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ZEBU COMES IN. That Spice Island at Last Surrenders to the Irresistible Power of American Persuasion.

New York, March 1.—A dispatch to the Herald from London says: A letter from Zebu, dated Feb. 22, states that the United States gunboat Petrel arrived there on the 21st. Captain Bomer, of the British gunboat, and British consul boarded the Petrel immediately, and then returned to the shore to confer with the insurgents.

Herschell's Sudden Death

The British Ex-Chancellor Dies This Morning of Heart Failure

He Never Thought of Recovered From Accident Last Winter at Washington

Washington, March 1.—Lord Herschell, one of the joint high commissioners from Great Britain, died this morning at 7 o'clock.

Germany to Blame.

Kaiser's Agents Attempt to Secure Supremacy in the Samoan Islands.

Mataafa's Men Supplied With Arms and Instructed to Kill British Missionaries.

London, March 1.—The Daily Graphic publishes from its Samoan correspondent a story of the recent events there, attributing the whole trouble to the attempts of the Germans to upset the Berlin treaty and secure supremacy in the islands.

Illness of the Pope

His Holiness Undergoes an Operation and His Condition is Somewhat Improved.

Intrigues at the Vatican Regarding the Appointment of a Successor.

London, March 1.—The Rome correspondent of the Daily News writes: The Pope's bowled complaint, from which he has never been entirely free since last summer, is aggravated by a pain in the side near the spleen.

Cuts! Cuts! Cuts!



The Tempering of It



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Indian Pictures

sketched on the Spot By G. W. Stevens of the London Daily Mail.

The Seventh Letter Dealing With the Incarnations of Delhi.

DELHI.

Delhi is the most historic city in all India. It may not be the oldest who shall say which is the oldest among claimants all over the world...

Look from the ridge, whence the storm marched out to that last capture; the battered trophy of so many conquerors remains wonderfully fresh and fair. It seems more like a wood than a city. The rolls of green are only signs of the trees which are still standing in orchards.

Yet Delhi is still seamed with the scars of her spoilers, and still jewelled with the monuments of her conquerors. If you take them in order, you will find, first, the tower of Kutub Minar...

—Dwarfed Just Under the Sky—faced with white marble. All the red part is fluted into alternate semicircles and right angles, netted all over with tracery, and belted with inscriptions under the arches.

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War In Half an Hour

The London Daily Mail Tells How Germany Watches France.

Germany Is Marking Time—Sword Ever Hanging Over France.

As all the world knows, Metz, and Strasbourg, the outposts of the German army, face watchfully towards the west. From the gates of Metz the roads to Paris taper through wall after wall of entrenchments, which end in the heights above the stricken field of Gravelotte.

When you have been half an hour in Metz and Strasbourg you see that you are in the entrenched camp of an army ready for war. Infantry, cavalry, artillery and the rest of two complete army corps are all equipped as if for immediate service.

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THE WHITE MAN'S BURDEN

The white man's burden is growing heavier day by day.

It is less than a year since America ceased boasting that its exalted mission was to lead the world in the path of common brotherhood and universal peace.

Whether the Filipinos fired the shot first or not is scarcely worth considering. Assuming that these reckless savages whom we are trying to convert really did shoot first, they were acting as thoroughly within their rights as the man who seeks to drive the midnight burglar from his home.

It is interesting to observe the tendency of man to revert to the brute. We really had some right to feel that the cause of humanity, the love of peace and the horror of bloodshed were in the world.

But the people of the United States deliberately set nearly as nearly as possible a deliberate and unprovoked work of burning their guns on their neighbors with any feeling of sorrow or regret.

No nation or man or brute ever desired blood without being able to find the occasion for shedding it. Our wholesale murder of helpless savages has no more excuse than was found by the wolf who killed the lamb because it poisoned the stream by drinking from it below the wolf.

It is too much to expect that the people will cry out against this crime—that they will hold to account every man, high and low, whose hands are imbued in the blood of those simple island folk.

Truly the cause of humanity is flourishing under the patronage of the United States. If we had sent bread instead of cannon to Cuba, all would have been fed at smaller cost and months ago.

—The King and the Blacksmith—An anecdote of Emperor Francis Joseph, found in a London publication, shows that the Emperor of Austria and King of Hungary in their far inland home, unbesieged and unmenaced by civilization...

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Dr. Geo. Tribe, of Stratfordville, Ont., cured by B.B.B. 5 years ago an itching, scaly, skin disease.

HE HAS NEVER BEEN TROUBLED SINCE.

