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NEW WESTMINSTER SOUTHERN.

Arrangements for Opening the Road and Its Connection With the Fairhaven Railway.

An Event of Very Great Significance to the Pacific Coast Trade.

To-morrow, the New Westminister-Southern railway will be formally opened and connected with the Fairhaven Southern. The event is one which is looked forward to with extreme interest, not alone by the people of this province, but by those of the cities on the Sound. The driving of the silver spike, connecting the two local roads, will bring through trains to Seattle as a terminal point, and makes, on the Pacific Coast, the completion of the railroad girdle that encloses the boundaries of the United States. Not only will the Canadian Pacific be given entrance to Seattle, thereby adding interest to the city as a commercial point for international and transoceanic traffic, but the Great Northern will, over its own line, prove a powerful competitor with the transoceanic lines that will seek a central point for connecting the land and sea water commerce of the country.

The celebration, which is to be held at Blaine to-morrow morning, the trains will arrive at the boundary line at 10 a. m. Here the band will play "Hail Columbia." Then will follow the spike driving by the governors of Washington and British Columbia, and presidents of the New Westminister Southern and Fairhaven & Southern railways. At the Blaine Opera House, the following programme will be carried out:

Music.
Response.....Mayor of Blaine
Response.....Governor of British Columbia
Response.....Governor of Washington
Music.
"Bands of Steel".....H. Y. Thompson
Response.....Mayor of Fairhaven
Music.
The City of Seattle is to convey a number of Seattleites to Blaine, and at the conclusion of the celebration will start for Seattle and reach there at midnight. Col. W. P. Clough, vice president of the Great Northern, accompanied by Chief Engineer D. H. Becker, will represent his road at the ceremonies and arrange for the formal transfer of the Fairhaven & Southern road to the Great Northern at a later date.

A POWERFUL RAILROAD.

The Great Northern Absorbs the Chicago, St. Paul and Kansas City Line.

CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—President Stickney, of the Chicago, St. Paul and Kansas City, who is in the city, when asked what truth there was in the report about absorption of his road by the Great Northern, said he was not at liberty to talk about the matter at present, except to say that the consummation of such a deal would be a good thing, both for his company and the Great Northern, and greatly enhance the value of both properties.

President Hill, of the Great Northern, went to Europe a few weeks ago and there is great speculation as to his object. It is reported that he went abroad for the sole object of completing the extension of his road from Helena, Mont., to the Pacific Coast. While that no doubt was one of his objects, it is now stated on good authority that his principal reason was to enter into negotiations with English capitalists, to whom, a little over a year ago, he guaranteed payment of interest on the bonds of the St. Paul road, to induce them to transfer to him their interest.

How long the place has been running is not known, but the attention of the Society for the Prevention of Vice was called to it by a letter from the police. The police tender age rolling round the streets in the early morning too full to talk. The keeper of the place, Kate Sarpan, an Irish 13-year-old musician, was arrested. The police will try to make an example of the woman.

JOE DOOLY KNOCKED OUT IN FOUR HOT ROUNDS.

Sydney, N. S. W., Feb. 11.—The fight for the heavy-weight championship of Australia, between Joe Goddard, of Sydney, and Joe Choyznki, of California, took place in the rooms of the Sydney Athletic Club, last night.

The fight was for a purse of \$500, at catch weight. Goddard weighed nearly fifteen pounds more than his opponent, and the betting was in his favor, though Choyznki had many supporters. Goddard assumed the aggressive from the start and forced his opponent to the ropes in every round, rapping him over the head with his right hand, which was encased in a heavy iron. Choyznki was overpowered and in the fourth round he was knocked out by a punch in the jaw delivered by Goddard.

Goddard is looked upon as the coming champion. He fought a draw with Peter Jackson in an eight-round contest several months ago, and was the heavy weight champion of Australia by defeating Mickey Doyle. Goddard is popularly known as the "Champion of Barriers," and has never been defeated. He was born in the Pyramid district, near the town of Sydney, New South Wales, in 1861. He has beaten Ned Ryan, Owen Sullivan, Jack Fogarty, Mick Doyle, Bill Buck, Jack Morris and Luke Keegan.

SHERMAN DEAD.

