

INTEREST IN CIVIC ELECTIONS

POLITICAL POT IS BUBBLING MERRILY

Ex-Mayor Morley Does Not Expect to Run Again.

The municipal political pot is bubbling merrily, and there is every prospect of one of the most exciting contests in the history of Victoria.

Persistent rumors are afloat to the effect that A. J. Morley intends to run for mayor again this year.

Ald. Turner is putting up an active fight for the mayoralty. He has a strong committee working in his behalf and rooms have been opened and a thorough canvass of the city will be made.

Despite rumors to the contrary W. E. Olyer is in the fight to stay, and he is gaining many friends by his manly stand on the mayoralty.

It is believed that a majority of the members of the board of aldermen will seek re-election, though Ald. Stewart has repeatedly stated that he will not be a candidate again this year.

The moral reform element is expected to take a prominent part in the forthcoming campaign.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR INJURIES TO MEN

Claim That as Employees Have No Choice They Should Not Pay.

The damage suit of John Norman vs. the Shipowners Stevedores Company for injuries received while loading a ship at the Crown Lumber Company's wharf in Mukiltio, was tried in the Superior court last week.

BOGUS CHECKS

Smooth Stranger Secures \$150 in Cash at New Westminster.

New Westminster, Dec. 2.—One of the boldest and most successful bogus cheque swindlers that has ever been worked on the business men of this city was carried off a few days ago when a smooth stranger disguised as a writing man fibbered up \$150 in cash.

TORN FROM MOORINGS

Battle of Spain Broke Sawyers at Prince Rupert.

While the Belle of Spain was discharging her cargo of steel rails at Prince Rupert a wind storm from the mountains swept down and the Belle of Spain was torn from her moorings.

NORTH WARD ATHLETIC CLUB TO GIVE DANCE

Midwinter Ball Will Be Held on December 14 in A. O. U. W. Hall.

The North Ward Athletic Club will hold a midwinter dance on Tuesday evening, December 14th, in the A. O. U. W. hall.

All those who attended the last ball given by the club were delighted with the manner in which the gentlemen in charge arranged things.

Those who form the floor committee are as follows: R. Johnson, C. Cousins, W. Hillier, W. Malcolm, W. Blake and H. McConnell.

WILL RE-COMMISSION IN MARCH NEXT

New Crew Coming For Algeria—Lieutenant Appointed For Egeria.

Sloop-of-war Algeria, which is at present cruising in the south seas along with the sloop Shearwater, will be recommissioned in March next.

Lieut. J. S. G. Fraser has been appointed to the survey ship Egeria, Capt. John P. Barry doing duty on the Pacific station.

HELPLESS WOMAN DROWNED IN BATHTUB

Aunt of Victim of Dark Crime Is Accused of Murder.

New York, Dec. 3.—Virginia Wardlaw, a gray-haired spinster, was arraigned at East Orange, N. J., charged with the murder of her young niece, Mrs. Oney W. N. Sneed, whose body was found in a bathtub in a deserted house in East Orange Monday.

The police theory is that Mrs. Sneed had been a helpless condition for months, unable to direct her own affairs, and was at the mercy of whoever acted as her guardian.

The search of the house led to the discovery of blood spots in various rooms. In the kitchen stove the police found five bundles of human hair.

A petition has been circulated and largely signed asking for the paving of the streets between Blanchard and Charters streets. The section of Yates between Douglas and Blanchard, has already been paved by the council.

SUNLIGHT SOAP

Do you know the difference between working and having the work done for you?



DEAL IN LAND NEAR CITY HALL

Choice Business Site Sold By Charles Hayward to Green & Burdick Bros.

Another real estate deal of considerable local interest has just been transacted, the fine business site at the rear of the city hall, bounded by Pandora, Broad and Cormorant streets, having been bought by R. F. Green and Burdick Bros. from Charles Hayward.

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ARE MISTREATED BY NICARAGUANS

Foreigners Suffer at Hands of Petty Officials in Sea-coast Towns.

New Orleans, Dec. 2.—Since the civil war in Nicaragua began, numerous reports of indignities and oppressions suffered by foreigners at the hands of petty officials of the Honduras government, have reached here.

AMATEURS RACE FIVE MILES NEW YEAR'S DAY

Runners Getting Ready For Annual Y. M. C. A. Fixture.

The Y.M.C.A. will be calling soon for entries for the New Year's day road race, which with the association is an annual fixture, and has heretofore always called out the best of the local runners.

MINISTER SEEKS DIVORCE

Vancouver, Dec. 2.—Justice Clement today made an order dispensing with service upon the co-respondent in a divorced action being brought by Rev. Daniel Earl, of the township of Spallumcheen, Yale county, against his wife, Loretta Earl.

