia, by the most direct and feasible route, to the Town of Kamloops, and thence to the Town of Prince George, and thence to some point on the coast line between the International Boundary Line and Point Grey, and such other branch lines as may be deemed advisable to construct and maintain steamers, ferries, wharves and docks; to make traffic and operating arrangements with other railway lines; and to construct, maintain and operate telegraph and telephone lines for other than railway purposes.

A. L. BELVEA, Solicitor for the Applicants.

Indian Relief Fund.

In response to the following telegram from His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada: OTTAWA, 2ND JAN. 1897. To His Honor the Lieut.-Governor of B.C., Victoria, B.C. "After consultation with Dominion Ministry I have undertaken to receive and to transmit contributions from all parts of the Dominion in aid of the distress in India, and I trust I may have Your Honor's support and co-operation in this national expression of sympathy."

Subscription lists are opened at the following places: City Hall, the Public Schools, Government Buildings, Supreme Court, Colonial Office, Times Office, Post Office and the Board of Trade Building. It is to be hoped that the people of this city will respond liberally to the appeal for assistance on behalf of millions of our fellow subjects in India who are now suffering from famine and pestilence. The smallest contribution will be thankfully received, and the total amount realized will, it is estimated, show that Victoria is equally ready with her sister cities in the East to contribute her share to the Canadian fund for the relief of suffering humanity.

CHARLES E. REDFERN, Mayor.

MUNICIPAL CLAUSES ACT, 1896.

NOTICE. We hereby give notice that we intend to apply to the next sitting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria for a transfer of the license held by us to sell spirituous and fermented liquors upon the premises known as the Delmonico B. lot, situate at No. 44 Government street, in the City of Victoria, to William H. Jackson, of the said city.

Dated the 1st day of February, 1897. WILLIAM PETRIE.

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Dated the 1st day of February, 1897. W. O. STEVENSON.

The Poodle Dog.

Is fast replacing the old-time popularity of the bulldog. It is the favorite of Mrs. R. C. Baylis, one of the Victoria Gardens. Commercial lunch served every day from 12 to 2. Dinner equalled in the city with or without wine. We furnished rooms with or without board. 188 in.

Kootenay Mines.

LATEST INFORMATION OF New Finds, Transfers, Shipments of Ore Developments, WITH FULL QUOTATIONS OF Stock and Share Prices READ...

The Miner.

The oldest mining paper in B. C. To be had of all news agents or of MR. GEO. SHEDDEN, April for Victoria and Vancouver is 1887.

P. H. STODDART & CO.

Next door to the Bank of Montreal (New Building). Solicit work from the trade and public; keep a first class stock of material for Wall-paper, Linen and other heavy work. Prices will be found satisfactory to all. Give us a trial. 1818.

Pails AND Tubs

Made of E. B. EDDY'S INDURATED FIBREWARE. The only ware that is hoopless and unbreakable—that is, seamless and jointless, including bottom. THERE IS NOTHING TO TAKE ITS PLACE.

NO-TO-BAC GUARANTEED TOBACCO CURE

Over 1,000,000 boxes sold. 20,000 cures prove its power to habit. No-to-bac is the greatest nerve-food in the world. Many gain its benefits in 10 days and 10 cures. It cures you in 10 days. For a cure in 10 days, try it. You will be delighted. It cures you in 10 days. For a cure in 10 days, try it. You will be delighted. It cures you in 10 days. For a cure in 10 days, try it. You will be delighted.

NEW Drapery Goods.

Florentine Silks. Drapes, Cushions and Screens.

TINSEL ARABIC CLOTH

Curtains, Inglo Hooks, etc. Fine French Brocades.

In the following colors: Mode and Blue, Citron, Rosada and Pink, Rose, Green and Ivory, Reseda, Terra and Green, Gold.

WELER BROS.

Opticians, 37 FORT STREET.

F. W. NOLTE & CO.

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PARTNERSHIP NOTICE.

A partnership has been formed between Arthur Martin and W. H. Langley as barbers and solicitors under the firm name of MARTIN & LANGLEY, whose address for service of all papers and proceedings will be 43 Government street, Victoria, B.C.

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H. HULBER, CHARLES DIXON.

FOR SALE.

Large farm and pasture land, some cleared, with coal and mineral rights at \$20 per acre. 2714, George Street. The Island abounds with game, the boys with fish. For further particulars see Directory. Apply H. J. ROBERTSON, 181-183, Main-street Hotel.

WALTER H. GIBSON

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NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

Changes for standing advertisements must be handed in at the office before 11 a.m. of the day the 'Change' is desired to appear.

VETERINARY.

S. F. TOLMIE, VETERINARY SURGEON.

Graduate Ont. Vet. Col., Member Ont. Vet. Med. Soc. Office at Bray's Brewery, 109 Johnson street. Telephone 125. Residence telephone 417. Calls promptly attended to day or night. Victoria, B.C.

SCAVENGERS.

JULIUS WEST, GENERAL SCAVENGER, successor to John Donaghy. Lacks and compoils cleaned, contracts made, for removing earth, etc. All orders left with Messrs. West & Co., 407 Fort Street, or Cochrane & Mann, corner of Yates and Douglas streets, will be promptly attended to. Residence, 50 Vancouver street. Telephone, 120.

WANTS.

SMALL ADVERTISEMENTS set in type like this paragraph, cost but one cent per word each insertion, and are reprinted at the Times office each day of publication up to 4 p. m.

TO LET.

TO LET—Furnished, 1 1/2 bedrooms and sitting room. Apply 25 McRae street. 1818-19.

TO LET—Housekeeping rooms at Edmund House, 101 Pandora street. Private kitchen if desired. Apply 11 Queen. 1818-19.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—15 acres of cleared land with 100 stings, 25 miles from city limit, excellent soil, stream of good water, well suited for a vegetable or dairy farm. Call Douglas & Co. 1818-19.

GOOD WALL PAPER at half price at Mathew, 77-78 Fort street.

PURE MIXED PAINTS \$2.50 per gal. Mathew's Fort street, above Douglas. 1818-19.

COKE—A first class and economical fuel for furnaces and half stove for sale at lowest market price. Railway & Mill, 100 Government street and 22 1/2 Fort street. 1818-19.

FOR SALE—A portion of the M. & E. Beach Agricultural Society's land in South Saanich, containing 96 acres more or less, about 20 acres cleared, never failing stream of water. For further particulars apply to the secretary, H. F. Halder, 215-1/2 P. O. B. C. 1818-19.

FOR SALE—Fourteen acres land three miles from city, all fenced and cleared. Five-roomed house, large barn and other buildings. Just the place for small fruits and poultry. Would lease if suitable tenant offers. Address T. H. Hill, 208 Fort street. 1818-19.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A & W. WILSON, Plumbers and Gasfitters. Bell Bangers and Tinners. Dealers in best quality of Lead and Galvanized Pipes, Hangers, and Supplies, etc. at lowest rates. Broad street, 770 S. B. C. Telephone call 111.

UNDERTAKERS.

CHAS. HAYWARD (Established 1867).



Funeral Director and Embalmer. Government Street, Victoria.

JNO. MESTON.

Carriage Maker, BLACKSMITH, ETC. Broad street, between Johnson and Pandora streets.

VICTORIA HARBOR MISSION.

Under the Patronage of the Bishop of Columbia, and Committee. CAPTAIN H. R. LEWIS, Hon. Secretary.

