Capt, William Moore Returns With the Canadian Mail From Fort Cudany.

Numerous Difficulties Encountered in Making the Journey to

12 11 Provisions are Very Scarce in Mining Camps Along the Yukon River.

Captain William Moore, the veteran Yukon explorer and carrier of Her Majesty's mails to and from the Yukon district, arrived from the Sound by the steamer Evangel Saturday evening. He came down from Juneau on the Alki, and will leave again for Alaska by the City of Topeka, sailing Sunday next.

Since leaving Victoria with the third mail for the Yukon in August last, Captain Moore has had some experiences that would be trying to a young man, but despite his 72 years he faced the difficulties of the trip as bravely as the others of his party. The trip in-wards from Juneau to Fort Cudahy was made in 19 days, the mail having been delivered at the latter place on September 11. Capt. Moore remained at Fort Cudahy for three days for the steamer Arctic to come up the river. The steamer not arriving and the captain hearing that some accident had caused the delay, he started down the river in a small boat for Circle City, where he expected to meet the Arctic and the

On arrival there he found that neither of these boats had yet come, nor were there any tidings from them. One hundred and fifty men, anxious to get out way of St. Michael, were awaiting the coming of some river steamer which could take them down to Behring Sea. The short summer season was drawing to a close and the delay was growing ominous. Mr. McQuestion, storekeeper and agent for the Alaska Commercial Company at Circle City, assured the men that the Bella would be there soon and would make the down trip in ample time to catch the steamer Bertha at St. Michael, which he said would be sure to wait for the Bella until October Captain Moore chafed under the anxiety, for he felt that the mail must come out, if not one way, then another,

so on September 21 he commenced preparations for going down the river in a small boat, and on September 25, with four men, started on the long journey. The river was clear, but that night it began to snow and freeze. Winter was coming on. The next morning when camp was broken it was snowing and blowing so hard that they had hardly gotten started before they were obliged to make a landing and wait for the storm to subside. On the following morning another start was made, although it was still storming, and at 10 o'clock the Arctic was passed. Capt. Bocker hailed them, telling them the Bella was two days behind. Camp was made that night a little above Fort Yukon. The next morning they met the Bella a little below. Capt. Mayo informed them that it was useless to go down the river, as the Bertha was to sail from St. Michael October 1, and that he had orders to put his boat into winter quarters and not try to return to month of the river. Capt. Moore then decided to continue down the river

to Nulato and come across country Nushagak, but as this region is filled with swamps and gullies it was exceedingly dangerous to make the journey until the winter was well advanced. companions were unwilling to undertake anything so formidable and persuaded him to return and come out by way of the lakes, so the party went aboard the Bella, which was towing two barges loaded with 300 tons each, while the steamer had a cargo of 200 tons. Two miles above Fort Yukon the steamer got aground and it required 72 hours' hard work to get her off the bar. On the third day, October 1, while three men were taking a line to the shore their boat capsized and one of them was carried under one of the barges and drowned. The unfortunate man was an employe of the company named Otto Lingron, a native of Neustadt, Finland, aged about 26 years. After getting one barge afloat the steamer proceeded up stream with it, leaving a crew of men to discharge the other. Hardly thirty-

five miles had been made when the running ice compelled the leaving of the second barge with men to unload the cargo upon the bank. The steamer continued on its way, trying to make Circle City before the river closed. When within twelve miles of this place it had to seek shelter in a slough, October 6, it being impossible to proceed farther. It seemed as if winter had fairly set in, so all hands went to work discharging the cargo, disconnecting engines, etc., for wintering. October 8 the weather cleared, but it was steadily growing colder; the next day the mercury stood 2 degrees below zero, the day after 4 below. On October 13 there came an unex-

pected change; the snow became sleet and the sleet changed to rain. On the 17th the ice ceased running in the river, and Mr. McQuestion coming down the river from Circle City with a crew of men, commenced reloading. The weather grew warmer day by day until on the 20th it was warm and sunshiny, followed by heavy rain. The steamer and one barge succeeded in reaching Circle City, but the second barge could not be gotten above Fort Yukon, from which place the goods have to be sleighed up. a distance of 90 miles, at a cost of \$300

