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A List of Prominent Business Men and Firms Described in To-day's "Colonist."

It Will Be Found a Useful Guide to Readers of This Paper.

For convenience in referring to the large number of wide-awake firms, manufacturers and business men presented in to-day's special edition of the COLONIST, the following index is presented to its readers. The list, in addition to Victoria, covers Nanaimo and Wellington.

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THE NEST EGG MINE.

Excellent Reports of the Character of Ore and the Value of the Mine.

The Nest Egg mine is chiefly owned by Victorians, and as so much to its detriment has been circulated, the management have decided to publish the following letters in reference to it. The first is from Mr. Frank C. Loring, a mining engineer of repute well known in Victoria. The second is from Mr. George T. Crane, president and manager of the Josie Mining Co.

SPOKANE, WASH., April 1, 1896.

W. H. Ellis, Esq., Victoria, B.C.:

MY DEAR SIR:—At the request of John M. Burke, my partner, Mr. Crane, visited the Nest Egg mine last Sunday, and was very much pleased with its appearance. He wrote Mr. Burke his opinion of the mine, a copy of which I enclose. Mr. Crane's judgment concerning mines is excellent, and he and I will both be pleased at any time to recommend the property as a valuable prospect of great promise. We both of us deplore any misstatements made by designing parties injuring the value of this as a mining investment, and will at all times be ready to correct any such statements so far as our knowledge permits us.

Very respectfully,
FRANK C. LORING.

SPOKANE, WASH., APRIL 1st., '96.

Hon. J. M. Burke, Rossland, B.C.

MY DEAR SIR:—In obedience to your request, I visited on March 29th, the Nest Egg mine, Trail Creek mining district, lying about one mile south of Rossland. I found much snow upon the ground and therefore was unable to examine the outcrop to any extent. I found the No. 1 shaft full of water, but was able to see the outcrop above the shaft for a distance of 50 feet and found it strong, heavy in iron, with a width of about 8 or 10 feet. Upon the dump of the shaft is about 15 tons of pyritite ore, very heavy in iron, and of the same nature as all of the ore in camp. No. 2 shaft I found 30 feet deep, with two excellent walls, and showing in the bottom 3 feet of ore, an average sample of which assayed $27.00 gold; 4 3-10 per cent. copper.

Taking into consideration the position of the mine, its relation to other valuable properties, the strength of the outcrop so far as I could see, and the value and appearance of the ore upon the dump of No. 1 shaft and in No. 2 shaft, I take pleasure in stating that, in my opinion, the property has great value, and that it offers an excellent opportunity for mining investment. The mine is easy of access, being crossed by the grade of the Trail Creek railway, therefore the cost of transportation will be slight. All of the conditions are favorable for cheap extraction of ore.

Very respectfully,
(Signed) GEO. T. CRANE.

Letters from the superintendent of the Nest Egg mine, speak well of the showing as the work of sinking proceeds. It is believed by him and others that it will develop into one of the most valuable properties in the camp.

WELLANDPORT, April 4.—The flour mills here owned by Heslop Bros. were burned to-day. Loss $10,000; partly insured.

[From THE DAILY COLONIST, April 5.]

THE CITY.

A SACRED concert and social will be held at St. Columba church, Oak Bay, on Tuesday night. There will be no admission fee but a collection will be taken up.

AN entertainment is to be given at St. James' church schoolroom on the evening of April 15, when Mr. Wm. Greig will speak on "Musical Odds and Ends." Singing, recitations and refreshments form the other attractions.

A COLLISION, which was the direct result of heavy drinking and consequent furious driving, occurred near Parson's Bridge on Good Friday, as a result of which a horse belonging to the Victoria Transfer Company was instantly killed. The pair of inebriates who were responsible for the collision escaped without a scratch.

LIBERAL-CONSERVATIVES should make no other engagements for next Wednesday evening, when as will be seen from the advertisement appearing in this issue the well appointed permanent club rooms are to be formally opened. This will be a noteworthy event, and promises to be the occasion of a very pleasant reunion.

THE fiftieth appropriation of the Victoria Building Society was drawn for last evening at Sir William Wallace hall, the drawing committee being composed of Messrs. A. Stewart, F. Elworthy and James Woolcock. Number 184 was drawn, shares 184 A and B, standing in the name of Frederick Smith, and 184 C and D having been withdrawn.

