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THE CITY.

Band Officers.

A meeting of the members of the Victoria City band was held last evening, when the following officers were elected, viz: W. Prootor, president; S H. Bantly, secretary-treasurer; business committee—F. Stevens, W. Prostor and S. H. Bantly.

Material for Debate.

The Epworth League of the Centennial Methodist church held their regular monthly meeting on Monday evening, where several interesting debates were enjoyed. The subjects of the discussions were taken from the monthly paper issued by the society.

To Labor In the Far North.

Sisters Mary Elsie, Mary Joseph, and Mary Benedict, from St. Anne's convent in this city, left for San Francisco by the Umatilla yesterday. From the Bay City they will sail for Alaska, having volunteered for missionary service in the interior of the territory.

Taken To the Hospital.

George Macaulay, bartender in the Telegraph hotel, was yesterday conveyed in the Dupont ambulance to the Jubilee hospital, where he will receive medical attention. On Monday night he fell down a flight of stairs in the hotel and was severely cut about the head, besides breaking both legs at the knees.

Breweries Combine.

The consolidation of the Phœnix and the Victoria brewing companies, which has been in course of formation for some little time, was accomplished yesterday. Mr. Varrelmann, manager of the Phœnix brewery, retires, and the manager of the Victoria brewery assumes control of both establishments.

Missionary Work.

The First Presbyterian church mission band forwarded last week to Alberni Indian mission school a full set of "The Globe Improved School Desk," made by the Globe Furniture Co., Ont. This is a very valuable gift from a "band" which was organized less than a year ago, and should be a stimulus to other young people to "Go and do likewise."

A Verdict for $1,100.

In the case of Harris v. the Brunette Sawmill Co., tried before Mr. Justice Drake in the Supreme court, the jury yesterday morning returned a verdict of $1,100 for the plaintiff. In the afternoon the motion for a non-suit was argued by Hon. A. N. Richards, Q.C., and Mr. A. P. Luxton, for the plaintiff, and Mr. Charles Wilson, for the defendants. Judgment was reserved.

In Aid of the Building Fund.

An entertainment was given by those interested in the Victoria West Methodist church, in the Blue Ribbon hall, Esquimalt, last evening, when a nice sum of money was realized for the benefit of the building fund The programme consisted of songs, recitations, instrumental music, etc., and a stereoptican exhibition by Postmaster Noah Shakespeare. During the evening refreshments were served, and the entertainment throughout was made a most enjoyable one.

Death of W. E. H. Corson.

The demise is announced at Portsmouth, England, on April 18, of Mr. W. E. H. Corson, late of Esquimalt dockyard and son-in-law of Mr. E Mallandaine of this city. The cause of death was inflammation of the lungs, following influenza, the fatal illness being of but two weeks duration Mr. Corson's wedding, it may be remembered, was celebrated at St. James' church a few Christmases ago. The young widow and two children will return to the home of her parents, James Bay.

The Cathedral Vestry.

A meeting of the vestry of Christ church cathedral was held last evening for the purpose of electing delegates to the Synod. Incidentally other business was discussed, and the meeting proved a very interesting one, continuing over two hours. The delegates were chosen by ballot, there being a good list of nominees. The ballot resulted in the choice of the six delegates in this order: Dr. Hannington, P. Wollaston, jr., J. Coltardt, Hon. Justice Crease, B. H. T. Drake and J. B. Gordon. When the scrutineers announced this list Dr. Hannington intimated that he would not serve, and another meeting will probably be held to fill the place.

Last of the Season.

The "last dance of the season," under the auspices of the Germania club, was held last evening at Harmony hall, where, to the music supplied by the Bantly family, the members of this popular organization danced and enjoyed themselves right merrily. A good supper was supplied and the general arrangements were such as to make the event most pleasurable. About thirty couples were present. The club has had a number of dances during the winter, none of them more enjoyable than that of last evening, and the members at the conclusion expressed their hope—and intention—of meeting next winter to renew the social gatherings.

Court Fernwood, I. O. F.

