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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

To Talk Things Over.

The Mayor and Aldermen will have a friendly chat with the people of the Songhees tribe, at the schoolhouse, relative to the evacuation of the reserve by the Indians. The younger people are in favor of moving, but the old Indians still hold out; they will die, they say, where they have lived so long.

Y. M. I.

The members of the Y.M.I. intend giving an entertainment in Harmony hall on the night of January 5th. A first-class programme is now being prepared for the event, and the evening will be made as pleasant a one as possible. At the close of the musical part of the programme, a short dance will be given.

Let Fair Play Prevail.

Report has it that a member of the city police force will be obliged to appear before the Police committee early in the week and explain why he was drunk while on duty, Christmas day. If the investigation is to be held, more than one should be arraigned; there should be no favoritism either in punishment or in praise.

Died Suddenly.

George Loomas, an old resident of Victoria, died suddenly on Christmas Eve., at his cabin on Discovery street. He was a man of sixty years of age, and a great favorite among old timers. He had had his ups and downs in life, but of late developed symptoms of heart disease and general infirmity. On the 24th instant he celebrated his 100th birthday with many old friends, who, having left him, were surprised at the sad message of death which was communicated to them. An inquest was held on the body, yesterday, before Coroner Morrison and a jury, of which Mr. J. D. Matthews was foreman, and by whom a verdict of "Death from natural causes" was returned without leaving the box. The testimony of the witnesses was that deceased was a sober man, but one who had been ailing for months past from bronchial complaints and a pain in the side, indications of heart disease.

Death Came Unheralded.

Early yesterday morning Mr. Frank Atwood, a native of Victoria, 29 years of age, died at the Jubilee hospital from injuries received on Wednesday last, and which at the time of the accident gave him no uneasiness. He was employed by Boucherat & Co., and was working in their warehouse, handling cases, when a couple of cases fell, striking him, and not inflicting any serious external injuries. Feeling but little pain, he said nothing at the time, and continued his work, until making the discovery that he was losing blood, he came to the conclusion that he was injured internally. He at once consulted Dr. Davie, by whose advice he went to the hospital, where he died in agony, all efforts to save his life proving futile. He leaves, besides very many friends, a loving young wife and two children. The funeral will be in charge of the Ancient Order of Foresters, of which order he was an influential member.

An Important Industry.

Mr. Francis H. Mulford, a well known New York merchant and capitalist, is at the Driard. He is over here from Everett, Wash., and is full of news about the Steel Barge Company of the Empire State, who are about to start a very large factory at that town. The whaleback Wetmore brought over nearly $600,000 worth of machinery for the new industry, which is to employ about 1,000 hands, and it is expected that within nine months the first whaleback ever turned out on the Pacific will be built. The works are to be located a couple of miles up from Everett, near the mouth of the Snohomish river, and the company have received 29 acres as a deed of gift from the wealthy corporation who own the townsite of Everett. Mr. Mulford is also interested in the large pulp and paper mill at that place. He visited Victoria to spend his Christmas holidays here, and is pleased to find a very great improvement in the appearance of the city since his last visit from New York a year ago.

All Had a Merry Christmas.

Christmas Day in the year of Our Lord 1891 was enjoyed by everyone in Victoria, and if anyone lacked a specially good dinner it was his own fault. The orphans of St. Annes and of the P. O. Home were treated to an unusually generous spread, which it is needless to say was enjoyed. The inmates of the various refuges were not overlooked; and the day was a merry one at both the Jubilee and St. Joseph hospitals. Dinner was served in the former at noon, and the president filled the chair of honor, a number of the directors being also present. Speeches were made and general good-will prevailed. Warden John spread his dinner with roast beef, plum pudding, candies and tobacco, also at noon, and the prisoners, thirty-four in number, moved him a special vote of thanks when it was concluded. At the city jail, Mr. John Begg provided the feast gratuitously, not forgetting turkey, pudding and all the incidental good things. The Old Folks' Home was also the scene of a special feast, and the B. C. Benevolent Society saw to it that every poor family in the city, who could be discovered, was supplied with all the requisites for a first-class dinner.