The Mission works amongst the sailors and sailors' families the ships with all kinds of literature, and the regular visits of a clergyman. Religious tracts, and all kinds of books and old papers constantly on hand. May be sent by address.

REV. W. O. H. ELLIOTT, Secretary.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Business Transacted by the Board at Yesterday Evening's Meeting.

Trustee Dr. Hall Wants the Standard of General Education Raised.

A meeting of the board of school trustees was held yesterday evening at the secretary's office...

The following communications were received: From Peter Hansen, offering to supply one hundred cords of wood...

We know that many responsible duties have been committed to you, and we know that also those duties have been zealously and faithfully performed.

We assure you that your very valuable services will not be forgotten by us, and that the cordial friendships you have won will last as long as life.

Wishing you every measure of success and prosperity, we remain yours very faithfully.

The council on both sides left for home yesterday evening by way of San Francisco, save Sir Charles H. Tupper, who went by way of the C.P.R.

ANGELES STEEL WORKS.

Col. Coolican Arrives from the East With Some Workmen.

Seattle, Feb. 3.—Col. Coolican, the president of the Port Angeles board of trade, with headquarters at St. Paul, and the advance agent of prosperity as far as the interests of Clallam county are concerned, arrived in this city yesterday from the east, having in his personal suite thirty-five men, whom he announces as the first contingent of steel workers destined to contribute to the greatness of the city down the straits...

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STARVING INDIA.

The Horror of Famine and Plague, as Personally Observed.

Commander Booth-Tucker, of the Salvation Army, lived many years in India, both as a government official and as a soldier under the Salvation banner. In the latter capacity he learned to know the Hindoo of all castes as few Europeans ever do know them.

The last great famine, so-called, in India, was in 1877-78. It was a terror. More than 5,000,000 people were swept off according to the calculation of the famine commission.

A method invented by M. Petit, professor in the Versailles horticultural school, for preserving grapes in the natural state by exposing them to the vapor of alcohol, is thus described in the review Scientific.

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VENEZUELAN TREATY.

Draft of the Treaty Sent by Mail to Caracas.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 4.—A copy of the Venezuelan arbitration treaty will be sent by mail on the steamer sailing from New York to-day. It will reach Caracas in a week, leaving sufficient time for an arrangement of all details connected with the submission to congress before the latter convenes on the 20th instant.

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VICTORIA MARKETS.

Retail Quotations for Farmers' Produce Carefully Corrected.

Onion's Hungarian Flour, \$1.50; Lake of the Woods, \$1.50; Hainier, \$1.50; Snowflake, \$1.50; XXX, \$1.50; Lard, \$1.50; Premier (Butter), \$1.50; Three Star (Butter), \$1.50; Strong Baker's (O.K.), \$1.50; Lard, \$1.50; Wheat, per ton, \$37.50 to \$40.00; Barley, per ton, \$30.00 to \$32.00; Millings, per ton, \$22.00 to \$25.00; Bran, per ton, \$18.00 to \$20.00; Ground feed, per ton, \$25.00 to \$28.00; Corn, cracked, \$25.00 to \$30.00; Oatmeal, per 10 pounds, \$4.50 to \$5.00; Rolled oats, (O. or N. W.), \$5.00; Rolled oats, (B. & K.) 7th sacks, \$5.00; Potatoes, per pound, \$1.00 to \$1.10; Cabbage, \$1.00 to \$1.10; Cauliflower, per head, \$1.00 to \$1.25; Hay, baled, per ton, \$15 to \$18; Straw, per bale, \$7.50 to \$10.00; Bananas, \$4.00 to \$5.00; Lemons (California), \$2.50 to \$3.00; Apples, Eastern, per lb., \$1.50 to \$2.00; Oranges (California seedlings) 25 to 30c; Oranges (Japanese), per box, 40 to 60c; Fish-salmon, per lb., \$1.00 to \$1.25; Halibut, \$1.00 to \$1.25; Fish-small, \$1.00 to \$1.25; Smoked hickory, per lb., \$1.00; Smoked Kippers, per lb., \$1.25; Eggs, Manilla, fresh per doz., \$3.00 to \$3.50; Butter, creamery, per lb., \$35c; Butter, Delta creamery, per lb., \$35c; Butter, fresh, \$30c to \$40c; Cheese, Cheddar, \$15 to \$20c; Hams, American, per lb., \$16c to \$18c; Bacon, Canadian, per lb., \$15c to \$16c; Bacon, rolled, per lb., \$12c to \$14c; Bacon, long clear, per lb., \$10c to \$12c; Bacon, Canadian, per lb., \$14c to \$16c; Shoulders, \$12c to \$15c; Lard, \$12c to \$15c; Sides, per lb., \$12c to \$14c; Meats-beef, per lb., \$14 to \$15c; Veal, per lb., \$10c to \$12c; Mutton (whole), \$9c; Pork, fresh, per lb., \$10c to \$12c; Pork, sides, per lb., \$8c; Chickens, per pair, \$1.00 to \$1.50.

TRANSPORTATION.

Canadian Pacific Navigation Co. (LIMITED.)

Time Table No. 23, Taking Effect December 1st, 1906.

VICTORIA TO VANCOUVER DAILY, except Monday at 1 o'clock.

NEW WESTMINSTER ROUTE.

Leave Victoria for New Westminster, Ladner's Landing and Lulu Island, Sunday at 2 o'clock, Wednesday and Friday at 8 o'clock, Monday's steamer to New Westminster connects with U. P. N. train No. 3 going east Monday.

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Spokane Falls & Northern Nelson & Fort Shppard Red Mountain Railways. The only all rail route without change of cars between Spokane, Rosland and Nelson. Also between Nelson and Rosland.

NOTICE. Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Co. On Friday morning next, Jan. 20th, the regular train service will be resumed.

POINTS ON PUGET SOUND. SS. "ROSALIE". Leaves Victoria Daily at 7:30 a.m., except Sunday. Arriving at Victoria Daily except Sunday at 1:30 a.m.

The Library Car Route. America's Scenic Railway. MEALS IN DINING CAR. A LA CARTE.

SHORTEST LINE. To Kootenai Mining District, St. Paul, Chicago and the East. Overland leaves Seattle 8:30 a.m. Arrives St. Paul 8:30 a.m.

Victoria & Sidney R'y. Trains will run between Victoria and Sidney as follows: Leave Victoria at 7:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m. Leave Sidney at 8:15 a.m., 3:15 p.m.

THE MINERS' POPULAR ROUTE. ROSSLAND AND ALL. KOOTENAY POINTS. TIME SCHEDULE - In effect November 29th, 1906.

Puget Sound Points. TAKE THE FINE STEAMER "City of Kingston". Speed, 18 knots. Tonnage, 1147.

Going to Chicago or Anywhere East? If you are, see that your ticket from Minneapolis, St. Paul to Duluth reads via THE NORTH-WESTERN LINE.

THE NORTH-WESTERN LINE. Three (3) First-Class Trains Leave Minneapolis and St. Paul for Chicago on arrival of trains from Victoria, as follows:

Leave Minneapolis 7:30 a.m.; St. Paul 8:10 a.m. Daily. Badger State Express. Has Parlor Car to Chicago. Arrive Milwaukee 8 p.m.; Chicago 9:45 p.m.

