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THE WEEKLY COLONIST.

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Local and Provincial News.

(From the Daily Colonist, Oct 2)

DISASTROUS FIRE AT NEW WESTMINSTER.

Entire Block Destroyed.

No Lives Lost—Damages $75,000.

(Special to The Colonist.)

NEW WESTMINSTER, Oct. 1.—Fire broke out at 7:45 p. m. on Front street and at the present hour, 9:20 p. m., the whole block extending from Lytton square to Mary street and from Front street to Columbia street, is one mass of flames, with no possibility of saving a building. Great fears are entertained for the safety of the adjoining property on the south side of Mary street. The buildings destroyed up to the present time include the Occident and Palace hotels, council chambers, Temperance restaurant, J. Bunte's furniture shop, C. McDonough's grocery, Van Volkenburgh's butcher shop, the large three story building on the corner of Lytton square and Columbia streets, in which are Kell's boot and shoe store, Wren's photograph gallery, the offices of Henry V. Edmonds and Dr. L. R. McInnes, and the Masonic hall. In addition to the above are some eight or ten Chinese stores.

LATER—9.30 P. M.

Fire originated in Kwong On Lung's store on Front street and the flames spread rapidly. The adjoining buildings burned like tinder. The Occident hotel caught fire several times, but the flames were quickly extinguished. At about 9.10 o'clock the building adjoining the Occident occupied by the city council caught fire. About the same time the supply of water gave out. A few moments later the Occident was again in flames; the fire crept slowly but surely to a wooden building occupied by J. Baltz; thence to the building occupied by Rand Bros., and the temperance restaurant. About 9:35 the firemen had two streams of water playing on the burning buildings, but the flames were then beyond control for the time being. The building on the corner of Mary and Columbia streets was torn down and this checked the flames which were thus confined to the one block. The firemen, ably assisted by the citizens, fought the flames bravely and deserve great praise for the heroic efforts put forth to save the burning buildings. No one has as yet been seriously injured. One man has a broken wrist. While the Occident was burning, a quantity of powder stored in the hotel exploded blowing the windows out of the front of the hotel. Several firemen narrowly escaped death.

LATER.

10:30 p. m.—All that is left of the entire block are the blackened and smoking foundations and a portion of the walls of the Occident. All danger is now over. The estimated entire loss on the buildings and stock will not exceed $75,000. The following are the losses: Occident hotel, loss about $15,000, insurance unknown; J. Bunte, loss $2500, insurance $2000; C. McDonough, loss about $10,000, insurance $6500; T. C. Atkinson, law office, Rand Bros., real estate, losses nominal; Temperance restaurant, loss $600, insurance, $500; J. C. Armstrong's building on front street, loss $1000, insurance $500; H. V. Edmonds, real estate, loss $8500, insurance $1500; Palace hotel, loss building and furniture, $4000, insurance $600 on furniture; five Chinese buildings burned, loss unknown.

FIRE.—An alarm of fire was sounded last night shortly after 7 o'clock, and the fire was located in a small cabin on Quadra street, between Fort and View streets. The firemen were soon on the spot, but their services were not needed. It is understood the occupant of the house, a carpenter named Fletcher, made a fire from which the floor caught during his absence. There was little damage.

THE ARCADE.

Opening of Victoria's Largest Dry Goods Emporium.

The new dry goods emporium of Victoria was thronged with people last night at the opening, and expressions of admiration were heard on every side of the magnificent display of elegant goods. Mr. David Spencer, the proprietor of the Arcade has shown commendable enterprise in erecting a dry goods establishment unequalled in British Columbia, and comparing favorably with any of the leading stores on the Pacific coast. Mr. Spencer has been in business in Victoria for the past fifteen years. By fair dealing and a practical knowledge of the wants of his customers, the trade grew so rapidly that he found it necessary to enlarge his quarters. With this end in view he purchased the present site of the Arcade on Government street for over $20,000 and built the present elegant structure. In addition to the many departments heretofore conducted by Mr. Spencer, he has opened up a dressmaking room, where dresses will be made to order by ladies under the direction of a lady from one of the largest dressmaking establishments in the east. The Arcade is perfect in its appointments and the stock is departmented similar to the large stores of metropolitan cities. The entire building is heated by steam for the customers, and it was intended to introduce the Edison electric light, though it has been postponed for the present and gas substituted. The building is 33x240 feet, extending from Government to Broad street, with a frontage on both streets and is two stories in height. The lower floor with wing 30 feet wide is used entirely by Mr. Spencer. The Arcade is lighted by plate glass fronts at each end—the Government street front alone contains 675 square feet of the best Belgian plate glass. The room also has several windows on each side as well as a monstrous skylight, the whole making a tremendous area of glass—so it is impossible to find a dark spot in the room. The show windows deserve especial mention, they being the largest on the Pacific coast. The fittings of the store are all of the latest pattern throughout and are especially adapted to the business.