Another Pioneer Gone to Rest.

One by one the old-timers are passing away. The last name to the long list is that of Michael Hart, who in the year of grace 1858 first struck Victoria. He was an Irishman, hailing from Leitrim, where he first saw the light in the days when sailing ships were the only ones known, and when a three months' passage to here was considered a short one. When Victoria was in its infancy, Mr. Hart was a night-watchman, and well he did his duty. In after years, he merged into business as the partner of Mr. Thomas Shotbolt in a cannery, and here he amassed a considerable sum, the British Columbia salmon then becoming popular in the Old Country. Mr. Hart was a confirmed old bachelor, and a few years ago brought out two nieces from the Emerald Isle to make his life more happy. He had for years been suffering from paralysis and a tumor in his side, and endured his sufferings uncomplainingly, always having the good word, "much better to-day," when interrogated by his friends as to his welfare. He had had many vicissitudes in life, and went through the Cariboo gold craze, like many others, without anything to show but loss. He died a man of comparative wealth, having a bank account of some $70,000. The funeral will take place from the residence, Fisgard street, on Monday morning, for the R. C. Cathedral at 9:30 a.m.

Good Advice.

DEAR SIRS,—I have been troubled with quite a headache for over 40 years, and had it so bad about once a week, that I was sometimes not expected to live. I was advised to use B.B.B., and have used 3 bottles. I now have an attack only once in four or five months, and I feel that if I continue using it I will be entirely cured. Therefore I recommend it highly. MRS. E. A. STOREY, Shetland, Ont.

THE CHURCHES AT CHRISTMAS.

How They Were Decorated on Friday—Beautiful and Artistic Effects Obtained.

What the Ministers are Doing To-Day—A Number of Special Services.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

is always in the van in the matter of decorations, and Christmas Day was, as usual, the occasion for a special effort in this direction. Ever since the middle of the month the ladies of the church have literally had their hands full, and the gardens and greenhouses belonging to many of the congregation had been ruthlessly rifled by them in their search for anything in the shape of flowers or greenery that could possibly be utilized. The result of their labors was as artistic a church interior as has ever been seen here. The work of decorating, though left in the hands of many ladies who have often undertaken the task before, was carried out in an entirely different manner to what has been done on previous occasions. Instead of the bulky and heavy looking, though very beautiful clusters of evergreens and flowers that visitors have been used to seeing there on special occasions, the ornamentation was throughout of a light though substantial character. The change was a considerable improvement in several ways, and in some parts of the church the intricate and pretty network of thin lines proclaimed that true artists had made the picture.

The font, as usual, was the masterpiece of the whole work. Round the substantial base were banked moss and variegated holly, and running up to the centre of the basin were long spray of snow balls, their pure white color contrasting vividly with the different shades of green forming the background. Surmounting the whole was a white dove, completing a thoroughly beautiful effect.

The long rows of pillars running the length of the aisle and at right angles with the altar, were hidden in a mass of green, twined round them in all kinds of fantastic shapes, and relieved here and there by bunches of bright red flowers, precious as jewels at this time of the year and only obtained by a descent of pleading voices on the owner of some green-house. The altar rails were not left out of the decorations, and from one end to the other were transformed into fancy patches of brilliant colors. Over the head of the aisle ran lines of fir branches bound together so neatly as to form, seemingly, one solid graceful rope of color, and standing out in a very effective way from the sombre-looking woodwork about them. The windows were, this year, left to take care of themselves, and, being very handsome as they stand, were quite able to do so. The lectern and pulpit were gracefully adorned with patches of color and beauty, and about them and round the choir seats, were dozens of pretty pot plants, making the entrance to the altar a greenery in itself.

