

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL

News of the Day Selected From Friday's Evening Times.

COMPETING TELEGRAPH LINE.

Local Company to Put Up a Wire to Connect With N. P. System.

The petition presented to the legislature yesterday by Mr. Eberts for a charter for a telegraph line from Brownsville to the Fraser to Nanaimo is the opening step toward giving the province an opposition telegraph line. The company, which is headed by Mayor Anderson of Vancouver, includes Mr. Goodwin, his partner, Mr. Flett, a prominent Vancouver business man, Harry V. Buntin, general agent on the mainland for the Great Northern, and Mr. King of Victoria, proposes to put up a line from Brownsville, the present terminus of the wires of the Great Northern, to New Westminster, and from there to Vancouver. From the latter point a cable will be laid to Nanaimo, and from there it is presumed they will reach Victoria over the line of the E. & N. railway. They are fully organized, have ample capital, and while the bill calls for the beginning of work before six months after the passage of the bill, should it pass the company intend to have the work almost completed by that time. Their lines will connect with the Great Northern, which has wires south and east. It is believed the bill will pass without obstruction.

MELODIOUS SINGERS.

A Night of Pleasure for Opera Goers at the Victoria.

The Calhoun Opera Company opened their Calhoun engagement last night under very favorable auspices. Every seat in the house and every box was taken. "The Black Hussar" was presented, and while there are several tunes numbers in it and most of the choruses are pretty, the piece does not give full scope to all of the company. Miss Laura Clement, the company's soprano, has a voice equal to that of Miss Milard, who was the prima donna when they were here last, and has a better stage presence. She has a sweet, clear soprano voice, which she uses most effectively. She, with George Lyding, the tenor, are the only two who succeeded in making an impression on any particular enthusiasm. Mr. Lyding is the best lyric tenor Victorians have heard in many years. Every one of his notes is pleasing, and in addition he is a very good actor, doing something more than simply singing his way through the part. He is very graceful upon the stage; this is particularly true of his walk and gestures. Douglas Flint was given a hearty round of applause on his first appearance. He is a very good singer and a clever comedian. His scenes with Cornish were very good. The latter is amusing in a manner different entirely from the average comedienne. Kirtland Calhoun had to make all of fun there was in his part, and while he got a good deal of applause he was playing a part that did not suit him. Miss Schuster completed a combination of leading singers, who make up an evenly-balanced, clever opera company. The chorus is not as strong as it was last year, but still it is a good one. The soldiers' chorus and the German selections were excellent. The skirt dancing was enjoyable. "The Bohemian Girl" will be sung. The cast is as follows: Count Von Arnheim, Governor of Prussia, Wm. Schuster; Wm. Schuster; Thaddeus, a prisoner, George Lyding; Florentine, a nephew of the Count, Douglas Flint; Douglas, chief of the Gipsies, Mr. Lyding; Captain, Douglas A. Flint; Arline, daughter of the Count, Laura Clement; Buda, her attendant, Miss Milard; Queen of the Gipsies, Mrs. Cornish. At the matinee to-morrow the Mikado will be sung.

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MOUNTAINS OF MARBLE.

Enormous Deposits of That Stone at Nootka Sound. The steam schooner Mischief, Captain McCoskrie, returned this afternoon from the west coast, after an absence of three weeks. She was chartered to carry a party to the marble quarries at Nootka Sound, owned by a syndicate headed by Nootka City. The party consisted of Mr. J. B. Colvin, superintendent of the quarry property and the surrounding country were examined. There are thousands of tons of the marble in sight. Several samples were taken. They are of two colors, red and white, one of pure white and the other a dark blue. The marble is pronounced very fine by all who have seen it. The schooner encountered a terrible weather during the voyage, being wind-bound several days. The party went as far as Quadra sound, sighting a number of seals, but speaking none. A big blotch was in progress at Friendly Cove when the Mischief passed there. In the straits a number of seals were seen. The marble brought up was discharged this afternoon at Sinclair's wharf, James Bay.

Lecture on Burns.

At the weekly meeting of the Sir William Wallace society last evening Rev. Campbell delivered an interesting and instructive lecture on Burns, whom he called "the greatest man Scotland had produced." The reverend lecturer described Burns' life from a child until death. No other poet, he said, had gained equal celebrity in so short a time. Scotchman, Dr. Russell asserted, present ruled the British empire, in support of which he quoted the following from the Scottish-American: "The appointment of the Earl of Elgin to be viceroy of India puts the coping stone on Scotch ascendancy abroad. At this moment Greater Britain is virtually ruled by Scotsmen, Canada has the Earl of Aberdeen for its governor; Cape Colony is under Sir Henry Loch, a Midlothian man; New Zealand is under the Earl of Victoria, a Scotchman; the Earl of Hopetoun, South Australia under the Earl of Kintore, New South Wales under Sir Robert Duff, British New Guinea under Sir William McGregor, the Mauritius under Sir Charles Cameron, Lesotho under Mr. Grey-Whison, the Argentine under the Earl of Aberdeen, and the Barbadoes under Sir J. S. Hay. All in their turn are under Mr. Gladstone, whose father was a Leith man. The foreign affairs are managed by Mr. Campbell, Bannerman, and home affairs are managed by Mr. Asquith, a Scottish member of parliament. This should go some way to avenge Fodden." Selections on the bagpipes, with singing and singing closed the entertainment.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