Captain Moore, about the middle of November, began preparations to come out overland. Dog teams were bought, outfits packed, and on November 21 the captain and his party started up the The ice on the river was found to be rough in places, and stops had to be made for the ice to get firmer. Near Pelly river Hugh Day was met with the given out and two Indians were harling The next day A. D. Nash. who left Fort Cudahy ten days before Captain Moore with letters and import into ant Canadian dispatches, came their camp. He had, abandoned his camp and came out the rest of the way house.

with Captain Moore and party. The party encountered many hardships and the cost of the trip was enormous, moose meat being purchased in some places at \$1 per pound. The party reached the coast on January 28, or 37 days after leaving Fort Gudahy.
Capt. Moore took good care of his pary ty during the long hard journey, giving

them plenty of food and rest. He looks well, nothwithstanding the thousands of miles of rough travelling he has done during the past year, and is ready for the next trip to the Canadian Yukon. A few days before the Alki left Ju neau Mr. Gillis and party, carrying the II S mail arrived there from the Yu They left Circle City on November 18 and had a pleasant trip out, the weather being severe only for a few days. Mr. Gillis reported a shortage of supplies at Circle City, and the com-

panies were restricting sales. It is believed, however, that they had enough food to avert starvation. There was plenty of nothing but sugar. Flour had sold as high as \$50 per hundredweight; there were no canned meats nor canned fruits, and the bacon was unfit to eat. At Forty Mile the party found that flour was scarce, one hundred pounds being the greatest amount sold to any one. Some of the miners were compelled to do without flour. Meat was plentiful, however, and it was expected that the people could ward off starvation until spring. The same conditions prevail at Clondyke river, where, during the past season, there was considerable excitement because of the discovery of This river empties into the Yugold. kon about 55 miles above Forty Mile

Creek. Gold has been found in the bed

of the main branch and its numerous

tributaries. Work can only be carried

on in winter, sinking and drifting being

only practicable when the gravel is

In this district nearly 600 claims have been located. Claims are allowed to extend 500 feet along the stream, and the Canadian authorities demand a fee of \$15 from the locators of each claim. At the mouth of the Clondyke the Canadian authorities have established government reservation, comprising 40 acres. Adjoining this is the townsite of Dawson City, owned by private individuals. The gold in this section is coarse and dark, many of the nuggets being worth \$10 to \$13 each. Several of the miners did well during the short time they were at work, a man named Rhodes, who worked four men, taking

out nearly \$20,000. The Juneau opera house was partially lestroyed by fire about two weeks ago. The loss is about \$12,000, with no insurance. The firemen had a difficult task saving the rest of the city.

The Alaska Searchlight says that the S. S. Pinta "made one of her noble but futile efforts to reach Juneau last Thursday morning, and had proceeded only a short distance when one of her boilers ripped open, severely scalding She returned to her moortwo men. ings. As far as utility in emergency cases is concerned, the Pinta is a roaring farce."

Circle City does not propose to be outone even by San Francisco in the matter of scandals in high life and sensational breach of promise trials. Tommy Ashby, well known in Juneau, made love to a fair damsel in the household of one of the traders. The young lady charged him with breach of promise and appealed to the miners. A meeting was held and a jury selected, the young man arraigned, tried and found guilty. Two entences were agreed upon, of which Tommy was allowed to take his choice; one was to pay the girl \$500 and marry her within three hours, the other was to pay the girl \$2000 and go to jail for one year, jail to be provided by the citizens of Circle City. The former sentence was quickly chosen and its terms complied with. Many another city, older and larger, might well profit by the prompt and speedy justice which Circle City meets out to fickle lovers.

THEFT ALLEGED.

Mrs. Jones, of Lake District, Arrested on Saturday.