The church was packed to the doors at the Christmas morning service, and the sermon, which was most impressive, was listened to very earnestly throughout.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

was a picture of beauty on Christmas Day, and, as usual, the army of decorators who always take a pride and a pleasure in decking it out, put forth their best efforts to bring about that effect. Every inch of the decorations was made the subject of the most careful work, and a very great deal of labor was expended on the simplest portions of the adornment. The result, when it is remembered that the artists were all skilled in their work, and that they had in addition the beautiful contents of the green-house of their pastor to draw on, can better be imagined than described. The most beautiful and artistic piece of decoration that has ever been accomplished in the church was the arch extending across the altar rails. Perfect in shape and coloring it was a picture of exquisite taste and elegance, and delighted everyone of the large congregation that saw it on Christmas Day. Over a thin wire foundation were spread thousands of holly leaves, their colors varying from white to every imaginable shade of green. Interspread among these were great clusters of scarlet holly berries, and at intervals along the top of the arch were large crowns, formed of holly, which in design and effect showed that no novice had fashioned them They were as perfect as they could possibly be. Above the centre of the arch, forming a fitting keystone to it was a cross of snow-white flowers, standing out a beautiful picture of the most fascinating character.

The lectern, altar rails, and pillars of the church were all profusely decorated, the beautiful shades of colour being mingled with the greatest care and taste everywhere. There is no staleness or sameness about the decorations at St. John's. Every year, and at every festival that time brings round, one may see different ideas and different designs, all beautiful and all creditable, but none alike. The font, standing near the entrance doors, has been covered with fruits, flowers, grain leaves, and everything used in decorations, until, at every holiday, one wonders how the ladies are going to find out a new way in which to dress it on the next occasion. But, somehow, they are never at a loss, and, if it is possible, improve with every change they make. This year the font looked beautiful. From a small white cross above it ran down lines of holly and flowers at regular intervals, forming a knotted bunch at the foot, wound round and in and out the snow white lines surrounding the base.

The other churches—the Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist—as is their custom, refrained from decorating at Christmas.

ST. JAMES CHURCH

was transformed into a bower of evergreens, mingled with patches of bright flowers and garlands of holly at Christmas. A bevy of ladies, for some days before the service, had filled and littered the new schoolroom with a forest of decorating material gathered from all parts of James Bay and ruthlessly taken from the dozens of pretty gardens and well stocked hot-houses of the pew-holders of the church. In no congregation in the city are there more "workers" when decoration time comes around, and they enter into the business with a vim and determination that always brings about a splendid result. The texts on the walls of the building were particularly beautiful on Friday.

ST. BARNABAS CHURCH

is a comparatively new branch of the Established Church in Victoria, and its congregation is numerically not very great, but they are, all the same, enthusiastic over anything that tends to improve the appearance of their already pretty structure, and very hearty co-operators in any scheme affecting the welfare of their church. They all put a shoulder to the wheel for the Christmas decorations, and worked hard to make them effective and pretty. What was done was not much, in volume, but everything that was attempted was completed in a very artistic manner. St. Barnabas was crowded with worshippers at the service on Friday and everything passed off well.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH,

Cedar Hill, was one of the sacred edifices decked out in holly and all kinds of greenery at Christmas, and a very handsome picture the ladies managed to make of their handiwork. Though out in the country almost, the congregation is, in taste, nothing if not metropolitan, and the fair workers managed, under the able guidance of two or three experienced hands, to turn out very beautiful designs.

The Lord Bishop of the diocese, whose health is greatly improved, will resume the duties of his ministry to-day, preaching the morning sermon in Christ Church Cathedral, where, in the evening, the pulpit will be occupied by Rev. E. T. Lipscomb. At the conclusion of the evening service the Christmas carols will be repeated by the choir, under the leadership of Mr. H. Kent, the programme being as below:

"Christmas Eve."
"In the field with their Flocks Abiding."
"Hail, thou ever-blessed morn!"
"The Babe of Bethlehem."
"The Shepherds at the Manger."
"The Starry Night of Old."

In St. John's and St. James' churches, as well as in the Cathedral, the holiday decorations remain, and the services, to-day, will partake very much of the spirit of Christmas. At St. John's, the carols not given before, will be sung by the choir, the musical programme being as follows:

"Carol, Sweetly Carol".....
Solo—"The Gift".....
.....Mrs. Rolands.
"Come, Ye Lofty".....Sir G. J. Elvey
Solo—"The Star of Bethlehem".....
.....Stephen Adams
.....Mr. Rolands.
"The First Nowell".....(Traditional)

The carols will also form a part—and a very important part—of the services, today, at St. Barnabas, where Rev. Geo. W. Taylor preaches both morning and evening; and at St. Saviour's, Victoria West, where the preacher will be Rev. W. D. Barber.

