

PROVINCIAL PROGRESS.

Another Long List of Incorporated Companies Officially Announced.

The Development of Interior Mines Continues to Interest Outside Capital.

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The British Pacific Gold Property Co. another home association of the incorporators of which are A. J. McElliott, E. Williams and L. Goodacre.

Table listing various mining and development companies with their respective capital amounts, such as Sandon Mining Co., Hellen Gold Mining Co., etc.

ARTIFICIAL RAIN.

Errera, professor of the University of Turin, has succeeded in making a very artificial rain, in a bottle of Bohemian glass which is covered with an ordinary bottle which also holds a half-inch of 92 degree strength alcohol.

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BY RAIL THRO' SIBERIA.

Russia's Strategic Highway to the Pacific Progresses Rapidly Toward Completion.

Increased Speed to Be Attained—The Primary Object Military Expeditions.

Newspaper accounts from Russian sources furnish information regarding the progress made with the construction of the Trans-Siberian Railway. The line is being constructed in sections simultaneously, and the first, at the European end is completed, so that it is possible to travel direct from Omsk to Vladivostok, a distance of 2,473 miles.

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HELP YOURSELF.

Help yourself, but not by grasping that's good, for selfish gain. Gather what the world has given. Bring in reach of hand and brain; that which is yours, not yours to give. You may hold, for other good, that which helps a poorer brother. Every aid to virtue given.

Help yourself, but not by honoring that another fairly won. Neither join the victors only. When the hard-fought battle's done; For the bravest do not carry. Standards from the field of fight, But into the trying conflict.

Help yourself, but not by casting down some noble, struggling soul. Who has not your strength or prestige. Battling for a longer-agoed God, and godlike men, will honor every aid to virtue given.

THE TROLLEY AND THE PYRAMIDS.

(From the Cairo (Esry) Sphinx.) Trams! Trams! Trams! These platters to the Great Pyramid! What a desecration. There is something splendid and grandiose about that hoary monument of antiquity in its loneliness.

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A HATTER'S HOLIDAY.

Old Boreas Takes a Hand in the Modern Game of Record-Making.

And Victorians Are Treated to a Memorable Sample of a Mid-March Day.

Just a little dash of rain and a sprinkling of snow, with ten minutes of hail for variety and even a flavor of earthquake. Add to this wind without limit, and you have a recipe for a mid-March day as illustrated to Victorians on Thursday.

Boreas had joined the army of record makers, and according to the reports from the meteorological office succeeded in placing a new 72 mile mark to his credit during the afternoon, which certainly is championship time.

Those who were on the streets did not get home pleasure in the frolic of the storm as did those behind doors and windows. For some reason or other a person cannot appreciate the excitement of the race of the wind without an owner enclosed, when that hat is one's own—and the contemplation of the signs and swaying poles is not so satisfactory a pleasure.

During the severest part of the storm the tin roof on Erskine, Wall and Co.'s warehouse, behind their main store on Government street, was lifted off, but the effort to save the roof failed.

The Queen was unusually late in getting in from the South, having been delayed by the gale. Her regular sailing hour for San Francisco she was anchored in Royal Roads, The Princess Louise did not get in from Westminster till 11, being detained at Plumper Pass several hours, owing to the storm.

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