

British Columbia.

GOLDEN. Golden Era. Mr. G. B. McDermot has negotiated the sale recently of the Flying Dutchman mineral claim in the McMurdo basin, to a Rossland capitalist, for \$15,000.

COWICHAN STATION. Cowichan Station, Dec. 18.—A concert followed by a dance was held in the Cowichan public hall here on Wednesday evening, the object being to raise some extra funds for the completion of the building.

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worked, and we believe when properly sought for, to be found. Many such are now staked and have been for years.

ASHCROFT. B. C. Mining Journal. Messrs. R. Borland and Fred Rose have been appointed administrators of the estate of the late George Johnstone, of the 150 Mile House.

Mrs. J. B. Hobson, who has been in poor health for some time is now much improved and will no doubt soon be in her usual good health.

Ranchmen throughout Chilcotin, Cariboo and the vicinity of Ashcroft unite in saying that the loss of cattle this season will be very large.

Some fears are entertained for the safety of the steamer Charlotte. She is frozen solidly by the side of the old steamerboat near Alexandria, 15 miles above Soda creek and it will require close attention when the ice breaks up.

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through Ashcroft this week on his way to that city. Mr. Armstrong is interested in the Cariboo Mining and Development Company, of which Mr. David Gilmore, of Seattle, is president, H. A. Biglow, is vice-president and treasurer and B. B. Brairly general manager.

Messrs. J. G. Y. Burkholder, and J. W. Tyrrell, of Hamilton, Ontario, spent a night in Ashcroft this week on their way back from the Bridge River mines and the quartz mines of Lillooet.

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NOTICE. As we are closing out our fire insurance business, all parties indebted to us will please settle their accounts before December 31st, 1896, otherwise they will be placed in court for collection.

FOR SALE. On Foster Island 3,181 acres of mixed farm, forest and pasture land, some cleared, with coal and mineral rights as per title. Title, Crown Grants.

W. J. R. Cowell, (B.A., P.G.S.) Mining Engineer and Assayer, 78 Broad Street, VICTORIA, B.C.

OYSTERS! EASTERN OYSTERS received every day by R. BEAUCHAMP, Fort street, (Next to Dr. Duncan's), 47 1/2 cents per quart, equal to two cans, 12 1/2 weeks.

An Xmas Present FOR WIFE AND CHILDREN. A policy in The Sun Life Assurance Co. OF CANADA. A. H. HARMAN & CO., Agents, 44 Broad Street, VICTORIA.

J. PIERCY & CO. WHOLESALE DRY GOODS. FINE LINES OF... BLANKETS, FLANNELS, UNDERWEAR, UMBRELLAS and WINTER CLOTHING.

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All Ladies. Know that to make a cake good baking powder and the finest flavoring extracts are necessary. GOLDEN WEST extracts and baking powder are absolutely pure. All good grocers keep them. They are the best.

Christmas Week. It is always an interesting week for everybody—but we have DONE OUR BEST. To make this week one of Special Interest. To seekers of Xmas and New Year PRESENTS.

The following departments register with full lines of the very latest goods. Electro-Plate and Fine Art Department. China and Glassware Department. Furniture and Upholstering Department. Carpet and Rug Department. Curtain and Drapery Department.

WEILER BROS., 21 to 55 Fort street.



SOUND ADVICE AND UNSOUND ICE. THE OLD LADY—Now, then, you boys! don't you dare to go on that ice; it won't support you, and you'll lose your political lives for sure if you venture!

in the Fraser. Care will probably prevent any disaster. The journey will be made to Cariboo next year much more comfortably and in one day less. Two days to Queenslie, three to Barkerville.

J. F. Markill, mining engineer, returned yesterday from an extended visit to Lillooet. Mr. Markill stated that the snow was very deep in places on the mountains near Cayoosh creek and that it took himself and party from 8 o'clock in the morning until 5 p.m. to get up to the Golden Eagle mine.

On account of water it has been necessary to drive what is known in miners' parlance as a balloon drift to the surface water from the land through which the drainage tunnel is driven.