In St. Barnabas, the choral service will be Garrett's, and Mr. Floyd will give as a solo, "The Star of Bethlehem."

In the district Episcopal churches the preachers are, as last Sunday: Rev. M. C. Brown, at Cedar Hill, morning and evening; Rev. S. C. Scholefield, St. Paul's, Esquimalt; Rev. M. C. Browne, St. Michael's, Lake, afternoon; Mr. W. H. P. Arden, Tolmie, evening; Mr. W. H. P. Arden, Cadboro Bay, afternoon; Rev. W. D. Barber, Indian Reserve, 3:30 p.m.; Mr. W. H. P. Arden, Provincial Jail, 9:30 a.m.

In St. Andrew's, R. C., pro-Cathedral, the Christmas festival will be continued at each of the usual services, and at vespers, the music will be of a particularly attractive character.

Rev. M. L. Rugg preaches his farewell sermons in Calvary Baptist Church, to-day, and, no doubt, very many of other congregations will attend, if only to join with those who have sat under the reverend gentleman during the past four years, in bidding him farewell. As usual, Rev. C. W. Townsend will conduct the services, both morning and evening, at Emmanuel Church, Spring Ridge

Rev. James Robertson, D.D., superintendent of Presbyterian church missions, who is just now making his annual visits to the different missions and congregations throughout British Columbia, will preach in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, this morning; at Cedar Hill at 3 o'clock this afternoon; and at the First Presbyterian Church in the evening. Rev. P. McF. Macleod will preach in St. Paul's, Victoria West, this morning.

A baptismal reception and sacramental service will be conducted by Rev. J. E. Hunter and Rev. Coverdale Watson, in the Pandora avenue Methodist Church, this morning, and to-night the special revival services will be continued by Rev. Mr. Hunter and his co-laborer, Rev. Mr. Crossley, who remain here another week, and then go to Nanaimo.

The first Chanuka, a dedication festival will be celebrated by the Sunday school of the Temple Emanu-el, at seven o'clock, this evening. A very fine programme has been selected, appropriate for the occasion. No service will be connected with the affair, except of lighting the candles, which is a remembrance of the victory of the Maccabees in dedicating the temple of old. The president, Mr. M. Moss, and vice-president, Mr. Isaacs, will be the speakers of the occasion, and Miss Philo will read a short sketch of the history of the Maccabees.

At Christadelphian Hall, 209 Douglas street, Sunday, morning, for the Breaking of Bread; 7 p.m., reading, Subject: "The Atonement." Wednesday evening, at 7, Bible study. All are welcome.

The "Christian Armor" is the subject for the Church of England Young Men's Guild, to be held in the Guild room, Langley street, opposite the Court-house, at 4 o'clock; Rev. E. F. Lipscomb will preside.

To-day, at 4 p.m., the Gospel services will be continued in the hall of the Y.M.C.A. Young men are heartily invited, especially those who have been attending the recent evangelistic meetings. Mr. Carter, the Seattle general secretary, will speak.

The Result of Carelessness.

It appears that something more than the recent heavy rains has been the cause of the flooding of several cellars and basements, and other damage of a like nature, in various parts of the city, more particularly in those portions through which the Johnson street sewer runs. Several days ago, workmen were busy working at the box drain that flows down Pandora street, and, not taking the proper precautions, several pieces of timber were carried into it and swept down by the rush of water. They ran through into Douglas street, and down Douglas a few yards, where some of them, at the rectangular turn, stuck upright and lodged firmly. Others crossed the road to the connection with the Johnson street sewer, in front of the new Pierre block, some of them being stuck in the same way, and so they swept on, a few remaining stationary at every turn they reached. Last Tuesday, the first warning of trouble came, when Mr. Pierre found his cellar floor in six inches under water. He at once notified the authorities, who, after satisfying themselves that there was nothing wrong with his house connections, found that they would have to excavate at the sewer joints. Yesterday, the workmen got down to the sewer, and there found the obstructions that had caused all the damage. Excavating as well at the Pandora street drain connection, they found more blocks of wood. It is now certain, from reports that come of the flooding of many Johnson street cellars, that, owing to a wanton piece of carelessness on the part of a few workmen who found it easier to let a pile of wood edges and blocks go down the drain than to throw them up on the road again, the city may be put to the expense of several hundreds of dollars, in excavating to remove the obstructions, and in paying damages to storekeepers caused thereby.

