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"Strange Delay," and the public will be interested to observe that the remarks made then by the chief pleader for Turner are as much to the point today as the day they were written.

These circumstances Mr. Eberts has already remained silent too long and that only one construction can be put upon any further silence.

AS IT IS IN ATLIN. A letter written by a gentleman now at Atlin, B. C., is published in today's Times.

Another Sudan Cloud. There may be more work for Lord Kitchener if there be any truth in the news from Cairo that the Khalifa, who escaped with his Baggara bodyguard after the battle of Omdurman, is advancing toward the Nile at the head of a formidable army.

THE ALASKA BOUNDARY. No serious friction is expected to take place between the British and American over the settlement of the Alaska boundary, although it is by far the most important subject with which they have to deal.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY. Probably good Americans will never cease to do honor to the day upon which the "Cincinnatus of the West" entered this vale of tears, via the very agreeable gateway of old Virginia.

ALASKAN BOUNDARY QUESTION. It is alleged that the Canadian Authorities are Collecting Dunes From Americans.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, together with Sir Louis Davies, his colleague, and Messrs. Sifton and Fielding, the members of a Canadian parliament who made a flying trip from Ottawa, left Washington to-day on the 11 o'clock train for Ottawa.

THE BUDGET SPEECH. Gradually the Colonist pays compliment to the splendid speech delivered by Hon. Mr. Carter Cotton in presenting the budget.

THE TESLIN TRAIL. To the Editor: From the public accounts it appears that in 1897 the sum of \$3,800.06 was paid to Mr. Calbreath, an American, on account of trail making between Skikine river and Teslin lake, and in 1898 no less than \$258,041 was paid to the same party and his agents for supplies, packing, etc.

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WANTED—A girl for general housework for family of two. Apply 31 Harrison street.

WANTED—An apprentice to the millinery at Stevens & Jenkins, 34 Douglas street.

WANTED—Employers in need of practically trained office assistants, bookkeepers, stenographers, typewriters, etc. Please call at the Columbia Commercial College, Vancouver, B. C. H. B. Vogel, principal.

FOR SALE. MINING SHARES FOR SALE in all B. C. mines at lowest quotations; houses and lots in all parts of the city. A. W. More & Co., brokers, 80 Government street.

LOST OR FOUND. LOST—A very small light brown Yorkshire terrier dog. Finder kindly return to 141 Yates street.

LOST (on Sunday)—A bunch of keys on Government street. Finder kindly return to this office.

LOST—Fox terrier dog, five months old; white, sprinkled black spots on back; answers name "Harney." Reward \$5. Carr street.

SOCIETIES. VICTORIA COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 1, meets first Thursday in every month at Masonic Temple, Douglas street, at 7:30 p.m. B. S. ODDY, Secretary.

EDUCATIONAL. SHORTHAND—Classes in all stages; \$3 for eight lessons in classes of not more than four; eight individual lessons for \$5. Address "Shorthand," Times.

MISCELLANEOUS. MONEY TO LOAN on Victoria Real Estate by the Victoria Guaranty Building Securities Corporation, Ltd., and by the Dominion Permanent Loan Co. A. W. More & Co., agents, 80 Government street.

A. & W. WILSON, Plumbers and Gas Fitters, Bell Hangers and Tinmiths; Descriptive in best descriptions Heating and Cooking Stoves, Ranges, etc.; shipping supplies at lowest rates. Broad street, Victoria, B. C. Telephone call 125.

SCAVENGERS. JULIUS WEST, General Scavenger, successor to John Dougherty—Yards and cessing earth, etc. All orders left with James Fell & Co., Fort street, opposite John Cochrane's, corner Yates and Douglas streets, will be promptly attended to. Residence, 50 Vancouver street. Telephone 120.

VETERINARY. R. F. TOULMIN, Veterinary Surgeon—Office at Bray's Veterinary, 103 Johnson street. Telephone 152; residence telephone 417.

BY REQUEST... COWEN'S "Rose Maiden" INSTITUTE HALL, Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 8:30. CHORAL UNION. Orchestra of 20 Performers.

Soledad: Miss Sophie McNamee, Mrs. J. D. McNamee, Messrs. Cayre, Kingston Goodwin and Barton, Conductor, Mr. W. Greig. Admission 50 cents. Reserved seats at Lombard's.

CALL AND INSPECT THE Massey-Harris 1899 BICYCLES AT E.G. PRIOR & CO'S. Corner Government and Johnson Sts. Jewelry, Watches, Clocks and Silverware.

STODDART'S Jewelry Store, 65-67 Yates St. Cash purchaser of Nugget Gold to any amount. Applications for Position of City Engineer.

Applications for the position of City and Water Works Engineer, for the Corporation of the City of Victoria, will be received at the office of the undersigned until the 15th day of March next, at 1 p.m.; applications to be accompanied by testimonials, references, &c., which will be returned to the unsuccessful applicants.

For this purpose each applicant will state the address to which, in the event of his application not being accepted, he desires his testimonials to be sent.

The Corporation reserves to itself the right to reject any or all applications.

The salary attached to the position will be \$208.33 1/3 per month.

By order, WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C.M.C. City Clerk's Office, Victoria, B.C. 14th Feb. 1899.

Victoria Waterworks. Notice is hereby given that all persons having water run to waste will be prosecuted for the same. The Corporation of Victoria Water Works Act, 1874. JAS. L. RAYMOND, Water Commissioner. City Hall, Feb. 22, 1899.



YOUR DOG will be very much more comfortable and healthy if you keep him free from those troublesome little pests known as fleas. A little GERMOT added to the water in which you give him his bath kills them, and as well as keeping others off cures mange and acts as a disinfectant and deodorizer, thereby making doggy quite presentable. It is an admirable disinfectant, and has other household uses. See label. For sale only at our store. 25c. per bottle.

C. H. BOWES CHEMIST, 300 Government St. Near Yates St. "NO MORE BIKING." Daily Forecast Published by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, B.C., Feb. 22-5 a.m.—The pronounced high pressure area, accompanied by a severe cold wave, which appeared over Northern British Columbia and Alberta yesterday, is now moving southeastward. With the exception of snow at Fort Colby, Oregon, the weather remains fair while in this province snow is falling on the lower Mainland, and the weather is becoming threatening on Vancouver Island, due to an ocean storm off the coast. East of the Rockies the temperature ranges from 42 below at Calgary to 10 below east at Winnipeg.

Nanaimo—Wind, S.E.; weather, cloudy, with snowflakes. Victoria—Barometer, 30.34; temperature, 36; minimum, 34; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Temperature, 30; wind, E. snow, 0.5; weather, snowy. Vancouver—Temperature, 32; weather, snowy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.64; temperature, 33; minimum, 16; wind, calm; weather, cloudy. Barkerville—Barometer, 30.70; temperature, 6 below, minimum, 24 below; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Nash, Wash.—Barometer, 30.36; temperature, 38; minimum, 37; wind, S. 4 miles; weather, cloudy. Portland, Oregon—Barometer, 30.42; temperature, 50; minimum, 36; wind, S.E. 4 miles; weather, fair.

Tacoma—Barometer, 30.40; temperature, 38; minimum, 34; wind, S. 6 miles; weather, cloudy. San Francisco—Barometer, 30.08; temperature, 52; minimum, 52; wind, W. 4 miles; weather, clear.

For 26 hours ending 10 a.m. Wednesday. Victoria and Vicinity—Fresh to strong easterly to southeasterly winds; unsettled, with occasional snow or rain. Lower Mainland—Fresh to strong east and southeast winds; snow today; stationary or higher temperature Thursday.

City News in Brief. Boycott non-union cigars. Use Blue Ribbon Baking Powder. The Victoria clearing house returns for the week ending 21st February were \$300,213.77.

There was a blank sheet at the city court this morning, and one of Baedon's worshippers putting in an appearance. The Paulist Fathers Mission, now being held in the Roman Catholic cathedral, is proving a most successful one, the congregations being unusually large.

In consequence of the indisposition of Miss McNiff, the soprano solo in the performance of the "Rose Maiden" to-night will be taken at short notice by Mrs. W. Johnston and Mrs. H. B. Young.

See our stock of Crawford and Brantford bicycles, the largest and best ever imported into this province. Prices \$35 upwards, guaranteed. Ontario & Pilsbury, Broad street.

Mrs. C. M. Morton, pianist, and Mr. G. Brown gave a successful concert at Duncan on Monday evening, and at Alexandria Miss Tuesday evening, and to most appreciative audiences. They gave a concert, chiefly Scottish, in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Nanaimo, to-night, and returning to Victoria on Friday's train.

It was rumored in the town yesterday evening that Bishop Christie had been appointed successor to the late Archbishop of Portland. The Bishop, however, states that he has received no official notification and doubts the correctness of the rumor, as he thinks there has scarcely been time since the death of the Archbishop to enable the powers in Rome to complete the usual formalities.