"FROM a common pimple to the worst scrofulous sore," has been a common way of expressing the range of skin diseases that Burdock Blood Bitters will cure.



It is Dated February 5th, 1894. "I have used Burdock Blood Bitters for a severe form of skin disease from which I have been a sufferer for three years."

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HELPERS RACE TO FOLLOW THE WILD INDIAN who has gone before. The tribe of Siam in Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Philippines was doubtless very bad, but after our armies have turned their guns upon these helpless natives...

WEIGHT OF A LION. What does a lion weigh? Those who know the look of the king of beasts best, and how small his little body really is, will probably come farthest from the truth.

WHY BLAME THE COOK? Had the utensils been all right the dinner had been so too. But, alas! the dinner was a failure, and the cook was apt to spoil any kind of cooking.

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more quickly than otherwise would have been possible.

Another point not to be overlooked in this affair is that the operation of the Alien Exclusion Act will at first be very much like that of the Imperial penny postage.

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Persons in the lawful custody of the officers of the country through the territory of the new Dominion.

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BRITAIN'S IMPERIAL POLICY

Hon. Jos. Chamberlain Contends That the Colonies have been of Great Value in Development of Britain's Trade.

The following is from the London Times report of an important speech made by the Hon. J. Chamberlain in the House of Commons.

"What do we mean by an Imperial policy? I am not going to engage in the contest of definitions which has been going on so long between certain leading members of the opposition."

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**MORE WIND AND RAIN.**

Daily Forecast furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, March 1, 5 a.m.—The low pressure area, which developed into an important storm yesterday, now covers the entire Pacific slope, the centre still being over this province. S.W. gales, accompanied by a general rainfall, have prevailed along the coast from Mendocino northward, and light snow has fallen over Vancouver Island, portions of the Lower Mainland and in Cariboo. Northern California reports over two inches of rain in less than 24 hours.

Nanaimo—Wind, S.E.; snow, 1 in.; weather, cloudy.

Chamberlain, 29.5; temperature, 28; minimum, 24; wind, S.W., 11 miles; snow, .25; weather, cloudy.

Westminster—Temperature, 27; wind, S.W.; rain, .18; cloudy, snow-furries.

Vancouver—Temperature, 40; wind, E.; rain, .41; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.50; wind, calm; rain, .06; weather, clear.

Nash, Wash.—Barometer, 29.52; temperature, 36; minimum, 24; wind, W., 12 miles; rain, .43; weather, fair.

Portland, Oregon—Barometer, 29.70; temperature, 44; minimum, 44; wind, S., 10 miles; rain, .20; weather, fair.

Tacoma—Barometer, 29.66; temperature, 28; minimum, 28; wind, S.W., 10 miles; rain, .38; weather, fair.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.12; temperature, 52; minimum, 50; wind, S.W., 12 miles; rain, .10; weather, rainy.

Forecast

For 26 hours ending 5 p.m. Thursday: Victoria and vicinity—Fresh to strong S.W. and W. winds; unsettled, with occasional rains.

Lower Mainland—S.W. and W. winds; unsettled, with occasional rain or sleet.

**City News in Brief.**

—Boycott non-union cigars.

—Lawn mowers and garden tools in variety at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 80 Douglas street.

—Many articles suitable for miners cheap for cash at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 80 Douglas street.

—Marine Engineers.—All certificated marine engineers are requested to attend a meeting in room 45, Five Slaters block, on March the 4th, at 8 p.m.

—See our stock of Crawford and Brafferton bicycles, the largest and best ever imported into this province. Prices, \$35 upwards, guaranteed. Onions & Potatoes, Broad street.

—The city council will hold a special meeting this evening at 8 o'clock to consider the estimates for the current year.

—Columbia Lodge, No. 2, I. O. F., will hold their usual weekly meeting this evening, when a new member will be initiated into the mysteries of the order.

—The building trade in Victoria is going ahead, and two more structures are to be erected here shortly, one on the De Cosmos estate on the southwest corner of Government and Corporation streets, and another by a Columbia firm at the corner of Fisgard and Government streets.

—The W. C. T. U. will hold a parlor society tomorrow at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. M. Humber, Topaz avenue. An address on "The Power and Responsibility of the Franchise" and several valuable papers will be given. Reports from the various churches regarding the feasibility of employing a city missionary will be received and discussed. All ladies interested are invited to attend.