Leave Minneapolis 6 p.m.; St. Paul 6:35 p.m. Except Sunday. Atlantic & Northern Express, has Wagner Buffet Sleeper and FREE Chair Car to Chicago. Arrive Chicago 9 p.m.

Leave Minneapolis 7:30 p.m.; St. Paul 8:10 p.m. Daily. Famous North-western Limited. Has Pullman and Wagner Private Compartment and 10 Section Sleepers and Buffet Smoking Library Coaches to Chicago. Sleeper to Milwaukee, Brookings, Rapid City, Pierre, etc. Arrive Chicago 9:30 a.m.

For Illustrated Folder FREE descriptive of Splendid Train Service via This Line, to Sioux City, Omaha, Kansas City, Duluth, Ashland, as well as to Milwaukee and Chicago. Call on your Home Agent or Address T. N. TEASDALE, General Passenger Agent, St. Paul.



The Daily Times.

THE BY-ELECTIONS.

Today elections for the house of commons were held in South Brant, East Simcoe and North Ontario. All three seats were carried by the Conservatives at the general election, and therefore if any changes occur they must be in favor of the Liberal government.

THE NORTHERN TRADE.

Mr. Blewett, in talking of the evident mineral wealth of Texas Island, pointed out that the steamer Comox from Vancouver called at Texas twice a week, with the result that the whole of the increasing trade is being diverted to Vancouver.

A handsome illustrated pamphlet has been issued by the Toronto Globe, descriptive of the new palatial premises it now occupies. The Times sincerely congratulates its big contemporary on the prosperity which it evidently enjoys.

A rather odd incident is thus chronicled by the Ottawa correspondent of the Toronto World: "For the past three years Mr. J. M. Rousseau of Paris, France, has made a contribution of 50 francs a year to the poor of Canada."

A number of important strikes have been made down the coast, chiefly outside the railway belt. These consist chiefly of copper ores, carrying a fair value in gold, and a working per cent of copper.

Women are more cunning than men in concealing gray hair and baldness, and are wise in selecting antidotes. Hall's Hair Restorer is a favorite with them.

RAILWAY TO KOOTENAY.

To the Editor.—That the Victoria, Vancouver & Kootenay railway is a crying necessity to the coast cities is admitted on all hands. No matter what party the majority of the people have supported, the desire of all is to get into Kootenay by a direct route on British Columbia territory and through the southern portion is universal.

It would be well for the government to take warning in time and not allow any party to block the way, no matter what influence it may have. Their duty is to legislate for the whole of the people and if the government are so helpless among those who are both inside and outside the house imposing on their inability to form a railway policy, let them at once dissolve the houses.

PROGRESS.

JUSTICE WALKER'S JUDGMENT.

In the case of the Queen vs. the Victoria Lumber Company. Following is the judgment of Hon. Mr. Justice Walker in the case of the Queen vs. Victoria Lumber Company I agree with the judgment just delivered and have very little to add to it.

The lands, according to section 22, are given for the purpose of railway construction and shall not be subject to taxation unless and until the same are used by the company for other than railroad purposes or leased, occupied, sold or alienated.

The large amount of dead work to this end is about finished. The Quadra group is being developed by a tunnel which is in about twenty inches of good sound quartz.

THE SPEED OF BIRDS.

An interesting experiment, reported at Kiel et Berre, was made at Anvers last summer by M. A. Verschuere on the subject of the speed of swallows. Having succeeded in capturing one of these birds, he marked it and gave it in charge of a train that started from Comptegne on the 10th of May with 250 baskets of carrier pigeons belonging to the Federation Colombophile.

ONE HUNDRED MILES AN HOUR.

An innovation in the shape of a locomotive with eighty inch wheels placed in service by the Pennsylvania road on its Pittsburg division is attracting attention all over the United States from superintendents of motive power and men interested in the operating department of railroads.

Smart Weed and Belladonna, combined with the other ingredients used in the best porous plasters, make Carter's S. W. & B. Backache Plasters the best in the market. Price 25 cents.

Advertisement for Fibre Chamols featuring an illustration of a woman and text describing the fabric's benefits for gowns and wraps.

Advertisement for Walter Baker & Co. Limited, featuring an illustration of a woman and text about their cocoa and chocolate products.

Northern Pacific Railway to Rossland. If you are going to Rossland be sure to travel via the Northern Pacific railway, the all rail route.

Advertisement for Baby's Own Soap, featuring the text 'NO DOCTOR'S PRESCRIPTION' and 'Be sure and get the genuine'.

Advertisement for Bristol's Pills, featuring the text 'Bristol's Pills' and 'Biliousness, Sick Head, Dyspepsia, Stomach Liver and all Stomach Troubles.'

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Advertisement for Kootenay Has Made the Most Startling Cures of Rheumatism Ever Recorded, Write for Pamphlet Containing Sworn Statements.

Advertisement for S. S. Ryckman Medicine Co. featuring the text 'S. S. RYCKMAN MEDICINE CO. HAMILTON' and 'J. PIERCY & CO. WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS.'

Large advertisement for Boeckh's Brushes and Brooms, featuring the text 'BOECKH'S BRUSHES and BROOMS' and 'A Good Thing Bears Repetition.'

Advertisement for The Eyes of the World, featuring the text 'THE EYES OF THE WORLD Are Fixed Upon South American Nervine.'

Large advertisement for South American Nervine, featuring multiple illustrations of eyes and text describing its medical benefits for various ailments.

HUMPHREY'S Homoeopathic Medicines... BOWEN'S DRUG STORE, 100 Government Street, Victoria, B.C.

LOCAL NEWS.

Cleanings of City and Trivial News in a Condensed Form. Lunch 25c. at the Oriental. Rodaks at Fleming Bros., Govt. at Crocuses, Dentists, Musicians, Sergeants, Fringes, etc., at Walkers Bros.

The members of the Young Ladies Institute are preparing for a paper social and dance to be held on the 1st of March in A.O.U.W. hall. The ladies of the Victoria Golf Club were obliged to postpone their fifth monthly medal competition until this afternoon on account of the inclement weather.

In Tuesday's Times' report of the Board of Health meeting, the rates of mortality should have been based on one thousand people and not one hundred, as it appeared. The annual fortnightly dance of the Philharmonic Club was held yesterday evening in Philharmonic hall. A large throng of dancers was present and an enjoyable evening was spent.

The death of Mrs. J. E. Schubert on Tuesday last has been reported from Vernon. Deceased, who was a daughter of John Winget and a sister of Mrs. Captain Jaggers, leaves many friends here to mourn her death. Thos. Kitchen, M. P. P., Chilliwack and several other members of the local legislature will arrive down from the Mainland this evening for the opening of the house, which is fixed for three o'clock on Monday afternoon.

The Wanderers Football Club held a general meeting this evening at the Y. M. C. A. to discuss the advisability of competing again for the British Columbia Challenge Cup. The drawings for the matches of this series take place in Nanaimo on Saturday evening. The Albion cricket club, notwithstanding the report that it would dissolve, is making active preparations for the coming season. The late captain says the club will be carried on as usual. The old ground at Beacon Hill park will be again used next season, when the club intend putting it in first class condition.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year by the Ladies of the Macdonalds at their last meeting: P. L. K. Mrs. McKillop; L. C., Dr. Mary McNoll; L. C. C., Mrs. Phillips; L. R. K., Miss Campbell; L. F. K., Mrs. Brown; L. C., Mrs. Whitelaw; M. at Mrs. Jackson; L. S., Mrs. Jamieson; L. S., Miss Coffey; and L. P., Mrs. Crompton. In the provincial police court yesterday G. T. Hanis and G. G. G. T. Osborne, R.M.A., were charged with an infraction of the game act. Both were found with fawns in their possession. The former was discharged, it being proved that he was acting as a messenger to bring the deer home. The latter, whose defense was that he was ignorant of the law, was fined \$1 and \$5 costs.