Next Monday evening in the First Presbyterian church hall a concert will be given by the choir under Mr. J. G. Brown's leadership, at which that bright and tuneful cantata, "The Wreck of the Argosy," by Birch, will be presented. The solo parts will be taken by Mrs. Clyde, Miss Baker, Mr. Kinross, Mr. Fife and Mr. Brown. Mrs. L. Hall, accompanist, supported by a choir of about 30 voices. It is unnecessary to say anything in regard to the merits of this organization, anything they have undertaken has always been done well.

A miscellaneous programme of songs, etc., will be given in the second part of the cantata being a short one. Among those taking part are the following: Mrs. Greigson, Miss Fraser, Miss Gill, Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. C. M. Morton, Mr. J. A. Phillips and Mr. Jesse Longfield. This will be a musical treat of more than ordinary interest, and will no doubt be largely patronized.

The "Rose Maiden" To-Night. County Court sits to-morrow. Lawn mowers and garden tools in variety at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 52 Douglas street.

The Board of School Trustees meet at their rooms, City Hall, this evening at eight o'clock.

A special meeting of the Municipal Council will be held to-night to consider the permanent sidewalks question.

The Victoria clearing house returns for the week ending yesterday were \$300,213.77 and the balances \$173,227.81.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Le Leveire took place from her residence, 61 Quadra street, to-day. The remains were followed to the grave by a number of sorrowing friends. The Rev. J. C. Speer conducted the services at the house and graveside.

A friendly suit will be heard to-morrow before Mr. Justice Drake to decide whether Capt. Langley is qualified to sit as an alderman. The action is being taken in a friendly way, the instance of J. H. Falconer, and Captain Langley will be represented by Hon. Fred. Peters. J. Walls will appear for J. H. Falconer.

To-night Columbia Lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F., will hold their anniversary social in the library of the Oddfellows' Temple, at the conclusion of the regular session. Preparations for the affair are being made with a thoroughness which augurs well for the success of the evening. A good programme will be provided and refreshments will be served.

A car load of those favorite bicycles, the Crescent, has just been received by the agents, Messrs. M. W. Waitt & Co. A procession of several track loads of the wheels paraded this morning, headed by a brass band, with bass drum very much in evidence, and attracted a great deal of attention.

Today is George Washington's birthday, and some malicious person endeavored to celebrate it by taking a hack at some fruit trees in a Fernwood road orchard, something like "the man who never told a lie." The peach and apricot trees of J. H. Falconer, which have long been an object of envy to his neighbors, were the trees which suffered. Both trees have been slashed at the foot with an axe.

On Friday evening the Baptist congregation at Saanich intend holding a service in the Temperance Hall, which will be of more than ordinary interest. The affair has been arranged for the purpose of bidding farewell and extending thanks to the local preachers who have supplied the pulpit in the past, and of welcoming Rev. H. Sanders, who has been appointed to the pastorate. A number of members will go out from the local church to participate in the concert.

On the 21st inst., at St. Barnabas Church, Mr. J. B. Phillips, a popular employee of the B. C. Electric Railway, was united in marriage with Florence Louise, daughter of Mr. Henry Kirchin, of Radcliffe-on-Trent, England. Rev. Belton Haslam officiating. Mr. W. Armstrong supported the groom. Miss Bradford acted as bridesmaid. After the wedding a very pleasant reception was given at No. 22 Sayward avenue, where the happy couple will reside.

The summons of the plaintiff in the case of Pender vs. War Eagle, to compel C. E. Jones, stenographer of Victoria, to furnish transcript of notes, taken at Nelson, was heard this morning before Mr. Justice Drake, in chambers. The nature of the case has already been given in the Times. The judge held that it had not been shown that Mr. Jones was an official stenographer in the meaning of the act and that he had therefore no jurisdiction to compel him to furnish transcript. He therefore dismissed the summons. A. L. Belyea appeared for plaintiffs, A. L. Potts for defendant.

Demand the blue label. A BATCH OF PROMOTIONS. Pay For the Guard of Honor Another Battalion Parade.

In a battalion order issued to-day, Colonel Gregory approves a number of appointments in the 2nd Company. It is interesting in this connection to note the military spirit which Sergt. Winsky, who is now, after many years' service, promoted to the position of quartermaster sergeant, has been granted to his men. In the same order which announces his own promotion, the diligence of two of his sons is recognized by their elevation to the ranks of corporal and bombardier respectively. The order is as follows:

1. The battalion will parade at the Drill Hall, on Wednesday evening, March 26th, for battalion drill. Staff and band excused.

Dress—Drill order. 2. The pay for the guard of honor at the opening of the legislative assembly having arrived, Lieutenant Foulkes will be present at the Drill Hall on Friday evening, the 24th inst., from 8 till 9 o'clock, for the purpose of paying those members who took part in that guard.

3. The commanding officer has been pleased to approve of the following promotions in No. 2 Company: To be sergeant—Bomb. N. Nugent Short, vice Winsky, promoted to Q. M. sergeant. To be corporal—Bomb. W. N. Winsky, vice McNulty, who reverts to the ranks at his own request.

To be bombardier—Gr. William J. Severy, vice Dykes, who reverts to the ranks at his own request. Gr. C. L. Boyd, vice Winsky, promoted. Gr. Walt Winsky, vice Short, promoted. To be leading gunners—Gr. A. Anderson, A. Margison, H. Gartley and Wm. Spurrer. By order. (Signed) M. G. BLANCHARD, Capt., Adjutant.

Frank Sherwood was down town to-day, the first time since he had his trouble with cholera morbus. He says he drops thirty miles after he was taken, and never comes so near dying in his life. After this when he goes out in the country he will take a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy with him. Messrs. Valley (Lions) Times. For sale by Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Nanaimo.

Rosson on the Stand.

He Confesses to the Hall Robbery at This Morning's Hearing.

Wm. Robertson and Snider Convicted of the Spencer Robbery.

After going to press yesterday two more witnesses were examined by the defence in the Spencer robbery case. Mr. McPhillips' efforts being directed to establishing an alibi for both of the accused. Frank Ronke took the stand and swore that he was in Snider's company on the evening of the robbery until 12-15, and the young man's father swore that his son returned home about half-past twelve. Stewart Robertson also stated that he saw the horse in the stable and the cart in the yard at 10 o'clock on the night of the robbery.

After brief addresses by counsel, His Honor Judge Walkem said that the evidence produced by the defence had been insufficient in his opinion to controvert the strong evidence of Sammy Johnson and Rosson. He therefore pronounced the prisoners, W. Snider and W. Robertson guilty of the charge.

The court resumed this morning, when the charge against Wm. Robertson and W. Snider, for entering and stealing from J. H. Falconer's house, was taken up. The evidence was similar to that given at the preliminary hearing.

Mr. Hall described the condition of the house; John North, a brother-in-law of Rosson's, his conversation with the last named, as published in the Times at the time of the first hearing, and the evidence of the tracks in Hall's garden, and of taking the shoes of the prisoners to Hall's and comparing them with the impressions in the garden, which they fitted exactly. Detective Palmer told in detail the story told by the prisoners—the evening of the robbery they came down from Spring Ridge on the 8 o'clock car and went to a restaurant on Johnson street, where they had a dish of oysters.

They also stated that about 8-30 they went to the Prince of Wales saloon, and remained there until after midnight, as before described.

The sensational feature in this case also was the evidence of George Rosson, one of the accused men, who yesterday turned Queen's evidence. He stated that he had known both accused for seven or eight years and had lived at Wm. Robertson's for about eight months. On the Sunday night upon which the Hall robbery took place witness, with five or six others, including North and W. Robertson, were in the cabin. Snider came to the door inquiring for Wm. Robertson, who was temporarily absent getting a book at his father's, for North. When Robertson returned he told Rosson that Snider would be back in a little while and that they would then go down to Hall's, whose party he was invited to that night. A few minutes afterwards witness and Robertson went out, met Snider and went down to Hall's.

Mr. McPhillips said that if the prosecution started to prove a robbery at Hall's, and afterwards brought in a robbery at Raitt's, it placed him at a disadvantage.

The court said counsel for the defence were often at a disadvantage because their clients didn't tell them the truth.

The witness proceeding, said that he and his companions waited until people had gone to church, when Rosson went to the door and knocked, and there being no reply told his companions that there was no one at home. They then went around to the side, where Rosson stood as guard, and Snider broke a window and entered with Robertson. In about ten minutes they came out and said they had got 50 cents and some old coins. Snider then said: "Let us go down to Hall's, he ought to have some money." They went down, and Rosson again rang the bell, and finding no one at home, reported to the others. They walked round to the lattice fence and returned. Witness and Snider then walked round the other side of the house. Robertson went round the west side. At the back Rosson opened a bath-room window and entered, followed by Snider, and then by Robertson. The bath-room door was locked, and Robertson pulled it open by forcing the latch.

They then took the lamps out of the kitchen and hall, and going up stairs filled the rooms. Witness got about \$7. He saw Robertson, Snider and Snider by himself. Robertson got about \$2.50. There was one \$5 bill and the rest in silver. They saw a little girl in bed.