Mr. E. L. Hart, of Risky creek, Chilcotin, called at the Journal office this week. Mr. Hart says very little prospecting has been done in the Chilcotin this season.

There is about 80 feet fall from the upper to the lower side of the bend and a large section of river bed will be drained when the water is diverted. Mr. Burkholder has some splendid samples of coarse gold taken from the bed rock along the stream.

KAMLOOPS. Inland Sentinel. A prospecting party is expected here soon from Fairhaven, Wash., J. P. Caminsky, of that place, having been very much impressed with the appearance of the ore he took from here on the occasion of his recent visit.

Messrs. Morgan, Curry and Birch commenced work on Wednesday on the Before the Dawn claim. On prospecting this property it was found that an immense ledge apparently runs through it, the Saugler and Hepburn's claim.

The Surprise, No. 2, has been bonded to Montreal parties for a short term. No cash has yet changed hands, but the whole amount becomes due and payable within a few months from date.

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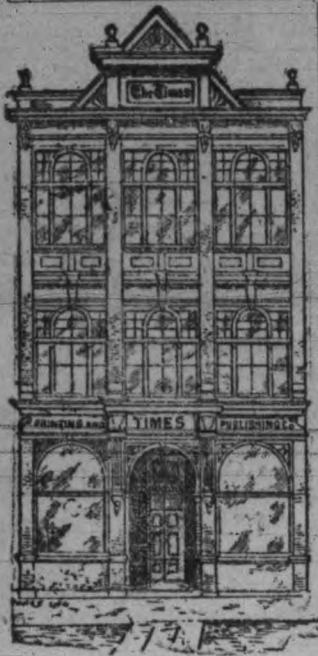
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Dr. T. R. Allison, L. R. C. P., 802 St. "Drink Kops Cheer in preference to other beverages."

The Queen of Sauces and the unfailing resource of every economical housekeeper is Yorksberry Ketchup.

Rheumatism is caused by the lactic acid in the blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla neutralizes the acid and cures rheumatism.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The best and most reliable medicine for infants and children. It is a natural product of the earth and is perfectly pure and safe.



The Daily Times.

THE MUNICIPAL LAW.

Attorney-General Eberts has responded to the application of the Kamloops council for enlightenment on the perplexities of the Municipal Clauses Act.

It has been submitted that the Municipal Clauses Act, 1896, which repeals the Municipalities Act, 1862, and amending acts, makes no provision as to the constitution of city municipalities incorporated previous to the passage of the act of 1896.

You then summarize the effects of section 13 and 14 of the act under discussion, refer briefly to the incorporation of the municipalities of Kamloops, Vernon and Kaslo, and state what you have been advised is the effect of section 3 of the act.

Your attention has not apparently been drawn to sections 6 and 7 of the act which apply to the municipalities mentioned by you, and which, in regard to the matter dealt with in your communication, incorporate and continue the provisions of the Letters Patent, and subject to these provisions of the Letters Patent, your procedure will be under the Municipal Clauses Act and the general conduct of your municipal affairs under the Municipal Clauses Act.

However, as there seems to be some ambiguity in the Act relative to the municipalities mentioned, and in respect of the matter dealt with in your communication, think it would be advisable to amend the act next session, to make the matter perfectly clear, and, if thought necessary, to validate all acts requisite for the effectual conduct of those municipalities in the interim.

D. M. EBERTS, Attorney-General.

It is worthy of note that the Hon. Attorney-General's letter is a shade less confident in tone than were the articles of our learned contemporaries, the Colonist and the News-Advertiser.

He admits the existence of "some ambiguity," while the two able editors would not acknowledge that the Kamloops uncertainty had the slightest foundation.

The Municipal Clauses Act being altogether lovely and free from grave defects. But the most singular fact of all is that even now the Kamloops people are in a state of uneasiness, as the following letter, written in reply to that of the Hon. Mr. Eberts by the city clerk, shows:

Sir:—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 11th instant. The particular points to which I intended to draw your attention in my communication of the 16th ultimo were perhaps not clearly stated therein, as they are not dealt with in your reply. They are:

- 1. The municipality of the corporation of the city of Kamloops was incorporated under the Municipal Act, 1862, which is repealed by the Municipal Clauses Act, 1896.
2. The Municipal Clauses Act, 1896, does not provide for the constitution of councils of municipalities incorporated under any previous act.
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decided as an alderman for this municipality?