Fidelity Lodge No. 27, I. O. G. T. elected and installed the following officers at their last meeting: Lodge deputy, Bro. Trowbridge; C. T., Bro. O. Lane; V. T., Sister, Bannfield; S. J. T., Sister Har; secretary, Sister Long; assistant secretary, Bro. Allan; financial secretary, Bro. E. Bannfield; treasurer, Sister Clarke; marshal, Bro. Wilkie; D. M., Sister A. Clarke; chaplain, Sister Miller; grand, Bro. Long; and P. C. T., Bro. Lewis Hall. At a meeting of the Maternity Home committee held yesterday afternoon, the treasurer's report was read, and it showed a satisfactory balance. Two patients wrote thanking the committee for the excellent care and nursing they had received while inmates of the home. Mrs. D. W. Higgins and Mrs. Patton were appointed the visiting committee for the month, and Mrs. Gately was appointed corresponding secretary. Donations were gratefully received from the following ladies: Mrs. Jewell, Mrs. O'Reilly, Mrs. Pemberton, A. Friend, Miss Peiris, Mrs. G.

AWARDED Highest Honors - World's Fair, DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER MOST PERFECT MADE. A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. For Buns, Apples, Alons or any other delicious. 30 YEARS THE STANDARD.

letty, Mrs. Jeeves, Mrs. Higgins, Mrs. Aspland.

—Built like a witch—Sterling. —Choice Ontario Buckwheat at Hardware Clarke's. —Lawn Mowers cheap for cash at R. A. Brown & Co's, 80 Douglas Street.

—Craze for gold sold today by Mr. Joshua Davies, auctioneer, to Mr. John Lamberton, one of the original owners, for \$4000. —What organization has any greater opportunities for increasing membership, necessary to maintain low cost of protection, than the Macdonalds? None.

—The funeral of the late Robert McFerran, of New Denver, B. C., took place this morning at 11 a.m. from Hanna's parlors. Rev. Dr. Campbell officiated. —As Mr. James L. Forrester will be absent from the province for a considerable time on mining business, he begs to advise his friends that the partnership contemplated with George Shadden & Co. will not be formed.

—The band concert at the drill hall next Saturday evening promises to be the best of the season. Besides the usual playing of the band there will be bagpipe selections by Master J. R. McKenzie and vocal selections by Messrs. J. G. Brown, Mr. G. Douglas and Edward St. John. —A meeting of the Victoria Phrenological Society was held yesterday evening. A lecture was given by Professor T. G. Stark on "The Perceptive or Observing Faculty." At the close of the lecture a vote of thanks was tendered to the lecturer and a phrenological examination was made of the heads of several of those present.

—The steamer Walla Walla, which sailed from San Francisco this morning has the following passengers for Victoria: Miss I. Smith, Mrs. C. Hinton, C. G. Major and wife, J. Phair, J. D. Davis, Mrs. Reinhardt, Miss Hill, D. Noon, C. M. Forrest, Mrs. J. Brissan, J. Kilgour and wife, L. P. Broadner, Miss Lauretta Adde, Miss Calvert, Mrs. Plewes. —The monthly meeting of the directors of the Y. M. C. A. was held yesterday evening in the parlors of that institution. Mr. W. H. Bone, the president, was in the chair. The report of the secretary was presented. It showed the association to be in a favorable condition and the classes in connection with the evening college to be doing a great deal of work and progressing as well as could be expected.

—The Victoria Hockey Club was organized yesterday evening at the Driand Hotel. The following officers were elected: Hon. President, Col. E. G. Prior, M. P.; President, Mr. W. A. Ward; Capt. Hon. Sec. and Hon. T. Mr. W. J. K. Philton; Vice-Captain, Lieut. H. W. Gordon, R. E. Campbell; Mr. B. H. T. Decker; Mr. E. A. C. Gibson and Mr. H. C. Macaulay. A limited number of tickets have been ordered those desirous of joining the club will please communicate at once with the secretary. —Last evening the provincial board of health held the closing session of their meeting. The reports of the different health officers were considered and a number of suggestions from the board will be forwarded to those officers. The board instructed Captain Wolley, the Sanitary Inspector, to go to Nanaimo, Wellington, Union and surrounding districts, and investigate the sanitary conditions. The board held a conference with the members of the provincial government. It was urged that if the board was to do efficient work in the future more funds must be provided.

—Before Police Magistrate Macrae in the police court this morning, Ah Sam, a Chinaman, was accused of an attempt to pick pockets. As there was not sufficient evidence against him, however, he was discharged. The charges laid against Captain A. E. McCallum by J. A. Lawrence were called and adjourned until to-morrow morning, when it is thought they will be finally settled. This is the twentieth time these cases have been called. Two vagrants were the only other cases before the police magistrate. One Alexander D. Macdonald was remanded and allowed out on his own recognizance until the 8th instant. As the other man did not appear a warrant was issued for his arrest.

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Just What the Doctor Ordered.

Nothing more, nothing less, and that of the best quality. That's what we put in prescriptions. JOHN COCHRANE, Chemist, N. W. Corner Yates and Douglas St. Night Clerk in attendance.

A QUEEN OF SONG

Madame Albani Delights a Crowded House With Her Matchless Voice.

She is Assisted by a Company All of Whom are Gifted Artists.

Time appears to deal less harshly with Albani than with ordinary mankind, for her voice has much the same strength, flexibility, sweetness and feeling as it had in her younger days when she thrilled thousands with matchless music. Madame Albani has also surrounded herself with artists who materially assisted in making last night's performance the great success it undoubtedly was.

The numbers present and the enthusiasm displayed were on occasion complimentary to Albani. If Victorians are cold-blooded, as has been charged, they certainly thawed out to greet the prima donna last evening. They crowded the theatre from pit to dome, even the "gods" being for the first time honored with a considerable number of the fair sex. They applauded and cheered when "Canada's" songstress made her appearance, they increase the applause when they heard her wonderful voice and they lauded her with beautiful floral tokens of their appreciation.

Miss Beatrice Langley and Signor Seppilli opened the entertainment with a violin and piano duo. Miss Langley is certainly mistress of the violin and takes from it as much music as its four strings will produce. She has also an easy and graceful manner and was soon a favorite with her audience. Signor Seppilli is an accompanist of marked ability, playing for all the solos and the two acts of Faust with precision and strength.

Although Mr. Braxton Smith has been on the stage only for a comparatively short time, it was certainly not because of any defect in his tenor voice that he did not make his appearance in the musical world sooner. "Bismarck's" "Good Night" as sung by him last evening had enhanced sweetness and a deep meaning. Blessed with a voice of wide range, marked flexibility and clearness, having perfect enunciation and a good stage presence, he stirred his audience into rounds of applause. He responded with "Für Sie sing you a song of Araby."