Rosson was in the room when Robertson entered with a light and saw her. Snider on being told dropped his lamp and ran. They ran down stairs and entered through the kitchen door, jumped the lattice fence and went home. They arrived about 8 o'clock, leaving Snider outside.

Robertson then asked witness how much he had secured and being told they divided the \$5 between them. Robertson then went out.

Raitt's is about 300 yards from Hall's. It would take about ten minutes to walk from Hall's to the cabin and about two minutes from Snider's to the cabin.

One pair of boots proved to belong to witness and one to Wm. Robertson, and were worn on the night of the robbery.

Cross-examined by Mr. McPhillips Rosson said he was a farmer and until about a year ago had worked "off and on" for five years with James Richards near the Lion Brewery. Since then he had worked at the Phoenix brewery. He had worked there until November and since then had worked with J. Bell for four or five days. He lived with William Robertson and worked for him when he was working. He knew the man who well. He admitted that the statement he made at the police court that he had found the stolen rifles out at Coluboro Bay road was false.

Mr. McPhillips—Why did you say that? Witness—Because I couldn't say anything else.

Witness denied that he secreted the rifles in the lining of the house. He did not know of Raitt's place being broken into before until he read it in the newspapers. Mr. McPhillips brought out the fact that the witness had served a term for stealing an article and had also served time in the reformatory.

Rosson, upon being further questioned by Mr. McPhillips, said that he had been induced to turn Queen's evidence by the fact that Snider and Robertson had tried to put all the blame on him.

Little Edith Hall, a child of perhaps eight or nine years' age, told her story of the robbery and of being awakened by two men entering her room. Asked if she recognized either of them in court she pointed out Rosson and William Robertson as the men, although she afterwards told Mr. McPhillips that she didn't think she would have known them next day.

Wm. Preece, foreman of the jury who worked, was called by Mr. McPhillips to prove that the evidence of Rosson and North was unreliable. He said he didn't think he would believe North on oath, and he was sure he wouldn't believe Rosson. The homely circumlocution of the witness, however, Snider had never had reason to doubt. He suspected Robertson and Rosson on the 11th of December, but had not identified as his carriage seat found in their possession.

Along the Waterfront.

News come from Port Angeles that the bark Coloma, which sailed from the Chemainus mills on the 10th with lumber for Trenton, China, has been towed back to Port Angeles in distress. She was sighted by the tug off the Cape on Monday with distress signals flying. Capt. Jensen reports that the bark has sixteen feet of water in her hold, from a leak in the vessels stem, caused by the rough weather. On the fifth day out his ship ran into a tremendous blow with mountains of seas, which swept over her decks, carrying away everything that was not secured. She was saved the trouble of jettisoning her deck-load for the waves tore it from its lashing and washed it overboard. The Coloma labored heavily and took in water rapidly. As the water began to rise faster than the crew could work the pumps, the captain put about and made for the straits. On his eighth day out, when in latitude 49.41 north, longitude 128.25 west, he spoke the steamer Glenogee, bound to Japan, "stating that he was in distress." The liner in reply asked "if he wanted to leave the bark?" Captain Jensen replied: "No; but I have no fresh water, tank smashed and gone to pieces; want 100 gallons of water, enough to reach the Sound." The liner then asked him to send a boat and he did so, sending his wife along with it. The steamer evidently thought him too slow for she lowered a boat also. The boats met in the ocean and exchanged loads. The captain for safety decided to send his wife across the Pacific on the liner. It was so stormy that the coaling deck crew of the steamer were unable to get their boat up and it was sent adrift as the bark crowded on sail and made for the Cape, where she was picked up by the tug.

A telegram to R. P. Rithet & Co. from Lloyd's agent at Port Townsend, Capt. Bond, says the Coloma will go to Port Hadlock for repairs. She will probably have to discharge her cargo.

Two Klondikers who do not care to have their names made known say they will attempt to raise the bodies of the unfortunate crew of the British ship Andaleena, which lies at the bottom of the bay in Tacoma harbor. One of these hardy gold hunters is an Englishman, who is smirking under the indifference of the people of Tacoma in not raising a subscription to recover the bodies of his countrymen. This man, with his partner, has secured the consent of all concerned to go ahead with the work of an expert diver, and already have expended nearly \$2,000 for preliminaries. Should the attempt prove successful, the bodies will be turned over to the British consul at Tacoma for interment. After the recovery of the bodies an attempt will then be made to raise the ship.

Deep sea sailers sailing from Pacific coast for the Atlantic ocean will hereafter get only \$12.50 advance for board received ashore, and for their positions; those port washed by the Pacific excepting Hawaiian, Mexican, or Central American ports, will have to yield only \$10. The rate prevailing up to yesterday was \$20 to \$40 in any port of the world. The commission of navigation has reduced the advance even below the maximum fixed by congress. The burden will come on the ship owners. Shipping masters say the ships will have to put up the difference. At the present wages of sailors out of Puget Sound are \$20 a month, this means

According to the Tacoma Ledger there is a report current on the Sound that the rates to Alaska will shortly be cut. The report could not be corroborated but it was said in one office that the direct steamers between Skagway and the Sound have been getting a greater share of the travel than usual, and the theory was advanced that probably some of the companies not running steamers direct would cut in order to hold their own.

The Seattle Times announces that Moran Bros. and others will build a dry dock at Seattle, and have it ready for use before the end of the summer. It is claimed the dock will accommodate vessels of the size of the steamers running across the Pacific to the Nippon Yusen line. The same company is building a sawmill on the site of the old Kerry mill, which was burned a year ago.

The Victoria Marine Railway, or Turple's Ways, as it is perhaps better known, is about to triple its power and then the largest of the vessels that come into the harbor will be able to be hauled out there. An extra shaft and a big drum will be put in about two weeks hence, and then the ways in the inner harbor will be in a position to rival the Esquimalt ways.

Steamer Olympia, of the N. P. line, arrived from the Sound at 1:30 p.m. and will sail this evening for the Orient. She is loaded right up with freight. Included in her cargo is a shipment of cigarettes from Manila. She has also a big shipment of Washington apples, included in which are several boxes being sent to Admiral Dewey as a present.

A despatch from Port Townsend says: Schooner Lyman D. Foster, Capt. D. O. Killman, arrived here this morning from Shanghai. The Foster made the round trip from Port Blakeley to China and back to Puget Sound in 110 days, which is said to be the fastest sailing time on record.

Steamer Queen, due from San Francisco, will arrive here to-morrow.

Wily Ah Mee

A Chinese Waiter Captured at Tacoma While Smuggling Silk Ashore.

Had a Quantity of Silk Wrapped About Him—Oriental Liners To Be Watched.

The wily Chinese who was captured by the Tacoma customs officers in trying to smuggle opium ashore from the steamer Olympia, was not the only Chinese smuggler that fell into the hands of the customs men in trying to get contraband ashore from the liner. Ah Mee, a waiter on the steamer, was captured while trying to smuggle silk and cigars ashore. When Ah Mee went ashore at Tacoma, wrapped about his person in a bulky, elaborate silks of the Orient, nearly a hundred pieces of the same, he ambled down the long gangplank into the arms of Customs Inspector Bruno Lehman.

The boy wore his biggest trousers, and his most bulky coat over the goods. He was trying to smuggle ashore, but the elaborate silks of the outer garments was not great enough to conceal a look of diffidence in the face of the Celestial, and the suspicious inspector stopped the young man.

"Me catched shore here; me go up town; by catche by some back; my stomach, Louis here restaurant on Leves avenue, in Seattle. Come see me—Go too, who?" shouted the Chinese as he tugged to get away.

"Not much," said the inspector, "let's see what's under those dungarees." Ah Mee became very nervous, and declared into a mysterious entrance, in his trousers pulled a handful of cigars forth, and said: "You like smoke? Take 'em."

The inspector liked them, and reached in for more. Instead of getting another pack, he performed a magician-like act in the eyes of the bystanders and the longshoremen by lifting a whole box of cigars from beneath the innocent looking folds. Another probe, and out came another box.

So many cigars had been brought to the surface by the inspector though there might be something more underneath those bulky jackets and the Chinese step inside the near-by tea shed. There Mr. Chinaman was stripped of his loose outer garments, and behold, he stood arrayed in silken shawls, handkerchiefs, neck shirt and caps, wrapped about his person form in the most convenient manner to make them hold fast.

When the count was made it was found Ah Mee had brought across the gang-plank 100 cigars, 68 silk handkerchiefs, seven silk caps, six silk towels, and two shirts. Some of the silk pieces were elaborately worked in silk thread and would have turned faint the heart of a woman.

The smuggler was allowed to return to his ship, but the goods on which he speculated and hoped to make a good profit are at the wharf in the strong storeroom of Uncle Sam and will in due time be sold at auction, and the proceeds used to all the wheels of government.

Customs Inspector Hays, in charge of the port of Tacoma, says a more strict guard will hereafter be made of the Oriental steamers with a view to prevent smuggling.