Constable Beaven, of the provincial olice, returned on Saturday evening from the last of several trips to the Lake District, bringing with him Mrs. Ella Jones, who was arrested on the charge of stealing provisions to the value of \$40 from Mr. William Foote. is an old man, who has been bed-ridden for the past seven or eight years, and resides in a house which he purchased some years ago in Lake District. Mrs. Jones lives with her husband close by Foote's residence, and for some time past she has been taking care of Foote, who is helpless. Mrs. Jones is also acting as housekeeper, and a few days ago she sent in a hill to the gentleman who is acting as Foote's agent, amounting to \$206, for provisions during the period between the 21st of December and the 20th of February. / On getting such a high bill the agent thought that everything was not as it should be in the Foote household, and he accordingly made a visit to the house. He found very few provisions there, and on his return communicated all the facts of the case to the provincial police. As a result of this information Constable Beaquantity of provisions stowed away in barn. There were canned meats, pickles, ham, Worcester sauce, oatmeal, preserves-in fact it seemed as if it might e the intention to start a store. Mrs. the groceries in the barn, notwithstanding the fact that the barn made a very bought by her. Constable Beaven, however, loaded the goods on a wagon and brought them to town. Afterwards e returned and brought in Mrs. Jones. She was released on bail yesterday, being bound over to appear this afternoon The case could not be proceeded with this afternoon, as Mrs. Jones was suffering from nervous prostration. The

sureties in \$500 each. -George B. Macaulay, secretary of the Cariboo Gold Mining Co., of Camp McKinney, is again at the Driard. Mc Macaulay stated that there is absolutely United States mail. His dogs had nothing in the report that the Cariboo mine has been sold to an English syndicate, and added that the mine was vie neither bonded nor sold to anyone, nor Mr. are the owners anxious to sell. Macaulay is in the city on a holiday and to watch the proceedings of the quet of

bail was raised, the defendant being re-

quired to give a bond for \$1000 and two

LOCAL NEWS

From Friday's Daily. -Mr. C. J. Sim has resigned his position on the Matsqui Dyking Commission commissioners has been reduced to two.

-Mrs. William Dockerings, a native leaves a husband and family, which includes a baby but ten days old.

-The funeral of the late Mrs. Richardson took place from the family residence Victoria West this afternoon. Rev J. P. Hicks conducted the funeral ser-The pallbearers were Messrs. S. vices. Duck, L. Goodacre, H. G. Hall, J. H. Meldram, A. B. Oldershaw and Mr. Ge

-A general meeting of the shareholders of the British Columbia Coal, Petroeum and Mineral Company will be held on March 1st at their offices on Fort street, for the purpose of confirming agreements and to authorize a sale of assets to the Crow's Nest Coal Company, accepting fully paid-up shares in that company as payment.

-Rev. Dr. Campbell officiated at the funeral of the late James Tyson vester-The pall bearers were day afternoon. Messrs. J. McKinley, A. Gilmore, R. Carter, D. Russell, J. Flett and C. R. King. Deceased, who was a member of Court Burrard, I. O. F., of Vancouver, leaves a widow and a family of nine children to mourn his loss.

-W. K. Leighton, one of the pro moters of the Nanaimo-Alberni railway, is at the Driard. The company do not expect to have any difficulty in passing their bill for a charter, and when they get the charter they will set to work to finance the scheme. The road is to be a narrow gauge one, and will go through the Nitinat country, where there are a number of properties waiting for trans portation facilities before development work is commenced. The road would mean much to Nanaimo, as it would open up a very rich country.

-Gregory S. Pouldio was again brought before Police Magistrate Macrae this morning, charged with running a gambling house. Constables Perdue and Palmer gave evidence regarding their visit to the place at the time of the arrest. Constable Perdue examined the cards used by the players and said they were marked. By looking at the backs of several he was able to tell their denomination. Mr. Thornton Fell, who appeared for the defence, objected to report of the case which appeared in the Colonist this morning, which did not state the facts correctly. Pould'o was committeed to stand his trial before the first court of criminal jurisdiction. He was released on security of \$250 in himself and two securities of \$125 each.

-The eleven sailors of the four-masted ship Lyderhorn, now lying in the Royal Roads, were again brought fore Police Magistrate Macrae this morning, charged with refusing to obey orders. As Mr. Newman, the Port Townsend agent who supplied the crew, to the Lyderhorn, was not able to arrive in time to appear and give evidence n connection with the case, a remand was taken until to-morrow morning. The sailors allege that they are the victims of a conspiracy and that they are being defrauded by Newman. The conditions on which they were shipped at Port the Royal Templars of Templars, to-Townsend were that they were to receive an advance of \$40 each. New editor of the Templar, who is coming til to-morrow morning at 11:30. man, however, deducted their board bills from Hamilton, Ontario, to take part in from this advance, and when accounts the business of the session, are expectwere settled a very small balance re- ed to arrive in the city by to-morrow mained.