—The following donations were received during the last month by Mr. H. H. Hobbs, manager of the Home for Aged and Infirm, who desires to acknowledge them through the columns of the Times: Reading matter from Mrs. L. J. Quinn, Mrs. C. H. Gibbons, Mr. N. Geo. Marsden and Mrs. Goodacre; and apples, boots and reading matter from Mrs. H. D. Helmecken.

—Now that the remains of Andre have been found, Dr. Torwagne, the French scientist who came here some months ago on his way to the Klondike to search for the lost Swedish explorer in a balloon, has a new scheme. Torwagne is said to be on his way out from Dawson to the coast and will attempt to produce at the Paris exposition Dawson in miniature. As a feature it is proposed to scatter \$200,000 worth of gold dust in virgin soil and make it appear as though it had been made by an accurate idea of the mining country.

—We have a few of those "Beautiful Talles" seen left the most handsomely decorated that we have had. Weller Bros.

**News Notes From Dawson**

**Use Blue Ribbon Baking Powder.**

—The Kingston street school building, which has not been used for school purposes for some years, is being thoroughly repaired, and will be reopened on April 1st.

—The case of Fanny Lord, charged with keeping a bawdy house, was in part heard before the police magistrate this morning, and was remanded until Friday.

—Provincial Constable Atkins and Jailer Hunter went to New Westminster this morning in charge of the four young men sentenced yesterday for burglary.

—The regular meeting of the Natural History Society was held on Monday evening. A paper was to have been given by Mr. Hastings, but he was unavoidably absent, and the paper was not presented. Routine business only was therefore transacted.

—In pursuance of the board's requirement that singing shall be taught in all the graded schools, Mr. Russell, of the High school, has been requested to organize a class of teachers for instruction in tonic sol-fa. A preliminary meeting is being held this afternoon with that view.

—The somewhat dilatory members of the Committee of Fifty have received notification from the secretary advising them that a meeting will be held on Friday evening next at 8 o'clock, requesting their attendance. It states that owing to non-attendance of members the quorum has been reduced to fifteen. The letter on the whole is calculated to act as a spur to the negligent ones.

—Next Friday evening, in Oddfellows' Hall, Spring Ridge, a concert will be given in aid of the organ fund for Spring Ridge public school. Mr. Brown, the popular vocalist, has the programme in charge and will be assisted by the following ladies and gentlemen: Miss Baker, Miss Milne, Miss Lawson, Miss Christie, Miss Nease, Miss D. Grant, H. Firth. Part songs by First Presbyterian Church choir and recitations from Mrs. C. M. Norton. Apart from the excellence of the programme the hall should be filled to its utmost capacity in aid of such a worthy object. Those who attend will be sure to receive a delightful night's entertainment.

—The principal feature of the very largely attended meeting of the Sons of St. George last evening was an address by Dr. Bradbury, the district deputy and grand messenger of the California jurisdiction distinguished visitor complimented the members upon the good work they have done in increasing the membership and upon the good financial position they are in. It was important to remember that the coming meeting of the Grand Lodge, to be held here this year, was the first ever held outside of the United States. Members of the order in ten of the States of the Union are organizing excursions to Victoria for the occasion, and it was likely to prove one of the most successful meetings ever held by the Grand Lodge. Bro. Bradbury concluded by presenting badges of honor to four past presidents of Milton Lodge, Messrs. F. V. Hobbs, J. J. Jones, S. Greenbush and R. H. Nunn.

**Californian Crushed to Death by Falling Rocks on Bonanza Creek.**

The winter on the creeks around Dawson is not passing without its serious accidents. The death of Charles Patterson, of California, is reported by late arrivals. He lost his life in a Bonanza Creek drift about the middle of January. He was working for W. H. Bard on claim 59 below discovery. He went to work early in the morning in a drift that promised rich results when the pay streak was reached. About 8:30 o'clock one or three yards of frozen gravel and rock crashed down upon him. His body was horribly crushed and life was extinct when it was discovered.

J. Thomas of 7 below on Hunker Creek is suffering from concussion of the brain. He was struck on the head with a windlass while hauling a bucket of golden gravel out of a shaft.

An application has been made at Dawson by Barristers H. C. Lisle and J. K. Sprague for a writ of habeas corpus in the case of the four Indians condemned for murder.

The grounds were that at the trial Judge McGuire sat as a judge of the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories, and that court passed out of existence on June 15, 1888.

They were tried July 28th and 29th, and the only court that had jurisdiction was the Yukon Territorial Court. It is held that Judge Dugas has not the right to preside as the prisoners were tried in the court of the Northwest Territories. His decision will affect a number of important cases on the subject of jurisdiction.

