

MINING IN ALBERNI.

Formation of a Strong Company to Develop Mineral Hill Claims

The Ownership of the Claims Settled by a Compromise—Work to Begin at Once.

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THE ARION CLUB ENTERTAINS.

The Arion Club, under Mr. William Craig's direction, gave the second concert their fourth season at Institute hall yesterday evening.

There were "The Little Church" (V. E. Becker); "Lord Ullin's Daughter," a splendid descriptive by Alfred H. Gaul; a dainty canter by Eisenhofer.

Of the new music of last evening, "The Homeward Watch" (Henry Smart) was first heard; their "Antoinette" (F. Mair), a piquant and tuneful serenade with a dash of most agreeable humor.

Miss Nora Smith's piano solos were faultlessly played, with a taste and precision showing thorough acquaintance with the work of the masters.

- 1. "The Little Church" V. E. Becker
2. "The Homeward Watch" Henry Smart
3. "Lord Ullin's Daughter" Alfred H. Gaul
Soloists—Mr. H. Firth (tenor), Mr. Herbert Kent (baritone), Mr. W. S. Goodwin (bass).

The Bar Association has requested the Chief Justice and judges of the Supreme court to meet a deputation of the association composed of Messrs. H. Dallas Helmecken, C.C.; A. L. Belyea, E. V. Bodwell, G. Hunter, F. B. Gregory and A. P. Luxton to discuss the matter of having court motions disposed of in open court at fixed times, and to ask that the judges refuse to hear in their own chambers applications or motions except cases of urgency and attachment of debts.

"Bacteria do not occur in the blood or in the tissues of a healthy living body, either of man or the lower animals." So says the celebrated Dr. Koch. Other doctors say that the best medicine to render the blood perfectly pure and healthy is Ayer's Sarsaparil.

THE CITY.

The next examination of the musical students for certificates for practical and theoretical knowledge of music in connection with the Victoria College of Music, London, will be held at the local centre, Victoria, on or about April 3.

WILLIAM ATKINSON, who a couple of weeks ago threw himself in front of the Esquimalt tram car in an attempt to commit suicide, is being taken to the Westminster infirmary this morning by provincial constable McKenna.

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The Alexandra ladies' club, which was opened by the Countess of Aberdeen on Broad street in November, 1894, was reopened on Monday last at 47 Government street, over Challoner & Mitchell's, in larger and more convenient rooms.

The city council last evening held the third of their series of closed doors meetings to consider the estimates of expenditure for the current year—and again the pruning knife was wielded, according to the reports that subsequently found their way into circulation, with deadly effect.

If sick headache is misery, what are Carter's Little Liver Pills if they will positively cure it? People who have used them speak frankly of their worth. They are small and easy to take.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became a Woman, she clung to Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

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Speaker Reed, who is very fond of literary work, has written an introduction to the works of Henry Clay, a complete edition of which is to be published by Mr. Reid. He is a great admirer of Henry Clay and spent much time on the famous Kentucky life and works before penning the introduction referred to. Oddly enough, William McKimley, who is to write the conclusion to the publication,

A MODERN TUGBOAT.

The Contract Let for a First-Class and Up-to-Date Tug-boat

Str. "Barbara Boscowitz" Arrives From the North—"City of Topeka" Sails

Work is to immediately commence on what will be one of the finest tugboats on the Pacific coast. to be built for Charles Spratt, of Spratt & Macaulay, and to be managed by that company when complete and in service.

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From the North. The steamer Barbara Boscowitz, which left here for the North on the evening of the last day of January, returned yesterday morning. It was explained that the cause of her long delay was the prevailing rough weather.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

The following are the saloon passengers who left San Francisco for Victoria by the City of Puebla yesterday morning: J. Anouers, R. A. Bainbridge, Miss Lou Summers, Miss Edna Danon, Harry Hill, W. P. Bissett, Dr. Verrinder, wife and child, George R. Jackson, John Hardy, Leonard Howard, Mrs. B. H. Wyman, Mrs. S. Palmer, Mrs. M. Allen, R. B. Miller, Joe Spannah, Joe Sand and A. J. Minier.

ANOTHER VESSEL GIVEN UP AS LOST.

A San Francisco dispatch of yesterday says: Hope is about abandoned for the barkentine Discovery, owned by Pope & Talbot, of this city. The vessel is now out twenty-eight days from Port Gamble with lumber for this city. She was commanded by Capt. Christensen. There were twelve men in her and there is scarcely any chance of any of them turning up.

MARINE NOTES.

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Rupert will also sail for Liverpool shortly with a cargo valued at \$9,079.50. The schooner Walter L. Rich, Captain E. F. Robins, cleared on her spring sealing cruises yesterday, carrying a crew of eight whites and twenty-four Indians.

The steamer Coquilam arrived at Vancouver on Tuesday with 25,000 pounds of halibut from the Northern fishing grounds.

Connections will be made at Sitka with steamers of the Alaska Commercial Company, running to Cook Inlet, Alaska. The steamer Bertha will leave Sitka March 24, again on April 8, carrying freight and passengers to Portage bay, on the extreme west of Prince William's sound, from which place parties cross the portage into Cook Inlet, a distance of twenty-five miles.

On April 24 and May 8, the steamer will run direct into Cook Inlet, landing passengers at Tyoonook, in the northern part of the Inlet, at the following rates: Cabin \$20, steerage \$13.50, freight \$7.50 per ton.

The United States mail steamer Dora will leave Sitka on or about the 8th of each month, commencing in April, until and including October 8, 1896, for Yakutat, Prince William's sound, back to the coast, Unga, Unalaska and Western ports. Steamer Topeka will leave to-day for Alaska with a full list of passengers and a full cargo.

