

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

KAMLOOPS.

Development work on the Dandy mineral claim is being pushed forward at Camp Hewitt, Messrs. W. J. Armstrong and W. H. Stanford were down last week to visit the claim, in which they are interested, and are well pleased with the looks of the prospect.

On Wednesday's train another new settler arrived in the district, in the person of Mr. W. Cornwallis-Bate, who has recently sailed from the north of Anker, Manitoba, and is looking for a new location.

MEPHISCONS.

McPherson's, Dec. 14.—The chopping contest for the championship of Cowichan took place amid pouring rain. The attendance was not very large on account of the weather.

MIDWAY.

Mr. E. F. Bart, of Seattle, and Mr. McCulloch are paying a visit to our Boundary camps and looking over the field for investment generally.

NANAIMO.

Nanaimo, Dec. 14.—The first snow this season fell yesterday afternoon. Philip White and John Campbell, two of the employees, recently discharged from the Union Colliery Company, came down by the Joan this afternoon.

VERNON.

Messrs. French Bros. have purchased 80 acres of the Girouard estate near this city, the price paid being slightly in excess of \$30 per acre.

when he explained that he had no money. CHEMUNUS. From our own correspondent. Chemunus, Dec. 14.—A very interesting ceremony was to have taken place last Wednesday evening at the residence of George R. Porter, J. P., the christening of the son and heir of Hon. David Bruce of Cowichan district. Rev. R. J. Roberts, who was to officiate, also a number of invited guests, were present, but the baby failed to put in an appearance.

On Saturday James Davidson, of Comox, while out hunting, was the victim of an accident. He fell, setting off his 44 calibre rifle, and the ball passed up into his body between the legs, tearing its way through the bowels and into the upper part of his left hip. He was conveyed to the hospital, where the ball was extracted. He is resting easily, but the wound is a dangerous one.

Alex. Brown was employed at Billy McDonald's camp at Valdez island, and taking advantage of the absence of the latter, forced an entrance into the office, broke open a trunk belonging to Tom McDonald, who had been left in charge, and appropriated twenty-nine \$10 bills, two suits of underclothing, one pair of tobacco pipes, a hat, which he repaired to the water's edge, and embarked in Tom McDonald's boat, valued at \$100. Tom got wind of the robbery and pursued the thief along the bank, overtaking him at John Knight's cabin, where Brown had disembarked.

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The C. P. R. steamship Victoria sailed on Saturday from Yokohama. She has 600 tons of freight and 15 Chinese passengers for Victoria.

Bark Thermopylae of this port with lumber from Port Blakely passed Deal, Bellingham, on Saturday and reported all well.

The sealing schooner J. Eppinger left last week for the Japan coast. Hood's is wonderful. No less than wonderful are the cures accomplished by Hood's Sarsaparilla, even after other preparations and physician's prescriptions have failed. The reason, however, is simple. When the blood is enriched, purified, disease disappears and good health returns, and Hood's Sarsaparilla is the one true blood purifier.

STILL NO TIDINGS.

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STEAMER MAUD HAS AN UNUSUALLY STORMY PASSAGE FROM THE WEST COAST.

H. M. S. Royal Arthur left Esquimalt at 9:30 yesterday morning to search for the steamer Strathveis. It was feared that the vessel had met with another accident since she was reported by the bark John Gamble. The weather has been very stormy and she would be helpless in her disabled condition. Capt. Roberts, of the British clipper ship Buchanan, which arrived at the Sound last week, reports one of the stormiest passages he ever experienced. The wind, changed about so often that it seemed at times to be blowing from several different points of the compass at once. On December 1 he was with ten miles of Cape Plattery, but the wind suddenly whisked about and drove him out to sea again and he did not get inside the cape until the third time he approached it. He is of the opinion that the Strathveis, with her limited canvas, is having a serious time of it in a mid-ocean. On account of the frequent changing of the wind he is inclined to think the disabled steamer will be picked up if at all, in the vicinity of the point where she was reported on November 19. The clipper Costa Rica, which arrived at San Francisco on Saturday, after spending several days in searching for the vessel, could not find her.

A Portland dispatch says: "The Oregon Railway and Navigation Company's steamship, line between this city and Hongkong and Yokohama, established six months ago as an experiment, has become permanent. For the past six months the experiment has been tried to run a monthly line of steamships, and it has proved a success beyond the anticipation of the promoters. On the first of the month the first contract expired, and to-day another was signed, which makes the line permanent. The contract is between the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company and Samuel Samuels & Co., of Yokohama, who own the three vessels on the line."

San Francisco, Dec. 1.—Five San Francisco seal hunters are supposed to be imprisoned at Saghalien by the Russian authorities for fishing in Siberian waters. The sealers went a year ago to join a fishing crew whose headquarters are at Yokohama. They are Frank Peterson, James Maloney, Steve Brennan, B. Shedy and Edward Howe. The other American seal hunters are said to be in the same predicament. The Russian penalty for fishing off the coast of Saghalien is said to be life imprisonment. A report of the arrest has been sent to Washington authorities.

After being delayed by contrary winds and heavy seas, the steamer Maude, Captain Roberts, arrived last evening from the West Coast with the following passengers on board: C. Spry and wife, Captain Balcom, Cox, Foley, Hackett, W. Cox, Magnusen and W. T. Dawley, St. Spain and Mrs. Geddes. The Maude brings no West Coast news of any importance. She will leave again for West Coast ports on the 20th inst.