-"Hope is still had in railroad circles that arrangements will soon be made for the east-bound Northern Pacific over- boat and escort them to the Sir Willand trains to make close connections at liam Wallace Hall, where a supper will for Rossland, says the Tacoma Ledger. plars will be under the command of Cap-For some time past an effort has been tain Cooper. The first session of the made by the Northern Pacific to induce | Grand Lodge will be held on Monday President Corbin to change the time of morning in Sir William Wallace hall, derstood that President Corbin was not favorable to the proposition of holding held on Thursday, and, should the busi- there is a great deal. It seems to be his trains for that length of time, but is ness of the delegation not be finished by said that an understanding has now been then, again on Friday. On Wednesday will change its train so as to arrive two | illustrated lecture on "The Prohibition hours earlier, while the Spokane & Northern will be held long enough to permit Politan Methodist church. The lecture the transfer of the Northern Pacific pas- will be illustrated by Mr. Noah Shakesengers going north." This change would enable the N.P.R. to land passenter their departure from Victoria, as stated in the Times a few days ago:

-Superintendent Sheppard this morning received further evidence of the fact, for such it undoubtedly is, that Frank La Rochelle was drowned in the harbor on Wednesday morning, Feb. The superintendent has received a letter from Mr. Bittancourt, owner of the sloop Aileen, of Vesuvius Bay, Salt Spring Island. On the morning that La Rochelle disappeared the Aileen was lying at Munn, Holland & Co.'s wharf, water, the cries seeming to come from above the bridge. He was getting up to make an investigation when the cries ceased and he returned to bed. Nothing more was thought of the matter until Jones promptly told the constable that Mr. Bittancourt read in the papers that La Rochelle was missing. This evidence coincides with that given by Conbad pantry, were all hers and had been stable Macdonald. The police are expecting hourly to hear of the body being They do not suspect foul play, found. as when last seen La Rochelle was

From Saturday's Daily.

-The tug Vancouver, with Lieut.-Col-Prior, M.P., and Mr. Blewett on board, returned from Texada Island to-day. Mr. Blewett reports that all the mines on the island appear more promising as devlopment work proceeds. Col. Prior went up with a view to investing and was favorably impressed with what he baw.

-Rev. Canon Beanlands on Wednes day evening united the fortunes of Mr. Duncan James McDonald and Miss Ap-Winter, daughter of George Winter, of Fairfield road. The ceremony was performed at Christ church cath dral. The bride carried a large bond this afternoon to decide the cause of can Trading Co. do business here. It is not likely that an inquest like the largest town on the Yukon and is heather and orange blossoms. The hap-

py couple received a large number of resents from their many friends,

-The pioneers of the city turned ou in force this afternoon, despite the inand accepted a position as clerk of the clemency of the weather, to attend the Matsqui dyking district. The number of funeral of Charles Pagden, which took place at 2:30 from his late residence, Fort street. From the residence the cortege proceeded to the Reformed Ep s of Devonshire, England, died at her copal church, where impressive services home in Victoria West yesterday after- were conducted. The pallbearers were: noon. She was 39 years of age and Messrs. W. Harrison, J. Leahy, A. Jack, T. J. Partridge, T. Hopper and J. Johns.

> From Monday's Dally -The funeral of the late Mrs. Marshal, who died suddenly last week at her home on the old Esquimalt road, took place this afternoon from Hayward's undertaking parlors.

> -As Mr. Tomlinson, teacher of the Sidney school, has resigned, Mr. W. H. M. May, late of the school at Departure Bay, has been appointed to the vacancy. Mr. May takes charge on the first day of March.

> -One of the victims of the grippe epi demic, which has been raging in Ottawa, was Norris Venning, the 19-year-old son of Mr. R. U. Venning, of the marine and fisheries department, who was here in connection with the Behring Sea claims commission.

-Arthur W. Churton, who for years past has been following his occupation as ed to build this summer. An English a furrier on Humboldt street, died on syndicate represented by Munn Holland Saturday at St. Joseph's hospital. Death was due to pneumonia. Deceased was 56 years of age. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternon at 2:30 from the Reformed Episcopal church.