THREE MEN SHOT

One Man Killed and Two Fatally Wounded in Street Fight.

HERO GETS MEDAL

Cornwall Ont., Dec. 4.—Herbert Yates, son of H. Yates, a Cornwall merchant, has been presented with the Royal Humane Society's medal for heroic conduct in saving life.

CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

U. S. House Committee on Lands Likely to Block Measures.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 3.—The friends of the policy of conservation of natural resources realize to-day that their fight in the congress which convenes Monday will be centered in the House committee on lands.

It will be asserted that Secretary Ballinger's recommendations for conservation legislation are for the most part unconstitutional.

The anti-conservationists say that the federal government, through the conservation plans, but that the Democrats will do so.

Senator Guggenheim, of Colorado, has a bill already introduced in the senate for all power companies over all parts of the public domain and forbid the federal government from interfering.

PATRICK ORDERED BACK TO PRISON

Appeal Court Dismisses Writ of Habeas Corpus Secured by Lawyer.

New York, Dec. 3.—The appellate division of the supreme court yesterday dismissed a writ of habeas corpus secured for Patrick in the case of the killing of William Marsh Rice, and ordered him returned to Sing Sing penitentiary.

ARRANGING FIGHT

Pugilists, Their Managers and Promoters Discuss Details.

Hoboken, N. J., Dec. 3.—Jeffries and Johnson with their managers, and "Tex" Rickard and Jack Gleason, the promoters, spent hours today discussing the place of holding the championship fight, the referee, the stakeholder and the final division of the purse.

DEPOT DEMOLISHED BY DERAILED TRAIN

Six Mail Clerks Sustain Injuries and One of Them May Die.

Lewisville, Ind., Dec. 4.—Six persons were injured, one probably fatally, and a depot in a street fight was demolished last night when a Pennsylvania St. Louis-New York flyer, running 50 miles an hour, ran into an alleged defective switch.

VANCOUVER FATALITY

Vanquiver, Dec. 2.—The result of the inquest into the death of Charles Pearce, which was held yesterday morning, was to the effect that deceased had met with his death through coming in contact with a live wire.

TO DREDGE HARBOR

King Edward Moved to Nanaimo, Where Considerable Work Will Be Done.

ALASKA COAL LAND CASE

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 3.—The Cunningham coal land case, which was begun in Seattle, was resumed here yesterday in the federal court building.

TO ARRANGE DATES FOR FALL FAIRS

Move Made to Form an Association For The Province.

There is a proposal afoot to form an agricultural association for British Columbia, with which all the other associations will be affiliated, and which will have as its special work the arranging of dates for the fairs which are held.

On Tuesday evening, the 30th ult., at a sale of work and concert, under the auspices of the St. Aidan's Ladies' Auxiliary, were held in the Cedar Hill Temperance hall.

On New Year's eve the members of the local fire department will give a concert and dance at the headquarters station, Cormorant street.

FIGHT IS NOW ON IN EARNEST

BRITISH PARLIAMENT HAS BEEN PROROGUED

Chancellor Lloyd George Refers to Peers as "Ancient Waxworks."

London, Dec. 3.—Parliament was prorogued this afternoon.

Much comment was caused by the fact that the king's speech thanked the House of Commons for its liberal allowances for the nation's needs, while he failed to thank the House of Lords, according to the usual custom.

London, Dec. 3.—London is practically deserted of parliamentarians to-day. Released from their duties, many members of the House of Commons have left the city to commence their personal political campaigns in their constituencies.

Chancellor Lloyd George, whose budget precipitated the crisis in parliament, was scheduled to open the actual struggle between the opposing factions with a speech at a luncheon of the National Liberal club.

In speeches to-day Lloyd George and Winston Churchill attacked the House of Lords as an institution.

At Plymouth Lord Lansdowne inaugurated the fight in a lengthy address in which the budget was condemned.

J. Austin Chamberlain, chancellor of the exchequer in the Balfour ministry, journeyed to Plymouth with Lord Lansdowne to assist in the Unionist campaign.

More Witnesses Examined Regarding Destruction of Steamer by Fire.

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BIG DELAYED MAIL HANDLED PROMPTLY

Local Post Office Staff Worked All Last Night—Prompt Delivery Made.

(From Friday's Daily.) Both day and night staffs at the postoffice worked from the time the postoffice closed last evening until an early hour this morning at the task of sorting the great quantity of delayed mail which had accumulated at points along the C.P.R. in consequence of the late-up on that system.

Messrs. Farrell and Townsend, of the local staff, had gone to Vancouver, and they sorted letters all the way over on the Charlotte, with the result that much of the mail was ready for immediate distribution when the steamer arrived.

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