The rehersal of the Mikado by local amateurs will be taken up as soon as the holiday festivities are over.

TYNESIDERS'

A Merry, Merry Evening Host Marb

On Christmas Eve, the first annu quet of the Tynesiders resident in and Vancouver, B. C., was hel "Poodle Dog." M. Marboeuf, the re caterer did his duty, and the "Menu" ed to the company was one which it be impossible to surpass. Mr. Robt chase presided, and Mr. John H. M occupied the vice chair.

After everyone present had done to the good things provided, and t being removed, the chairman, in a b appropriate speech, expressed the pl it gave him to be present, and to many hardy sons of coaly Tyne and hoped that these annual reunion result in the better acquaintance a tual benefit of all Tynesiders in vince. He then proposed the toasts Queen, the Dominion and Provinci ernments; after which Mr. J. H. M sang that fine old song, "The Engli

The chairman then gave the toas evening, "Tynesiders," coupled w name of Mr. Pearson, late of Gat Mr. Pearson responded, and referre great advantages Tynesiders enjoye those from other parts, owing to th variety of their manufactures. Men were reared on the banks of the Tyne we fit subjects to open up and develop th various resources of this young and pr mising colony of British Columbia. H hoped that the Fraser river would becom the Tyne of this Greater Britain.

Mr. Nichol Thompson sang, in finishe style, "The Cliffs of Old Tynemouth," and Mr. Bob English brought down the house with the favorite Tyneside song, "Peg's Trip to Tinmouth."

Mr. James Meldram proposed "The land we live in," and Mr. Nash responded, saying, so far as he knew, Tyneside had been very successful in this fine, young coun

Mr. Patterson's song, "Bladen Ra was well received, and Mr. Clements in fine voice, "The Emigrant."

The Chairman gave the toast, "Ou vited guests," and Mr. William responded, saying this was the second quet of the Tynesiders he had ha pleasure of attending, and he was mor gratified at having made the acquair of such a good sample of men, and Columbia would succeed all the bet having so many men from the Tyne, in all her various handicrafts.

Mr. D. Thompson, in his own and very amusing style, sang the "Keelman." Mr. N. Thompson gave "Press," after which the chairman special hit in the old Tyneside song, "Kitchen Jack."

The health of "Absent Friends" posed, and Mr. J. H. Meldr response, gave a brief account of home to Tyneside.

A vote of thanks to the chairma chairman and committee brought th a close. The remainder of the even spent in harmony, everyone enjoyi self to the full. When Christmas dawn all wished each other a Merry Christmas, closing a very pleasant and enjoyable evening with "Auld Lang Syne."

THE CHIEF A CONVERT.

Shakes, the Kithlatlah, Joins the Christian Church.

The Indians of the Kithlatlah tribe are rejoicing over the conversion of their chief, the renowned Shakes, to the religion of the whites. The great event was celebrated, last week, during the absence of Rev. Mr. Stevenson from the settlement. Shakes was the last of his tribe to embrace Christianity, and the affair was accordingly noted with the firing of the cannon and general jubilation, lasting all night.

The chief had been a long time making up his mind. Finally, he invited all the tribe to his house one night, and no one refused the invitation. They were received by the chief in his full regalia—head dress and buttoned blanket and all. He shook hands with each in turn, silently and solemnly. Then he marched around the room several times, no one speaking, all waiting for him to tell them what the ceremony meant.