THE MEDICAL PROFESSION RECOMMEND DR. C. M. HARRIS'S OINTMENT.

Dr. C. M. Harris, writing in the American Journal of Health, February 10th, says: "Among the proprietary medicines deserving recognition is Dr. Harris's Ointment, as a remedy for Piles, Eczematous skin eruptions of all kinds, for which it has been used with marked success and has effected remarkable cures in many obstinate cases which seem to baffle the skillful medical attendant."

"I am always grateful to my parents for the musical education they gave me," said Willie Washington. "But you never sing." "No. Thanks to my thoughtful parents, I know enough about music not to try."

New Flower, Field and Garden Seeds

HARDRESS CLARKE, CORNER OF YATES AND DOUGLAS STREETS

Along the Waterfront.

News come from Port Angeles that the bark Coloma, which sailed from the Chemainus mills on the 10th with lumber for Trenton, China, has been towed back to Port Angeles in distress. She was sighted by the tug off the Cape on Monday with distress signals flying. Capt. Jensen reports that the bark has sixteen feet of water in her hold, from a leak in the vessels stem, caused by the rough weather. On the fifth day out his ship ran into a tremendous blow with mountains of seas, which swept over her decks, carrying away everything that was not secured. She was saved the trouble of jettisoning her deck-load for the waves tore it from its lashing and washed it overboard. The Coloma labored heavily and took in water rapidly. As the water began to rise faster than the crew could work the pumps, the captain put about and made for the straits. On his eighth day out, when in latitude 49.41 north, longitude 128.25 west, he spoke the steamer Glenogee, bound to Japan, "stating that he was in distress." The liner in reply asked "if he wanted to leave the bark?" Captain Jensen replied: "No; but I have no fresh water, tank smashed and gone to pieces; want 100 gallons of water, enough to reach the Sound." The liner then asked him to send a boat and he did so, sending his wife along with it. The steamer evidently thought him too slow for she lowered a boat also. The boats met in the ocean and exchanged loads. The captain for safety decided to send his wife across the Pacific on the liner. It was so stormy that the coaling deck crew of the steamer were unable to get their boat up and it was sent adrift as the bark crowded on sail and made for the Cape, where she was picked up by the tug.

A telegram to R. P. Rithet & Co. from Lloyd's agent at Port Townsend, Capt. Bond, says the Coloma will go to Port Hadlock for repairs. She will probably have to discharge her cargo.

Two Klondikers who do not care to have their names made known say they will attempt to raise the bodies of the unfortunate crew of the British ship Andaleena, which lies at the bottom of the bay in Tacoma harbor. One of these hardy gold hunters is an Englishman, who is smirking under the indifference of the people of Tacoma in not raising a subscription to recover the bodies of his countrymen. This man, with his partner, has secured the consent of all concerned to go ahead with the work of an expert diver, and already have expended nearly \$2,000 for preliminaries. Should the attempt prove successful, the bodies will be turned over to the British consul at Tacoma for interment. After the recovery of the bodies an attempt will then be made to raise the ship.

Deep sea sailers sailing from Pacific coast for the Atlantic ocean will hereafter get only \$12.50 advance for board received ashore, and for their positions; those port washed by the Pacific excepting Hawaiian, Mexican, or Central American ports, will have to yield only \$10. The rate prevailing up to yesterday was \$20 to \$40 in any port of the world. The commission of navigation has reduced the advance even below the maximum fixed by congress. The burden will come on the ship owners. Shipping masters say the ships will have to put up the difference. At the present wages of sailors out of Puget Sound are \$20 a month, this means

According to the Tacoma Ledger there is a report current on the Sound that the rates to Alaska will shortly be cut. The report could not be corroborated but it was said in one office that the direct steamers between Skagway and the Sound have been getting a greater share of the travel than usual, and the theory was advanced that probably some of the companies not running steamers direct would cut in order to hold their own.

The Seattle Times announces that Moran Bros. and others will build a dry dock at Seattle, and have it ready for use before the end of the summer. It is claimed the dock will accommodate vessels of the size of the steamers running across the Pacific to the Nippon Yusen line. The same company is building a sawmill on the site of the old Kerry mill, which was burned a year ago.

The Victoria Marine Railway, or Turple's Ways, as it is perhaps better known, is about to triple its power and then the largest of the vessels that come into the harbor will be able to be hauled out there. An extra shaft and a big drum will be put in about two weeks hence, and then the ways in the inner harbor will be in a position to rival the Esquimalt ways.

Steamer Olympia, of the N. P. line, arrived from the Sound at 1:30 p.m. and will sail this evening for the Orient. She is loaded right up with freight. Included in her cargo is a shipment of cigarettes from Manila. She has also a big shipment of Washington apples, included in which are several boxes being sent to Admiral Dewey as a present.

A despatch from Port Townsend says: Schooner Lyman D. Foster, Capt. D. O. Killman, arrived here this morning from Shanghai. The Foster made the round trip from Port Blakeley to China and back to Puget Sound in 110 days, which is said to be the fastest sailing time on record.

Steamer Queen, due from San Francisco, will arrive here to-morrow.

LIPTON'S CEYLON TEA

RICH, PURE, FRAGRANT. The finest money can buy. Over 1,000,000 packages Lipton's Teas sold weekly in Great Britain alone. In 1/2 lb. and 1 lb. canisters. Put up by the grower. Wm. EARLE, Victoria, Wholesale Agent.

Ram Lal's Pure Indian Tea

BEST FOR KLONDYKE because one pound has the strength of two pounds of cheaper teas. ERSKINE, WALL & CO., Victoria; Sole Local Agents.

OLD COUNTRY BOOTS

ONLY ADDRESS: 86 YATES STREET. A Thermometer with every pair. Very useful. Old Country Boot Store.

BEFORE LEAVING FOR ATLIN

GET YOUR Pocket and Sheath Knives, Camp Cutlery, Compasses, Mining Glasses, FOX 78 Gov't St. GET YOUR Mining Magnets, Gold Bags, Hair Clippers and Shears, Razors, etc., etc.

A CITY OF NEWSPAPERS. Paris Has Over Two Thousand Five Hundred Publications. Paris publishes a new newspaper at every fresh sensation. The population of the city of Paris at the last census was 2,200,000, and according to the recently published Presse Annuaire for 1896 the newspapers of the city now number 2,687.

There are in Paris at present 140 daily political newspapers, but how many there will be next week or how many the week after is practically impossible to state. If public opinion demanded there might be another dozen. Of the political organs in existence 97 come under the category of Republican, 20 are Conservative, and 13 are Socialist.

The maintenance of so many Socialist newspapers in one city is strongly indicative of the extent to which French papers take up and consider politics.

The price of French newspapers is high, and the reading matter is small in amount. French newspaper readers do not require much news and are perfectly satisfied to depend upon the post office as an ordinary channel of communication whenever the telegraph fails.

More importance is attached to literary style than to exact details in local news-gathering, and it is therefore possible to publish with entire pecuniary success a Paris newspaper from the columns of which all items of expensive news are omitted.

PLENTY OF PROOF.

Old Bullion—"If I could have any proof that you are not marrying my daughter for her money I would give you my consent."

Young Man—"I would marry her if she hadn't a penny."

"But how am I to be sure of that?" "Um—you might make her dowry over to me."

MECHANICS' STORE

\$7.00 SACK SUITS

A small price, but a big value. You'll wonder how such suits can be made for the price. The cloth alone looks to be worth it. Dark brown checked tweed, guaranteed all wool, good fitting silk attached buttonholes, lined seven seams; a good, honest business suit that will give twice its price in actual wear; money back if you want it.

A good place for a suit ought to be a good place for shirts, and that big shipment of 100 shirts ought to make you choose; yes, it's meant for a hint.

CAMERON,

The acknowledged cheapest Cash Clothier in Victoria, 55 Johnson street.

ARE YOU UNDECIDED

What Bicycle to get this season? CALL ON US Perhaps we can help you to a decision. We keep Columbus, Clevaland and Cresteds. Prices from \$35 upwards. M. W. WAITT & CO. 60 Gov't St.

AS IT IS IN ATLIN

The Views of a Resident About the Survey and Other Matters.

The following letter from a gentleman now in Atlin City has been handed to the Times for publication:

The position of affairs in Atlin City at the present time is, to say the least, far from satisfactory. All people who have been fortunate enough to visit Atlin City and district are without exception fully impressed with the beautiful country, which has been aptly called "The Switzerland of America."

In spite of all this and the lack of communication, and the difficulties of transportation practically all the pioneers went in prepared to take the chances which were against them, and the probability of being absolutely cut off from the outside world, during the inclement season. They found about half of a wilderness in the worst season of the year, with food and the ordinary necessities of life at prices far exceeding those at Dawson.

The next step to be overcome was a survey of the streets and avenues, for an order has been issued to the effect that no one would be permitted to go into winter quarters except on a survey. The engineers who had been sent in by the then gold commissioner was at a loss to proceed, as no funds had been placed at his disposal, and so things were practically at a deadlock.

