

AROUND THE GLOBE

Some Interesting News Collected from Many Points.

IS OF GENERAL INTEREST

What Is Being Done in Canada, the United States and Europe—Pithy Paragraphs for Rapid Reading—Condensed to Suit the Taste of the Public.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

A severe type of measles is raging among the Lac La Hache Indians.

W. J. Snodgrass, proprietor of the stage line between Penitence and Grand Forks, is having a small steamer built in the east, which will be shipped out in sections, and will ply between Penitence and the foot of Dog Lake.

Five cents a pound for freight from Bossburg to Greenwood is said to prevail. The freighters are making money.

The Salvation Army will soon establish a barracks at Greenwood.

Very few pack horses are being sold as yet this season at Ashcroft.

It is reported that some of the Lillooet Indians who have been prospecting on Lone Cabin creek, took out \$10 to four pans of dirt.

Nelson is to have an electric street railway if the company, recently granted a 35-year license, carry out their part of the contract.

The baseball enthusiasts of Greenwood have organized for the season. There are a lot of new players in the city, and a strong team is promised.

The 150-mile and Lillooet postoffices have been made customs collection offices, and the postmasters are required to act as collectors for the government.

Kaslo has broken all former records for birth rates in the cities of Kootenay. The birth rate has averaged one a day for the past 10 days.

Dr. Christie has discovered two or three cases of glanders in Greenwood. One of the horses has been destroyed by Dr. Richards.

Dominion Veterinary Inspector Richards has returned to Cascade from a tour of inspection through the Boundary country. While absent he slaughtered 80 hogs valued at \$900, that were afflicted with hog cholera. They belonged to R. D. Kerr, a rancher near Midway.

There is at present plenty of work for laboring men in Cariboo. Wages are said to be from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per day, \$1 per day being deducted for board. Many mines are working on a larger scale than heretofore, and considerable new work is being undertaken.

An action has been entered against the C. P. R. for \$5,000 damages by J. C. Swanson, on behalf of John George, the fireman who, among other severe injuries, had his left arm broken in the Shuswap locomotive boiler explosion in November last.

The tenth annual convention of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia opened yesterday morning in the Pythian hall, Victoria. Business of importance to the domain is to be brought forward by the representatives for the various lodges, and reports of the different officers. The following lodges are represented: West, Wellington, Granville, Nanaimo, Phoenix, Royal, Rathbone, Damon, Langley, Benevolence, Granite, Victoria, Coldstream, Crusader, Primrose, Rossland, New Denver, Trail, Sandon, Nelson, Revelstoke.

The rowing season of the J. B. A. C. Victoria, opens on the 20th instant with a series of local club races. Four crews are now in training for these events, while a senior and junior team is hard at work preparing for the N. P. A. A. regatta to be held at Vancouver on June 30th and July 1st.

The restoration of Holy Trinity cathedral at New Westminster will cost near ten thousand dollars.

While Sheriff, the 16-year-old son of J. Sheriff, was accidentally shot last week at Moodyville. He was leaning on a rifle when it was discharged and the bullet went through his heart. His mother died a few days ago, and he was out running after attending her during her illness.

It is reported that C. M. Edwards has resigned his position as mining recorder of the Fort Steele district.

The annual examination for certificates of qualification to teach in the public schools of the province, will be held on June 3rd, at Victoria, Vancouver, Kamloops and New Denver.

The Torrens system of land registration will go into effect immediately. Kamloops and New Westminster offices are to be closed, with all the business of the main land centralization in Victoria.

It is proposed to spend \$5,200,000 upon the harbor at Victoria. The expenditure will be extended over four or five years. The Dominion government will be asked to contribute \$30,000 yearly until the work is completed.

Active preparations are being made for the reception and entertainment of the British Columbia eighth annual convention of Epworth leagues and Methodist Sunday Schools, which opens at New Westminster in two weeks' time.

Mayor W. T. Shafford of Vernon, has resigned his official position on account of ill health.

The Provincial Grand Lodge, K. of P., meets at Victoria this week. A banquet will be tendered to the visitors at the Hotel Victoria.

