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LOCAL NEWS.

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The mail for Dawson and other Yukon and Alaskan ports will close this evening.

Cloth bound books, 25c.; good authors. Also Christmas cards. Johnston's, Kirk Block.

Glassware just received and for sale cheap for cash at R. A. Brown & Co.'s 80 Douglas street.

Especially opportune is this announcement—Partridge, 86 Yates street, is offering ladies' waterproofs at cost.

The Vancouver Island Building Society will hold their 100th drawing for an appropriation next Monday evening.

Mr. C. L. Page won the whist tournament at the J.B.A.A. rooms last evening. Mr. Frank Hutchinson again taking the booby prize.

Victoria Tent 'No. 2, K.O.T.M. will, at its regular meeting this evening at Pythian Hall elect officers for the ensuing year and transact important business.

Commercial travellers in the province can now obtain renewal certificates for 1898 from the agents, Erskine, Wall & Co., who can also issue new ones to bona fide travellers.

The Lindley Company closed their engagement at A.O.U.W. Hall last evening, presenting "The Celebrated Case" to a large audience. The company left for Nanaimo this morning.

The annual Christmas festival in connection with the Sunday school of the Centennial Methodist church will be held on the 22nd. There will be a Christmas tree, laden with presents for the children, and a novel attraction will be a Klondike camp. A concert will also be given by the pupils.

Last evening the members of the Natural History Society met in the provincial library, when a paper by Rev. Mr. Keene, of Massett, on the mammals of the Queen Charlotte Islands was read. Dr. W. H. Dall, of the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, was elected an honorary member.

A donation of \$100 has been received by the honorary treasurer of the Protestant Orphan's Home from Dier, Davidson & Russell, of Fairview. The following donations of Admiral House tax refund have also been received: W. W. Northcott, \$3.40; G. Morley, \$4.95; F. Hansen, \$2.15; W. Scofield, 70c.; and H. Hamilton, \$1.10.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Herman Kurth, who failed to appear in the police court to answer to a charge of perjury, although the case had been several times adjourned, he being absent on business. A similar charge against Hans Kurth was dismissed, the prosecution not being ready to go on, despite the fact that it is a month since the information was laid.

The teachers of the South Park school desire to thank Mr. H. Kent for his generous gift of books to the school library. This library is kept up entirely by the teachers and friends of the school. It would seem that the proper way to combat a taste for "penny dreadfuls" is to supply wholesome literature and so create a taste for what is best in the language.

The young ladies of the Reformed Episcopal church are this afternoon holding a Christmas sale of work in Philharmonie Hall. This evening they will give a concert, the following contributing to the programme: Misses Hartnagle, Lombard, Hibben, Young, Lugin Mar-rack and McFarish; Mesdames, Hel-mcken, Jones and H. B. Young; and Messrs, Russell, Laundy, Nash and Mox-on.

Mrs. Frances Graham should receive a hearty reception at her concert this evening. Mrs. Graham was one of the few English singers who had the honor of appearing in Paris last year. Her singing at Monk Lamonroux's and at the Conservatoire concerts created quite a sensation there, and she was immediately offered important engagements at the Brussels Opera House, the Opera Comique, at Paris, and at Moscow, for the roles of Orpheus in Gluck's opera of that name, and as Delilah in St. Saen's Samson and Delilah. Mrs. Graham, however, retired from grand opera in order to accompany her husband to British Columbia. We understand that she is to give two concerts in San Francisco this winter.

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—Members of the Y. W. C. T. U. will meet at the residence of Mrs. Gordon Grant, Saanach, to-morrow evening, at 2 p. m.

—Christmas tree candles, holders and ornaments at Erskine, Wall & Co.'s. Only a limited quantity—early buyers first served.

—Pabst Bohemian, from Milwaukee, the finest beer the world ever produced, on draught at 5 cents per glass, at the Bank Exchange, the coziest, cleanest, cheapest restaurant in the city. Never closes.

—Provincial Constable Wollacott was a passenger to Nanaimo on the steamer Boscovitz with an Indian prisoner, who is accused of criminally assaulting an Indian girl at Alert Bay. Six Indians were brought down as witnesses.

—A splendid stock of sporting goods just received direct from the best factories in England and the United States, comprising shot guns, rifles, shooting coats, etc., at Henry Short & Son's, Gun-makers, 72 Douglas street.

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The Debate which was to have been held by the members of Seghna Council Y. M. I. last evening has been postponed till next Monday evening. The smoking concert which the Council intended holding to-morrow evening has been indefinitely postponed.

A Brotherhood concert was held last night at the Theosophical headquarters in aid of the International Brotherhood League. Some of Victoria's best talent kindly gave their services for the evening. The programme consisted of piano and violin solos, songs and recitations, and judging from the frequent applause which greeted each performer, a thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent. The International Brotherhood League was organized a few months ago by Katherine A. Tingley, the leader of the Theosophical movement.