In the supreme court chambers this morning Mr. James Drake for the plaintiff before Mr. Justice Drake for the discharge from custody of Dr. H. H. Sheppard, who is in custody at the provincial jail by virtue of a capias issued at the instance of the plaintiff, William Jensen. The ground was that the maintenance money had not been paid in advance and as it is the first time the point has ever arisen, the Times gives the judgment in full, as follows: "In this case defendant is held in custody under a writ of capias. The plaintiff paid the weekly allowance to the sheriff up to the 17th day of January; the next weekly allowance was due on the 17th. This was not paid until the 23rd. The defendant applied to be discharged on the ground of non-payment of the weekly allowance due on the 17th day of January. The summons was dismissed because it had not been served on the defendant as required by the rules. On the day of the dismissal of this summons the plaintiff paid to the sheriff the allowance up to the 31st of January. On the 25th the defendant again applied for his discharge on the ground of the omission to pay on the 17th, claiming that no

subsequent payment could cure the omission of payment in accordance with the terms of the writ. The magistrate ruled 977 is precise in case the maintenance money is not paid as aforesaid the defendant shall be entitled to be discharged. The money by the previous rule is required to be paid in advance of the week. No objection was made to the defendant is entitled to his discharge. J. A. Aikman appeared for the plaintiff. Only one case, that of Fletcher vs. McGillivray, was set down for argument before the full court to-day. The action is brought, respecting lot 549, group I, Kootenay district, New Denver townsite, by Fletcher & Farwell vs. McGillivray and Henry Croft, claiming that McGillivray be declared trustee of two-thirds of the property for the plaintiffs and claiming damages against Croft for misrepresenting that he was the agent of McGillivray and that McGillivray accepted trust in favor of the plaintiffs and one brother was advanced to the second degree. One application for membership was received. The entertainment committee presented a programme for a series of entertainments to be held during the term, the first of the series to take place on Monday evening. There will be work in the initiatory first and second degrees on Monday evening when a full attendance is requested. Visiting brothers cordially welcome.

SOCIETIES.

I. O. O. F. Acme Lodge, No. 14, I. O. O. F., held their regular meeting on Monday evening at Castle Hall, Broad street. The first degree was conferred on one brother and one brother was advanced to the second degree. One application for membership was received. The entertainment committee presented a programme for a series of entertainments to be held during the term, the first of the series to take place on Monday evening. There will be work in the initiatory first and second degrees on Monday evening when a full attendance is requested. Visiting brothers cordially welcome.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The Victoria Trades and Labor Council met in Knights of Phythias hall last evening for the election of officers. The president occupied the chair and all the delegates were in their seats. After routine business the following officers were elected: President, George White, bricklayers' union; vice-president, Walter Nathan, cigarmakers' union; secretary, Wm. McKay, stone cutters' union; treasurer, J. B. Colvin, shipwrights' union; sergeant-at-arms, John McDonald, building laborers' union. The following resolutions were adopted: That, considering the present distress in the city, and the enforced idleness of skilled and unskilled laborers, this council deplores the delay in the commencement of the work on the government buildings.

THE STEAMER PAULS ASHORE.

San Francisco, Jan. 27.—The heaviest fog that has visited San Francisco for years settled down this morning. Shortly before six o'clock the City of Puebla, from Puget Sound ports, with about 200 passengers aboard, went ashore on Powell Wharf by directly across the muddy bottom the engines were reversed, but she held head and fast. She lies in an easy position, and it is expected will be floated at this afternoon's high tide. The passengers were all taken off safely.

EASTERN CANADA.

John Davern Honorably Acquitted—An Interesting Marriage. Toronto, Jan. 27.—Edwin R. Rogers, of Calgary, N. W. T., yesterday married Miss Margaret Morrison, the daughter of Henry Pellatt, stock broker, of this city. Quebec, Jan. 27.—J. K. McCullough, ice champion skater of Winnipeg, and C. W. Graham, the celebrated show jumper, were married yesterday and registered at the St. Louis. Toronto, Jan. 27.—Francis Conache, an aged coal oil peddler, was driving a wagon on Parliament street yesterday afternoon when his horse shied in front of a trolley car and was thrown head foremost into the hard pavement. His leg was broken and he received further injuries so severe that he will probably not recover. Niagara, Ont., Jan. 27.—At the adjourned trial of John Davern, charged with the murder of Angus McLeod, on September 23rd last, Dr. Morden, for the prosecution, said that as far as he was concerned he was not calling any witnesses, as it was his opinion that Davern should be discharged on his preliminary trial. Police Magistrate Daly said he was pleased to acquit Davern. Not a tittle of evidence had been produced that could in any way connect him with the matter, and as far as this case was concerned he left the court without a stain on his character.