Entering the Arcade on the right, is the department for Manchester and heavy goods. The stock in this line is large and varied and a credit to Victoria. It is in charge of Mr. W. Perkins. Further on is the department for cashmeres and fancy dress goods; silks; velvets and furs in charge of Mr. Blewett. Next is the department for ladies and children's underwear and bazaar patterns. Further is a complete stock of mantels, visites and wraps, in fur, plush, brocaded velvets and all the latest materials; Miss Holloway has charge of this department.

The millinery department occupies about 150 feet and is a store of itself. Miss E. Levesque, assisted by Miss A. Steers, has arranged the stock in a very artistic manner. There is also a large department for ladies and children's fancy wool goods in charge of Miss Jenkins. The offices in the center of the store are splendidly appointed and the business will be conducted by the check system, each customer receiving receipts with every article purchased. Miss K. Gibbs will be the cashier. The Broad street end of the store for 75 feet is used for carpets, oil-cloths, etc., as well as gents' furnishing goods, and is of itself a large store without the 165 feet already mentioned. A novel arrangement for displaying carpets is one which was designed by Mr. Spencer, the architect, it is so arranged that one whole wall of the room can be covered with carpets in the ceiling in a few minutes by the use of pulleys. The apparatus can be easily seen than described. This department is conducted by Mr. C. W. Robson, assisted by Mr. David Spencer, and the gents' furnishing goods department by Mr. J. M. Smith. Another large department for infants' wears is very prettily arranged and will be managed by Miss A. Steers.

SECOND FLOOR.

The Government street upper floor for 150 feet is fitted up into offices, except one large room which is connected by a stairway to the millinery room below, that is used by Mr. Spencer for his dressmaking room. Offices Nos. 1, 2 and 3 are elegantly fitted up for the use of E. P. Fisher, Esq., who was the architect for the Arcade. Mr. Fisher is entitled to great credit for the designing and constructing of the whole building, the whole having been under his personal supervision from the first, and while he is a comparative stranger to most of us, yet his manner of designing and constructing of this building stamps the architect to fame in his success in this city.

Mr. Spencer is entitled to great credit and should receive the hearty support of the citizens of Victoria for the enterprise and pluck shown in building such an extensive and elegant building which is a credit to the city.

THE Y. M. C. A.

The Broad street end for one hundred and ten feet has been hired by the Y. M. C. A., and is divided into reading room 16 ft. 6 in. by 20 ft.; office, 11 ft. 6 in. by 11 ft. 6 in.; bedroom, 15 ft. by 15 ft.; reception room, 18 ft. by 11 ft. 6 in.; hall, 59 ft. by 30 ft.; parlor, 20 ft. by 20 ft.; boy's room, 20 ft. by 12 ft. A first-class gymnasium will be fitted up in the lecture hall. The parlor is being fitted up in first class style by the Women's Auxiliary of the association. The bath room will be fitted up with all the latest improvements and will be free to gentlemen members only. The association proposes this winter to make these rooms the most entertaining resort in the city. A course of popular lectures have been arranged for, educational classes will be provided, all kinds of games (including the new game of cycle-mole), the illustrated papers, the principal magazines, and leading English and American papers will be supplied to the reading room, which will be free to any young man. A library of five hundred volumes will be fitted up in the members parlor. The membership of the association is put at the very low figure of five dollars per annum and any young man of good moral character, irrespective of religious belief, may become a member of this excellent institution, which is a credit to our city. The whole of the improvements in the hotel throughout by steam, and lighted by the Edison incandescent electric light.

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What Some People Say.

That Mr. John Kirkland is spoken of as a possible candidate for the seat in the Commons rendered vacant by the death of Mr. Homer.

That women's milk is sold on the streets in some Chinese cities, for the sustenance of infants and old people, it being believed peculiarly nourishing to aged persons.

That a 3-year old Worcester, Mass. girl is said to have eaten the whole contents of a homeopathic medicine chest—500 aconite pills and 600 of other kinds—without any ill effects.

That an exhibition at Washington of the work of colored artisans and mechanics in many trades and industries will be conducted and wholly paid for by the colored people themselves.

That the sheriff of Lawrence, Kan., seized 5,000 bottles of beer as a fair sample he intends to serve on the ground that the State has a prohibitory law.

That O'Donovan Rossa went to sleep in a New York saloon the other night, and some one, by way of a joke, carefully covered him over with a British flag. Rossa was so angry over the trick that every word he spoke for an hour afterwards burned a hole in the floor.

That sets of pocket handkerchiefs, stamped with military rules and regulations, diagrams and other informatical matter, for the soldier to acquire and remember, are being sold for the use of the French soldiers, and are officially encouraged by the French government.

