

TO THE GOLD FIELDS

The Steamers Tees and Rosalie Sail for Alaska with More Klondike Miners.

Steamers City of Topeka and City of Seattle to Sail to-morrow.

The steamer Rosalie sailed from the outer wharf on Saturday evening for her usual Alaskan port...

The steamer Tees sailed for Skagway, Dena, Jones, Wrangell and Northern British Columbia ports...

The R.M.S. Arangi will sail this evening for Honolulu, Fiji and Australia with a large cargo of freight...

Five steamers, all over 3,000 tons register, are being sent to the coast by the States' Steamship Company...

The four-masted British bark Mission Fraser arrived in the roads yesterday from Santa Rosa...

The R.M.S. Empress of Japan is due to arrive from the Orient to-morrow.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

The Phoebe A. Hearst Architectural Plan-Competition for Architects.

Mayor Reifern has received the following letter, which will be of interest to our architects:

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 4, 1897. Hon. Mayor of Victoria, British Columbia:

Dear Sir—We send you by the same mail copies of the prospectus of the Phoebe Hearst Architectural Plan for the University of California...

STARTING ANOTHER RACE WAR.

Grogan-Talk about your Doobish doctors. Did you know the doctor in Dublin had got-ratted the eyelid on a pig skin...

I write this to let you know what I would not do: I would not do without Chamberlain's Pain Balm in my house...

Chamberlain's Pain Balm is the best household liniment in the world, and invaluable for rheumatism, lame back, sprains and bruises...

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

A pleasant function was performed at the fire hall yesterday, when Mr. John McGeer, who has been in the fire department for the past five years...

A man named James Miller, who was under the influence of drink, threw himself into the Fraser river yesterday afternoon about 2:30...

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Ten cartons of cattle arrived here by the C.P.R. on Friday night. Out of the shipment nine cars were for Mr. Lapointe and one for Victoria.

The first small debts court presided over by Mr. J. Pelly, S.M., was held at Abbotsford on Thursday, at which 15 cases were tried.

Bishop Dometen will be left for the East after attending a conference of the Roman Catholic church at Winnipeg.

The many friends of Rev. Father McGeer will regret to learn that he is dangerously ill, and his recovery is despaired of.

By yesterday's Atlantic express 15 convicts from the British Columbia penitentiaries of the Roman Catholic church at Winnipeg.

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submission the mayor and aldermen will be able to shelter themselves.

A meeting of the veterans of the Civil War of 1861-65 was held in the American Consulate, by the kind permission of the Hon. B. Dudley, last evening.

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Estace Balfour, of the London Scottish R.V., in which he remarks that "the statement that the Gordon Highlanders are largely composed of men of other nationalities than Scotchmen, is absolutely false."

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veyors may not be led into these mistakes. Owing to the impossibility of determining who would be present at the meeting and the absence of the regular secretary, no preparation was made for the usual annual banquet and it was not held.

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THRILLING ENCOUNTER WITH HOSTILE HOVAS IN MADAGASCAR.

More than two years have elapsed since France, by means of an overpowering army, routed the Hovas and remained in forcible possession of Madagascar, says the London Mail.

The condition of this island at present further proves how unprepared the French are as colonists. Madagascar writes a correspondent from Fort Dauphin, "is in a much worse state than it was when in the hands of the Malagasy. Trade is at a standstill and the island in rebellion. And why? Because the French have never thoroughly subdued the natives nor disarmed them. The French troops are stationed in the north of Madagascar, and none are sent south, consequently in the part where I previously lived, Mananbari, they do just as they like.

"There has been some prospecting in the Fort Dauphin district in the north for gold and silver. A party of French has been found, but nothing satisfactory has been accomplished because it is not safe for white men to live in the country parts.