-The city health authorities paid tacing quarterly visit to Darcy Island with provisions for the lepers. The seven Chinese were all found to be in good spirits, there being no change for the worse in their condition. Those who and Stewart; Dr. Fraser, R. Chipchase, sanitary officer; Dr. Richardson and Ah Wing, official interpreter.

-William Booth, the pioneer of oneers, who died on Friday, was yesterday buried at Ross Bay cemetery, a number of his old friends, and young ones too, attending the services at the Reformed Episcopal church, and assisting at the interment. Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge and Rev. Dr. Wilson conducted the services. The pallbearers were: Messrs. Wm. Clarke, J. Pearse, Geo. Wynne, F. Carne, Sr., and Wm. Humphrey.

-The riflemen and the Chinese farmer have been driven from Clover Point by company of miners who have located and staked out the point as a mining claim. The claim was located several weeks ago by Mr. Henley, of the Cliff House, who was on a wood chopping the Falkland Islands, some of her rigexpedition on the beach there. Happenng to knock off a piece of rock he found to be rich in mineral, and he immediately called his friends, who, as soon as they saw his specimen of rock immediately began driving stakes and complying with all the other requirements of the mining act. All are very enthusiastic, and think they struck a second Le Roi mine.

ROYAL TEMPLARS.

Meeting of the Grand Lodge to Begin On Wednesday.

The delegates to the Grand Lodge of evening's Charmer. The Royal Templars of the city, together with a guard of honor furnished by the Cadet Templars, will meet the delegates at the disposed of. Another session will be famous caricaturist, J. W. Bengough. the evening by Mr. Clement Rowlands and Rev. P. C. L. Harris.

DROPPED DEAD.

Body of James McArthur Found on the Street.

Late on Saturday night the body of James McArthur, the well known engineer, was found at the corner of to be resorted to. In this portion of Town (between 1,200 and 1,300 miles) Broad and Johnson streets. Dr. Fraser, the gulch the gold is very coarse. ease, and ordered the body to be re- Many thousand dollars in nuggets and moved to John street, Rock Bay, Officer coarse pieces have been taken out. less than six months. Palmer preceding it to break the sad Nearly all the miners there have done news to the family. The deceased had been a resident of the province since well and a number of the miners have taken out quite large stakes. 1871, he and Mr. Andrew Gray having covered. What prospecting has been come here from Scotland with two traction engines for the late Mr. Barnard, be some rich diggings. It is located just who intended to operate them on the Cariboo road. The venture was a failure, and Mr. McArthur drifted into "There are several other rulches withother ocupations. For a time he was in a few miles of Mastodon-Miller engineer at the Moodyville sawmill, and Creek, Independence, Greenhorn, Yanin 1876 became one of the owners and kee and Mammoth. All of these pay engineer of the river steamer Beaver, about wages in coarse gold, while some which was bought in Portland for the of the claims do better. Stickeen river trade, and worked on that "A party of men are prospecting on stream until she was wrecked on the the Tannanaw river, where it is river the following year. It was after thought there are rich diggings, but the this that he became an engineer for party is not back yet. the C.P.N. Co. He invested a large sum of money in business in New Westmin- miles up the Yukon from Circle City, or ster, while still following the occupation | 35 miles above 40-Mile Creek, at 1 of an engineer. Most of his business place known as Clone Dike, where good ventures were failures.

A widow, a daughter and two sons surof a large number of friends.

Came Back to E-quimait, Where a Survey of Her Cargo Will ce Made.

Another Cutter Starts Out in Search of the Schooner Aida.

The unprecendented salmon pack of the northern canneries last season has attracted the attention of capitalists and as a result several new canneries will be operated on the rivers and inlets of the northern coast during the coming ed on a large scale or with any summer. Messrs. Wadhams and Lord produces the greater part of th went up on the Boscowitz on her last trip and put several men at work erecting a cannery at Rivers Inlet. The Vancouver packing Company have also out cave about twelve yards across, cleared a site on Rivers Inlet and expect a vertical shaft about five yards i to have a cannery erected in time for ameter. Two men were reclining at the spring run. Mr. J. A. Carthew also mouth of the shaft with their had a site surveyed for a new cannery near the Carlisle. He has not yet decidsyndicate represented by Munn, Holland & Co. have secured a site at China Hat and will erect a cannery there. Several other sites has been surveyed on Rivers Inlet, and in all probability other canneries besides those mentioned will be erected this spring.

