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(From Wednesday's Daily Edition. Spring Rush To Cape Nome.

The Coast Transportation Companies Actively Preparing for the Spring Exodus.

Tees Arrives from Skagway-Last of the Sealing Fleet Away.

The various transportation companie operating from Victoria, the Sound ports and San Francisco are now con-vinced that there will be a tremendous rush to Cape Nome in the spring, the number of inquiries being received from Eastern points being received from Eastern points being simply phenomenal. It is unofficially learned that the steamers running direct to Nome from Victoria are assured of full freight and passenger cargo when sailing on the initial trips, about the 1st of May next, the rates being \$100 first-class, \$75 second-class, \$40 per ton for freight and \$75 for the local companies interested are of the opinion that there will be a great scarcity of steamers to handle the traffic. The White Pass & Yukon railway company expect to get a considerable share of the Nome-bound traffic, believing that many will prefer to go to Dawson via the steamers of the Nome-bound traffic, believing that many will prefer to go to Dawson via the steamers of the local constant of the steamers of the Nome-bound traffic, believing that many will prefer to go to Dawson via the steamers of the Nome-bound traffic, believing that many will prefer to go to Dawson via the steamers of the ste number of inquiries being received from of the Nome-bound traffic, believing that many will prefer to go to Dawson via Skagway, and from the latter point go down the Yukon to Nome. From San Francisco it is learned that many vessels are being chartered, and the stampede will probably be as great as during the first of the Klondike excitement. The J. S. Kimbail Company will be early in the field. They are to run six steamers to Nome, Cape York, Port Clarence and Safety Harbor, via St. Michael. The vessels are the Aloha, Sequoia, Noyo, Albion, Bessie K. and the fine new ocean steamer John S. Kimbail. The latter is now nearing completion, and will make her maiden voyage to the gold fields. She will carry 500 passengers and 1,500 tons of freight, and will sail April 25. The other vessels will follow.

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be remedied to some extent by the re-leasing in a few days of a large number of transports engaged by the United States government in the service to Phil-ippine ports. All the transports under charter are being returned to their own-ers as fast as they arrive at San Fran-cisco from Manila. Possibly a few that have been fitted to carry horses will in the shelter.

would be glad to have the names and addresses of any citizens who are willing to \$5 a day and board. Lots of men can be had at these wages.

"Swiftwater Bill" Gates led another stampede to a branch of the Indian river, which is said to be very rich. cisco from Manila. Possibly a few that have been fitted to carry horses will be retained in the service. The trans-

They are not a netvous animal, and are very hard to frighten.

"The one thing which may give cause to this argument is that the scab does not remain, but is continuously washed away by sea water. This leaves apparently a bad wound, but in reality prevents any disease setting in. When the seals come on land the new skin cracks from the sun, and this of course is irritating, but they don't show any suffering. It is nothing like the branding of calves or colts. We made severe tests the first year, but not one pup died of it. If the British collector wishes to rest on a matter of sentiment, his attention might be called to the count we made of sixteen thousand pups starved to death on the islands, their mothers having been killed by Canadian sealers."

LOCAL NEWS.

and A Big Storm In Alaska.

Traffic on the White Pass and Yukon Railway Blocked For Four Days.

Dawson Telegraph Line Down-Rich Diggings Found on the Indian River.

After a very rough trip from Skagway the steamer Tees, Capt. Gosse, arrived yesterday noon with 15 passengers a few of whom were from Dawson Those who came to Victoria were J. N Dick and wife, Capt. A. F. Woodhouse and wife, Dr. C. B. Scharschmidt and being blocked by a very severe snow and wind storm which lasted from the 18th to the 22nd inst. To make matters worse the engines which were pushing the rotary snow plough were buried in a snow slide, the removal of the snow from the track releaving that on the properties and plough

COL. BAKER'S RETURN.

SEALS DO NOT SUFFER.

Professor Clark Learnedly Contends
That Burning Holes in Their Backs
Does Not Cause Any Pain.

Professor George O. Clark, secretary
to President Jordan of Stanford University, has taken it upon himself to make
reply to the charges of barbarous cruelty
preferred against the American seal
branders by Collector A. R. Milne, C. M.
G., of this city.

"It is amusing," said Professor Clark
in a published interview, "to notice that
when the shoe begins to pinch they immediately set up their cry. Collector
Milne is exactly right in his statements.
The branding is done to destroy the skins
and harness the Canadian sealers. There
is no suffering whatever. The seal has

altar, while the groom was attended by
Mr. M. F. Hennelley.

Another Christmas Bride.—At the residence of Mr. E. A. Wolff last evening
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is, of course, the war excitement. The feeling is one of sadness combined with intense patriotism and the firm determination to see the matter through to the end. As far as volunteers are concerned, the number who have offered their services to the country, if they could be accepted, are practically unlimited. There is, however, a cann and sober feeling with reference to the course that should be pursued, and that is a firm determination that British pluck shall carry it to a successful termination. "No, I have nothing at all to say regarding provincial political matters," said Col. Baker in answer to a question, as he went, away to enjoy the natural pleasures of a good man on Christmas Eve.

CHILDREN TO PASTOR.

Purse and an Address Presented to Rev. W. H. Barraclough by Children.

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Dynamiters

Mystery Surrounds Dastardly Deed--Police Working in the Dark.

the window in which the explosive was laid, but fortunately no one being injured. The absence of apparent motive done. None of the other municipalities

In Extremis.

Received What May Prove Deathblow at Weekly Meeting

No Deviation from the Demand that Company Must Raise

Invered in British Columbia cities in the near future. Referred to finance committee for report.

The city solicitor reported that the petition from the Johnson estate against the proposed street improvements on Broad street did not contain the necessary number of signatures and was therefore ineffective.

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Mr. Belyea said there was considerable

comment as to who was behind the project. He could tell them—it was the citizens of Victoria who in May last had appointed a committee to formulate the scheme which would provide better connection with the Mainland, and the from shore. From the floating dock to the shore a line of caissons is to be sunk to bedreck, and upon the sunk to be discovered in the sunk to be discovered to the short To prevent the water undermining the caissone, pikes are to be the sunk to be discovered to the caissone, pikes are to be the sunk to be discovered to the caissone, pikes are to be the sunk to be discovered to the caissone, pikes are to be the sunk to be discovered to the caissone, pikes are to be the sunk to be discovered to the caissone, pikes are to be the sunk to be discovered to the caissone, pikes are to be the sunk to be discovered to the sunk to be discovered t constitutes one of the inexplicable features of the strange case.

So far as known there has been no friction between the mission Chinese and their fellow countrymen still walking in the paths of heathen darkness. No "tong" war is on in the quarter that either the police or their Chinese friends have heard about, and the only explanations that have thus far been suggested in connection with Sunday night's outrage are based upon the rival theories that the deed was that of a dangerous they were too absurd to be taken seri-

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A desultory discussion then ensued and before going into committee of the whole to reconsider the by-law, Mayor Redfern observed that he had not heard a single argument advanced to make him change his opinion that it was necessary in the city's interest that the sum which the company should be required to possess—\$500,000—should be insisted upon. The following clause was then considered.

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"Provided, however, that the corpora-

Times, July 13, 1864.

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Where located—On Monte Cristo Mountain, Tranquil Creek, Tofino Inlet.

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