Miss Beverley Robinson, who by the way is a daughter of the late Lieutenant-Governor John Beverley Robinson, of Ontario, has a soprano voice of wide range. Her first selection was "Noble Signor," from Les Huguenots, and in response to the encore which followed, she sang "Spring is Here."

It is a matter of opinion whether Leopoldine Fritzsche can be properly classed as a basso, but there can be no doubt as to the fine quality of his highest notes. His lower register does not appear so strong. The Toreador song from "Carmen" was suited for his splendidly full, rich voice, and he threw the spirit of the fight into his words. His response to the encore was "Drinking," which he rendered admirably.

Every one was there on the qui vive for the Queen of Song. She came on the stage with a smile for each and all of her expectant auditors. The audience not only applauded but cheered. Madame Albani's selection was "Ah fors a lui," from Verdi's "Traviata." If the applause was great before she sang it was redoubled after the selection was concluded. The ushers went to the stage laden with flowers from her Victoria friends. Albani languidly ran backwards and forwards across the stage carrying the flowers to the rear and the applause still continued. Madame Albani responded with the old but ever new "Home Sweet Home," singing it as it had never been sung before in Victoria. The audience was not yet satisfied, and were rewarded by the appearance of Albani and her company. The second part was made up of scenes from two acts of "Faust," but while they were handicapped by lack of scenery and other necessities to the correct interpretation of "Faust," nothing could mar the strength and sweetness of the voices of the performers.

To-night Madame Albani and her company will be featured in popular ballads and light operatic airs. The price of admission to the gallery will be only fifty cents.

SHIPPING.

Delays in Marcus Cirio's Duetting the Past Twenty-Four Hours. From a telegram received from Alberni last evening it is learned that the vessel was unable to go sailing for less than \$4 per skin. At least two of the sealing schooners are anchored down the coast and unless the Indians come to terms they will return to port.

The Victoria's Chinese passengers who were taken to Port Townsend by the Halshaw and afterwards quarantined there, have been liberated and allowed to proceed to Tacoma. The Victoria's crew are still at William Head, and they will board their steamer on the outgoing trip.

Sydney, Australia, Feb. 4.—The Canadian-Australian steamship Mlowers arrived here on Feb. 4. All well. The Warrimoo arrived from Australia at 3:30 this afternoon.

A FATAL ACCIDENT

James Abraham Killed by the Fall of a Stone at the Post Office Building.

An Inquest Held as to the Cause of the Death of the Unfortunate Man.

A few minutes before the men employed at the new postoffice building left work yesterday evening a fatal accident occurred to one of their number, James Abraham, who was in charge of the work of loading and unloading the trucks which carried the stone under the saws, it is now lying dead, as a result of that accident, at Hanna's undertaking parlors.

The stone is loaded on trucks by a derrick and run into the shed under the saws, where it is sawn, run out again, and distributed to the bankers of the stonecutters by a cart. A huge block of stone had just been sawn, the saw cuts being completely finished and Abraham and William Scott, his helper, were standing beside the stone, one at each corner of the block, talking. The bed on which the stone was resting was perfectly level, having been previously sawn, and it seemed to be solidly resting on the truck. After it was sawn Abraham shook it and took out the stone underneath. He then turned his back to it and was talking to Scott. Suddenly Scott shouted: "Look out, Jim, she's coming," and darted out of the way.

Abraham turned and getting more directly in front of the block placed his hands against it, endeavoring to push it back. It, however, was too heavy for him, and before he could get out of the way fell upon him, crushing him to the ground. Those watching—messrs. who saw the accident ran at once to render the stone from on top of him, but they were too late, death had been instantaneous. None of the eye-witnesses can say how the accident occurred, as a few minutes before the stone toppled over it seemed to be resting very solidly on the truck. It was a large block about four feet high, and in falling caught Abraham just below the shoulder, breaking his spinal bone.

Abraham has been employed by Messrs. Elford & Smith on the postoffice building to take charge of the loading and unloading of these trucks since the work of cutting the sandstone began. He was an experienced quarryman and thoroughly understood every detail of his business. He was foreman at the quarry at Haddington Island for some time.

Dr. Crompton was the first of the doctors summoned to arrive on the scene. He found the chief of the injuries sustained by the unfortunate man to be a broken spinal bone.

James Abraham was a young unmarried man, a native of Scotland, and it is not known whether he has any relatives in this province. In company with a friend he had been staying while working on the postoffice building, at the Brunswick hotel. This is the first fatal accident that has occurred as a result of the work undertaken by Messrs. Elford and Smith since they started business eleven years ago. Although it is the first fatal accident on the new postoffice building, it is not the only accident which has occurred. Some time ago a stonecutter named Lawson employed there had his leg broken by the fall of a stone from the banker, where it was resting while he cut it.

Dr. Crompton held an inquest this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the city hall. As the doctor was called to the accident yesterday afternoon he did not think a post mortem examination necessary. William Scott, who was with Abraham at the time of the accident, was called and gave evidence regarding the accident, which he said had occurred as described above. Mr. Smith, of the firm of Elford & Smith, the contractor, also gave evidence. The jury brought in a verdict of "accidental death."

A meeting will be held this evening in the Sir William Wallace hall by the men working on the new postoffice building to arrange for the funeral.

PERSONAL.

Ed. Schon, Vernon, is at the Oriental. Walter Oakes, Tacoma, is at the Driand. M. P. Benton, of Seattle, is at the Driand. James Ramsay, Vancouver, is at the New England. H. Middleton, Wood, the evangelist, is at the New England. D. J. Munn, New Westminster, is registered at the Driand. Charles H. Ellicott, P. L. S., Roseland, is at the Driand. R. D. Ramsay, of the Wellington Enterprise, is at the Oriental. D. J. Munn and Thomas A. Fletcher, New Westminster, are registered at the Driand.

James McCandlish, late of "The Hill," Fort street, is visiting his sister, Mrs. J. T. Howard, Esquimalt. H. L. Drury, western manager of the Ontario Mutual Insurance Company, returned from the Mainland last evening. J. E. Macrae and Captain Christensen returned from the Sound this morning. Mrs. W. W. Walker and family, of Nanaimo; Mrs. and Miss Jaynes, Duncan, are guests at the New England. Harry H. Collier, editor of the Pacific Poultryman, Tacoma, arrived from the Sound last evening and left to-day for Nanaimo, where he is one of the judges.

During 1896 the Mutual Life Insurance Company, U.S.A. paid claims in Victoria amounting to over \$40,000.

Insurance That Insures \$40,000. ARE YOU INSURED? HEISTERMAN & CO., 12 Government Street.

A Big Offer



Suits at Half Price...

In Men's all-wool broad suits, sizes 34 to 44, white and dark from our regular stock, one and two suits of a kind, but everyone a bargain if we have you size. We want to sell them quick. Half price, down to \$5, \$6, \$8 and \$9 for Suits worth \$10, \$12, \$14 and \$16.

Come Quick If You Want One

CAMERON, The Cash Clothier, 55 Johnson Street.

This Is One of Them

The following letter was received by us addressed to "Only Corner Shoe Store, Victoria, B.C.:"

WOODLAND, CAL., JAN. 25, 1897. ONLY CORNER SHOE STORE, VICTORIA, B.C. DEAR SIR:—On May 12, '96, I bought a pair of shoes from you as I was on my way to Roseland, B. C. Now I would like to have another pair just the same kind. Enclosed will find diagram of sole. It's a good one. I was made in Montreal. If you have any more like them let me know right away and you can do business with me always. Yours Respectfully, T. J. A. Woodland, Yale County, Cal.