The British ship Speke is at Esquimalt, where she has put in to have her cargo surveyed. She was a few miles out from Cape Flattery when she was driven back by stress of weather. The went up were: Ald. Partridge, Hall heavy weather caused her cargo to shift, and consequently she was brought back to the Royal Roads to have it surveyed to see if it was necessary to have it reloaded. She arrived this morning in tow of the tug Wanderer.

> The sealing schooner Dora Siewerd leaves to-morrow, if there is a favorable wind, for Djiesklesit, where a crew of Indian hunters will be shipped. Captain Siewerd says he has got a crew at as a mere speck, but in time they may \$2 per skin, and no bonus or boss money to be paid. The Zilla May will also leave to-morrow, Captain Balcom in command. He expects to get a crew at the same price.

> A recent dispatch announces that the British ship Pass of Balamba, which is all precious stones. The turquoises, as on her way from Liverpool to Victoria soon as they are cut in Meshed, are with a general cargo consigned to Messrs. Turner, Beeton & Co., put into ging having been damaged while entering one of the harbors of the islands she grounded.

The British bark Province, 1,696 tons. Capt. Jones, was towed to sea from Moodyville on Saturday. Her cargo is very large one, consisting of 1.393,492 feet of rough lumber, and 1,227 bundles of laths, the whole valued at \$11,467. The Province is bound for Fremantle West Australia.

As Mr. Newman, when he returned from Port Townsend, did not bring his books with him, the case of the eleven sailors of the Lyderhorn, charged with refusing duty, was again remanded un-

FROM CIRCLE CITY

Writing from Circle City, Alaska, to Mr. James F. Fell, of Victoria, Mr. John

Rees says: "As to my experience in this country. about which I promised to write you. I worked for wages the first summer and Spokane with the Spokane & Northern be tendered to them. The Cadet Tem- the following fall bought into a claim. I have done fairly well, and if it continues to hold out as well next summer will have a very nice stake by next fall. Mines and mining here are altodeparture of the Spokane & Northern when committees will be appointed, gether different to what they are in Caspassenger train for the north. It is un- books audited, and the routine business siar. The wash is very fine, and the gold is mostly in fine sand, of which of a placer formation. The gulch I am located on is called Mastodon, and it is reached whereby the Northern Pacific evening Mr. Buchanan will deliver his about 60 miles from the Yukon, and about the same distance from Circle City, which is on the river, and which is the headquarters of the district. The gulch grand total is not less than 24,700 miles. is six miles long. At the lower end the And this 24,700 miles takes no account peare from slides drawn by Canada's gold is fine and is found from six to nine of Mr. Rhodes' wanderings in Matabel feet deep. The first three feet is gers in any Kootenay point the day af- Rev. W. Leslie Clay will occupy the coarse gravel and the rest fine sand, road between his furthest points. In chair, and solos will be given during The upper end is drifting diggings, that Mr. Rhodes has journeyed fully 25,00 is from No. 10 up. Claims are numbered from the discovery claim up and from 12 to 25 feet deep, and is worked in the winter months only. The ground freezes to within four or five feet of Since his release from Pretoria goal of bedrock, where all the pay seems to lie. June 12th last, Col. Rhodes has journe All the water comes to the surface and ed over 20,000 miles. From Pretoria leaves the unfrozen dirt nice and dry, although in other places it freezes Kimberley to Buluwayo (about clear down to bedrock and burning has miles) and from Buluwayo to Ca

"The next is Eagle gulch, lately dis-

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prospects have been found. "Circle City is about sixty miles from vive a kind and considerate father and the Arctic Circle, is on the Yukon, and have the sincere sympathy has about 800 population, of whom 25 of the best seats in the pavilion. Glad or 30 are white women. The Alaska to have you come and investigate. A post mortem examination was held Commercial Co. and the North Ameri-

MINING FOR TURQUOISES

Is Carried on in Persia in a Very Primis tive Manner. The famous turquoise mines of Nisha.