I am anxious to obtain this information for the members of the present council and for the ratepayers generally, and trust you will favor me with a reply by return mail.

I would also point out that the interpretation of "City Municipality" under Section 1 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1896, is such that the term throughout the act does not apply to this city. I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

M. J. McIVER, C.M.C.

Of course this was written before the Kamloops people had an opportunity of reading the articles published by our two learned contemporaries. Otherwise they might have been satisfied as to the perfect state of the law.

TIME FOR A CHANGE.

The thoughtful letter of a New Zealander which we publish to-day is worthy of the attention of those who are concerned for the welfare of our community. No doubt many others have pondered over the anomaly of people suffering from hardship and distress in this young and rich country, though all the while they are able and anxious to work for the means of living.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

GOLF. The fixed foursome tournament that had been arranged by the Victoria Golf Club for Saturday next has been postponed to a later date.

WINTER TOURNAMENT.

Considerable interest is being taken in the winter handicap tournament of the Victoria Chess Club. The majority of the games played were keenly contested.

Table with columns: Name, Won, Lost. Lists names like W. C. Chapman, T. Laurie, B. J. Perry, etc.

WHIST.

A RETURN MATCH. At the James Bay Athletic Club rooms this evening, a return match will be played between the J. B. A. and the Conservative Club.

FOOTBALL. ASSOCIATION MATCH. The Barracks Association Football team defeated a team from the Y. M. C. A. on the Barracks grounds on Saturday afternoon.

RUGBY MATCHES.

At the Colodonia grounds on Saturday afternoon a team from the Victoria Rugby Football Club met and defeated a team from the Navy.

FIFTH REGIMENT VS. Y.M.C.A. This match was played at Beacon Hill on Saturday afternoon in the presence of numerous spectators.

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FLUID BEEF SET.

Advertisement for Fluid Beef Set, made of pure aluminum, featuring a set of cups and spoons. Price \$3.50.

NO-TO-BAC GUARANTEED TOBACCO CURE.

Over 1,000,000 bottles sold. This cure proves its power to destroy the desire for tobacco in any form. No-to-Bac is the greatest nerve-food in the world.

SOCIAL PROBLEMS.

(By a New Zealander.) To the Editor:—One does not expect to find existing here in British Columbia those social problems which are disturbing elements in the body politic of older countries.

A GOOD STEP.

To the Editor:—By your kind invitation last evening the people are called on to express their will in the matter of exempting the militia men from poll tax.

YOUR BABY'S SKIN NEEDS

Advertisement for Baby's Own Soap, featuring an illustration of a baby and text describing the soap's benefits for delicate skin.

NEW GOODS FOR XMAS NOW ARRIVING.

Advertisement for Leather Goods, featuring various items like calendars, silver mounted bells, and brushes. C. E. Redfern, 43 Government Street.

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The Monumental Surprise Price Sale

Is now Surprising Staggering Opponents. Sledgehammer blows wielded against—High Price—have caused these Patriarchs of Moss-Back Tendencies to fear the triumphal incision made in trade by the GIANT LOW PRICE ESTABLISHMENTS controlled and owned by the magnetic H. FREEMAN.

H. FREEMAN, The Workingman's Friend, 111-113 Gov't St., VICTORIA, B.C.

Advertisement for Toys, Toys, PARKER BROS. GAMES, DOLLS, ETC. Now Opening.

JAMIESON, BOOKS AND STATIONERY, 81 GOVERNMENT STREET.

Genuine...

Advertisement for Campbell & Co. Scotch Tweeds, English and Irish Serges, Fine Overcoatings, Nobby Trouserings.

Suitable, Appropriate and Appreciated HOLIDAY PRESENTS.

Advertisement for F. W. Nolte & Co., Opticians, 37 Fort St. Features an illustration of a pair of glasses.

WE call the attention of the coughing public to the superiority of this O. C. Cough Drops. BOWEN, Dispensaries Prescriptions, 109 Gov't. near Yates st. Victoria, B.C.