It will be remembered that a clever priest saved the lives of the Indians last November by insisting that they should not be hung on a holiday. A white murderer, a Seattle man named Henderson, was also affected by the rogues. Henderson killed his partner near Tagish Post at the beginning of the Klondike rush.

As a result of the Stampale to Kentucky Creek some time ago a number of men are in the clutches of the law at Dawson. They are charged with perjury in that they charged claims without previously staking the same. It is the intention of the officers to push all such cases vigorously and to make it very unsafe for all who violate this law in the future.

Among these persons are for examination in the Kentucky Creek case are Foster, Bruner, Deitch, Dene, Seiffert, Duffield, Fizar, Downer, Kirk, Jones, Baldwin, McDonald and Holme. Some of these men are well known here.

A mining deal of some importance was consummated late in January at Dawson when sixteen claims on the hill back of French Gulch, pooled by the respective owners, were purchased for a syndicate by Harry McCloskey. It is understood that the purchase price was \$54,000. The syndicate proposes to employ hydraulic methods in working the ground. The claims are undeveloped, but in a very rich part of French Hill.

Another Large Nugget is credited to the claims owned by Stanley & Watson. The nugget comes from 32 Eldorado, of which they are one-quarter owners. The nugget weighs \$315.40. A well developed pair of moose horns were found at bedrock in one of the shafts of 17 A Eldorado. It was only a few weeks previous that a pair of horns belonging to an entirely different pair were unearthed on a bench of 32 Eldorado.

A number of locations have been made on Dry Gulch and benches in vicinity during the past week. A good pay has been found on the first benches of 44 below on Bonanza, which has caused a stampede for the upper bench claims.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Binker at Port Belknap on January 1. This is the first white child ever born at that place.

**The Indian Murderers—Stampers Charged With Perjury—A Big Nugget.**

**PLAGER MINING ACT.**

Amendments in the Existing Law Made by the Bill Just Passed.

The "Act to further amend the Placer Mining Act" passed during the last session of the legislature, contains some provisions of great importance, the main one being that all free miners' certificates issued under the act will expire at the same time, viz., midnight on the 31st day of May, after the issuance thereof, or on any subsequent 31st day of May. For instance, on the day of the act coming into force (May 1st) a free miner's certificate may be taken out for one month, or for thirteen months, expiring on May 31st, 1899 or 1900, respectively, the schedule of fees being arranged so that for a period of less than a year a proportionate party only of the fee charged for a certificate for a year will have to be paid.

The act is not retroactive, and any free miner's certificate already held will remain in force until the date of expiring marked upon it.

Another feature of the act is also important, reading as follows: In case any person should allow his free miner's certificate to expire he may obtain from the proper officer, upon payment of a fee of fifteen dollars, a special free miner's certificate. Such special certificate shall have the effect of reviving the title of the person to whom it is issued to all mineral claims which such person owned, either in part or in full, at the time of the lapse of his former certificate, except such as under the provisions of the "Placer Mining Act" had become the property of some other person at the time of the issue of such special certificate, and shall operate as a free miner's certificate until midnight of the thirty-first day of May next after its issue. In the case of a company the fee for such special certificate shall be three hundred dollars.

Section 5 repeals section 8 and 10 of the old act, the former of which provided for a penalty of \$25 to be paid by every person or company who engaged in placer mining without having first taken out a license, and the latter making it compulsory for owners of and contributors upon, placer claims to pay the fee for a free miner's certificate for each year.

Section 6 confers upon gold commissioners all the rights conferred by the old act upon mining recorders with respect to mineral claims within their respective territories.

The act also amends the act as to the date of the expiration of all free miner's certificates and the first advantage will be that prospectors in the mountains, companies and other holders of certificates will soon become accustomed to the knowledge that May 31st in each year is the last day upon which miner's certificates are operative.

The provision for the issuance of a special certificate to cover the lapse of a certificate is also a good one, and as it is reasonable to suppose that a company could have no possible excuse for overlooking the date of renewal, the fee of \$300 to be charged such companies for the special license cannot be considered unreasonable.

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20-28.	W.P. Macy, San Francisco.	3,400	
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**VANCOUVER FIRE BOARD.**

The Vancouver fire and police board met last Monday, when the question of their aggregation was dealt with. The tenders were awarded as follows: Steam fire engine, Watersons Engine Company; Fire truck, Watersons Engine Company.