pur, in Northern Persia, are believed be the only turquoise mines in the world which have been worked extensively which have produced the turquoise perfect shape or color. On approach the mines from Nishapur, after enter the low hills and gradually ascen igh school. one arrives first at the village inhal by the miners, which is on undula ground about 5,000 feet above the level. After another gradual ascent about a mile by a very good road foot of a hill about 1,000 in heigh reached. All the miners are south face of the hill, and from first to the last the distance as the flies is not more than half a mile. Reish mine, which is the only one quoises at present to market. It is the top of one of the highest ridge an altitude of about 6,000 feet about against the walls of the cave, and to ing with their bare feet a rickety we en wheel, which brought up bags hold no more than a peck, perhaps. This unhooked by a third man, who unhool emptied and reattached it. The

ers first descend by means of a n row, diagonal tunnel, and then scram down the rough sides of the shaft. At the mouth of the cave, which is the precipitous hillside, half a dozen m were seated close together on a ledg breaking with small hammer the frag ments of rocks as they were brought from below. When a turquoise was covered it was placed on one side, in its rough state, encased in rock and sent to Meshed. Some of those now found look excellent at first, but the color in most cases soon fades, or a green tinge is developed or white spots appear on them. Some of these white spots can only be detected at first with a glass, and then expand and spread right across stone. The color of most faded quoises can be temporarily revived dampness. In Meshed no one wou dream of buying a turquoise of good co or without possessing it first for some days, for it is the most treacherous of nearly all sold at once for export, and their price in the town at least rises 1,000 per cent. Some years ago one could obtain in Meshed good turquoises of perfect shape, fine color, fair size and without a flaw, for a few shillings each. Turquoises are at present far cheaper at Tiflis and Corstantinople than at Meshed, and at these towns one might, perhaps, find some of good color which

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gaged on a ledge in the shaft. The m

have been in stock for years. MR. RHODES' TRAVELS

How many miles has Mr. Rhodes travelled since he resigned the premiership of Cape Colony on January 5th of last year? asks the St. James Budget, and its answer-more, probably, than some of the members of the Travellers' Club have covered in many years' wandering. Immediately after resigning office Mr Rhodes went to Kimberley to address his constituents, and then returned Cape Town; the double journey being 1,300 miles. Then he sailed to England a distance of a little over 6,000 miles, not reckoning the several hundred ditional miles traversed owing to th breakdown of the Moor and her putting into Dacca for repairs. After only six days in England Mr. Rhodes went off to Beira via the Suez canal-a distance 7,500 miles, the little detour to Cain when passing through the canal no reckoned. From Beira to Buluwayo and back again. Mr. Rhodes did the journe twice is about 1,500 miles-from Beira to Port Elizabeth, 1,200; from that place To Cape Town via Kimberley-the route followed by Mr. Rhodes-is also about 1,200. To this must be added the voyag from Cape Town to England of 6,000 miles, and it will be found that the land, but merely reckons the distance miles

If. Mr. Cecil Rhodes has travelled 25.-The gulch from No. 10 up is 000 miles in the course of the twelv months, his brother, Col. Francis Rhodes has a scarcely less remarkable recor went to Kimberley (300 miles) fr Then he made his journey from Ca Town to London and back again, only the Dunvegan Castle. By sea, therefore he has journeyed over 18,000 miles

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE

THE RING RADIE'S COMMITTEE.

Carson, Nev., Feb. 22,-Director-Gen eral Dan Stuart's condition was report ed to be improved last night, and is thought he will be allowed out for a airing to-day. Stuart is pleased wit the announcement that there is a poss bility of the Missouri legislature legali ing boxing, and that a committee of the body may be sent here to see how the big mill is conducted, so as to be position to make a report.

He sent the following telegram to Representative Radie, who introduced the resolution calling for the appointment of an investigating committee: "Dear Sir: In anticipation of the

passage of your mesolution I have I "DAN A. STUART."