THE amateur theatricals in aid of the Sunday school fund, to be given in Christ Church cathedral school on Tuesday evening under the distinguished patronage of His Honor the Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Dewdney, the Lord Bishop of Columbia and Miss Perrin, promises to be a most brilliant and successful affair, and will be very numerously and fashionably attended. "The Sleeping Beauty," one of Barnby's most celebrated burlesques, is performed by a number of children who have been most skilfully and carefully trained in their different parts for some months. The farce "Shocking Events" is most delightfully amusing, and the names of the performers is a sufficient guarantee for its unqualified success.

No deviation from the published programme came unexpectedly to the good sized gathering attending the sacred concert in the Centennial Methodist church on Good Friday evening. It was rendered as announced and with such pleasing effect as to meet with much favorable comment from all present. The choir, assisted by talent from other choirs of the city, were heard in over fifteen numbers, some choruses, some solos, some quartettes and some recitations—all to splendid advantage. When the concert was over the performers enjoyed an elegant collation in the auditorium of the church. It is understood that the concert will be repeated at an early date.

MR. S. A. ROBERTS, P. L. S., has just returned to the city from Alberni, where, with the assistance of Mr. J. D. Pemberton, he has sub-divided about four hundred lots in the new townsite. The hotel, Mr. Roberts reports, is already in course of construction, while the wharf has been commenced and will be pushed forward as quickly as possible, the necessary material being all on the ground. In the mining districts there is marked activity everywhere—the ledge on the Alberni claim is being developed; the hydraulic plant will be in operation at the Duke of York in about five or six weeks; while the dam on the Cataract claim is nearly completed and the hydraulic plant, which is on the ground, will be ready for use just as soon as the flume is finished.

MR. JOHN MURRAY, J. P., who died at Spence's Bridge on Tuesday last at the age of about sixty, arrived in New Westminster in the early sixties, and after successfully conducting a grocery business for some years, joined the staff of the Columbian newspaper, at that time managed by the late Hon. John Robson. He developed considerable literary ability and numerous articles of considerable merit were contributed by him. Something like twenty years ago he went to reside at Spence's, where he very successfully carried on an extensive fruit farm, many of his products being noteworthy for their superior excellence. He also carried on a general fruit store and managed the post office and the local meteorological observatory. Within a very recent period a specially interesting description by Mr. Murray of early Victoria appeared in the columns of the COLONIST.

THE cantata "Christ and His Soldiers" was given by the choir of Christ Church cathedral at the Friday evening service. The services were exceedingly well rendered, the precision of attack and unison of the voices being particularly noticeable. The carol sung by the boys was perhaps the best singing heard from boys in this city. Their voices were particularly sweet and it was a plasure to hear boys singing easily instead of with the effort usually noticeable in children. Mr. K. J. Middleton, the choirmaster, deserves great credit for the results obtained. The solo "By Jesu's Grave," was well sung by Mr. Rickaby as well as those by Messrs. F. Wollaston, C. Arundel and E. H. Russell. One very pleasing feature was the quartette (unaccompanied) by Messrs. Russell, Goodwin and P. Wollaston. Mr. Pauline's accompaniments were exceedingly good. The same cantata will be given by an augmented choir at St. Luke's, Cedar Hill at 8 o'clock to-morrow evening.

VICTORIANS, among whom many of her warmest friends were found, will learn with especial regret of the death of Louise Manfred Pyke, the charming operatic comedienne who on so many occasions has delighted residents of this city with her sweet music. The merry little star was but thirty-five years of age, and had since 1889 been the wife of the well known manager and singer, Charles Pyke, with whose company she was seen here last season. Her professional career dated from 1875, when she made her debut in the comic opera of "The Two Cads," afterwards scoring a pronounced success in "Patience." The Haverley, Lillian Russell, Carleton and Pyke companies in turn claimed her as a star, she, after her marriage, always remaining in the organizations under Mr. Pyke's immediate personal direction. As winsome and merry off as on the stage, she was a favorite with all who had the pleasure of forming her acquaintance, while her readiness to at any time listen to and assist those in less fortunate circumstances than herself, made her one of the idols of stageland. Among the operatic fraternity there was no woman in America whose death would cause more general or more genuine regret than that of Louise Manfred.

THE steamer Mischief has been chartered by the members of the British Columbia Natural History Society for their second dredging expedition of the season which they propose to hold to-morrow, meeting at Sinclair's wharf, James Bay, at ten in the morning, returning at five in the evening. Trawling for specimens will constitute the business of the day.