Hose, two thousand feet from Toronto Gutta Percha and Rubber Company; 1,750 feet being "Eureka" hose, 2 1/2 in. 3-ply, at \$1.05 per foot; and 250 feet "Matic" hose, 2 1/2 in. 4-ply, at \$1.05 per foot, Mr. A. G. Kenny, agent.

A. G. Long, representing the "Champion" Chemical Fire Engine Company, the successful tenderer for the chemical fire engine, proposed that in case there should be a deficiency of funds, he would be prepared to make such terms of payment as might suit the convenience of the council.

This proposition was recommended to the fire board, and was accepted. The council provided that the interest on the bond be fixed at 3 1/2 per cent.

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Over 400 Cases of Self-Destruction Within Ten Years. During the 10 years ending in 1898 407 school children 631 boys and 76 girls in Prussia alone succumbed under the strain.

ALL ABOUT DOGS.

A Veterinary Surgeon's Experience in Attending Some Canine Pets. Alfred Sewell in a recent number of the Stockkeeper relates interestingly the experiences of a veterinary surgeon.

DOCTORING.

It is not so very long since it was a disreputable trade whether women should be permitted to medical lectures and should become doctors, and now the same question is being asked of the first who has practised in the Flower Land.

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Prof. Hays, Oct. School of Chemistry and Pharmacy, says: "I have made an examination of Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure for Coughs and in all its components, purest ingredients."

WALKERTON PEOPLE. Greatly Interested in the Recovery of Mrs. A. H. Schweigler, a Highly Respected Lady of that Town.

Many people in Walkerton, Ont., and surrounding country have been talking of the remarkable cure of Mrs. A. H. Schweigler, a lady with a large circle of friends in that town.

In March last I went to Cryderman's Drug store here and got a box of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills. I have taken three boxes and am cured entirely.

The British consul at Batavia, in his last report on the trade of Java, mentions an important development in the cinchona industry of the island.

The German educational methods and institutions are held up as models, and rightly so, to the other commercial nations of the world.

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Pirates and Smugglers

Engaged at the Present Day in Active Business Off California's Coast.

Chinamen and Opium Brought in by the Smugglers on the Pacific.

San Diego, Cal., March 1.—A trim United States revenue cutter cruises in times of peace along the coast from San Diego to San Luis Obispo and beyond. She is supposed to keep an eye on the somewhat limited commerce of that part of the country, and see that small pirates and smugglers are kept down. Exactly what there is to smuggle in this out-of-the-way corner might not occur to the casual observer, but an old hatter-on about the pier who was said to be an ex-pirate and smuggler himself, laughed when asked about it.

"Smuggling? Why, lots of it. But, bless you, it ain't nothing to what it was, and it don't take much to fool these officers—that is, if you understand your business. About all the smuggling now," he continued, "is in the line of opium and Chinamen. You see, this restriction law is in force, and it's a mighty hard proposition for a Chinaman to get in, as each man must show his papers, but after they get in it's like finding a needle in a haystack to pick them out. There's hundreds that want to come, as they can make more money here in a month than they can in China in a year, so that it opens up a good business prospect for some one, and there are a lot of white men in it."

"How is it worked?" asked the listener.

"Why, in several ways. For instance, when you see a yacht fitting out for a trip down the coast of Mexico, with a crew of chaps that don't care for yachting, what do you naturally think? Why, they're after something, and so they are. You see, there's no restriction law in Mexico to speak of, and it's a very easy matter to ship Chinese ashore down the coast, no matter how they get there. Perhaps they've been sent out to the coast in a tramp steamer. Perhaps they came in a junk. Anyway, they get there, and the next thing is to get them into the United States. If you notice there is a China town in San Diego, one in Los Angeles, one in Pasadena, one in San Bernardino and so on; in fact little settlements all around. Now suppose you see the next morning to the Six companies or some other company that thirty or forty, perhaps fewer, Chinamen are over the Mexico line and want to come in. Perhaps four or five are at San Quentin, as many more at Escondido; another gang are supposed to be miners in the mountains in a camp several miles back from the coast. Some are fishing along the shore, and not one of them has been in the country over a month! The line at Tol Juna is watched, and it would be kind of difficult for them to talk in, but it isn't so very difficult for some to wander along the shore and slip in one by one. But this is too slow for the smugglers. It only pays where they can get from \$50 to \$100 apiece, and run an fifty or more at a time.