E. J. McFeeley came over from Vancouver last night.

LEASICE LEAGLES LEE British Columbia PRESERVED PROPERTY OF THE PROP

VANCOUVER, ount remaining from the peeds of Dr. DeKannet's lectures, a all expenses had been paid, nets the sum of \$175, which is to be expende orming the nucleus of a library for

A letter was received yesterday at ffice of the Golden Cache Mines, ted, from Mr. Arthur Noel, the pany's manager at Lillooet. The contained fuller particulars of the inds, and also stated that samples been forwarded. It said that the tunnel was now in 86 feet and howing up well. At a distance feet a shaft was sunk to strike the wall, but they were now down 13 and had gone through solid quartz ing free gold in place intough had seen no sign of a foot wall. free gold in place throughou is being continued on the shaft. Work has been commenced onildings of the English Bay Company at Jericho and the main building, 80 by 100 already up. The cannery, which in operation this year, wil be one, capable of packing 30,000 The buildings will be season. eted in about six weeks. While the chain gang was clearing lots on Granville street

ruesday one of the prisoners rown escaped. He ran down G street fowards the park and was feetually followed by Officer rown was in for vagrancy and nearly served his term, so that he v have been discharged in a few day

NEW WEST HINSTER Wednesday night, about one o'c as the old steamer Gypsy, owned by Royal City Mills, was steaming the river, and when near Lonslough, not far from Steveston, she on a snag. This was a sunken lo stump, about 1½ feet below the sur which, breaking the planks in steamer's bottom, held her fast ships. In four minutes from the the Gypsy struck she had sunk her crew had barely time to get ife boat and put off. Next morn low tide the steamer was hanging the snag, with her bow and stern water, and her back apparently br It is reported that a vegetable can will be built in the neighborhood o

city in the near future. Gold mining occupies the atten the majority of the citiz t the present time. Harrison L and Pitt Lake claims are the ject of much interest, and without great stir will be made in thos tricts during the coming months. ectors who have returned from Harrison Lake report that both of the lake are lined with prospe and at night time it has the appear of a populated district owing camp fires and lights. Rich looking is being brought into town daily a that is now wanted to make the trict almost as busy a one as so the mining locations up country i tal, which will without doubt be coming very shortly, as the rich

there just as sure as that it is Kootenay. Pedestrians on Columbia street surprised Wednesday afternoon to sound of a pistol shot, and time excitement prevailed. It, ho was learned that two of smartest detectives, Messrs. and McLean, were over after two ers of the Bruce-Creighton gang. have for so long infested the Term City and have also committed ser depredations in Washington. The na of the prisoners are Dubear and Mc and it was not without conside lifficulty that they were arrested. arrival the officers learned where men lived and then separated to them down. Officer Haywood lo man, but he recognized him put out in a boat. Haywood starte pursuit and after a stern chase car him. Officer McLean thought he his man easy. He tracked him up block and called on him to surrer agreed to do so, but when h nto the street made a break. A sh which alarmed many citizens-spetopped him, and a telephone to cal police last evening stated that and his comrade were now safely

an be called a safe place. The late snow fall has covered mountains of the coast range almost their base. This will make the location prospectors anything but envis man who has just returned for ies, says that at night camp fires seen on the mountains from one f Harrison Lake to the other. At a meeting of the board of Captain Cooper brought up the ma

fined in the Vancouver lock-up-if

of the importance, in view of the mindevelopment on Harrison Lake, of I ing the navigation of the Harr iver improved at a certain point, w could be done permanently at little so as to enable this city to secur trade of that promising mining re n motion Captain Cooper was o the committee re information of Fraser river, to look after the f the improvement of the navigation he Harrison river, and to take ste lave the same attended to without lay. The election of officers for the uing year resulted as follows: dent, His Honor Judge Bole: Vice ident, G. D. Brymner; Secretary-Ti urer, D. Robson; Council—C. G. Ma D. S. Curtis, T. J. Trapp, John P r. R. Pearson, John Hendry, M. clair, John McNab, D. J. Munn, J. Scott, George Kennedy, T. S. And dale, R. L. Reid, F. J. Coulthard. ardine and Dr. Fagan; Board of A tration-J. W. Creighton, Capt. Coer, James Johnson and Alex. Godfr n motion the president, vice-presid and secretary, with R. L. Reid, W. Walker and George Kennedy, were ointed a parliamentary committee

NANAIMO. Mr. E. B. Cook, one of the oldest re dents of the city, died at his resider yesterday. He was a native of No cotia, and aged 68 years and onths. Mrs. Cook and a daught

vatch legislation in the interest of

oard and of this district.

Mrs. A. R. Johnston, and a son, Ezra Cook, mourn his death. Mr. J. A. Spencer, the owner of Sec tary Island, near Cowichan Gap, arred in town in his sloop Mabel and ports that while at home on the isla last Sunday night his sloop was brok