His Release Only the Last Gasp of the Candle Before It Extinguished.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 14.—The following executive order was issued this afternoon: "It is my painful duty to announce to the country that General William T. Sherman died this day, at 1.59 p. m., at his residence in the city of New York. The Secretary of War will cause the highest military honors to be paid to this distinguished officer. National flags will be floated at half mast over all public buildings until after the burial, and public buildings will be suspended in all the executive departments at the city of Washington, and in the city where the funeral takes place on the day of the funeral, and in all places where public expression is given to national sorrow, during such hours as will enable every officer and employe to participate therein with their fellow citizens." (Signed,) BENJ. HARRISON, Executive Mansion, Washington, D. C., February 14.

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"JACK THE RIPPER"

Resumes His Fleeting Work in Whitechapel—Another Woman of the Streets the Victim.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—A woman, whose name was not given, was discovered in Whitechapel district, at an early hour this morning, with a wound in the back of her nearly severed head, appears to be about twenty-five years of age. The scene of the awful affair is a gloomy archway, known as Swallow's Garden, which forms a passage way from the old street into Chambers street. The archway is frequented as a thoroughfare by railway employes and stationmen, who work in the adjoining streets. Notwithstanding the fact that at the time of the murder many of these workmen must have been in hearing of a cry of distress, no alarm was heard by any person, so far as the police have been able to ascertain. The victim was wearing a blue dress, and had a wound in the back of her head, which was of a fatal nature. She was found lying on the ground, and was completely insensible. Her name was not given.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP.

Mr. Gladstone Opens the New Public Library Near Charing Cross, London.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—Notwithstanding that all hope of settlement has been given up, the result of the present Irish conference is awaited with much interest. The prevailing impression is that Parnell does not want settlement; that he wishes to continue to be leader of the distinctively Irish national party. He looks upon home rule as certain, and when it is granted, he will remain as he is, chief of an Irish party, claiming for Ireland a position as near as possible to complete separation. He does not want any understanding with Gladstone, because that would embarrass and weaken his position, and nothing to be gained by it. He assumes to regard the McCarthy section of his former followers as merely a branch of the English Liberals and of his own followers as the Irish party. That Parnell is gaining ground in Ireland there is no doubt, and the same is true of the Irish in England and Scotland.

IMPERIAL CUSTOMS UNION.

Lord Dunsen has undertaken the championship in the House of Lords of the scheme for an imperial customs union, to take in the whole British Empire. The plan meets with more favor among the Conservatives than the Liberals, and it is quite possible that the former may conclude to play it as a card to win at the next election, by holding it forth to working classes as a compensation for losses caused by the McKinnon bill. The Government is anxious to present to the House of Commons a bill on certain classes of imports within due time to be in order.

QUESTIONS OF FAITH.

The little girl, Violet Nevins, who has been dragged about two continents by relatives, who are warring as to whether she should be educated as a Protestant or Catholic, has been finally committed to her mother's care. She is now residing in a convent at St. Catharines.

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GETTING READY.

Big Meeting to be Held in Toronto—The Premier and Sir Charles to Attend.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 14.—This week has seen a gradual closing-up of the ranks in Eastern Canada, few constituencies being without candidates.
Sir John goes to Toronto Monday and Tuesday evenings, in company with Sir Charles Tupper, to address a great gathering in the Queen City. Afterwards both will speak in Hamilton.
The Premier's manifesto touched a responsive chord, and hundreds of letters and telegrams have been received from all parts of Canada, congratulating him on his patriotic tone. Among the letters were many from life-long Reformers, who declare they are for their country above the party, and in this crisis will be found standing by the Old Man.
Hon. Edgar Dewdney will, to-morrow or Saturday night, open the campaign in the Northwest.
A manufacturing for manufacturing band, circular and other saws, will be, shortly, started here, all preliminary matters being completed.
It is understood that the Government have decided to take the census of the Indians by enumerators on the reserves, instead of from the Indian department figures, as in the past.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

Completion of the Arrangements for the Railway Opening—Charged With Willful Murder.

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NEW WESTMINSTER, Feb. 13.—Every arrangement is now complete for the formal opening of the Southern railway to-morrow. It is snowing heavily now, but it is hoped the storm will pass over, and not interfere with the ceremony.
Mr. McAsay, governor of the provincial jail returned from Nicome Slough to-day, with a half-brother named Victor and an English named "Shel." who he arrested on a charge of murdering Patrick O'Shea, whose body was found in the river near Chilliwack on January 23, particulars of which have already appeared in the GAZETTE. It appears that O'Shea was a tramp, and had been charged with the murder of O'Shea, who he had killed in the winter of 1889. He fled to the east, and got as far as Nicome Slough, when he met the prisoners, and lived with them until the time of the murder. Mr. Morby has much important evidence and is satisfied that the charge should be brought home to Victor and Shel.

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