"This is how it might be done," continued the old man. "Everybody knows that the island of San Clemente, about fifty miles north of here, is a great place for abalones, and that there is a Chinaman company that keeps a gang of Chinamen at work there collecting shells. They live on the island, have a camp there, and there isn't any doubt but that they collect a lot of abalones. The shells go to the button makers and the meat they dry and send to San Francisco and all some of it to China. This is all right; it's government property. But the serious thing is that if you should go over to Clemente this week and stay around and get acquainted with the men, and then go there again later you would find that the big gang had gone—that is, the bulk of them. I don't say they do change in this mysterious way, you

know, but just for the sake of argument suppose they do. What would you think? Why, that the men were changed. But it don't pay to put green hands at this work; so you might get it into your mind that the abalone fishing was a bluff, and that something else was on top. If I was asked to guess I should say that one of these yachting parties had picked up a lot of Chinamen down on the Mexican coast and run into San Clemente some dark night—and it wouldn't be a dark one for that matter, as no one lives there—and were put to work abalone fishing. Perhaps they work a week, perhaps a month, then some night a junk or a twenty-ton schooner puts in and the Chinamen think they will take a vacation and they sail away. If vessel comes in sight they go below, shore in some out-of-the-way spot, and in a few hours they are well in—well, if there ain't a number of Chinamen in Los Angeles' Chinatown that night or the next who can't show papers, I miss my guess. It's an easy matter to land opium at any of these off-shore islands and take it in. Fishing boats are never watched or examined—it would take an army of officers."

"Who is that old fellow?" the writer asked of a native as the old man strolled off.

"He used to be a smuggler," was the reply, "but some of his mates tried to do him out of a load of opium and he turned on 'em and landed 'em in jail. The way he worked it was to let out a yacht and sail down the coast to Mexico and steal everything he could lay his hands on. I remember one case. A gang of men had been killing goats down at Cosros all winter and had a lot of hides and abalone shells packed up ready to take the next load. They were waiting for their vessel when in slips this pirate while they were off and cleans out the whole haul. How did we find it out? Why when a boat comes back loaded in two or three weeks it looks strange, don't it? In a month the other chaps come along hunting for the pirate, but they couldn't prove anything."

"That there is a certain amount of smuggling going on among the islands of Southern California there is little doubt. They are ideal places for free traders; the little bays affording good refuge. A yacht landed some time ago on one of the outer islands, where there was a camp of Chinamen, ostensibly engaged in collecting abalones. As the yacht rounded a bend and sighted the camp the men took to the hills, but gradually came down and retreated into the back part of their big tent, crouching upon the ground and evidently unable to conceal the fear they felt. They undoubtedly took the party for officers, and were dreadfully nervous. One of the smugglers that ran up from one of the Mexican line in a few hours, another boat from San Pedro or Newport taking them to the mainland. Dozens of Chinamen could be shipped in this way, and by landing them at night, they could, under guidance, be in Chinatown, Los Angeles, the following morning.

Opium offers the greatest inducement to smugglers all along shore. Chinamen bring it in the soles of their shoes, wrapped up in their gaiters, or skillfully concealed in their hats, and in their overboard outside the Golden Gate, to be picked up by confederates, and in one way or another the drug is smuggled in.

Along the Waterfront.

After one of the roughest trips she has had this winter, steamer Queen City reached port last night from Cape Scott and way ports of the West Coast. It was thought she would bring some news of the wreckage of the wrecked vessel of the coast line where the wreckage was found. No trace has been discovered of the perpetrator of the robbery at the Quatsino post office. Sergeant Langley, of the provincial police, was landed there to investigate the case. Two Scandinavians—the representatives of fifteen Scandinavian families who wish to form a colony near Quatsino—who will "saw out the land," were also landed there. The Queen City brought down some samples of potatoes grown at Quatsino, one of which measured four inches in length and eleven inches in circumference. She had no opium from any of the coast mines this time, and but a small freight cargo. Among her passengers were Mrs. and Miss Seward, who are returning from a trip up the coast on the schooner Dora Seward. E. Jacobson, stockbroker at Clayoquot, who has much to say of the mining development of Clayoquot Sound; J. W. Ladd, treasurer of the Sechart Iron Mining Co.; V. R. Pearson, F. Olsson, H. Stottin, R. J. Ballard, Mrs. H. S. Law, Guy Brown, Miss Linn, Mrs. Patterson, and J. J. Miller, wife and child.

The Queen City brings a budget of news from the sealing fleet now on the coast preparing for their cruise. The schooners Envelope and Zillah May have both secured crews at Esquimaut and sailed. The former on Friday last with ten crews, and the latter on the 19th with 14 crews. The Dora Seward and Embra were at Altonast.