At the New Westminster armories last week the gallery was filled to see the inspection of No. 1 company, Fifth regiment, C. A., before Lieutenant-Colonel Peters, D. O. C.

Two miners named Thompson and Sullivan, who were both badly smitten on the same young lady, a dressmaker, lately fought a duel at Circle City, Alaska, as the only means of determining who should be the possessor of her hand. The duel resulted disastrously, as both men will die.

The Kootenian has been taken over by a joint stock company, with A. W. Goodenough president, and G. O. Buchanan secretary-treasurer. William F. Evans of the New Denver Lodge, has been appointed editor.

Sandon will have a variety show once more. The saloon men in the council opposed the license, but the church end supported it and the weary miners will now have amusement of a kind.

A Dawson citizen recently furnished the following estimate of the output for this season of the Crow's Nest country: Bonanza, \$2,500,000; French Hill, \$1,600,000; Gold Hill, \$1,500,000; Big Skunkum, \$1,000,000; Little Skunkum, \$1,000,000; Dominion, \$4,000,000; Hunter and Quartz, \$5,000,000; total, \$19,000,000.

Rear Admiral H. Berry Palliser reports that the coal supplied the Imperieuse for the purpose of the Crow's Nest company, has been found first-class and most satisfactory. A contract to supply the North Pacific station has been recommended.

The trouble with the landladies on the branch line from Fernie to the Coal Creek mines are at an end for the present and steady work has been resumed.

The Crow's Nest Coal company have this week sent the first shipment of coke to Helena.

The proposition to give Victoria connection with the C. P. R. at Vancouver by means of the E. & N. railway and a railway ferry from Osborne bay is the

topic most spoken about today in that city. The proposal of Mr. Dunsmuir, it is understood, is in the form of a definite undertaking to institute a fast train and ferry service between Victoria and the mainland, the E. & N. system being employed between Victoria and points on the east coast of the island, which will become the terminus of the railway ferry. The time, it is said, will be exceptionally fast, only the hours and a half being consumed in the trip from Chemainus or whatever point is chosen, and Vancouver, at which place connection will be made with the C. P. R. transcontinental system.

EASTERN CANADA.

A big grain commission firm may be established in Port Arthur, in opposition to Winnipeg grain dealers.

The date for the opening of the D. R. A. annual matches at Rockville, is Monday, August 28.

E. B. Eddy has undertaken the collection of \$15,000 to clear off the Ottawa Protestant Hospital debt.

Susan B. Anthony, although nearly 80 years old, announces that she will attend the International Council of Women next June.

A settlement of the Alaskan boundary dispute is expected shortly, and that the American government will not raise any difficulties over Canada's modifications.

Owen Hagent, a farmer, living near Carp Village, Ontario, died, aged 102 years, in his one hundredth year.

The village of Gattineau Point, Quebec, is threatened with one of the worst floods in its history. Both the east and west ends are now inundated, and the villagers are preparing to move at an hour's notice.

The Montreal press are carrying on a determined campaign against gambling, and on Monday 20 men were arrested while playing at the St. Jean Baptiste hall.

Nicholas Flood Davin, M. P., who has lately taken to the bicycle, last week sustained a severe fall, the effects of which will confine him to the house for some time.

AMERICAN NOTES.

Since the price of copper has advanced the prospectors of Idaho, Montana, Utah, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico are out in all directions looking for copper locations.

There are six iron deep sea vessels in the harbor at Tacoma. They are there to load wheat for the United Kingdom, but cannot obtain cargoes. There is plenty grain to load these vessels in Eastern Washington, but the farmers are holding it for higher prices.

The Everett makers of shingles will shut down their mills owing to the low price of their product in the East. By lessening the output they hope to raise the price.

Charles Nordstrom who killed a man named Hamilton five years since, was examined recently at Seattle, Wash., as to his sanity, and declared to be sane. He is under sentence of death, and will probably be hanged.

The raft system of transporting lumber from Oregon and Washington is coming into favor. One raft is being constructed on the Columbia at Stella, which will contain 550,000 piles. Another raft is being made up at West Seattle, Wash., that will contain 14,000 sticks. When these rafts are completed they will be towed by tugs to San Francisco.