M. ROSENTHAL, who had failed to appear in the provincial police court in answer to a summons for peddling without a license, was arrested early yesterday morning by Constable Wallis, and brought before Magistrate Macrae at the usual hour. He promptly objected to a summary hearing of the information on the ground that it was his Sabbath, the case being thereupon remanded until 8 in the evening, when on a conviction being secured Rosenthal was fined $5 and costs, having admitted his offence—a not very serious one.

SPOKANE merchants are making great efforts to have freight rates from coast points to the Kootenay country raised. Since the railway companies reduced the rates from the coast the Kootenay trade has been slowly slipping away from Spokane and coming to Victoria and Vancouver and the Sound cities. The rate cannot be raised without the consent of the C.P.R., and they are not likely to agree to it, as they do not get a share of the business from Spokane, while they do get their quota of the hauling from the coast cities. By the new tariff coast cities can supply the Trail Creek district with goods from 20 to 30 per cents per hundred pounds cheaper than Spokane.

A CHINAMAN, a bike and an obstreperous pigtail were the component parts of a farce comedy which furnished any amount of amusement for the pedestrians on James Bay bridge yesterday afternoon. The Celestial and the wheel were travelling very amicably together until the pigtail, which had been neatly coiled aloft, became unmoored. Then the bicycle took part in the game, catching the end of the braid and neatly winding it and the Chinaman up in a pretty little tangle. The words the Chinaman repeated the bystanders could not remember, but their meaning was evident. As a result of the queue-rious accident, Chinatown has to-day one citizen who has come to look upon the innocent bike as a special engine of the wicked one.

THE committee for the Orange ball to be held to-morrow evening in A.O.U.W. hall have made the following appointments: Reception committee, G. Grimason, G. Barker, J. Moras, H. Keown, A. Jackson; floor managers, W. Furnival, A. Kirk, J. T. Braden, and W. Duncan. The hall has been tastefully decorated with flags and evergreens; the Richardson orchestra will greatly add to the pleasure of those attending and a most enjoyable evening is assured. Supper will be served at midnight, and in addition a refreshment stand has been provided at the entrance of the hall. The competition in Highland dancing has been attracting much attention and promises to give the judges a far from easy task in deciding as to the respective merits of the competitions. Orangemen attending the ball are requested to bring their regalia.

THE BONDS OF BROTHERHOOD.

The week which closed yesterday was one of the quietest in many months so far as the secret societies are concerned. Routine work and initiations occupied the attention of the limited audiences of members at the meetings of the several societies—nor will there be any conspicuous change during the week opening to-morrow.

Fernwood lodge of the C.O.O.F. met on Friday last, initiated one member and received two propositions for membership. The members of this lodge and their friends have received an invitation from Dauntless lodge to be present at their next meeting, to be held on the 14th, when, after the initiation of several candidates, an open lodge will be held and Prof. Stark will give a lecture on "Phrenology." In order to dispose of the business early, so as to leave plenty of time for the amusement features to follow, the lodge will on this occasion convene at 8 o'clock sharp.

The Companions of the Forest have about completed arrangements for their Primrose ball, and the prizes will soon be placed upon exhibition. There is some talk of a "boody" prize being given for the worst set of lancers, as well as the best set, and the minuet couple. The committee are working hard to make the affair a success in every detail.

Columbia lodge No. 2, I.O.O.F., conferred the second degree at their last meeting, and received one proposition for membership. Next Wednesday evening there will be work in the third degree.

Victoria camp No. 52, Woodmen of the World, meets to-morrow evening at A.O.U.W. hall when several initiations will take place, and the proposition to reduce the initiation fee will be discussed and dealt with.

Loyal Occidental lodge No. 7,177, I.O.O.F., Manchester Unity, meets next Wednesday in Foresters hall. A full attendance of members is requested as important business will be brought forward.

The Time for Building

Up the system is at this season. The cold weather has made unusual drains upon the vital forces. The blood has become impoverished and impure, and all the functions of the body suffer in consequence. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the great builder, because it is the One True Blood Purifier and nerve tonic.

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When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

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DUTIES TO PARENTS.

Bishop Cridge on the Obligations of Children to their Parents—Earnest Appeal.

Not to Honor Our Parents Is to Dishonor God—The Promises for Obedience.

The following special sermon to children was preached in the Reformed Episcopal church a few Sundays since by Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge:

Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.—Exodus xx, 12.