Both had secured crews and were expected to sail on Monday last. At Uclulet the Otto was seen at anchor. She was then shipping her Indians. The Ainoko was also spoken there awaiting an abatement of the weather before proceeding to Hesquiat. The Viva was seen lying in the bay back from the storm near Village Island. She will leave for Clayoquot when the weather moderates. The Favorite, Minnie and Bonelli were seen at anchor of San Juan. H. M. S. Pheasant was seen lying at Alberni.

The heavy winds are causing the schooners considerable delay in starting up the coast. The Italian difficulty seems to have reached a settlement, for the sailors are all getting crews at \$3 per skin.

Within less than a month there will be another new line of steamers plying between Puget Sound and perhaps British Columbia ports and the Hawaiian Islands. The latest company to enter this field of trade is the Pacific Coast S.S. Co. They have practically completed all the details for making the initial voyage of the new departure with the steamship from Manila, as soon as she returns from Pacific, where she is engaged in the government's transport business. The vessel will be chartered from across the Pacific March 5, and it is understood that immediately after her arrival will be commenced to get her into condition for her latest service.

The sealing schooner Mermad, Capt. LeBlanc, now hunting off the California coast, is rapidly filling her hold with sealskins acquired as a natural. When the vessel returns to port on February 25th, while en route from Tacoma to San Francisco, in longitude 124.25 west, latitude 44 north, the Mermad reported having taken 770 skins up to that date.

For the present the company will operate but one vessel in this branch, making departures once a month; but as rapidly as business justifies it there will be other steamships added, until there is a fleet making frequent voyages. It is believed that an inquiry here will be at least two boats in this line.

The City of Puebla was built in Philadelphia in 1881. Her dimensions follow: Length, 320.5 feet; width, 28.6 feet; depth, 14.6 feet. Her normal horse power is 2,400. She is of 2,023.88 gross and 1,712.90 net tonnage. She is well known here having for years been in the service between here and San Francisco.

A despatch from San Diego says the four-masted British ship City of Madras has arrived there, 155 days from Cardiff, after a very stormy voyage, in which one sailor was lost overboard. The City of Madras will be in Victoria on Monday, as she has been chartered to load lumber at Moodyville.

According to late advices received from Honolulu, steamer Bayland King, of the California and Oriental line, reached there on February 19th, after a very rough passage of 17 days from San Diego. After coaling she proceeded to the Orient.

Two of the C. P. N. steamers are flying the blue peter. They are the steamers Willaga and Queen City. The former will sail to-night for Naas and way ports, and the latter for West Coast ports.

The steamer City of Kingston was delayed several hours last night in leaving for the Sound by the heavy gale which then swept the straits. It was nearly midnight before she loosed her moorings and steamed from the harbor.

Steamer Quaco, which sailed for San Francisco last evening, carried the following passengers from this port: Mrs. Arnold, W. B. Lewis, R. G. Elliot, Mrs. T. Winch, Miss H. Craven, H. L. Cutting, and W. Wethered.

Rev. E. Edwards, pastor of the English Baptist Church at Minersville, Pa., who was suffering with rheumatism, was advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm.

He says: "A few applications of this liniment produced an instant relief, and the pain should any sufferer profit by giving Pain Balm a trial it will please me."

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Sporting Intelligence. THE WHEEL. Why Not Here? The bicycle is getting there, so to speak. In twelve states of the Union laws have been passed to compel railroad companies to carry bicycles as baggage. Massachusetts has empowered cities and towns to lay out bicycle paths, and in Ohio these paths are paid for by a \$1 tax on each machine. More than that, each sprinkler in Ohio cities must have a dry strip a yard wide on which the man on the steed steels has the right of way.

Prescott For Vice. All wheelmen who take an interest in C.W.A. matters are aware that Mr. J. W. Prescott, the chief consul of the Pacific district, is a candidate for the vice-presidency of the Dominion Association. The annual meeting is to be held in Toronto on Good Friday, and it is expected the two local clubs, the C.C.C.C. and the J.B.A.A. wheeling branch will hold meetings at an early date so that the proxies may be sent to Toronto in ample time.

BASKET BALL. To-night's Game. At the Drill Hall this evening the Wasps and Swifts meet in one of the most important games of the season. The Wasps occupy the second position in the league of the J.B.A.A. being the first, and they will strain every nerve to defeat the Swifts, which will give them the opportunity of trying experiments with the Wasps in about two weeks. The Swifts, on the other hand, have strengthened their team for tonight's contest, and a close game is assured. Mr. O'Sullivan will act as referee. Players are requested to be in attendance at 9 o'clock.