Major Manly is up and around again after a touch of the grippe, which put him under the weather for a few days. Dr. H. B. Stanley Smith has the frame work up for a large building, he is having erected on Main street, to be used as a residence and hospital.

Claim jumpers are again at work up the North Fork. If this sort of thing continues someone, says the Miner, is liable to get hurt before the summer is over.

Although there is no great boom in building operations in Grand Forks at the present time, still the mills are kept running to their fullest capacity and even then can not keep even with their orders, while the new mill, the one at the corner of Main street, is being erected on a large scale.

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There is probably some good and valid reason for this, and the British Columbia government may have their reasons for so ordering, but it leaves the citizens of Atlin helpless. At the present time no order has been issued forbidding building operations, or the erection of log cabins.

It is also given out that whatever survey has been made will not be accepted, and that the government agents when they come will act as if there were no Atlin City, and commence everything on a new basis, regarding the present town, and the vast amount of money which has been expended on buildings and improvements. Such action would entail heavy loss, and would mean practical ruin to the majority of the population of Atlin, who in many instances have expended money in developing the country and the building up of Atlin City. This has been accomplished by the individual enterprise and energy of its citizens, and has cost the government not a single cent.

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Provincial News.

Miss Phyllis Sweeney, of Mission, who has been visiting friends here, died on Monday.

At the City Council on Monday night the board of works recommended that \$200 be spent on bicycle tracks. The matter, however, was laid over for consideration after the estimates are in.

NEW WESTMINSTER. In spite of the severe winter weather there are evidences of an early spring, snowdrops, violets, and crocuses being conspicuous in many gardens, while other spring flowers are poking out of the ground in every direction.

Mr. W. E. Falco is now doing business in his new store on Columbia street, which is the first three-story brick building to be rebuilt since the great fire, and is a handsome structure.

A very satisfactory test was made on Monday afternoon of the new fire alarm system and fire lighting apparatus, the new bell being sounded for the first time. The steam fire engine was not tested in connection with a hydrant for the purpose of ascertaining to what extent the present could be increased in case of a lack of sufficient working pressure of the hydrant itself.

There are no traces of the two missing lads, Howison and Fisher. Since the finding of the canoe and a lunch bag in the Brunette river, all hope of their being found alive has been abandoned, and a thorough search of the lake by the aid of dogs, water glasses and a marine diver, has still without success.

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A Dawson Editor Says Over Twenty Millions Will Come Out—Distress Being Relieved.

A Stampede to Black River—McDonald Creek a Fake Strike.

According to John L. Rees, editor of the Yukon Sun, who recently arrived from Dawson, fully \$20,000,000 will be sent out of the Yukon country before the end of June or July this year. Mr. Rees is a journalist of wide experience, and before engaging in business in Dawson City went through the exciting days of Coolgardie in Western Australia. A practical man in every sense of the word, he has made a careful study of conditions in the Yukon, where he has been engaged in newspaper work since August last. Besides being proprietor of the Yukon Sun, he is also interested in the Dawson Miner. The former is the government newspaper.

"This is a conservative estimate," Mr. Rees continued, "and I should not be surprised if it was greatly exceeded. All the claims which are known to be rich are being worked and the royalty will be paid. The poorer claims are left alone for the present, and a somewhat definite is heard from Ottawa. There must be fully 10,000 men at work in the mines of the district.

"Hardship there is none, but there is a little distress. It is amongst those who went in badly equipped. The Salvation Army has done much to aid in relief, and a soup kitchen has been opened. But it is inadequate to meet all demands. Administration of government affairs is now excellent and Commissioner Ogilvie deserves the greatest of praise for his tact.

Just before I left a new strike was reported in the Cassiar district, down the Black River and quite a stampede took place. I have not heard of results. But I can tell you something about an alleged new creek, that known as McDonald. Americans made a big hubbub about it. It is supposed to be in the Northwest Territories. I went out of my way and spent half a day on the creek and then left a man there to investigate. Our inspection failed—we arrived at the conclusion that the whole business was a fake. I could not even get colors. The whole matter was a put up job to draw attention from Atlin, which is now closed to claims. We heard many bitter complaints on the trail.

"There are now three newspapers in Dawson, and Mr. V. Samoyloff, who is well known in Vancouver, is associated with me in the Sun. I am on route to Ottawa, New York and then London, Eng. I have in my possession all the literary and advertising matter, besides 300 or 400 photographs which I intend to utilize in publishing an illustrated edition of the Yukon Sun. I will be out in May, I hope, and will appear simultaneously in New York and London. One plan did not get to Dawson. It is stalled on the mountain side and no use can be found for it."

Consumption, If Properly Treated, is Curable—Left to itself it is Slow, Sure and Deadly.

There is no human ailment so destructive of life as Consumption. It is the weapon of the grim reaper, carrying off its victims at any time, and in no month or in no season can they feel sure of immunity. Modern medical science has made many discoveries along many different lines, but in no case is the human race under a greater debt of gratitude than to that distinguished and eminent chemist, Dr. T. A. Slocum, whose researches have resulted in a cure for consumption, bronchitis, and all throat and lung troubles—a cure that exterminates the cause, builds the body and kills the germ of disease.

To prove the efficacy of this cure, three bottles are offered free to any sufferer. All that is necessary is to put your name and address on a postcard and mail it to The T. A. Slocum Medical Co., Limited, 779 King street west, Toronto, Ont., stating you saw this free offer in the Victoria Times, when the three bottles will be sent to you at once.

NEW YORK DOG FHOW. New York, Feb. 21.—The Westminster Kennel Club show opened in Madison Square Garden to-day with a good attendance. Mastiffs, great Danes, bloodhounds and St. Bernards constituted their annual braying and barking, while the terriers, spaniels and dogs of less degree, yelped and snarled away with the vivacity that usually marks the opening morning of a kennel club affair. The exhibits seem to be about on a par with those of last year, excepting, perhaps, a slight deficiency in fox terriers. The show will close on Friday.

FOUL PLAY ALLEGED. Friends of a Dawson Man Believe He Has Been Murdered. The friends and relations of William E. Saunders, who was known on the Dawson trail as "Red Bull" and "Billy the Kid," believe that he has been murdered. Saunders has disappeared completely. His wife, who is one of those who alleges foul play, says he was expected to come out in November with a large sum of money. She says her husband was well known on the trail and in the gold fields, having been an employe in the gold commissioner's office.

Last May he took a lot of cattle into Dawson for a man named McDonald and himself. In October his wife received a letter written 175 miles above Dawson, in which he said that he would be home Thanksgiving, if possible, and certainly not later than Christmas. At the time he wrote he said he was building a raft to take the cattle down the river. He did not return home and not a word has been heard from him since the letter mentioned. He is five feet eleven inches tall, has a sandy complexion, and curly hair. He weighs about 180 or 200 pounds. His aged parents are almost distracted over his disappearance. Mrs. Saunders says that she fears the large sum of money he was to bring out may have cost him his life at the hands of rough characters on the trail.

Women with pale, colorless faces, who feel weak and discouraged, will receive both mental and bodily vigor by using Carter's Iron Pills, which are made for the blood, nerves and complexion.

Blue Ribbon Baking Powder MAKES LIGHT PASTRY

BARK WRECKED.

Massau, Feb. 20.—Bark Barba Luigi (Capt. Scott), from Pensacola February 1 for Genoa, went ashore on February 14 on Little Bahama Bank, and is a total loss. The captain and eight of the crew have arrived here. Three of the crew were drowned, and two died as a result of exposure.

THE FIRE RECORD.

New York, Feb. 20.—Fire to-day did damage estimated at \$100,000 in buildings on Broadway.

AN ANPRIOR ALDERMAN

Has a Word of Welcome For the Little Life Savers. Are gladly making known for the public benefit the way in which they were restored to health.

Mr. W. M. Howe, the well known alderman and business man, made the following important statement: "For a long time I have been troubled with nervousness, sleeplessness and a debilitated condition of the system. I have used Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills with very beneficial results and from my own personal experience can recommend them very highly."

"Everywhere Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills are receiving the highest endorsement from the best people. They relieve the suffering the severest diseases of the heart and nerves and saving many lives. If your heart is weak, nerves don't sleep, or you are generally debilitated, try the Little Life Savers—Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills, they'll cure you. Price 50c a box or 3 boxes for \$1.50, at all druggists. T. Milburn & Co., Toronto, Ont."

THAT BEEP.

Colonel Powell Gives Evidence Before the Court of Inquiry. Washington, Feb. 21.—The session of the Miles court of inquiry began to-day with Colonel Wm. M. Powell, of the Ninth Infantry, who was stationed at Madison barracks at the outbreak of the Santiago campaign, and after the city was captured and the regiment quartered in the city, he received requests from his men for money to buy stuff to eat. He investigated the so-called canned roast beef and had some of it served at his own table.