At last he spoke in their own tongue, "where do the dead go? Who can tell me the history of the future? You see me as your chief, the Indian, for the last time."

Then he slowly and quietly divested himself of his savage finery, and commanded, "bring me my clothes."

The white man's garments were brought and the chief quickly dressed. "Now," he said, "you see the new Shakes—but it is only yet the change of the clothes. Down on your knees, all of you, and pray that the heart of your chief may be changed, too."

The prayers were freely offered up, and finally the chief announced that the change of heart had come, and the prayers were turned into songs of rejoicing; then the powder and the guns were brought out, and the air rang with echoes until morning.

FAIR PLAY IS A JEWEL.

TO THE EDITOR—An article in the Victoria Daily Times of the 24th inst., under the heading of an "Okanagan Farmer," calls attention to the ruinous and impassable condition of the Enderby-Sicamous wagon road, and instances the case of a packer called Laform, who had three horses killed by a train. Now, as I was at Enderby, and know; the facts are that Laform's cattle arrived safely at Enderby, but, owing to a defective corral, a few strayed back along the line, where, by the way, they had no business, and suffered accordingly; this disposes of one statement. The Valley Farmer" stretches his imagination when he says that "the completion of the S. & O. railway does not obviate or lessen the need of a wagon road here for public convenience and general use of the settlers in the neighborhood, and for packers' cattle, drovers and horsemen passing. In fact, the wagon road is needed now more than ever." From Sicamous Junction to the head of Mara Lake there is not a settler, nor will there ever be one, simply because there is no land; the mountain slopes, generally continuing directly to the water's edge; there is one settler at the 10th mile, but he has the wagon road intact. Again, the railway was built purposely to supply the public with rapid and cheap transport, and the contention that this wagon road is now needed more than ever is simply monstrous nonsense. Let anyone walk, ride or drive over the waggon road on the opposite side of the Shuswap river (where, by the way, all of the settlers on the first 18 miles of the railway line live,) and he will see the amount of travel existing; it is practically nil—the railway does all the work, and very properly so, too. The contention that this wagon road helped the contractors on the S. & O. in construction of their road is a fable, it was a great and costly hindrance, as I well know—last year, summer and winter, gangs of men were often idle assisting freight teams over the portion encroached on by railway work; this trouble ceased the instant the company became carriers, as none but a madman would freight any dis- in competition with a railway. Again, the road was not used for carriage of ay supplies, as an excellent water exists all along the line affected by the

As to the statement that Mr. by is preparing a petition, to bring matter to the notice of the Govern- , I give that gentleman credit for too common sense, as to fancy he would r an absurdity. "Valley Farmer" is equely ignorant of his presumed erland; with his political malice and ious remarks I have nothing to do, as w nothing of politics: still, as a fur- instance of this writer's ignorance of ountry, I might say that the White y road was not built by Mr. Vernon's e Farm for the purpose of improving alue; it would be an impossi- as "Valley Farmer" knows he knows anything, to build d through White Valley in any other to advantage, but just where it is; am sure the numerous and beautiful ies for over 30 miles beyond the Vernon rty, along the line of wagon road, amply y its construction and maintenance. I t know who owns the Cherry Creek ; but I do know that 19 years ago, I first landed in B. C., they were ably spoken of, and it would be the ce of stupidity to deny a means of s to any capital seeking to develop a g country of known richness. A suc- l working mine in Cherry Creek, any- , would be a great thing for the whole ct. One other matter and I have "Valley Farmer" says that "60,000 of land worth $5 per acre was given to insworths for building the Eagle Pass n road." This statement is not in dance with fact, as at the time the Scrip for 60,000 acres was issued to oad Co., land all over the province held at a like amount. The writer t 160 acres for $160. Anyone could buy ich as he liked at same rate. This Pass road cost the Ainsworths $100,- r something more, and I am sure the f their scrip did not recoup them. t the other matters mentioned in the o veracious statement of "Valley Far- I know nothing, but if they have amount of the first elements of truth m as those I have exposed, their value e very little, indeed. Public men and acts are the correct marks for criti- but let the attack be open, manly and n the bounds of truth.

ENDERBY.