Disobedience to parents is one of the sins which an apostle foretold would dishonor the Christian church in the latter days. It is surprising that such things should have been predicted at the very beginning concerning a religion that came direct from heaven; but the truth is that when Christianity entered into the world the enmity of men against it added a new and virulent character to their natural ungodliness. Those who are not made better by the religion of Jesus are made worse. Contempt of grace, love, and mercy, imprints upon ordinary wickedness a character truly satanic.

The sin of disobedience to parents must be a sin of very deep dye, when we find it coupled, not with sins which human beings only can commit, but with that "spiritual wickedness" which is the special property of the Evil One. For, says the apostle, "men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, untruthful, unholy, without natural affection, truce-breakers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those who are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God." Black as this catalogue is, who can say that it has not been terribly filled out, both now and heretofore, by multitudes of professing Christians in the very bosom of the church?

"Honor thy father and thy mother." This precept stands first in the second table, as honoring the one and only true God does in the first. As obedience to God is the foundation of all duty in religion, so obedience to parents is the foundation of all order in society; it is the stability of all lawful authority; the initiative and symbol of all good government.

It is rooted also in the common sentiment of mankind as a sacred duty. What we owe to parents are benefits unearned, undeserved, and to be repaid by nothing less than gratitude, love and devotion.

As Christians, not to honor our parents is to dishonor God. It has been well said by an old divine, Barrow, that whereas to act rightly towards others is called justice, honesty, charity, liberality, to act rightly towards parents is styled piety, filial piety. "It is more than injustice to wrong a parent; it is more than uncharitableness to refuse them succour or relief; it is more than discourteso to be unkind to them; it is more than avarice to be illiberal to them; it is rather high impiety to offend in any of these kinds."

This duty extends through the whole course of our lives, and cannot be annulled through any cause whatever. The time may come in the natural course of events when to obey in the literal sense is superseded or modified by the exigencies of life; but to love, honor and succour never. Nor can any unworthiness in the parent abrogate the command. If it be a duty to be lenient, forbearing, forgiving, towards others, even to the extent of hororing all men because they are men, how much more to parents! Even death, though it dissolve the tie, does not extinguish the obligation. To honor their memory, to remember only their virtues, and all that we owe to them; to confess to God with shame and sorrow our sins of omission and commission towards them when they were yet alive, is the disposition of every pious mind. If still living, helpless, infirm, old or poor, we should be indignant with ourselves if we would forbear to help them, remembering how severely our Lord rebuked the hypocritical pretences with which some in his day schemed to exonerate themselves from their filial obligations.

On the young especially does the gospel enforce this duty. I speak to you, Christian children, youths and maidens. Not as from Sinai, with the curses of the law pronounced against rebellious sons and daughters, but as from Mount Zion, with blessings and encouragements, so that, following God, as his dear children, you may obey your parents in the Lord. For this is the first commandment with promise, the promise being length of days and long life, a large promise, and by no means to be limited to earth; for not all dutiful children live long; some die young; but in the world to come this promise will be more than fulfilled, even to the assurance of length of days for ever and ever. Still this is the exception. Obedience to parents hath the promise of this life as well as of that which is to come. If you perform this duty from the heart, you may confidently expect God's favour and protection, prosperity in your business; peace of mind; and an honorable old age. For to do this, says the apostle again, is right, and well pleasing to the Lord. Better to have His smile than His frown; and this you certainly shall have if you obey your parents in all things; in all things that are lawful and right; in all things that are not wrong.

If it be asked why are such promises attached to this one duty, it is because if you obey your parents in the love and fear of God it is a pledge and a sign that you will perform all other duties well; you will submit yourselves to all who are in authority over you—a line of conduct which is well pleasing to man as well as to God.

Therefore honor your father and mother without murmurings or disputings, for they know better than you. You may think otherwise sometimes, as children often do; they think themselves wiser at fifteen than probably they will think themselves at fifty. There are elements in the problems of life which children cannot know, and which experience only can teach. If in your inexperience you think yourselves capable of solving them, and wonder that your parents do not see as you do, this is the infirmity of childhood and youth, and only becomes a fault when it takes the form of conceit and disobedience. When it becomes a question which shall prevail, your desire or your parents' will, remember that self-denial on your part is parental discipline on theirs; and that to submit your will to theirs is a sure pledge that you will do the same to God, your Father who is in heaven.

When tempted to be disrespectful to your parents, in language or conduct, call to mind that the command requires you to honor, as well as to obey. If you are polite and courteous to strangers, as almost all Christian children are, how much more should you be so to your parents. See with what reverence King Solomon behaved towards his mother. When she came into his presence he rose up to meet her, and bowed himself to her, and had a seat of honor placed for her at his right hand. You may not be in a position to render such ceremonious respect, but at least avoid incivility, rudeness and neglect. Let it not be said that you are well-behaved abroad, but ill-mannered at home.