LOCAL NEWS. Cleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form. The verdict of epistles all over the world has been given in favor of Yorkshire Rellish. Many articles suitable for Xmas Presents at H. A. Brown & Co's, 80 Douglas street.

The following Victoria passengers sailed by the steamer Walla Walla from San Francisco yesterday morning: Adolph Brewer and wife, Mrs. Sheehan, John McLeod, H. W. Page, G. M. Clough, Miss J. Ray, Miss C. R. Smith.

The Glee and Mandolin Clubs of Stanford University, who intended playing at the Victoria theatre next Saturday, have cancelled their engagement. Nothing has been booked for the theatre until Jan. 20, when "The Dandies" is the attraction, to be followed by "Hemansley" on the 25 and 26.

The funeral of the late Captain John S. Bennett, which took place from the family residence, Richmond avenue, at two o'clock this afternoon was largely attended. The services at the house and grave were conducted by Rev. Canon Beaudouin. The pallbearers were Captains William Grant, J. G. Cox, Clarence Cox, James Hughes and Messrs. W. Arbuckle and J. Norris.

The ladies of Hope lodge, No. 1. Degree of Honor, will give a social dance on New Year's eve in the A. O. U. W. Hall. The music will be provided by a three-piece orchestra from the Fifth Regiment band.

There was a large attendance at the band concert in the drill hall on Saturday evening. The music and specialties introduced were greatly appreciated. The potato race was well contested, the winners being Gunnels B. Schwengers and Chadsey.

AWARDED HIGHEST HONORS—WORLD'S FAIR. PRICES' CREAM BAKING POWDER MOST PERFECT MADE. A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant. 40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

What is Nicer For a Xmas present than an elegant bottle of Perfume. We have them of the best French and American manufacture. See our windows. JOHN COCHRANE, Chemist, N. W. Corner Yates and Douglas St.

THE CAROLINA CASE. Michael M. Sarrauut Gives Evidence in Reference to the Prices of Canoes. He Also Tells of His Meeting With Capt. Alexander McLean on Monday Last.

When the commission resumed its sitting this morning James Munger, continuing his evidence under the examination of Mr. E. V. Bodwell, said that he was on the Carolina when she stopped at Clayoquot in 1886 on the way to Behring Sea.

The City of Florence, which has been in Equinuit for some time, has secured a charter. The Toledo arrived from Alaska at two o'clock yesterday morning and left shortly afterwards for the Sound.

YOUNG TURKISH PARTY. A Rising of the Party Feared—Officers Leave Constantinople. Berlin, Dec. 21.—A dispatch to the Frankfurter Zeitung from Constantinople says a rising of the Young Turks is feared there.

That Boy of Yours. Wants, above all else, something interesting and amusing at this joyous Xmas season. Have Santa Claus make a selection from our stock of Mechanical Toys.

Mechanical Toys. We have got the newest, best and most complete stock of Toys in the city. No old stock—everything bright and new. Prices lower than the lowest. Give us a call. A. BARKER, 122 Yates St.

DAY'S SHIPPING NEWS. Tides Will be Phenomenally High on Wednesday and Thursday Next. Anoka's Fine Has Been Paid—Schooners Clear for Sealing Cruises.

Even the tides celebrate the Christmas holidays by rising above their normal marks. Ordinarily an apprehension is felt in marine circles because tidal waters show a desire to visit wharves and warehouses, but this season the tides are to be phenomenally high and merchants are cautioned against leaving goods in the lower warehouses.

Early this morning the steamer Tees returned from the West Coast. Among her passengers were Captain John Irving, J. Braden and William Wilson, who visited the Sarita mine; Theo. Robertson, W. Shears, S. Rahey, A. Wasson, Miss McGraw, A. McKay, J. Cameron, John Griffith, F. M. Wills, Capt. Peley, J. McKelvie, F. Farnell, H. H. McDonald, W. L. McDonald, W. Alexander, F. Alexander.

Waterproof blankets stole a sealing boat from the schooner Fortuna last night. They probably made for the American side. The City of Florence, which has been in Equinuit for some time, has secured a charter.