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Mr. Stoughton says:—"In 1893, my daughter, then a picture of health and strength, went to Ardock, North Dakota. In April of that year she caught a severe cold, which brought her to the verge of death. Her cold was followed by headache, dizziness, and palpitation of the heart, and she became so pale and emaciated that her doctor there said she was going into consumption, and advised her to return home. She had been under the doctor's care for some months before this advice was given, and in February, 1894, she returned home. She was so weak as to be almost helpless, and we decided that the best thing to be done was to send her to the Kingston Hospital, where she could have better treatment than was possible in our country home.

She remained for two months in the hospital, during which time she grew stronger, and as it seemed to us that there was no hope of recovery, we brought her home. At this time she was so weak as to be scarcely able to walk across a room, and was confined almost constantly to the best of the grave. I had heard of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I had bought a box, and I had taken it, and I had found it to be of great benefit. I had bought a box, and I had taken it, and I had found it to be of great benefit.

When strong tributes as these can be had to the wonderful merits of Pink Pills, it is little wonder that their sales reach such enormous proportions, and they are the favorite remedy with all classes.

The reason kissing is so pleasant, says an oscillatory expert of scientific tendencies, is because the teeth, jawbones and lips are full of nerves, and when the lips of persons meet an electric current is generated, and, to put it facetiously, you don't have to have a dynamo machine or a battery in the house, nor a call-box nor a button to touch to ring up the central office, and there is no patent on it, and the poorest person in the world can enjoy the current better than the millionaire, and it never gets out of order. If Edison had invented kissing it would cost \$100 a year, like the telephone, and then extra kissing would be charged up extra, and if you did not pay for it they would come and disconnect you from the central office.

THE SEMI-WEEKLY COLONIST, \$1.50

A PLEA FOR POTLACHES.

A Delegation of Northern River Indians Visit Victoria to Crave Favor for the Gift-Feast.

If Necessary Will Fight the Legality of Its Prohibition Through the Courts.

Amos Gosnell, William Jeffrey and Billy Williams, three intelligent and representative chiefs of the Naas River Indians, reached Victoria yesterday by the arrival of the Boocowitz on business fraught with peculiar importance to not only their important tribe but to all the native races of British Columbia. Their mission is to place before the public the Indians' side of the story so far as potlaches in particular are concerned, and such action being necessary—to test in the highest courts of the land the constitutionality of that portion of the Dominion statute relating to Indian affairs wherein good holding of "potlaches" or "gift feasts" is declared illegal and prohibited under heavy penalties.

"We your humble petitioners, being a deputation from our people living on the Naas river, beg that you will take such steps as will prevent clergymen and missionaries from interfering with our people in the holding of potlaches, as Rev. J. A. McCullough, of Naas river, has, we believe, unduly interfered with us in our holding or giving of potlaches. The holding of potlaches has been a custom prevalent among our people for many generations, and a method we have of showing our good feeling toward one another, and we believe that it is our right just as much as it is the right of our white brethren to make presents to each other.

"We assure you that our potlaches are conducted in the most orderly manner, and we expect to keep and observe the laws of our great and good mother, Queen Victoria, whom we all love. We not only feel very keenly this interference but we know that it is the opinion of many intelligent and good white men that the clergymen's meddling in our affairs is very often uncalled for, and creates a feeling against them among us which prevents the accomplishment of any amount of good that might be realized for our advantage. By answering our supplications we, as in duty bound, will ever pray."

This statement of the case was drafted as long ago as the 30th of last August, when the Northern tribes were notified of the changes in the Indian act prohibiting the potlach. Since then, however, the authorities of the North have been energetic in the enforcement of the new law, hence the presence of Amos Jeffrey and his two companions in Victoria. Matters were brought to an issue so far as the Naas men are concerned a little more than a month ago when a potlach was held about one mile above Rev. Mr. McCullough's place. The clergyman, who is also a justice of the peace, promptly summoned six of the tribes including Scotchman, the head chief. The latter with Stephen Light, Stephen Gransey and Nis-ki-iskik, was according to the story of Amos and the two Williams, held prisoner in a dark cabin for four days prior to any court being held, and each of the Indians summoned was then fined \$70 and costs. The reverend magistrate, as they understood him, gave the option to the prisoners of paying these fines or going to jail at Nanaimo for one year, the tribe at the same time to pay \$900 for each man. It is a result of the apprehension, trial and sentence referred to, that the head men of the northern tribes gathered in council and decided to send their representatives to Victoria to invoke the aid of the law. The tribes interested have plenty of money at command, and their delegates have authority to spend liberally in order to accomplish the object of their mission.

It was in the spring of last year that the Dominion government decided that the potlach must follow its contemporary festival, "the tamanawas," in the list of aboriginal celebrations prescribed by Canadian law, and the agents of the Indian department lost no time in notifying their wards in British Columbia accordingly. From the first it has been questioned whether the prohibition would be or could be enforced, for the potlach has ever been the joy and delight of the Western Indian's soul, and the prospect that he would relinquish its pleasures without a struggle were not of the brightest hue. The "tamanawas" is still practised far up North, at the heads of the rivers, in the interior mountains—anywhere remote from civilization and beyond the reach of the officers of the law. And so doubtless it will be with the potlach—less barbarous by far.

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TRUSTEES' E. A Demonstration At Which the Large Numbers Were Se...

Legislature Petitioned to Rescind Act of High School

Addresses by Teachers Decided Opinions of the Trustees

As a demonstration in the city hall decided success. Ladies interested in the affair and the teachers attended sufficient to well fill the hall, and there appeared great unanimity of meeting had been a specific purpose of dis...

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