The Norwegian bark Prince Regent, Captain Johnson, 140 days from Rio de Janeiro, arrived in the Royal Roads on Saturday evening. The cargo was taken by the tug Active to Vancouver this morning, where she loads lumber to the Hastings sawmill for the United Kingdom. The Prince Albert, another vessel chartered to load at Hastings sawmill, left Rio de Janeiro on October 12.

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A VERNON MEETING.

The Subject of Claim-Jumping is Discussed and a Resolution Adopted.

Several Gentlemen Express Their Views—The Condition of The Law.

The Vernon News of last week gives the following report: Pursuant to notice given by the handbills, a fairly large number assembled in Cameron's Hall on Tuesday evening, the object of the meeting being to protest against the recent claim-jumping which took place on the B.X. ranch, and which has since become a subject of newspaper comment over the entire province. Mayor Martin was voted to the chair and with him on the platform was Mr. J. W. Simmons, who had taken an active part in the calling of the meeting and arranging the details connected therewith. The chairman briefly stated in his opening remarks the object of the meeting, which had been convened to afford prospectors and miners opportunity to discuss the mining act, with the intention of effecting some change which would secure the prospector from unscrupulous individuals who might take advantage of technical points to rob him of the fruits of his toil. He wished it to be distinctly understood that the meeting had no political significance whatever. It would be unfair, he believed, to condemn the provincial government on account of the recent unpleasant jumping episode, as he felt certain a great deal of trouble had been taken to give the province good mining laws, and any change which would further protect the miner, he thought, would be cheerfully made by the government if the matter were properly laid before the legislature. He suggested a petition as the best course to be followed. He called upon Mr. McIvanie, of Lumby, to address the meeting. Mr. McIvanie spoke at some length of the great necessity of fostering the mining spirit in our district. Our very bread and butter depended upon it, and the question of markets for our farmers would then be solved. He believed there was plenty of gold to be found in this section and he would give the mining industry his personal attention. He suggested that the city should purchase the mines by the city, and the wrong was made more flagrant when the jumper happened to be a rich man. He was glad to notice that the Colonial government paper had denounced jumpers in very vigorous terms, and felt sure that the government would give the matter very earnest consideration. He then read the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Leo Simmons: "Resolved, That this representative meeting of the citizens, miners and residents of this district view with alarm the extent to which mineral claim jumping has been carried on and consider it injurious to the interests and future prosperity, not only of the Okanagan district, but of the mining industry throughout the province, and that if allowed to continue it will retard the development of the mines and prevent capital being brought into the country, to the security of the title to the claims and the probability of their being tied up in litigation. "We therefore request the government to immediately take the necessary steps to prevent claim jumping, which can be done by exercising their prerogative in instructing the recording officials not to allow a second record without the full investigation."

UNFULFILLED PROPHECY.

What a Harper's Magazine Editor Thought 26 Years Ago.

The following is copied from Harper's Magazine of April, 1869: "The British government seems once to have had a serious idea of constructing a great railway and steamboat route from Montreal to the Pacific. "Several noted engineers reported about plans and surveys. One Waddington read his paper thereon before the Geographical Society. All that was wanted was to track the great Canadian lakes and the Saskatchewan river for 1,240 miles, and then catch the Fraser river in British Columbia and follow it for 290 or 300 miles down to Bute Inlet in British Columbia. "By this route, out of 3,940 miles between Montreal and the Pacific there would be 2,400 miles by water, and moreover, the fertile settlement of the Red River, now detached and isolated, would be connected with civilization and the outer world. "We imagine that no one who has read the various papers on this vast project which have appeared in this magazine will be inclined to invest much solid cash in any enterprise like those suggested by the British schemers. Nobody within the lives of living men will go overland from the Atlantic to the Pacific except through the American territory. "Harpers' editor evidently had not the spirit of prophecy."

SCOTT IS RATHER SEVERE.

The Well Known Critic's Strictures on Trilby Create Some Talk.

London, Dec. 16.—The hostile criticism which Clement Scott, the well-known dramatic critic, has continually directed upon the performance of "Trilby" at the Haymarket has recently assumed a magnitude that is classed as surprising, that he alone, of all the London critics, could claim to have found fault with the play and its clever interpretation. The provincial newspapers, which were quick to recognize the merits of the play, have, it appears, become much exercised by Mr. Scott's strictures, which, it is asserted, seem to reflect upon their previously expressed opinion and in some cases denounces his criticism, which they think is inspired by personal animosity, rather than from the standpoint of impartial journalism. To such an extent, it is added, has Mr. Scott carried his resentment that his criticism for "Truth," of which he is the regular dramatic critic, was rejected and written by Henry Labouchere himself. "Further developments" are expected as a result of the controversy between Mr. Scott and the manager of the Haymarket. What makes matters more interesting is the fact that Clement Scott is a relative of Demosthenes, and a family feud may have something to do with the affair.

The ladies of the Victoria West Methodist church hold their annual sale of fancy and useful articles on the 17th instant, in Scott's hall. High teas will be served during the afternoon and evening at a moderate charge. A good programme is promised for the evening.

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