The Great Northern railway is boring a tunnel in the Cascade mountain which when completed will be 15,222 feet in length. So far 7,822 feet have been bored, and it will be finished in about 18 months.

On Saturday last John F. Combellack fell 1,000 feet in the Original mine near Butte, Montana, and was instantly killed.

At Butte, Montana, W. H. Wex, a dentist, is under arrest on a charge of stealing electricity. It is alleged that he tapped the service wire without the consent or consent of the light company, and that he has been using the stolen fluid for illuminating purposes.

A successor to Bishop Christie, bishop of Victoria, is to be chosen within few weeks. Bishop Christie has been made archbishop of Oregon, his diocese extending from British Columbia to Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. It is thought that the vacancy in British Columbia will be allowed to exist for long.

Father Prefontaine, who has been in Seattle for a number of years, and who has many friends there, is expected to be appointed to fill the vacancy.

James Hamilton Lewis of Seattle and A. D. Warner of Everett have been retained to defend the men under arrest at Wardner, Idaho, for alleged complicity in the late rioting.

The Sullivan & Bunker Hill Mining company has let a contract for the rebuilding of its mill, which was destroyed a few days since by a mob. The work of clearing away the wreck of the old mill is already in progress.

EUROPEAN DOINGS.

Ten thousand textile workers are on strike at Brunn to enforce their demand for a ten-hour day.

It is rumored that, as a mark of recognition of his eminent services, Sir Julian Pauncefote, British ambassador to the United States, will be included among the honorees on Queen's birthday honors.

A severe epidemic of influenza is prevailing at Simla. The Viceroy, Lord Curzon of Kedleston, was attacked with the disease, but is now convalescent. The vicereine, Lady Curzon, is now suffering with the same malady.

The Crystal Palace in London, where the first world's convention of Christians Endeavor will be held in 1900, can accommodate 100,000 persons. Preparations are making for 25,000 delegates.

It is stated that the men who are still imprisoned for participation in the murder of Lord Frederick Cavendish, chief secretary of Ireland, and T. H. Burke, permanent under secretary in Phoenix park, on May 2, 1882, will be liberated on the Queen's birthday.

Italian laborers are rushing to the States in a vast army. The first of this army reached New York last Saturday, and since then 4,952 Italians have landed. The number of all other nationalities received during the same period reached 3,955. The New York immigration officials expect to record at least 21,000 immigrants for the seven days ending next Saturday night; 14,000 of these will be Italians.

A bicycle funeral took place in Folkestone, England. The undertaker carried the coffin containing the body of a baby, strapped to the handle bars of his wheel. The mourners followed on bicycles.

A later version of Wycliffe's Bible, known as the Bramhall manuscript, was sold at auction in London. It was purchased by Mr. Quaritch, a bookseller, for £1,750.

A consolidation of the peanut industry under the control of a single company, with a capital of \$30,000,000, is about to be formed in New York.

There was a heavy snowstorm recently in Perthshire, Scotland. The unseasonable weather resulted in the killing of great numbers of sheep and lambs.

Baseball Yesterday.

At Philadelphia-Baltimore 4, Philadelphia 2.

At Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh 2, Cincinnati 5.

At New York-Washington 1, New York 19.

At Cleveland-Cleveland 1, St. Louis 8.

At Buffalo-Indianapolis 11, Buffalo 3.

At Minneapolis-Minneapolis 10, Kansas City 5.

At St. Paul-St. Paul 7, Milwaukee 4.

At Columbus-Columbus 7, Detroit 3.

At Worcester-Rochester 19, Worcester 11.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Crow's Nest Enquiry.

Editor Miner—Sir: Your article in Friday's paper re the commission appointed to enquire into the deaths of Messrs. Fraser and McDonald, is most startling. If this commission had the authority to enquire into the general hospital facilities of the construction, and if Mr. Clute had been a portion of the enquiry to Mr. Gurd, an explanation should certainly be advanced by the government—if an explanation can be drawn from them. I say drawn from them for the reason that the title of Mr. Clute's was, in my mind, a counter movement instigated by Sir William's big hand.