THERE ARE OTHERS A. B. ERSKINE, Corner Government and Johnson Streets.

Special Clearance Sale OF FELT SLIPPERS.

Misses Lace Boots (Warm Lined) Only \$1.25.

J. FULLERTON, 103 Government Street.

Bay of Fundy...

Salt Herring, Canned Scallops, Smoked Herring, Canned Spiced Sardines, Digby Chickens, Canned Lobsters, Codfish—2-lb. blocks, Canned Haddies.

HARDRESS CLARK, Corner Yates and Douglas Streets.

Fireworks in Chinatown

Fire may work in Chinatown but good goods at the lowest possible prices are what works here. Perhaps our store is not on Government Street but we are in line just the same. We notice that the purchasers make it their business to take a stroll as far as No. 88 Yates street to purchase and then tell their friends about our good values. Here are a few of our satisfiers:

Elegant line of China Silks, 35c; can't be beat in Victoria. Sheets and Pillow Cases ready made, Cases 50c. pair, Sheets \$1.50 pr. Stockings, Ladies' Fine Ribbed line, 6 pairs for \$1.00. Cretonnes, pretty assortment, 12 1-2c. Art Muslins, 10 and 15c. special.

Don't miss our 5c. Muslin, Ladies, sells on sight. Sale of Dr. Warner's Corsets still on. Dress Goods are being slaughtered. We are still at it. Call in and take a look.

The Sterling, 88 Yates St., E. W. Pratt, Mgr.

SEAGRAM'S WHISKEY

THE SOLE AGENTS ARE R. P. RITHET & CO., Ltd., Wharf St.

Full Line of All Ladies Crescent Bicycles. Including Ladies' and Gentlemen's single wheels and tandems. Will be on view at M. W. Waitt & Co's (the local agents) to-day and to-morrow. Everyone should call and see them. Appletan-Tracy Watches \$16.50 Waterbury Alarm Clocks \$1.00 S. A. STODDART, The New Watchmaker and Jeweller, 89 YATES STREET. Clean Watches thoroughly by the New Watch Press, The Balance and Gold Scales, \$1.25. And guarantee all work for 12 months. 750,000 repairs of over 15 years. Watch mended on site.

British Columbia.

NAVAINO.

E. R. Irving was appointed assessor and collector at last meeting of the council. At the same meeting a resolution was passed requesting the police commissioners to discharge Chief of Police Crossan and Constable Thompson.

ROSSLAND.

Rosland, Feb. 3.—The drift from the Snow Shoe-Southern Belle tunnel has a splendid face of ore at present. It is of very high grade in copper, running about 20 per cent, and carrying a fair gold value.

The Iron Colt has made a big discovery. In excavating near the shaft for a foundation for its machinery plant, a large body of fine looking ore was uncovered. The showing looks like the first discovery at Crown Point, which was then one of the biggest surface showings in the camp.

The customs collections at the port of Nelson for January were \$31,971.47, made up as follows: Rosland, \$11,054.22; Trail, \$16,301.80; Kaslo, \$6,061.95; Nelson, \$5,716.04; Waukena, \$280.95; Rykerts, \$40. The exports for the month were: Ore, \$258,779; matte, \$410,727.

The Miner's report of ore shipped from the Rosland mines to the smelter during January shows a total of 4,870 tons.

Rosland Record.

Yesterday the workmen in the St. Paul tunnel struck a ledge of white quartz which assayed \$16 in gold. This ledge was not on the programme as the tunnel had been run to tap the main ledge at a distance of 250 feet. The St. Paul is on the northwest slope of Deep Park Mountain west south of the San Francisco and Mariposa. This property is owned by the St. Paul Gold Mining Company under the local management of Messrs Moylan and Campbell. The president is William H. Brock, of Toronto, and the principal owners are Toronto capitalists.

J. L. Parker has returned from Wild Horse creek where he went to see about the work being done on the Parker group, property of the Dundee Gold Mining Company. The shaft is down 52 feet, with three feet of ore in the bottom. It is quartz carrying gold, silver, lead and iron and assayed \$22 in gold and two ounces silver. Mr. Parker says work has been resumed on the Elsie shaft, which is down 40 feet, and that a drift is being driven both ways from the shaft on the ledge.

HORSELY.

Horsely, Cariboo, Jan. 24.—This has been at the start a severely cold winter on Horsely. The cold let up for a little while, but it soon returned with renewed and merciless vigor.

There are but very few of the miners wintering here, this winter, as every miner that was able to went out to civilization when winter set in. Prospecting on Horsely has developed nothing for years, except that the Horsely Hydraulic Mining Company, who have been operating for some time last fall, are claiming to have developed rich drift dirt, and will now abandon hydraulic and put in a stamp mill, as a hard crust of cement water has no effect. The old Harper claim, further up the Horsely, still remains idle, although R. T. Ward, its owner, promised to have it in working operation by the 15th of last July. There is but very slim likelihood of it running by next July. He is far more enterprising as a lawyer than as a miner. He had no sooner extricated himself from his law suits with the so-called jumpers than again he is engaged in several, notably one with the Horsely Hydraulic Mining Company, for fifty thousand dollars. If he succeeds that will equip the mine for him.

A Californian also by the name of R. H. Campbell came to Horsely last summer, laid out a new geographical surface, pointed out Beaver Valley as joining Horsely and being the bed of the Horsely river, also the bed of the mighty Fraser river, also the Chew-water river, and he candidly believed the Thompson river; all of them found their united way through Beaver Valley. A Cariboo miner who would undertake to turn such an aggregate of water through this narrow valley would have to first move the mountains back on one side or the other, as the valley in places is not two hundred yards wide, but the minister of mines gave him four miles of this valley, which we expect to prove very remunerative.

Another, Charles Campbell, represented by G. O. Leask, has been holding seven leases for three years. This fall they started to sink a shaft to develop their ground. They went down fifty feet and suspended. These leases are seemingly not secured for working, but to sell Cariboo in a large country, but the promiscuous issuance of these leases and their unlimited bounds are making the country now so small that there is not half room for a mining population.

PROSPECTOR.

North Vancouver, Feb. 1.—The school entertainment was held in the North Vancouver school house on the evening of January 29th.

An unusually large crowd was assembled, many persons having come from a long distance, and the building was filled to its utmost capacity. The Rev. Mr. Wilson took the chair, and opened the entertainment with a short address in which he said that it always gave him great pleasure to visit this school, and that he was glad to see so many bright and happy and endeavoring to do their best at all times.

A beautiful Christmas tree attracted the attention of every one as they entered. It was well laden with many useful and pretty presents for each child, including even the smaller ones of the district not yet attending school. The ladies who worked so energetically to have everything in readiness deserve special praise.