"I could not eat it," he continued. "It was a stringy, unwholesome looking mass, more like wet saw-wood than anything else I can think of. The men were sick and debilitated and could not keep it on their stomachs. We had at the time 152 sick. Soon after that the fresh beef began to arrive and the men ate it readily and began to pick up in health."

Afterward we were moved out of the camp near the San Juan battlefield, where much of our meat spoiled before we could get it. Regarding the refrigerator beef, Colonel Powell said there was little against it except that some of it spoiled before it arrived. Colonel Davis then produced a report from witness made on November 29, in which he condemned the canned roast beef, saying it produced disorders of the stomach. Colonel Powell said he had made that report on an order from the adjutant-general's office, and it was based on personal knowledge and reports from his company commanders.

Colonel Albert T. Smith, 15th Infantry, who followed Colonel Powell, testified on the beef at Santiago. "The beef was good," he said, in response to a question, "with the exception of one day, when it was spoiled. I understand that the beef had been lying in the sun on the deck." The canned beef, he said, was issued on the return trip. He had reason to believe very little canned roast beef had been taken except in one day, when it was spoiled. I understand that it had been practically no satisfaction in either soup or when taken from the can. He had never heard of it being issued prior to the Spanish war.

FLOOR COVERINGS. Inlaid Linoleum for Saloons, Banks, Public Dining Rooms, Halls, &c. Cork Carpet for Hospitals, Private Offices, Bath-rooms, &c. Japanese Mats and Printed Linoleum for general purposes. Japanese Mats for Bed-rooms, Nurseries, Parlours, and Dances, also a line of Japanese Rugs. In all the very latest styles. WEILER BROS., 51 to 55 Fort Street, VICTORIA, B.C.

J. PIERCY & CO. Wholesale Dry Goods. Spring stock in Underwear, Silks, Wool and Cotton Prints. Zephyrs, Fancy Flannelettes, Muslins, Lace Curtains, Dress Goods, etc. 27, 27, 28 and 29 Yates St. VICTORIA, B.C.

Removal of Garbage. Tenders will be received by the undersigned on a 4 o'clock p.m. of Monday, the 27th inst., for the removal of garbage, in accordance with specifications to be seen at the office of the undersigned. The party receiving the contract will be required to furnish all necessary steamer, saw and other appliances. "Tenders for Removal of Garbage," and to be accompanied by a certified check for \$250, made payable to the city treasurer. Said check will be returned to unsuccessful tenderers when the contract is signed. The check of the party receiving the contract will be retained and used by the Corporation as security, and the amount returned on due completion of contract. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. City Hall, Victoria, B.C., February 21st, 1899. W. M. W. NORTHCOTT, Purchasing Agent.

Teams for Sprinkler. Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to Monday, February 27th, at 4 p.m., for one or two pairs of horses, sufficient strength to draw the street sprinkler or sprinklers when and where required, and to furnish satisfactory bonds to the rate per hour for each pair of horses; they will be required to furnish horses, harness and drivers, and to keep them shod. The corporation will furnish sprinklers, water and whatever else may be necessary to do the entire satisfaction of the Municipal Council of the City of Victoria or their agent, whom they may appoint for that purpose. The parties will be required to enter into an agreement with the corporation and to furnish satisfactory bonds to the amount of \$500 for the due performance of the work. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. W. M. W. NORTHCOTT, Purchasing Agent, City Hall, Victoria, B.C., Feb. 21st, 1899.

TO LOAN. Various Amounts Mortgage. Swinerton & Oddy, 104 Government Street. ATLIN MINES. Reliable information can be had by applying to RANT & JONES, Notaries, Mining Brokers, ATLIN, B.C.

ESQUIMALT & NANAIMO RAILWAY COY. NOTICE. The advertised year and conditions for acquiring the surface rights of mineral lands having expired on June 1st, 1898, prospectors and miners can still make arrangements for acquiring the same by personal or written application to the company's land office, Victoria. LEONARD H. SOLLY, Land Commissioner, Victoria, B.C., June, 1898.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that by an order of the Honorable Mr. Justice Drake, dated the 15th day of December, 1898, James Irving Partridge was appointed administrator of the estate of John Partridge, late of the city of Victoria, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased are requested to send same to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of March, 1899, and all persons indebted to the said deceased are requested to pay the amount of their indebtedness to the undersigned forthwith. JAMES IRVING PARTRIDGE, Administrator.

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that at the next sitting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, B.C., I intend to apply for a transfer of the license held by me to sell spirituous and fermented liquors on the premises known as "Keweenaw," and situated on Esquimalt road, to Joseph Ball. Dated this 15th day of February, 1899. F. SMITH.

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that I shall apply at the next sitting of the Court of License Commissioners for a transfer of the license now held by Mrs. C. W. CLEMMINSON, the retail sale of wines and liquors and beers on the premises known as the Hall Saloon, Fort street, to E. G. Walker. C. W. CLEMMINSON, at the next sitting of the Licensing Board for the City of Victoria, apply for transfer of all my interest in the above license to Frederick Wilson Strath. Dated this 20th day of January, 1899. I concur in the above, J. T. HOPPER.

ANDREW SHERET, Plumber. 107 FORT ST. Charles Hayward, (Established 1867). Funeral Director and Embalmer Government street, Victoria.

FULL MANLY VIGOR is a priceless boon to all who possess it. Time was when unhappy men were willing to exchange the possessions of a king for the principal elements of a perfect man. The same conditions might exist today were it not so generally known that a quick, positive and permanent cure has been found for the very worst bodily affliction that can befall any man. THE ERIE MEDICAL CO., 64 Niagara St., Buffalo, N.Y., will send their great cure to be paid for if satisfactory, or cost to the patient—if it is not the wonder-worker they claim. Write the company about it. Full information sent sealed.

AFRAID SHE WOULD LOSE HER BOY. No was wasting away with a terrible Cough. Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup cured the Cough and restored his health. It takes the life out of a mother to see her child—the idol of her heart—slipping away, succumbing to a cruel Cough that all the remedies she has tried won't cure. Mrs. Jasper Singer of Burgessville, Ont., went through a trying experience and gladly gives an account of it for the benefit of Canadian mothers. This is what she says: "My little boy of a year and four months old took down with a heavy cold that did no good. He got so thin he was nothing but bones and hardly ate anything. I thought quite a few times I would lose him, till I tried Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. The first bottle helped him wonderfully and the third bottle completely cured him. I would advise all mothers to give their little ones Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup as it is so pleasant to take and so effective." Price 25c. All dealers.



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Dawson Lawyers Lead a Stampede to Dominion Creek to Jump Rich Claims.

Victoria Gulch Shafts Flooded—A Murder at Circle-Frozen Miner Dies.

A report is brought by a late comer from the Klondike of how a clever Dawson lawyer headed a rush late in January into the Indian River district for the purpose of relocating the many valuable and developed claims between the Dawson and Dominion creek and on Gold Run on an alleged legal technicality. If the lawyer and his fellow stampedeers win many a miner will lose half of his claim. The technical mistake was made during Gold Commissioner Fawcett's term of office.

Dominion was located prior to August 7, 1897, when claims were 500 feet in length. Soon after the claims were cut down by an act of the Dominion government to 100 feet. When the new regulations arrived accompanied by large red posters with which the miners were notified, Commissioner Fawcett did not apply them to Dominion creek although on some of the newer discoveries only 100 feet claims were allowed. He decided that all claims discovered before the above date should still be allowed 500 feet claims. The law was later changed making 250 feet the official size.

This stampede was to take 20 feet of all claims recorded since August 7, 1898. All of these claims were rich and in nearly every instance were purchased from original recorders at a good round figure. Commissioner Senkler has refused to record the claims, and a protest is expected from the stampedeers. This will have to be taken to Ottawa for final settlement.

Victoria Gulch and a part of Bonanza creek were flooded late in January by the foolish action of a party of miners. Men at work in the mining shafts

Had Narrow Escapes

getting out of their holes, which were filled with icy waters, and parties traveling on the trail were compelled to take to the side hills.

A small island breaks the creek in Victoria gulch at claims 7 and 8. The ice piled up higher than the fractional claims and endangered their workings with an overflow. The miners finally decided to cut through this ice mound and drain the water out. One of them finally stuck his pick through the ice after several hours' hard work. A stream of water shot out that nearly drowned him and caused the other miners to think they had tapped a small lake. The overflow continued for nearly a day and flooded mining shafts on eight or nine claims. The report that a lake had been tapped spread, and caused much excitement on Bonanza creek.

Late advices from Circle City giving full details of the recent

Hobbery and Murder

at that point have just reached here. A bartender named Morand at one of the biggest Circle City saloons discovered Breckenridge and another man robbing the saloon, and going up to the murderer pulled off his mask and called him by name. As he did so the burglar fled. The bullet from a .38-calibre gun went through Morand's heart and he died almost instantly. The burglars then made their escape, taking with them some \$2,000 in cash and gold dust.

A miners posse pursued Breckenridge over the snow and finally captured him. He was placed in charge of the United States troops and will be taken to Sitka for trial. Morand was an old timer on the Yukon, and well known.