That from twenty to twenty-five carloads with buffalo bones arrive weekly at Fort Brenton, M. T., from the North west, consigned to fertilizing works in the East.

That operations are still suspended in the five largest stove foundries in the city, owing to the strike of the stove workers for an advance of 10 percent in wages.

That it is claimed that the largest stove dealer in the world is in business in Poplar Bluff, Va. Last season he handled at his several factories, yards and warehouses 40,000,000 stoves of various kinds.

That Rutland's marble quarries give employment to more than 3,000 men, who were paid $1,200,000 last year, when 1,500,000 feet of marble were produced. More than $6,000,000 are invested.

The value of cattle and hogs and of beef, pork and dairy products exported from this country during the month of August, 1886, was $8,755,594, as against $8,382,012 for August, 1885, an increase of $373,582 for August, 1886.

That Mr. Jas. Bell, North Arm, shipped for the agricultural show at Victoria, forty-eight apples weighing 42 pounds, and twelve apples weighing 21 pounds 2 ounces.

That a man stopping his paper wrote to the editor: "I think men ought to spend their money for pepper; my dad didn's, and everybody said he was the intelligentest man in the country, and he had the smartest family of boys that ever dug taters."

That two hundred and fifty bundles of wire arrived at Seattle for the new Mackey-Bennett telegraph line from the Canadian Pacific to San Francisco. Thirty men are at work putting up the poles in this county.

That cheaks are plentiful on Tabb Island of Talbot county. The niggers have killed many of them lately. Chinamen and Siwashes consider them a great luxury and hunt them with eagerness. They declare that the flavor of the flesh is equal to that of spring chicken.

That the Occidental hotel maintains its name as one of the first class family hotels in this city. It makes its guests feel at home even when away from home.

That a German journal published a curious portrait of Prince Bismarck. "Bismarck," says the writer, "is an enigma when a child, and he is an enigma still. He never knows one day what he will do the next day, and for years past he has simply taken advantage of present circumstances in directing the affairs of Europe. The great source of his strength is the facility with which he changes his opinions, abandons his friends, modifies his alliances, and profits by the malice of one, the hatred of another, the pride of a third, while he makes fools of them all. His conscience knows no scruple, and he professes an equally passionate fondness for the Bible and the latest bad French novel."

Arrival of the Boscowitz.

The steamer Barbara Boscowitz which arrived last evening at 7 o'clock from the north brought 3000 cases salmon for the Skeena River Packing Co., 1900 for the B. C. Packing Co., 3300 for Wm. Dunsmuir, 300 bales for R. Helgesen, 150 bales for R. P. Rithet & Co., and several tons of furs for the Hudson's Bay company. Mr. N. H. Hall brought down a quantity of gold from Lorne Creek, but it is thought work will soon stop there.

No news of the Amoy. The passengers on the Boscowitz only heard of her being overdue on arrival here.

Mr. S. P. Tack, C. E., and his staff of officers still set down their instruments each morning only to have them at once taken up by the Indians. They have made no progress whatever, and are only waiting for the government to take some action.

There was no further news by the steamer, matters at the north being reported quiet.

Mainland News.

The report comes from Granite of an Indian who in wicked Boston contrivance, contemporary the Oakbolls outlaw, recently killed a brother Indian in a quarrel at Granite creek, and this is said to be the eighth victim of his knife. He fled to the mountains, and has thus escaped the vengeance of the enraged man's friends and the officers of the law. It is generally thought that he will manage to raise a storm over Mr. Duck's intention of going for a few months without a sale in the house. It is the only weighty charge the contemporary has to bring against the government so far, and it will probably not get very much exercised over it. It will do its and every contemporary's duty to the political pot boiling of an occasion like this.

ACCIDENT.—Mrs. C. Grant, who is a passenger by the steamer Princess Louise last night, met with quite a serious accident on the wharf at Vancouver yesterday, just previous to the departure of the steamer. She was getting out of her express wagon when she slipped and fell, sustaining injuries of a dislocation of the shoulder and a severe cut on the head. This is all to hand at present.

Good prospects are now in sight for a good steamer on the island route, when the Barbara Boscowitz is taken off, leaving the upper lakes and rivers. Every place we touch on the island route, there are a few days, and enough numbers to form some fifty fine excursions, which they brought back with them.

LEBRETON, JONES, McCREIGHT, has liberated Julius Rieck, convicted of the murder of his wife, on the ground that the evidence was not sufficient to warrant a conviction. The prisoner was then discharged from custody.

TROTTING RACE.—The trotting race at the Driving Park yesterday between Kelly, Irving and Inauguration, was won by the latter, who took the first three heats. The time was 2.37, 2.38 and 2.40.

THE U. S. public debt was reduced $11,000,000 in September.

The Granite Creek Mines.