TROUBLE IN CHINATOWN. San Francisco, March 1.—Trouble continues between the opposing factions in the Chinatown district. An inquiry machine was placed under a house in Sullivan alley, but was discovered in time by one of the inmates of the place, who extinguished the lighted fuse.

The customs returns for the month just closed are as follows: Duties \$5,725.61; Other revenues 10,488.89; Total \$16,214.50; Imports free \$7,496.00; Imports dutiable \$14,881.00; Total \$22,377.00; Exports, produce of Canada \$26,435.00; Exports, not produce of Canada 3,081.00; Total \$29,516.00.

The funeral of the late Richard Chamberlain, aged 42 years, who died on Sunday last, took place from Hayward's parlors this afternoon. Rev. Canon Paddon officiated at the grave side.

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Salmon (smoked), per lb. 20c; Salmon (spring), per lb. 12c; Oysters (Delia creamery), per tin 60c; Oysters (Eastern), per tin 12c; Halibut, per lb. 12c; Herring, per lb. 6c; Mutton, per lb. 10c; Poultry, per lb. 10c.

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The advance in the prices of meats reported in Sound papers is not felt among dealers here, because the rise occurred on this side before it was felt there. On the fish stalls halibut and spring salmon are scarce, but other kinds are fairly plentiful.

In produce, bran and shorts remain high, and potatoes show a tendency to rise. Other staples remain at the old figures.

Four—Ogilvie's Hungarian, per bbis. 6.00; Lake of the Woods, per bbis. 6.00; O. K., per bbis. 5.00; Snowflake, per bbis. 5.00; Ogilvie's Hungarian, per bbis. 5.00; Premier, per bbis. 5.00; N. X. Elderberry, per bbis. 5.00.

Wheat, per ton 20.00; Corn (cracked), per ton 27.00; Oats, per ton 23.00; Potatoes, per 10 lbs. 40c; Rolled oats (B. & K.), 7th sack 40c.

Hay (baled) per ton 10.00; Hay (loose) per ton 8.00; Middlings per ton 24.00; Bran, per ton 22.00; Ground feed per ton 25.00.

Vegetables—Potatoes, per 100 lbs. 90c; Cabbages, per lb. 2c; Cauliflower, per head 2c; Celery, per lb. 2c; Lettuce, 4 lbs. for 2c; Onions (pickling), per lb. 3c; Cherkins, per lb. 3c.

Salmon (smoked), per lb. 20c; Salmon (spring), per lb. 12c; Oysters (Delia creamery), per tin 60c; Oysters (Eastern), per tin 12c; Halibut, per lb. 12c; Herring, per lb. 6c; Mutton, per lb. 10c; Poultry, per lb. 10c.

Butter (creamery), per lb. 25c; Eggs (fresh), per doz. 25c; Eggs (Mantolow), per doz. 25c; Butter (Delia creamery), per lb. 25c; Butter (day), per lb. 25c; Cheese (Canadian), per lb. 15c; Lard, per lb. 12c.

Hams (American), per lb. 18c; Hams (Canadian), per lb. 18c; Bacon (American), per lb. 14c; Bacon (Canadian), per lb. 14c; Bacon (rolled), per lb. 12c; Bacon (loose), per lb. 12c; Beef, per lb. 8c; Pork, per lb. 10c; Veal, per lb. 12c; Mutton, per lb. 10c; Poultry, per lb. 10c.

Apples, per doz. 25c; Lemons (California), per doz. 30c; Oranges (California seedling), per doz. 25c; Oranges (Jap. per doz. (large) 20c; Melons (per doz.) 15c; Citrons, per doz. 15c; Crab apples, per lb. 6c; Apples, per doz. 25c.

Poultry—Hens (per doz.) 1.50; Ducks (per doz.) 1.50; Turkeys (per lb., live weight) 20c.

PERSONAL. A. Clenes, of Spence's Bridge, is at the Wilson. Rev. D. V. Lucas, D.D., has returned to Chicago. Dr. Milne returned from the Mainland yesterday afternoon at the Dominion.

W. S. Dickson, of Vancouver, is at the New England. A party of Seattle men, competing J. G. Preston, J. A. Palmer, E. Torri and H. F. Taylor, are in the town, toasting for Klondyke. They are at the Wilson.

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