Think not that because you are always with your parents you may treat them with coarseness and disdain, or that because they are kind and indulgent, it is only your due, and that you are under no obligation to make them worthy returns; for it is a sorrowful fact that some children the more they are indulged the worse they behave—and that, surely, is strange ingratitude. Joseph did not so. When sent on an arduous errand by his father he instantly obeyed, and spared no pains to execute it properly. You should spare your parents pain and sorrow, even if it cost you much yourself; you should study their wishes and guard their interests. If you would not defraud an employer, much less a parent; for "he that robbeth his father or his mother, and saith it is no transgression, is the companion of a destroyer." Do this duty in the fear of God. An ungodly child will hardly fail to be an undutiful child. To keep this command is to begin life well. Thus begin it now, in the morning of your days, and you will be spared many bitter reflections and remorseful feelings hereafter, when the filial tie is severed forever.

THE NORTHERN PACIFIC.

Among the greatest railroad systems in America, that of the Northern Pacific is surpassed by none. Opening the markets of the world to the mineral and agricultural products of these regions, this great trans-continental railway has been of inestimable value in developing the Northwest. The Eastern terminals of this road are at St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth, Superior and Ashland, while the Western terminus is at Tacoma, on Puget Sound. The total mileage of the road is 4,494 miles. It affords excellent facilities for the marketing of the mineral and agricultural products of the Northwest. Leaving the great industrial and commercial centres, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Ashland, Duluth and Superior, the Northern Pacific traverses a great belt of country, known as the "North Pacific country," embracing portions of Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon, Manitoba, California and British Columbia. No portion of the country offers better inducements for settlement and new business enterprises. It consists of rich agricultural land, immense areas of grazing land, great tracts of timber land, extensive mineral districts, teeming with gold and silver, copper and lead ores, also large deposits of coal and iron. At Tacoma, the western terminus of the road, connections are made with all Pacific coast ports, and the ports of China and Japan. From Tacoma the Northern Pacific Steamship Company, operating in connection with this road, run a line of four steamships between that port and Yokohoma and Kobe, Japan; Hong Kong, China, and intermediate ports. The Northern Pacific reaches Victoria by means of the Puget Sound and Alaska steamship Company. The company has operated here since 1883 and until five years ago when the Puget Sound and Alaska Steamship Company was formed, reached Victoria via the O. R. & N. Co's steamers. The Puget Sound & Alaska Steamship Co., operates the palatial steamer City of Kingston, which makes daily trips between Tacoma, Seattle and Victoria. The Northern Pacific has been one of the greatest factors in the development of the richly endowed Northwest and no other influence has been more forceful in developing British Columbia and redeeming her waste resources. By its reduction of freight rates it has greatly increased the value of cattle, made farming products marketable at a profit, rendered millions of tons of ore available, lessened the cost of living, induced immigration, and attracted capital. Its management has been most progressive. The business here is in the hands of Mr. E. E. Blackwood, who has had charge during the past nine years. Mr. Blackwood was born in California. He was formerly with the O. R. and N. Co. He is well known and is one of the most popular and best appreciated railroad men in the province. His office is at the corner of Yates and Government streets. The Pacific Coast division of the road is at Portland, that office being in charge of Messrs. S. G. Fulton, assistant general freight agent, and A. D. Charlton, assistant general passenger agent.

In closing particular mention should be made of the fact that the Northern Pacific railroad have now the only all rail connection by way of Tacoma to the celebrated Kootenay region. This has been made possible by their recent close traffic arrangement with the Spokane Falls & Northern railway and the Fort Sheppard railroad. Through being able to make such close connections with the Kootenay district the Northern Pacific railroad have been enabled to place Victoria merchants on precisely the same footing as the merchants of Vancouver, Seattle, Tacoma and Portland as regards freight rates. This has proved to be of inestimate value to Victoria merchants, and will undoubtedly result in their doing a vastly incrcased business with the Kootenay district.

MONTREAL, April 4.—Mrs. Allan, of Montreal, left Toronto on Thursday evening by the C.P.R. express, and on her way home was delivered of twins, a boy and a girl. A doctor was taken on board at Peterboro and attended the mother and children. As the lady was travelling in the sleeping-car Winchester the daughter will be called Winnie and the son Havelock.