General News.

Madrid, Jan. 26.—A dynamite cartridge exploded this evening near the house of a provincial deputy in Leon, province of Leon. It is reported that the deputy was injured. The explosion caused great excitement. Berlin, Jan. 26.—In the observance of his birthday the emperor has granted an amnesty to all military prisoners who were sentenced to less than three weeks' confinement and whose offences did not include the ill-treatment of their subordinates.

No Cure, No Pay.

Men who are weak, nervous, broken down, men who suffer from the effects of disease, men who are weary from the follies of youth, or the excess of manhood; men who have failed to find a cure, do not despair, do not give up! Forty years experience has proved that Dr. Clark's celebrated method of treatment, over forty years ago, and with absolute certainty to effect a permanent cure. So confident am I, that it will cure even the worst cases, that I am willing to let you deposit the money in your local bank to be paid me after you are cured, and not until then; this makes you absolutely safe. If unable to call, send for free Question List and be cured at home. Everything sent sealed, secure from exposure. Call or address, naming this paper. Dr. D. CLARKE, No. 11 Block, Detroit, Michigan

KOOTENAY CROPPINGS.

Progress of Events at the Mines and Mining Towns.

ANOTHER WANDERER'S BODY FOUND.

Trout Lake Prospector Hopeful—Swedish Laborer Making Home Movements in Kaslo—Trying to Improve the Chinese.

(Nakusp Ledger).

The sleigh road between New Denver and Kaslo is in bad shape. J. G. McLean having finished his contract on the railway, his workmen have been crowding into town, awaiting the return of the paymaster. The men, who are mostly Swedes, have been making Rome haste with a vengeance.

A Wilson, manager of Bourne Bros., general store, will shortly pack his grip and depart for his old home in Merrie England, eventually winding up in the gold fields of South Africa. The gold fields of Merrie England, which have been sadly diminished during the past fortnight to find fresh meat for the needy populace. Beef, veal or mutton are almost worth their weight in gold, and as for eggs, there are none. Game is reported to be scarce in the surrounding country. Trappers expect to make a haul of small fur-bearing animals in the latter part of February or March.

The fire department has received a new hook and ladder truck. A hose house is to be built by the city council on the corner of Front and Fourth streets.

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(Kaslo-Slocan Examiner.) Some parties just in from the north end of the lake report that a good gold prospect has been struck in that vicinity. The prospect was shown in a decomposed red quartz, which, as every one versed in mines knows, is a very sure indication that gold is present in paying quantities. A mining expert who saw some of the rock says that he believes that this location, contrary to the general history of the gold prospects in this country, will turn out a very rich find, and will go to prove that there is undoubtedly a considerable quantity of the noble metal in the Kaslo-Slocan country.

These prospectors from Trout Lake have been in town this week endeavoring to negotiate the sale of three very good prospects. The specimens which they brought with them contain all the elements of a rich character, some of it running to over \$100 to the ton. They say that although but little work has been done in the Trout Lake district lately, a large number of good locations have been made and they confidently expect it to become one of the most important mining districts in West Kootenay.

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The castle at Friedrichshuhe, where Prince Bismarck resides, was early yesterday broken down all competition. The fact that the Swansea smelters save all parts of the ore gives them a great advantage in competing for everything but pure silver propositions.

Runners are being sent to the early completion of the Pilot Bay smelter, but according to the recent statement of Dr. Hendry, one of the shareholders, that contingency depends entirely upon the operation of the mine works, much as it would benefit the Siccan country, will not begin until such time as the district is girded with railways for the conveyance of ore, but more particularly the C. P. R. through line to the Crow's Nest Pass, whence the smelter will draw its fuel supply.

G. Hardy and a companion, who have been trapping on Hall creek, came in yesterday with a large and varied pack of furs, including some magnificent beaver pelts.

Just before the Lytton pulled out from the head of the lake on Tuesday morning three unknown men came alongside in a row boat and stated that they had discovered a body lying in the water. They said that the body was lying close to the water's edge at Albert point, several miles distant. It was that of a middle-aged man, medium height and somewhat dark complexion. He was in his shirt sleeves, his coat being wrapped up as a pillow under his head. Nothing was found in his clothes to identify him in any way, but from his appearance it was thought he was a railway grader.

It is surmised that the poor fellow