Mr. A. M. Nelson, just returned from Granite creek, has furnished the Oroville Country News with a few items of news from the mines. The latest excitement among the men there was caused by the finding of a 22 lb nugget on Slate creek, about 45 miles from Oroville, and Mr. Nelson says there is considerable prospecting there and the indications have been rather favorable so far. Legislation will have not a little to do with the future of this country, and Mr. Nelson says there is scattered through it a much larger number of white and Chinese miners than people have any idea of. So far as Granite creek is concerned, more than half of the claims are worked on, but a good deal of attention is being given to hydraulicking. The old Channel company which was still drifting, have been making two things expenses all along, a few fourth interest were recently sold for $700, which has been very low for such a valuable claim, but it is low for mining, and it is said on the spot that it they ever pay at all, they will very long more which. Our informant says that higher water is expected very soon, but whether it is as a result of the gold theory exploded or not he cannot say. The Oroville Chinese are now hard at work and six whisky shops have closed up since spring, but unfortunately these saloons claimed an triumphs are swelling on appearance, making the outlook very much darker. Building lots, which a year ago were worth $100 apiece, are now offered for $25 and cannot be sold at that. Things are severely quiet just now at Granite creek and cheap. Building lots were offered there some months ago at $500 or $1500 could be purchased for $50. There are a drug on the market. But there is a people having this out of the east south bank altogether.—*Columbian.*

Personal.

Mr. G. B. Watson, of Burnham, Shropshire, England, is staying at the Occidental. To his Bloomers and Worcester he recognized in the proprietor Mr. Sam Bayley, an old friend whom he had not seen for years, and whom he had lost sight of more than two miles from Bridgnorth. Mr. Watson is a member of the Canadian American, is now travelling through the North-west in the interests of the journal. He will come to this coast by the line of the Northern Pacific railway.

At the Oriental: J. T. Jones, Seattle; Capt. H. Kohn, Tacoma; Mr. Kalisch, Portland; Dashiell, Portland; Mr. Bell, Col. Stevens, Mr. Stevens and Mr. Bell and Mrs. Stevens are staying with friends at Macaulay.

At the Dominion: Rayborn and Lord, San Francisco; Mr. Orland, Cowichan; Mr. Jones, San Francisco; Mr. Mills and Mr. Cormier, Halifax.

Mr. Hans Helgesen arrived in Victoria last night from Rivers Inlet, by the Boscowitz that plies thereon.

Bishop Ridley came down from Metlakatla last night on the steamer Boscowitz.

Mr. W. J. Hole, of Halifax, and Mr. Bole are passengers for Victoria by the steamship Queen of the Pacific.

Mr. G. F. Kyle was a passenger by the steamer Princess Louise last night from the mainland.

At the Driard: Willis Sayers, Portland; Mr. Ansbacher, San Francisco; Mr. B. W. Sterns and wife, Oakland; Phillips, Mrs. W. G. Pitts, Boston, Mass.

At the Clarence: W. R. Bryant, New Westminster; M. R. Arthur, Newark, N. J.; Clark, Spokane; Mr. Gray, Galt, Ont.; Mr. Whitfield, Nanaimo; Mr. Lord, Leeds, Eng.; Mr. Pelly, Pelly; Mr. Moody.

Captain Ingraham and his brave wife have left for Victoria, where the latter will be a sufferer at the Marine Hospital. Mr. Ingraham is a Steamer Barbara Boscowitz arrived from the north last night. Her little crew of British jack Clarence was loaded up Equimalt, alongside Welch, Rithet & Co.'s wharf yesterday, for the Lorenzo Pilot, where the full discharge of her cargo of salmon commenced at 7 o'clock this afternoon for San Francisco.

Baron Thomas R. Stow, lying at the custom house, will leave in a few days for London. She is laden with over 20,000 cases of salmon.

Mr. Duck, the finance minister for the province, was a candidate for the city of Victoria at the last general election and was defeated by a pretty well. Duck stood on our system of government, and minister of the Crown and the head of a department. Either a seat in the house or a department. It is not a very unusual circumstance for a minister to be in the government, to Dodge, for the sake of offering Ashe's place, and the country has been again satisfied with the result. Duck's friends are now talking of his resignation, but it is not likely that he will be laid on the premises by our government, notwithstanding the hard and unfortunate position of Mr. Duck, which might be better if a change was made. Higgins weather prophecies. Our weather prophet evidently intends to stay out and stand the chance of a fall. The weather bureau has been very quiet of late, and it is said that the reports obtained by the meteorological department are not very numerous, but there are sufficient to enable the bureau to issue weather notices, perhaps, twice a week, if the people having forecasts would only be satisfied with a few days' notice. In one other respect the weather bureau is not very successful, and that is in the matter of weather forecasts. The people want to know what the weather will be a few days ahead, and the bureau is not in a position to give them the information. Higgins is not the only one who can make a guess at the weather, and the