Davey Jones is dead. He is the man who was recently found near Eagle City with both hands and feet terribly frozen. He was helpless when picked up, but at first it was thought he would recover. The doctor said that his hands and feet

For a summer cough, Or a winter cough, For a night cough, Or a slight cough, Or a cough which "hangs on,"



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would have to come off. It was decided to perform the operation one at a time. His right foot was first taken off. He did not rally from the shock and died soon after amputation. He was well known on the Yukon.

IN THE LEGISLATURE TO-DAY.

Mr. Hume Takes His Seat—The Telephone Employees' Grievances.

Immediately after prayers had been read this afternoon by Rural Dean Barber, the clerk of the House read the certificate of Registrar Drake of the election of Mr. J. Fred Hume, and that hon. gentleman was escorted to the Speaker's chair by Hon. Mr. Seulin and Mr. Green of Slocan, the members on the government side cheering vociferously. Mr. Hume took his accustomed seat, which resulted in Mr. Wells, the recently elected member for Rossland, having to take a seat at the lower end of the government benches beside Mr. Henderson. The ladies' gallery is again crowded, but there is not likely to be much to interest the occupants thereof for some time. The time for the clerk of the House has a very monotonous task in reading fifteen pages of the votes passed in committee yesterday.

Mr. Green (Slocan) presented a petition from R. A. Robertson and 473 other mine owners and free miners of Sandon, praying for the construction of a new wagon road to facilitate the shipment of their ores, but Mr. Speaker ruled the petition out of order as involving a question of expenditure.

Mr. Ralph Smith (South Nanaimo) presented a report from the special committee appointed to investigate the grievances of employees of the Victoria & Esquimalt Telephone Company, which was received and ordered to be printed. The report is printed below.

Hon. Mr. Cotton brought down a return showing the correspondence regarding the Sumas Dyking Commission, and the expense incurred by such commission.

Mr. Turner's motion, of which he made mention yesterday, is as follows: That the course adopted by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor in dismissing his late ministry was at variance with the constitutional principles upon which responsible government should be conducted.

Here is an amendment to the Liquor Traffic Regulation Act which Mr. A. W. Stone (Lillooet) proposed to introduce in committee: "Every holder of a retail liquor license who allows the gaming tables known as draw poker, stud poker, black jack, faro, or any other games of chance to be played for money or for checks, or other articles that represent money, in or on any part of his premises is guilty of an offence, and liable, on summary conviction before a county court judge, stipendiary magistrate, or two justices of the peace, to a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars, nor less than twenty dollars, for the first offence, and not exceeding two hundred dollars, nor less than one hundred dollars, for the second offence, and in default of payment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, and in case of the holder of a retail liquor license being convicted a third time the license to be cancelled."

The following is the report made to the house to-day by the special committee appointed to investigate the grievances of employees of the Telephone Company.

"Mr. Speaker: Your committee find that certain difficulties have arisen between the Telephone Company, its employees, and its employees, and that such difficulties arose through a misunderstanding on the part of the management, as to what was intended by the employees when they asked for an increase of wages. Your committee have examined the employees who were dismissed by the company, and have found that the dissatisfaction among the employees was not with the rate of pay per hour so much as with the amount per day and the division of the company's short day into two parts, which, while it consumed the entire day, gave them very little return. It appears to your committee that a reasonable solution might have been arrived at had the directors met and discussed the question of extending the hours of service per day at the same rate per hour, which would not have entailed any extra expense on the company, whilst those employed would have found their receipts increased in proportion to the increased number of hours they served.

(Signed) RALPH SMITH, Chairman.

DISORDERS FEARED IN PARIS.

The Police Are Making Preparations to Quell An Disturbance.

Paris, Feb. 22.—The police this morning were seen in this city 10,000 men bearing the head of the Duke of Orleans and five moulds for striking them. In view of the possible demonstration to-morrow upon the occasion of the funeral of the late President Faure, the prefect of police has ordered the seizure of all seditions, seditious, the arrest of their wearers, the dispersal of all street gatherings and the arrest of anybody raising insulting cries against the president, members of parliament or other state officials.

REMARKABLE FATALITY.

Hooper, Colo., Feb. 22.—Three miners are dead and several others sick at Blinnet mining camp from drinking wood alcohol.

FILIPINOS BURN SOLDIERS' HUTS.

Manila, Feb. 21.—9:35 a.m.—The natives of the village of Pao made a bold attempt last night to burn the quarters of the First Washington volunteers by setting fire to the huts adjoining their quarters in the rear. Fortunately the wind changed at the moment the fire was discovered and fanned by a stiff breeze, the flames did not spread beyond the huts. The ruins of the church, the incinerated school, and the incinerated quarters of the soldiers were frequently made along the Pao's lines during the night, and this led to the belief that an attack had been arranged, but nothing happened. The rebels are leaving the vicinity of San Pedro Marit in small parties, and are reported to be moving toward Singapur.

Several hundred of Bonkers, Brown, and other names were seen in the streets of Victoria, Friday last. Women were seen in the streets of Victoria, Friday last.

CANADIAN BRIEVITIES.

Ottawa, Feb. 22.—The Supreme Court met to-day. A full court was present, and Sir H. Strong presided. The Maritime list was taken up. Judgments are to be delivered to-morrow.

Bellefleur, Feb. 21.—Counter-protesta will be entered in North Hastings against Byron O. Lott, the defunct Liberal candidate.

Toronto, Feb. 21.—A special cable to the Globe says: Claim 2, above, Bouanza, and five claims on Skookum, belonging to Alex. Macdonald, have been floated for \$450,000. The purchase price is \$40,000 in cash and shares, and \$40,000 cash to be paid from the first wash-up. Subscriptions for 70,000 preferred shares are offered to the public.

Woodstock, Feb. 21.—Mrs. A. Munro died this morning at the age of 100. During the last 12 years she has never left her bed.

Waterloo, Feb. 21.—Dan Kallisch met with a fatal accident while at work in Huether's Lion brewery.

Montreal, Feb. 21.—According to private advices from London, the Grand Trunk and C. P. R. are considering a joint arrangement for a general advance in rates.

Joseph Jacob, of St. Henri, has assigned with liabilities of \$45,000. The assets are estimated at the same figure.

CURIOSITIES IN "SWAG."

"Bill Sikos" will Steal Anything from a Mummy to a Railway Station.

If the \$20,000 which has so mysteriously vanished from Parva bank has been stolen, it will be one of the biggest hauls on record. The professional purveyor does not always devote himself to annexing valuables. When "down on his luck" he will steal anything that is renewable, and it sometimes chances that he hits upon very peculiar forms of plunder, as, for instance, in the robbery which was recently perpetrated when three of it supposed money were later a provincial towns and streets a drinking fountain, 14ft. or 15ft. high, which stood in the market-place.

Lead pipping appears a remarkable thing to steal, yet not a few burglars and house-breakers confine their robberies solely to this material. For which there is always a ready market.

It was recently discovered that a well-known criminal had for two or three years previous to his last arrest made a practice of visiting unoccupied houses in London and the suburbs and stealing all the door knobs, keys, and window catches, "thank" "orders to view," which he obtained without any difficulty in consequence of his "superior" appearance.

A short time ago some burglars who broke into a warehouse of an enterprising merchant, and taking with them 200 assorted glass eyes, a box of natural teeth, two skeletons of animals, and one of a young child, together with a very varied collection of stuffed and unstuffed birds and animals. It would be interesting to know how they disposed of their "swag." The mummified body of a deceased Egyptian child—supposed to have been the tender offspring of the Pharaohs—was included in the list of plunder which some mercantile visitor secured at the residence of an eminent archaeologist. Two ancient "cat-gods" helped to swell the list of their unique haul.

Doubtless, however, the most extraordinary haul robbers ever made was a complete railway station. This was done a few months ago, the thieves arriving on the scene of their operations after the last stopping train had been through, and the concentrated, had gone home.

It need hardly be said that the station was but a small one, and consisted of only a wooden structure, but it was none the less a great shock to the station-master the next morning to discover that the place which he had his eyes fixed on, together with a number of sleepers and all the contents of his office.

So quickly and completely did the thieves carry out their task that it was difficult to believe next morning that a station had ever stood on that particular spot.

The offices, waiting rooms, and the platform had been pulled to pieces and carted away.

It is not known exactly how many men were concerned in this strange robbery, but their plans must have been admirably laid and executed. This was the station-master's departure five men at least, with two carts, were at work raising the station to the ground. In nine hours' time the entire erection had entirely disappeared.—London Daily Mail.

NEW WHITE HOUSE DINNERS.