The minute of the Victoria High School are preparing a very interesting programme to take place at their closing examination on Friday, one of the items being a debate, the subject of which is: Resolved—"That in British Columbia 'Clanmen are an aid rather than a hindrance to prosperity.'" The affirmative will be supported by representatives from the First Division, and the negative by representatives from Second and Third Divisions. All visitors will be cordially welcomed.

The final rehearsal of the Scottish cantata "The Maid of Lorn," at the First Presbyterian Church last night was most successful. The choir numbered 48, including the principals, and judging from the rehearsal, if a final rehearsal is any criterion, those who attend the performance of this work will receive a decided musical treat. The choruses are grand and inspiring, the music being well fitted to the libretto. Sir Walter Scott's poem has had a grand setting. The second part of the poem will consist of solos, instrumental and vocal, by the following ladies and gentlemen: Miss Armon, Mrs. Gregson, Miss Brucke and Mr. James Pilling, all of them first-class in their respective parts. The admission fee is exceedingly low, and there should not be any difficulty about the audience. A large number of tickets have already been disposed of, and those desirous of securing a good seat would do well to come early. Concerts begin at the First Presbyterian church at the hour announced, and Mr. Brown has a reputation for this which no doubt will be sustained to-morrow evening.

Following is the full programme of the complimentary concert to be tendered Mr. J. G. Brown in the A.O.U.W. Hall on the 20th inst. Lieutenant-Governor McInnes will occupy the chair. The excellence of the programme and the popular admission rate ensure a crowded house. Tickets may be obtained at these places of business: John Coch-rane's, C. E. Redfern's, Dean & His-cocks and J. Fullerton's.

PART I.
Opening address by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor
Tender solo—"Don't Be Cross"—O. Zeller
Mr. J. Pilling
Reading—"Getting Photographed"—Kaye
Mr. Wm. Allan
Viola solo—"Concert Mazurka"—Wieniawski
Dr. B. Nash
Bartone solo—"The Storm Fiend"—Roedel
Mr. G. Brown
Reading—"The Romance of a Bargain Counter"—Wm. McNeil
Soprano solo—"The Dream Angel"—Gounod
Miss Johnson

Violin obligato by Mr. E. Powell
Bartone solo—"The Goodwin Family"—Stephens Adams
Mr. Gideon Hicks

PART II.
Instrumental selection—"Serenade"—Czeco
Lillian Gibb
Moxo Soprano solo—"Flight of Ages"—Bevan
Mrs. Gibb
Viola solo—"Highland Weath"—Carl Volt
Miss Hicks
Bartone solo—"Her Beauty"—Adams
Mr. H. Kent
Reading—"The History of Scullie"—Wilson
Miss Lillian L. Armon
Contralto solo—"Beauty's Eyes"—Tosti
Mrs. Rickaby
Violin obligato by Mr. L. Nash
Piano selections—"Grand Prelude in C minor"—Beethoven
Dr. "Serenade in D minor"—Bachmann
Mr. G. J. Burnett
Tender and Bartone duet—"The Fisher"—Gounod
Messrs. P. C. L. Harris and J. G. Brown
Male choruses—"Oh, Borrow Not"—Gounod
"Soldiers' Chorus"—Gounod
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Late in the Fall.

"It's the route." That is the conclusion that Mr. Arthur St. Cyr, the Dominion government engineer, has arrived at in regard to the Stickeen-Tesslin Lake route to the Yukon, and he has established his competency to form an opinion by making a thorough survey of the route. Mr. St. Cyr had charge of one section of the party sent out by the government to survey that route, his particular work being to make an examination of the Hootalinqua river. This examination proved quite satisfactory, establishing beyond a doubt the fact that that river is navigable and that too for deep draught river steamers until late in October. Mr. St. Cyr surveyed the river carefully from Tesslin Lake to the Hootalinqua's confluence with the Lewis river, and he found neither rapids nor bars to interfere with navigation. When he left the river late in October the water was still deep and there were no signs of ice.

It was the intention of the party to pole up the Lewis river to the lakes, but the water was too swift for their large and they had to retrace their steps up the Hootalinqua to McClinton's portage, where they began a long and tedious trip to salt water. When they started there was no snow on the ground and when they reached Lake Bennett it was only partly frozen over.

Mr. St. Cyr met a party of Americans entering the Hootalinqua, they having decided to winter there, instead of proceeding to Dawson. Many others, he says, will do the same, and the river will consequently be well prospected this winter. He had heard at Kitikwan that good strikes had been made on the Hootalinqua, but if this was so it must have been after he left. All that he could say was that the gold found on the river was very fine.