After a most interesting and well-rendered programme, which was not ended until 12 o'clock, the Christmas tree was lighted and the presents distributed amongst the children, who were highly delighted with the pretty things which they received. The first part of the programme was rendered entirely by the pupils and was as follows: Recitation, "Chorus of the Little Brigidine," George Booth; song, "The Glow Worm," Mary McFadden; recitation,

"Let bygone be bygone," Martha Rule; recitation "A Psalm of Life," Mary Rule; song, "Drive the Nail Aright, Boys," Mary and Annie Rule; recitation, "Tip with the Dawn," James Richards; song, "Kitty Wells," Mary Rule, Mary McFadden and Mary Sampson; recitation, "Quarrelsome Kittens," Willie Richards; recitation, "My Shadow," Mary McFadden; song, "Put my Little Shoes Away," Rose, Bertha and Martha Whims; recitation, "Fidelity and Perseverance," May Richards; song, "Ella Reece," Mary McFadden and Mary Sampson; recitation, "A Book Lover," Amelia Rule; recitation, "Birdie and Bess," Caroline McFadden; recitation, "Good King Arthur," Edward Mahaffey; dialogue, "The Fairies," six girls of the school; recitation, "A Grammar Lesson," Edward McFadden.

Not the least interesting item was a spelling contest between the older pupils of the school. The children were quite excited over it, and many of them spelled very creditably. The winner, Martha Rule, was presented with a book given by Mr. Furness.

A recitation was then nicely rendered by a small boy, Willie McFadden, after which the following persons contributed to the evening's enjoyment: Mrs. Cotford and Mrs. McFadden, Mr. Adam, Mr. R. Bitanourt, Mr. and Mrs. McFadden, Mr. Ed. Harrison, Mr. Furness and Mr. J. Harrison, rendering songs, all of which were well appreciated, many of them being encored. Mr. Booth and Mr. E. Rosman gave readings, which were well appreciated. The musical selections by Mr. Adam and Mr. Pallow on the violin, and Messrs. L. and G. Bitanourt on the mouth organ were exceedingly well rendered, the latter being loudly encored. A dialogue, "Annie Betsy's Beau," caused a great deal of merriment. After the presents were distributed, refreshments of which a plentiful supply was brought by the ladies and also oranges were served to all, after which nearly every one present went to Mr. McFadden's where a dance was kept up until about 7 o'clock. All expressed themselves well pleased with the evening's entertainment and with the progress which the pupils were evidently making, as shown by the manner in which they rendered their songs and recitations.

BOUNDARY CREEK.

Boundary Creek Times. The shaft on the Jewel, Long Lake camp, was down 50 feet in splendid ore last Tuesday. More work will at once be put to work to develop the property. A strong lead 5 feet wide between well defined walls was uncovered last week on the '96, near Boundary Falls, while the men were doing assessment work.

Messrs. Toteham and Parks who own Placer ground on Boundary creek near Mr. Sansome's ranch, are running a tunnel on stream and piling the dirt ready to wash it in the spring. The tunnel has now been driven for 30 feet. Good pay was taken from this claim last autumn.

Mr. Bartholomew brought down on Tuesday some remarkable specimens of high grade ore, which he stated, was obtained from the drift at the 35 foot level in the Combination shaft. On many of these specimens chunks of native silver could be seen the size of a pea, while in one instance he rather rare phenomenon of free gold in conjunction with native silver was witnessed. An ore house is to be built on the Combination shaft, and the property immediately, and a shipment will be made to the smelter as soon as possible. A cross cut is now being run from the bottom of the 55 foot shaft, the ledge matter having proved at this depth to be 5 feet wide, in addition to the paystreak wherefrom the high assay returns have been received, and as yet the slate footwall has not been reached.

NELSON.

Nelson Tribune. K. K. Peiser, the Victorian commercial man, took a sky at mining property while in Rosland on his present trip. He purchased a property known as the Loon, located in the vicinity of Deer Park. A good price was paid for the property but the figures were not made public.

J. M. Harris, of the Reco, says that the Reco Company will probably declare a dividend of \$100,000 on Tuesday next. If the dividend is declared on Tuesday it will come a month sooner than Harris predicted when the Reco stock was first offered on the market. The company employ 110 men and pay all miners \$3.50 per day.

Arthur D. Jones, a Spokane mining broker, and representing a syndicate of Washington people, is said to be negotiating in fourteen mining claims on the south fork of Kaslo creek. Some of these are said to present some veins of high grade ore.

T. M. Gibson, of Kaslo, went to Alsworth on Wednesday last to arrange for the immediate beginning of work on the Black Diamond and Little Douglas, in which he lately transferred a controlling interest to Fred Steele. Mr. Gibson remains as manager of the properties.

The shipments of ore and matte from the mines and smelters of West Kootenay for the month of January will in all likelihood aggregate over \$800,000 in value. Up to this morning the value of the ore and matte entered at the port of Nelson for export during the month amounted to \$679,305, and during the first three weeks of the month there were entered at Revelstoke Shoson ores to the value of \$77,725. This amount, added to the customs returns on the port of Nelson, amounts to \$747,560. A material increase will be made to this total when the exports entered at Revelstoke during the last week in the month are added. These figures give a fair idea of the growth of the mining industry of West Kootenay. The value of the exports of ore and matte for the corresponding month of 1896, was but \$146,739, or a little more than one-sixth of the value of the exports for the month of January, 1897.

W. H. Yawley and J. D. Farrell have purchased the stock held by Captain N. D. Moore in the Sunshine Mining Company. This company has been operating the Yakima group of claims, the best known of which is the Sunshine and Yakima. By this purchase the entire stock in the Sunshine company is owned by W. C. and W. H. Yawley and J. D. Farrell. It is currently expected that a deal is pending

by which an English syndicate will acquire the holding of the several associated companies working in the Twin Lake and Howson Creek basins in the Shoson. In every one of these ventures the owners have made big money. The Idaho-owned big dividends from the start, and up to date has paid its owners \$120,000, of which \$72,000 were paid during the past four months. The Alaska during the first eighteen months operation, paid back the purchase price, the development charges, and a dividend of \$55,000 besides. Its total earnings are computed by those who should be in a position to know, as \$250,000. The Cumberland was purchased for \$25,000, and like the other properties, has been developed from the proceeds of the ore taken out.

SPokane.

The Silver Bell, on South Fork, was sold last night to Frank C. Loring, of Spokane.

Kaslo's water system was completed last night and the system is being tested this morning with most satisfactory results.

The lowest degree of temperature shown by the thermometer supplied to the meteorological department observer was 4 degrees above zero, or 28 degrees of frost.

D. C. McGregor has the contract for the construction of an addition to the round house of the Kaslo & Shoson railway, which will afford accommodation for two engines.

A Hepler committed for trial, charged with having obtained money by false pretences, upon the utterance of a worthless check, was tried on Wednesday last by County Court Judge Fortin, and found guilty. He was sentenced to two months' imprisonment, to count from the date of his first incarceration.

Ed N. Murphy has bonded from D. D. McPhail, Phil McDonald, Neil McFadden and George Williams, the miners' claims Bannockburn, Evergreen, Pearl, Silver Bottom, Silver Reef, Iron Mask, and Buckeye, situated in the Lardo-Duncan country. The bond is for \$50,000, of which a fair percentage is cash down. Assays from the claims have run as high as 3500 ounces in silver to the ton. It is intended that work shall begin upon the properties as early in the spring as they can be reached and development continuously prosecuted.

The enterprising mine managers of Shoson are more and more calling in the aid of machinery to assist in the work of development and mining. The other day a twelve horse power gasoline engine and crusher were forwarded by rail to the Payne group. Two similar engines, but of less power have also been sent forward, one for the Ruth and the other to the R. E. Lee. These will be used for hauling paystones.