President and Mrs. McKinley have inaugurated a dinner party which will make the White House as famous socially as it was in the days of Dolley Madison. The great corridor of the executive mansion is now the state dining room. The table placed in the centre is a most elaborate affair, forty feet long. At this table about seventy guests are usually seated. The question of seats is one of paramount importance. Mrs. McKinley prefers to sit at the right of the president. This is an innovation and causes an entirely new placing of the guests. The task of seating the guests in such a manner is according to precedence devolved upon Assistant Secretary Prudden. He has a wooden model of the table, and uses little pegs to represent the guests. Each seat is numbered on the model. When the list of guests is in Mr. Prudden ascertains the exact official standing of each person invited and then begins his little game with the pegs. Every man must be placed according to his official rank. His wife must occupy a seat corresponding to his, and his daughter must be placed among the daughters of those whose rank is equal to his. The president always carefully inspects the wooden model and pegs, and his approval must have been given before the early bearing the names of the guests are laid on each plate.—New York World.

Professor Wood, instructor in physics in the University of Wisconsin, has organized the idea of thawing out frozen water pipes with electricity, and made two successful experiments. He has attached one wire to the frozen pipe in the middle of the house, and another wire to a similar pipe in the adjoining or any house, thus completing the circuit. A current of about 50 volts is then turned on, heating the pipes and melting the ice within.

Russia has an "amusement tax" which was instituted a year or two ago to fund an institution for the poor, under the title of the "Empress Marie Foundation." The tax is laid upon every amusement ticket and the managers voted the proceeds accordingly.

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AGHINALDO'S VANITY. Impression of One Who Met the Insurgent Chief Two Years Ago.

"I saw Aguinaldo in Hongkong in the early part of 1897," said Mr. E. B. Cunningham, of Liverpool, who is one of this year's Carnival visitors. "I was representing an English firm at the time and was arranging a deal for some Manila hemp with Mr. Emilio Chargan, a resident factor. One day I called at Chargan's office and found him in conversation with a swarthy young Filipino who was introduced to me as Aguinaldo. I had heard a good deal of the insurgent chief, so I looked at him with decided curiosity. What impressed me most strongly about him was his extremely youthful appearance. He did not look over 22 at the outside and his air of juvenility was borne out by his stooping shoulders and narrow chest. He seemed like a fragile, unformed boy. His features were distinctly Mongolian. His cheek bones high, his eyes oblique, his nose short and blunt and his lips rather thick. He had no sign of beard on his face, but his hair was coarse, black and curly. His hair, I remember, was parted in the middle and fell down over his forehead. He wore a dark, well-tailored suit, and I took particular note of his hands and feet, which were remarkably small, even for a Filipino. He wore women's cloth gaiters, which is not unusual in Hongkong, and had a large solitaire on his left hand. Aguinaldo remained only a few moments, possibly for the purpose of me to note that his manners were curiously nervous. It seemed impossible for him to remain quiet for a moment. The faces of a great many Filipinos gave one an impression of distortion, as if they were slightly twisted to one side, and I marked the peculiarity strongly in Aguinaldo. After he left I told Chargan that he reminded me more of a native shipping clerk in some Dutch importing house than of a revolutionist. 'He's the smartest Filipino in the South Seas,' said Chargan, 'and his only weak spot is that he is a native of the Philippines.' That was the only time I ever saw him, so the picture remains quite vivid."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

AERIAL BOMBARDMENTS. The forces of space beyond our planet are filled with flying fragments. Some of the largest in its wayward path, others, having attained inconceivable velocity, are sent hurtling into the whirling sphere with loud detonation and ominous glare, finding destruction in its ominous glow, or perhaps ricocheting from it again into the unknown. Such a case, lately, was that of a fragment from the infinity of space, others fell in showers like golden rain, and constituting a bombardment appalling in its magnitude. It has been estimated that every 24 hours the earth of its atmosphere is struck by 400,000,000 missiles of iron or stone, ranging from an ounce up to tons in weight.

Every month there rushes upon the flying globe at least 12,000,000,000 iron and stone fragments, which, with lurid accompaniment, crash into the circumambient atmosphere. Owing to the resistance offered by the air, few of these solid shots strike the earth. They move out of space with a possible velocity of 30 or 40 miles per second, and, like moths, plunge into the revolving globe, fired to their destruction by its fatal attraction. The moment they enter our atmosphere they ignite; the air is piled up and compressed ahead of them with inconceivable force, the resultant friction producing an immediate rise in temperature, and the shooting star, the gutter of popular parlance, is the result.—Popular Science Monthly.

THE TURF. Another Record Gone.

San Francisco, Calif., Feb. 22.—The world's record for 75 furlongs was lowered by Dundas, ridden by Jockey H. Martin, in the fifth race at Oakland track yesterday. The former record for this distance was held by Maric Scott, whose time was 1:53.4, with 90 pounds up, made on October 17, 1895. Dundas, who is owned by T. H. Ryan, and is by imported Currier, Becker B, carried 105 pounds and covered the distance in 1:52.4.

THE RING. Hall and Lawler Matched.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 22.—John Hall, of Australia, and Charles Lawler, Corbett's former sparring partner, have been matched for a 20-round contest, to take place here on March 8.

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Fitz Will Rule Favorite.

The business-like way in which the Fitzsimmons-Jeffries match was made was favorably commented upon by the sporting fraternity of New York. If the fighters really knew how their usual methods disgust the patrons of the ring they would talk less and do more fighting. Although it was hoped that Sharkey would be Fitzsimmons's next opponent, a match with the California is considered just as important. There are many who think that Jeffries is more entitled to a meeting with the Australian than the sailor, ho having defeated the sailor in a 20-round contest.

The outcome of the Fitzsimmons-Jeffries match has created considerable comment. Everybody is anxious to see the champion reform. A match in which Fitzsimmons is a participant would prove a great attraction, whether he was pitted against a second-rater or a first-class man. Of course Fitzsimmons will rule favorite when the men come together. Joe Vendig, one of the heaviest hitters on sporting events, and particularly boxing matches, remarked that after the men had been matched that the champion should carry the odds at about 10 to 9 or 10 to 7.

There seems to be some misunderstanding between Jim Wakeny, Alex Brown and the trustees of the estate which controls the old Coney Island Athletic Club building in regard to a lease of the building. Unless some compromise is effected in a few days Coney Island may be scratched off the books as a likely battle ground for the big heavyweight fight.—New York Journal.

BASKET BALL. Friday's Match.

The Drill Hall will be the scene of the match between the J.B.A.A. and No. 3 Company basket ball teams on Friday evening.

Ladies' Match Postponed.

The ladies' basket ball team, which was to go to Seattle on Friday to play a similar team there, will not go over until next week, the match having been postponed. The practice game will take place as usual in the J.B.A.A. club house.

GOLF. Monthly Medal Competition.

The Victoria Golf Club will hold their fifth monthly medal competition at the Oak Bay links on Saturday afternoon next. The ladies' competition will be held on Friday.

THE RIFLE. New York, Feb. 22.—J. R. McAlpin, of the Carrier Gun Club, won the amateur live pigeon shooting championship at the Garden City to-day with a score of 94 killed, and four missed.

PERSONAL.

W. J. Jones, of Tacoma, is at the Oriental. J. S. Latimer, of Seattle, is staying at the Oriental. Geo. Hartnagle arrived home from the Sound last night. C. B. Macneil, barrister, of Vancouver, is registered at the Driford. H. D. Ollard, a business man of Tacoma, is registered at the Dominion. B. C. Electric Railway Company, came over last night from Vancouver. G. F. Case, of Nanaimo, came by to-day's train, and is at the New England. J. Buntzen, general manager, and J. M. Campbell, general superintendent, of the F. N. Railway, representative of the Goddard Bicycle Company, is at the Dominion. W. E. Nachtrieb has returned from a business trip to the Mainland, and is staying at the Dominion.

A. H. Wood, of Victoria, and G. H. Wood, of Seattle, are staying at the Occidental. A. E. McNaughton and J. P. McNaughton, of Vancouver, well known in lacrosse circles, are guests at the Victoria. E. Philip, superintendent, Chicago; A. D. Buchanan, Dawson; and R. A. Evans, of Vancouver, are detained at the Victoria. Alex. J. Campbell and L. E. Flint, of San Francisco; A. S. Oodlare and John Deane, Rossland; A. E. Gray and Walter Seattle, and A. L. Hambridge, Vancouver, are guests at the Driford.

A BARON'S LITTLE JOKE.

They tell a piquant little joke about Baron Oppenheim, the wealthy and influential banker of Cologne, who, though a Christian of the third generation, nevertheless denies his Jewish origin, no matter where or with whom he happens to be. Lately a French financier, also of Hebrew extraction, and a native of a little German town, though naturalized in France, paid him a visit at his Cologne working-house, bent on a large stroke of business in which he needed the aid of Baron Oppenheim; whose financial influence along the Rhine is almost paramount in importance.

He sent in his card to the Baron. The bit of parchment almost suppressed the real name of the caller, which was Colm, but added to the mere C of the Colm a long and flowing title, more or less fictitious, thus: "Le Baron C. Point Figure."

Baron Oppenheim took the card, smiled a quiet smile, and then bade his caller welcome, and proceeded to discuss business matters with him. The next day he returned the French financier's visit, and sent in a card on which was printed, "Le Baron O. de Cologne."

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