"I had a startling experience of this insecurity myself, previous to seeking safety at Fort Dauphin. One Saturday morning about 6 o'clock I woke through hearing savage yelling outside my hut. I rose and opened the door to ascertain the cause. A volley of bullets struck me and I jammed up the door with considerable alacrity. Bullets kept whizzing through my hut, luckily, without touching me. I slipped twelve cartridges into my Winchester repeating rifle and again throwing the door open, knelt down and, firing in rapid succession, had the satisfaction of rolling over nine Hovas. Closing the door, I again filled the magazine of my rifle, laying flat on my chest when doing so, as the bullets were speeding through the door. The Hovas now set fire to the thatch at the rear of the hut, and I had to bolt. Luckily, only two men were on guard in front of the door. These I shot down and rushed to the stable where my horse was. There was no time to saddle, so I leaped on him barebacked. As I dashed into the street, I saw a large crowd of about twenty natives. I knew that the Hovas are very superstitious and afraid of horses, so I charged them. They made way like so many flies before me.

"In the street just then the other two Englishmen who lived in the village came knocking up, hotly pursued, and seeking, like myself, safety in flight. I joined them, and, clearing the village, my horse bolted beneath me shot dead with a bullet. Though shaken by the fall, I was not hurt, and managed to clamber up behind one of my comrades. The other was busy the while with his rifle, and the deadening of his shooting checked the Hovas' rush. We managed to reach Fort Dauphin in safety.

THE TALLEST MAN.

The tallest man in the world is "Bud" Rogan, a negro who lives at Gallatin, Tenn. When standing erect, which he only does with great difficulty, he is five feet and four inches tall. He is unable to walk, and goes about the town in a little home-made cart drawn by two white goats. He is present at the arrival of all trains and he gives a lively account of the news of the day to those who gather about to question him.

Aside from being over eight feet tall, Bud has a reach with each arm extended of ninety-six inches—the greatest in the world—and twenty inches more than Fitzsimmons. His hands are each thirteen and one-half inches in length, and his fingers are about the size of a twenty-five cent piece.

He is almost as broad as he is tall, weighs 156 pounds. But the most peculiar and attractive feature about him are his feet. They are each about eighteen inches in length and as large round as an ordinary man's leg. No shoes have ever been found that he could put on, and in consequence he has to keep wrapped in a blanket in cold weather.

SHILLELAHS.

The shillelah industry, or the making of blackthorn sticks, is becoming quite the rage in the West. One of the West's minister Gazette. Happily, the shillelahs are not now intended—as in the days of Donnybrook Fair—for cracking skulls, as may be imagined when we read of the Duke of Devonshire's Contention from Ireland with one hundred of them to present to his friends.

One of the most industrious makers of these sticks is an old Crimean soldier, who lives in the West. He is a West-Heard, he sent Her Majesty an exceedingly fine blackthorn crutch stick, with a letter guaranteeing it to be one of the finest and strongest in Ireland. He has now hanging in his little shop a framed letter of thanks and a portrait of the Queen, which was sent him by order of Her Majesty.

A LUCKY DRAW.

It is a story illustrative of luck. Banker Ralston, Lucky Baldwin, Senator Sharon and an Englishman sat in the same game. The betting before the draw was heavy. All fell out but the banker and Baldwin. The latter sided his opponent up for three aces and was almost convinced that the banker had him beat. Baldwin hesitated whether he should take two or one card. He finally drew one, and had gone in with three queens. Ralston had three aces, as the former had supposed. Baldwin took up his hand after the draw and "signed" the cards in an anxiety that he had never felt before. He had drawn the queen of spades, a woman's face that had never looked so sweet in all the course of his life, as he characterized it.

There was \$2,000 in the pot. Ralston had drawn a pair of jacks making an ace full. His face betrayed his luck. Baldwin meditated, hesitated, coughed and squirmed in the most intense manner. It was a critical moment. There was a big stake. He knew he had the banker beaten. The other members about the table watched every movement of his face and hands with intense interest. After a thought, Ralston threw in a chip—\$10. It was a small bet. Baldwin then nervously bet \$30,000. Ralston at first started to raise the bet, but he thought better of it and finally called the \$30,000. It was Baldwin's four queens to Ralston's ace full. Baldwin says that was the luckiest draw he ever made, and it was a one-card draw at that.—Philadelphia Times.