In the party with Mr. St. Cyr were Messrs. Alex Jamieson and J. Potts. They reached Port Townsend on the Alki last evening and came over on the Kingston this morning. On the Alki were three men from Dawson, who brought a similar report to that which came on the Topeka.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

Application for an Injunction in Leock vs. West & Deakin.

Judgment was given this morning by Hon. Mr. Justice Walkem on the injunction application in the case of Leock vs. West & Deakin. A temporary injunction had been granted on application of Mr. S. D. Schultz, on behalf of the plaintiff, restraining the defendants from disposing of a quarter share in the Jim Corbett claim, Rentrev district, V. I., which the plaintiff claimed to be entitled to. Yesterday a motion was made to continue this injunction till the trial. Mr. Archer Martin, on behalf of the defendants opposed the application, principally on the ground of delay on the part of the plaintiff, and that plaintiff had failed to show that the original claim was in fact stated and located as a mineral claim under the definition of the mineral act, so that an interest could be held in it by anyone. A number of affidavits were filed on both sides.

In granting the judgment Mr. Justice Walkem said the application must fail. Apart from the long delay since Feb. 22 last, on his own showing the plaintiff had not proved that the original claim in which he alleged he was entitled to a quarter interest ever had any existence. There was no allegation that the claim had been located as required by the act. In fact, the plaintiff's own affidavit showed that the location had never been marked, nor was the claim recorded, nor could it be recorded as required by law. Before a man can come to court for an injunction he must show a title, which was not shown here. The motion was dismissed with costs.

The Chinese-Japanese stippling case is still going on in the speedy tri-court before Judge Harrison.

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IT RIVALS KLONDIKE

J. D. Wells, Mining Recorder of Omineca Reports Very Rich Strikes on Tom Creek.

Placers Running from \$1 to \$1.25 per man—Averaging \$30 a Day to the Man.

There is gold everywhere in this rich Canadian Northwest—gold running in a broad belt all the way from the Arctic Circle to the Kootenays. The latest rich strike reported is in the Omineca district on Tom creek. Here Mr. J. D. Wells and his partners, Messrs. May and Lyon, have located two and a half miles of very rich placer ground, going from \$1 to \$1.25 to the pan. There is eight feet of gravel, and says Mr. Wells, it pays about \$20 per day per man. The gold is very coarse and of high value, suggests gold in many cases as high as \$20 in value being found. Mr. Wells is of the opinion that it will run as high as \$4.50 to the cubic yard. For two or three years the lucky trio, have been prospecting this country and much money has been invested by them, for they had faith in the richness of the creeks. Their efforts were not rewarded until this fall, when the rich strike was made on Tom creek. Mr. Wells, who is the mining recorder and special constable for the Omineca district, is very enthusiastic over his find and expects to reap a rich harvest of gold from it. With him the Klondike is a back number; he has his Klondike in Omineca.

The property of Wells and his companions will require capital to develop it as extensively as they wish, and he is now here in the endeavor to secure the means to pursue the work. Besides the very rich placers and Messrs. Wells, May and Lyon have located a rich lode of free milling quartz, some samples brought down by him showing free gold sticking out like plums in a Christmas pudding. Nor is this all. The Omineca country is rich in asbestos. Mr. Wells has located six lodes at different points, seemingly good, but as yet it has not been tested. At Kiskinwas several rich strikes have also been made, quartz having been found going as high as \$120 to the ton.

Mr. Wells says that Capt. Black and Col. Wright's people are doing very well, and like them, he is loud in his praises of the Omineca.

"Why," says Mr. Wells, "every creek in the country bears gold; some in quantities that will pay handsomely."

On Vital creek during last summer the Chinese company working there took out as much as \$10,000, all of which was taken out by the most primitive methods of washing. When such finds are being made in this province, a creek which is but 125 miles from Hazelton and easy of access—for there is a first class trail—it is easy to see that the far away gold fields of the Klondike are not the only rich gold-lands of Western Canada.

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Among the passengers who came down from the north on the steamer Coquitlam were Messrs. E. S. Wilkinson, C.E. C. Little and C. Jones, surveyors, who were sent up by the provincial government to look into the possibilities of a railway route from Alice Arm to Tesslin Lake. The party took passage to Port Essington on the steamer Boscovitz on the 15th of last month and from there they took the steamer Chieflain to Alice Arm. They immediately started overland in a northerly course, following the river, which they have christened Wilkinson's river. The first part of the journey was over good level land, where a railway would easily be built, but after that many canyons were encountered, which would involve many engineering difficulties. After going in 20 miles the party came to the conclusion that it was a waste of time to go further, for with the deep soft snow on the ground nothing could be done. All the party were of the opinion that the land on the other side of the coast divide was good level country and amenable for a railway. At Alice Arm much land is being taken up and many improvements

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