John Allen has given a working bond on the Iron Mountain mineral claim situated at the head of Schroeder creek, which he acquired from Thos. E. Allen, to Robert W. Yull for \$10,000. Of this sum \$50 is payable in cash, \$500 on the 1st of August next and the balance on the 1st of February, 1898. Subsequently Mr. Yull assigned the bond to J. E. Bass, of Spokane.

One of the largest checks probably ever paid for a single shipment of ore from a Kootenay mine was paid on Monday last by the Kootenay Ore Co. at Kaslo to the Goodenough. The shipment consisted of about 42 tons of ore, which assayed 524.8 ounces in silver to the ton, and was worth after deducting all charges for sampling, smelting, freight and duty very nearly four thousand dollars. Apart from its magnitude, this transaction forcibly attracts attention to the advantages offered to Kootenay mine owners by the sampling works now in successful operation at Kaslo. This lot of ore, for instance, within three or four days of leaving the mine, was sampled in the presence of the owners, thus assuring them of the completeness and accuracy of the methods adopted. It was weighed and the returns having been submitted to the owners and found satisfactory, the ore was purchased and paid for in cash at Kaslo and the sacks returned to the mine on the same day.

PILOT MONOPOLY.

Twenty Pilots at Frisco Draw Ten Thousand Dollars Each. A recent report of the committee on commerce of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, says of the pilotage affairs of this port:

To go into the details of the present pilot monopoly would require the space of many pages of printed matter; marshalling a few of the most striking facts is all that can be attempted here. There are twenty pilots for the harbor of San Francisco; ten pilots would be able to do all the work and still have a pilot or two-off duty all the time. The books of the pilot commissioner show that the pilots collected from the shipping of this port in the year 1882 the sum of \$108,425, or nearly \$10,000 each for the twenty pilots. A statement received from the pilot commissioner in February, 1896, shows that the pilots have collected an average of \$145,879 for each of the eleven years following 1882. In addition to the amount the pilots collect there are large amounts they could collect by law but do not. As it is always influential or vigorous ship-owners from whom these collections are not made, it is supposed that their reason for thus favoring them is to keep them quiet.

To maintain a pilot service at this port adequate for all the needs of its commerce should require less than \$50,000 per year. This estimate allows the most liberal compensation to the pilots, a generous sum for operating expenses and liberal salaries to the pilot commissioner and their secretary. Thus, according to the pilots' own figures, they are actually collecting each year from the commerce of this port \$100,000 more than there is any need for. How much in addition the present law allows them to collect we can only conjecture, but the committee has discovered enormous discriminations in favor of certain owners.

The committee proposes to urge the adoption of a bill by the Legislature placing the pilotage upon a reasonable basis. As a matter of course the pilots will fight this bill. In order to carry the bill the committee proposes simply to conduct a campaign of education throughout the whole state, beginning now and never ceasing until the bill is passed. It is a matter of common re-

mark that the pilots spent large sums of money to defeat hostile legislation. Whether it be true or not the rumor has heretofore operated as a scarecrow to discourage ship-owners from entering into a contest with the pilots before the legislature; but the committee believes that if the state be thoroughly educated upon this question, the result need not be feared. The funds of the committee will be used solely for this work of education.

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MORTGAGE SALE.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned until the first day of February next for the purchase of all that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, being and being in the city of Victoria, in the province of British Columbia, and more particularly known and described as follows: Lot number fifty-two (52) of the eastern half of section twenty (20) of Tachee Parish, according to the map or plan thereof as filed in the Land Registry Office at Victoria, and these numbered two hundred and twenty-five (225) mortgages registered in Charge Book vol. 18, folio 68, No. 16220, the highest as any tender not necessarily accepted. There is a good house on the property. Roadside street, now rented to a desirable tenant.

ANCHER MARTIN, 43 Government street, Victoria, B.C., Solicitor for mortgages. Dated December 21, 1896. del-36

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session for an Act to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining a railway of standard or narrow gauge across the valley of the Chehalis River in British Columbia, with power to extend to the northern and eastern confines of British Columbia, and to construct and operate branch lines, and telegraph and telephone lines, and to construct and maintain wharves, docks, warehouses and to appropriate lands for the above purposes, together with all other useful, necessary or incidental powers in the premises.

DIMBLETON & INNES, Solicitors and agents for applicants. Victoria, B.C., January 1, 1897. del-36

NOTICE.

Application will be made to the Parliament of Canada during its next session, for an Act to incorporate the British Pacific Railway Company, with power to construct a railway from Victoria, British Columbia, to Winnipeg, Manitoba, via Blue Lake, Carleton Place, Ontario and Prince Albert, with a branch line to a convenient port on Hudson's Bay, and a branch across the valleys of the Clinch, Columbia and Kootenay rivers to the British Columbia coast, with power to purchase, lease, amalgamate or make running arrangements with existing lines of companies on the line of the proposed railway or connecting therewith.

Met at 11 o'clock, 1897. J2-31

NOTICE.

The First Annual Meeting of the Alnora Gold Mining Company for general business will be held on Thursday, 4th Feb. 1897, at 4 p.m. at 5 Trossie Avenue, Victoria, B.C. By order of President, O. T. WARREN, Secretary.

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Alaska posse, after a fight with desperados, leave a comrade to freeze. "Slim Birch" and companions play havoc with the men sent to capture them.

They were finally captured by two unarmed men while sleeping in a bush. Port Townsend, Feb. 4.—The steamer Alki brings news of a bloody chapter in the career of "Slim Birch," the notorious young desperado of Juneau.

The progressive ladies of Westfield, Ind., issued a "Woman's Edition" of the Westfield News, bearing date of April 3, 1896. The paper is filled with matter of interest to women.

calce, Hale once seriously and Baysee wounded in both legs. Ten minutes later all the posse except poor Watts started back from the scene of the fight to where the boat was anchored.

MOODY VS. JORDAN. The Evangelist Angered at the Statement of the College President.

Boston, Feb. 3.—Evangelist Dwight L. Moody was perceptibly angered by the statement of President Jordan of Leland Stanford University, that "a revival of religion is simply a form of drunkenness, no more worthy of respect than the drunkenness which lies in the gutter."

IVORY RETURNS. Attorney McIntyre Tells of His Fair Treatment by the Authorities.

New York, Feb. 4.—When the White Star line steamship "Majestic" steamed through the Narrows at 12:30 to-day she was met by the steamboat Laura M. Starin with members of the Irish National Alliance and other friends of Ivory and ex-District Attorney McIntyre on board.

DOUBLE MURDER. Two Residents of New Hope Murdered by a Saloonkeeper.

Stockton, Cal., Feb. 4.—After a desperate struggle Sheriff Cunningham and posse arrested Charles Klempfer, the murderer of Charles Dodge and Alex. Borland, in cold blood at New Hope.

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SPORTS JUBILANT. Federal Authorities Cannot Prevent the Big Fight.

Carson City, Nev., Feb. 4.—A dispatch from San Francisco announcing that Judge McKenna and others have declared that the federal government have no right to interfere and prevent the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight in Nevada, caused great rejoicing here.

INDIAN FAMINE FUND. The Subscriptions Taken To-Day at the Various Places.

Table listing subscriptions for the relief of the sufferers from the famine in India. Includes Bank of British Columbia, Bank of Montreal, and various individuals.

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