SOUTH VICTORIA ELECTORS. Hold an Important Meeting at Royal Oak. A well attended meeting of the electors of South Victoria district was held at Royal Oak on Saturday evening.

Insure Now. The Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York. Canadian Deposit Over \$3,000,000. Every Desirable Form of Policy Issued. HEISTERMAN & CO., Agents.

THE STERLING THE STERLING. Didn't I Tell You, You Would Buy your Xmas presents at THE STERLING. That is exactly the way. You go to different places, but when you want good satisfaction you go to THE STERLING for it.

London Hill Development & Mining Company, LIMITED LIABILITY. Incorporated under Companies Act 1890 and Amending Acts. CAPITAL STOCK—\$120,000 in 600,000 shares of 25 cents each.

Christmas Neckwear. We have it in the very latest style. Beautiful Paisley patterns, Silks' Satins, etc., put up in separate boxes, one and two ties in a box.

A. B. Erskine, Corner Government and Johnson Streets. The Work of a Master. Workman, combined with the highest graded materials, has produced the strongest and best Air-tight Heater on the market.

THE STERLING THE STERLING. A Blaze of Sheffield Steel. Can be seen in our window. We have carvers, razors, scissors and shaving sets, beautifully etched; table cutlery, pocket and sporting knives, English plated spoons and forks, warranted, Shaving sets of our own make-up, and guaranteed. Inspect our full line of presents at FOX'S, 78 Government Street.



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Headache, yet Carters' Little Liver Pills are equally valuable in Constipation, curing and preventing this annoying complaint, while they also correct all disorders of the stomach, stimulate the liver and regulate the bowels.

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The Mystery of Mr. and Mrs. Peacocke.

CHAPTER XVI.—"IT IS IMPOSSIBLE."

The absence of Dr. and Mrs. Wortle was peculiarly unfortunate on that afternoon, as a visitor rode over from a distance to make a call, a visitor whom they both would have been very glad to welcome.

But I didn't think that Carstairs was so fond of the Monson lot as all that. Mrs. Wortle at once doubted the declared purpose of this visit to Buttercup.

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not. There were various reasons which were apparent enough to her though it might be very difficult to make him see them.

"Lord Carstairs," she said, severely, "you ought not to have come here when papa and mamma are away."

"I have, and I cannot say anything more. You must let me go in."

"They won't say that it's all right; and papa won't think that it's right. It's very wrong. You haven't been to Oxford yet, and you'll have to remain there for three years."

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best to any other lover,—which was also improbable,—why then, it might come to pass that he should some day find himself father-in-law to the future Earl Bracy.

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Or how would a Golf Walking Stick, Club, Balls or Caddy do? Or if you are Musical we have everything for you at Auction Prices.

Best Wellington Coal. \$5.00.

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West Wellington Coal Co. (JORDAN MINE.)

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NOTICE. At the next meeting of the Licensing Commissioners application will be made for the transfer of the license of the Adelphi Saloon.

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply at the next sitting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria.

NOTICE. Dated this 16th day of November, 1896, no 23-1m GEO. E. FISHER.

Mortgagees' Sale. Traders will be notified by the undersigned until the nineteenth day of December next for the purchase of all that and those four Town lots situated in Courtenay Township.

MINES. BLOAN DISTRICT. Celtic Queen 051. Deep Park 174. Enterprise 10.

The Mayorality Farm Property. To the Ratepayers of the City of Victoria.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.—At the request of a number of my fellow citizens, I have the honor to announce that I will be a candidate for the office of Mayor at the next election, and respectfully solicit your votes and support.

Vancouver Island Building Society. The 2nd drawing for an appropriation will be held in St William Wallace Society's Hall, Broad Street, on Thursday, December 23rd, 1896, at 8 p.m.

MUNICIPAL VOTERS LIST, 1897.

"Craigends" Together with all buildings and improvements which comprise Two-story Dwelling House, 8 rooms, Barn, Lavatory, Hoop House, Roller House, Chicken House, Pigsty, Washshed, Fruit Shed, Implement Shed.

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