This man, Gurd, was a young chap, fresh from college, whom Fraser picked up in Macleod, and if he is permissible to judge the servant by the master, then I certainly say the matter should be looked into. Being one of the many of Mr. Fraser's victims, and having been there for some months in this now infamous past, I will support you by saying that hospital accommodations were practically nil. The miserable shack at the summit was certainly overcrowded, and many of those who had paid hospital fees for months were, when they became sick, forced to fight their battles with disease in their abjectly blank houses, which, while they afforded ample opportunity for the study of entomology, gave a man poor chances for a speedy recovery.

West of the summit the next hospital was Wardner, 80 miles distant, while 80 miles of the summit of the Crow's Nest, that is, if you do not reckon the intermediate base camps.

For the information of an interested public, I will say that the death of Mr. Fraser and McDonald was not the only one that should be looked into. In order to do some rather heavy work cheaply some gravel cuts on Birmingham & Godfrey's contract were made, and the gravel was taken to the summit, not with the slope ordered, but with almost perpendicular walls, the slopes to be taken down later with steam shovel.

As the engineer had the ground came could be only one result, the ground came down, killing one man and injuring another.

These cuts had to be watched for months afterwards, and a patrol was put on when the rain was laid.

So much for economy in another line. I heard it on good authority that a medical man of Lethbridge sent in a tender to Haney, specifying a hospital every 20 miles with ample medical service. The tender was not accepted.

I often wonder if the members of the government who engineered the Crow's Nest Pass deal on the condition that their best men should be sent, ever feel restless when they think of the misery, injustice and iniquity this road wrought. Perhaps they never think.

Yours truly,

TENDERFOOT.

Rossland, May 6th.

British Song Writers.

Editor Miner: Some one has said: "A man who speaks effectively through music is compelled to something more difficult than parliamentary eloquence." The

habitués of Rossland, which were fortunate last night in hearing some British operas well rendered. In an article of a recent issue of your paper on "English Composers" special mention is made of Stephen Adams and Hope Temple. There are other names which must not be overlooked.

For instance, Frederick Town is a musician of whom the British may justly be proud. He was born of British parentage in Jamaica, W. I., and exhibited great talent at a very early age.

He was a member of the Royal Academy of Music, and he competed for the Mendelssohn prize and won it. In 1888 the Melbourne people gave him £5,000 to conduct the music during the centenary of the British flag on the Australian soil in 1788. The yielding of his lute contributed greatly to the success of the music.

Sullivan's "Golden Legend" and many other great works given by the Melbourne Choral society during the time the big exhibition was open.

Letting of Mrs. Heman's "The Better Land" is universally acknowledged to be the best of those beautiful words. His "Promise of Life" and "Light" are also beautiful, and are still, deservedly popular. He has climbed the "musical tree" rapidly and is a brilliant ornament of the profession. His songs are full of melody and life, and lift it into a realm which it would not reach if it were left to itself.

Molloy, like his fellow-countryman Balfe, has adapted his English lyrics to the Irish harp, and his music is full of life and lighted by the quaintness of his compositions.

Sullivan in giving us "The Lost Chord," "The Chorister," and "St. Agnes' Eve," has proved the Rev. Chas. Kingsley's words that "music is a sacred, a divine, a Godlike thing."

Maudie Valery White, in "Absent, Yet Present," speaks to us in a melody which appeals to every heart.

The Rev. Haver, the author of "Music and Morals," says in his preface, "Thought is the sphere of music."

Let England go on as she is going, and before the end of the twentieth century she will be a more loving people, and composers will be found among her sons and daughters who will be the peers of the grand old masters of Germany.

The Football Game.

Editor Miner: Having noticed in your issue Sunday morning an account of the football match between Nelson and Rossland, in which the hospitality of the Nelson team and the fairness of the play of the Rossland team were commended, I feel that I should like to say a few words in praise of the Rossland team.

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so allowed to go into the paper. Of the gentlemen who appended their names to the above letter two were among the number who were in the office on Saturday night, and one of these was the most extreme in his utterances against Nelson.