THE NORTHERN MAILS.

THE EDITOR:—Will you kindly allow e space in your valuable paper for a orks concerning our postal arrange- here. The last mail we received on keena was on the 27th of November to-day, December 16th, the Thistle d from Victoria without a mail, and e coolly told that we will get our next in February by the S.S. Barbara Bosz. Imagine the disappointment of ttle community of forty white people eipt of this news! Although we live north, most of us come from distant lands, and about Xmas receive the usual letters, Christmas boxes and Christmas cards from friends at home or abroad; which pleasant remembrances add greatly to our happiness here—isolated as we are to a great extent, from the festivities usual at this season. *This* Christmas we can neither receive nor send those greetings. Whose fault is it? Sentiment aside, it is a great drawback to business; people have received goods without bills or invoices, and, accordingly, can neither remit the cash to pay for these goods, nor price the articles for sale. Others have bills to pay, but cannot send a letter nor money as the postmaster has orders to send *no mail* by the C.P.N. Co.'s boats. Why cannot we have a mail at least once a month? The business done on the Skeena *alone* this season amounted to *at least* two hundred and eighty thousand dollars. This ought to be sufficient inducement for a regular mail boat, at least twice a month. It is to be hoped those who have the power will look into this mail business a little closer and have the mail service better than it now is on this northern route.

M. K. MORRISON.

Port Essington, B.C., Dec. 16, 1891.

THE POST-ELECTRIC EXPRESS.

The New York Post says the "post-electric" system of transmitting mail and express matter is about to enter the field of practical operations, a charter being taken out under the laws of West Virginia by a company of incorporators, all from that city. The capital is $2,000,000, and the president is Thomas M. James, formerly postmaster general and postmaster of New York, In New York will be the first trial of the invention on a large scale, and it is proposed to test the value of the plan for rapid service between the city and its suburbs. The line to Brooklyn will be over the Brooklyn bridge, and the track will run directly into the New York and Brooklyn postoffice buildings. The time of transit from one building to the other will occupy from three to five minutes. It is proposed to have mails run every ten minutes. It is also proposed to build tracks upon the structure of the elevated road tracks, to rest upon a continuous strong timber which will be supported by a strong system of posts. The car will run upon a single rail, having a wheel at each end to guide the wheels which will run on the rail above. The car itself is 20 feet long, having a diameter of 12 inches. It is estimated the car will carry 20,000 letters,

Americans in the Riviera.

The British Medical Journal of December 5th, says: "The New York Medical Record, with characteristic enterprise, has commissioned a member of its staff, Dr. Wendt, to visit the Riviera and the health resorts of the south of France in order to study and to report on the healthy conditions and the sanitary (or insanitary) arrangements, municipal and domestic, of the towns and hotels at such places as Cannes, Nice, Pau, Hyeres, Montone, Monaco, San Remo, Alassio, Bordighera, Florence and Naples. He will find much to exercise his industry and acumen—much to blame, something to encourage, and many causes for warning to his countrymen. American visitors to the continent are particularly liable to typhoid—of which the frequently recurring and sad examples are probably the main cause of this journalistic tour of inspection. Part of this special liability probably arises from their habit of drinking iced water. So long as, following the advice of Dr. Herman Weber, they confine themselves to natural mineral waters of recognized purity, they are safe. But these are not always at hand, and all do not yet understand that icing or aerating polluted water detracts nothing from its risks, and that even ice itself made from impure water is a source of danger. Where only "local drinking water" is to be had in the Riviera or anywhere on the continent of Europe, it should always be first boiled and then filtered, as Dr. Gowers advises.

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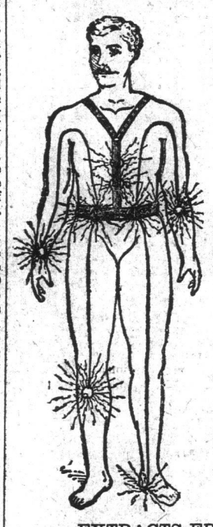

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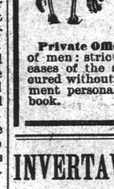

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