Deputy Chief Supreme Ranger Grant, assisted by Bro. D.S.C.R. Holden and Bro Deputy Supreme Secretary Douglas, also Court Deputy Falconer, Bro. E A. McEachrn, Supreme Marshal, fully organized the above court last, the charter membership being thirty six, the following officers being installed: P.C.R., W.F. Fullerton; C.R., J. H. Adams; V.C.R., W. H. Spoffard; F.S., M. W. Carter; R S., A. P. Moffat; Chaplain, Rev. P. H. McEwen; Treasurer, H. C. Lucas; S.W., B. Cooper; J. W., J. R. Barlow; S.B., W. H. Johnson; J.B., J. Partos; Physician, Dr. Ernest Hall. This court has the promise of being one of the most successful on the Coast. The Supreme officers intend organizing a court at Victoria West on Friday, the 12th inst., when a good attendance is expected to join the noble order.

Pacific Portland Cement.

Port Townsend Leader: F. G. Jordan and Charles St. Morris, of Victoria, came over Sunday night and were at the Chamber of Commerce headquarters all Monday laying before the business men who called to see them a plan for establishing in Port Townsend an immense cement works for the manufacture of Portland cement, of which, it is claimed, a superior article can be turned out in this section. * * *

The establishment of a cement works here would also mean the establishment of four kindred but distinct factories, such as the plaster of Paris and whiting works. Only a few months would be required to build up a trade in all parts of the world with the products of these industries, and the stockholders would then enjoy a big profit on the capital invested. Messrs. Jordan and Morris will remain in the city for a few days, and hope to meet all who feel interested in the matter they have in hand.

Manager Cort in Tacoma.

Portland Stage Sparks has the following in its last issue: John Cort opened the old National theatre at Tacoma on the 8th inst. with the following people: Ferris & Millette, Lilly Trevanion, Lottie Hatfield, the Bakers, Bridle Bill, Nevada, Leonard C Shelby, Ray Bros., Lottie Hayes, Miller & Mullen, Belle Brown, Jessie Dunning, Bloom Sisters, Lydia Carroll and Bessie Grey. H. C. Applegate will act as business manager. There seems to be a Jonah attached to this house, for although it is one of the best variety theatres on the coast, it has always lost money. It is to be hoped that under the presentable management and with such a strong company that the Tacoma public will appreciate the efforts of Mr. Cort and make the house a financial success. The Ministerial Alliance is still fighting the Olympic theatre, and are at present raising funds and making arrangements to test the state law relating to the closing of theatres on Sunday. It is evident from the crowded houses that the Olympic always has on Sunday nights that the Tacoma people are in favor of Sunday evening performances.

AN EVENING OF GOOD MUSIC

The Y.M.C.A. rooms last evening were taken possession of by an audience as thoroughly musical as numerous, the attraction being a grand concert given for the benefit of the Association by the Musical Society, under the direction of Prof. Yarndley—an organization prolific in good work though young in years. The main hall was, of course, the scene of the concert, and in it eye as well as ear was pleased, a picturesque mingling of bannerettes with arches of evergreen producing a graceful and harmonious effect. The programme given in yesterday's COLONIST was not strictly adhered to, the changes being in the addition of desirable "extras" for the most part. Rossini's "Stabat Mater" made up the first part, the several numbers being: Chorus and quartette, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Janion, Mr. Aspland and Mr. Pegram; aria, "Cujus Animam," Mrs. Macnaughton Jones; duet, "Quis Est Homo," Mrs. Harris and Mrs Helmcken; recitative and chorus, "Eia Mater," Sir M. B. Begbie; solo, "Cavatina," Mrs Harris; and quartette, "Sancta Mater," Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Helmcken, Mr. Aspland and Mr. Perfect. The concerted work was presented in a manner with which no fault could be found, blending, time and expression combining to bring out the manifold beauties of the oratorio and gain for them intelligent appreciation. Of the soloists, Mrs. Macnaughton Jones sang with accustomed sweetness, and Sir Matthew's musical bass, too seldom heard of late, showed that it has lost none of its old-time majesty and vigor. Of the other singers, their voices are so well known that no more is required than a passing expression of approval, except, perhaps, in the case of Mr. Perfect. This gentleman is possessed of a musical bass, which, though a trifle light, he uses with taste and discretion. Other and more important changes were made in the second—the "miscellaneous" half of the programme, which as presented was:

Solo and chorus,..."Ave Maria"....(ladies voices).....Mendelssohn
Mrs Shaw
Trio....."Ernani"....Mrs. Jones, Mr. Worlock and Sir M B. Begbie.
Violin solo...."Souvenir de Bellini"....Artot
Mr. Ernest Wolff.
Solo....."Anchored".....Michael Watson
Mr. Aspland.
Chorus...."The Lord is My Shepherd"....(ladies voices).....Schubert

Mrs. Day acted as chief accompanist during the evening, giving unqualified satisfaction; her labors were lightened by Miss Aspland, Mrs. Helmcken and one or two others, who in no small degree contributed to the success of the entertainment.

PASSING BY-LAWS.

A special meeting of the City Council was held last evening, Mayor Beaven in the chair, and the following members present, viz.: Ald. McKillican, McTavish, Styles, Bragg, Henderson and Munn.

There being no routine business to transact, by-laws on the order paper were at once taken up. Leave was granted to Ald. McKillican to introduce a by-law providing for the expenditure of the revenue for 1893, and to Ald. Bragg to introduce the Montrose Avenue Local Improvement By-law.

The School by-law to borrow the sum of $85,000 on debentures, for "educational purposes," was read a second time and committed, although Ald. Munn and McKillican asked to have it stand over until a full board should be present.

In committee a provision was inserted to make the debentures bear date the 3rd of July. The by-law was then reported complete.

The two other by-laws, to raise $25,000 and $110,000 respectively, for school purposes, were then withdrawn.

The Council went into committee of the whole on the Council by-law. Clause one, providing for regular meetings on every Monday in the year, except public holidays, was passed.

ALD. MCKILLICAN'S by-law to raise $65,000 to improve and extend the city electric light plant was read a second time and put through committee.

ALD. BRAGG thought this by-law should be held over until the report of the committee appointed to discuss the matter of the acquirement of the N. E. T. & L. Co.'s plant was received.

ALD. MCKILLICAN explained that if the by-law were carried it was intended to put the electric light apparatus in first-class shape. If possible a water-front lot would be purchased so that the city would have its own wharfage facilities and thereby effect a considerable saving in the coal bill. It was intended, with the improved plant, to light the centre of the city every night in the year, this to include city institutions, such as the city hall, police stations, fire hall, etc. The outlying sections of the city would be lighted as under the present system, the lights being kept going except on "moonshiny" nights.

ALD. MCKILLICAN'S Park by-law was read a third time and passed.

ALD BRAGG'S Oak Bay Sidewalk Local Improvement by-law was read a second time and committed. Owing to some alleged defect in the by-law it was again laid over.

At 10 o'clock there being no quorum the Mayor left the chair.

CHICAGO, May 8.—Henry Davis Hoskel, World's Fair commissioner from the Argentine Republic, who is suffering from pneumonia, is dying in one of the private apartments of St. Luke's hospital. On Monday Commissioner Hoskel attended the opening exercises of the fair, where he contracted a cold, which culminated in pneumonia.

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 8.—A model of the protected cruiser Olympia, built by the Union Iron Works of San Francisco, was placed on exhibition at the Navy department to-day. The model will be shipped to Chicago in a few days and become part of the naval exhibit.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Passed a Bogus Bill—Chilian Sailors Desert at Vancouver—Lumber for Australia.

Methodist Conference Opens To-day at Westminster—Inaugurating Vancouver-Westminster Short Line.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, May 8.—Miss G. McPhee has been appointed matron of the City hospital.

At the council meeting Ald. Towler was called down for his alleged statement at a recent meeting that councillors could be bought. The accused denied the charge, and said he made the statement that capitalists of Vancouver could be bought.

The name of Oppenheimer street is to be changed to Carroll avenue.

The Council decided to-night to leave the position of plumbing inspector open to all plumbers in the city.

The Government has given the strip of land to the city required for squaring the courthouse grounds.

A reward of $25 will be offered for the conviction of any one maliciously breaking windows, which has become a great nuisance in the city of late.

The insurance companies of this city are to be taxed.

The Mayor will proclaim a civic holiday on the occasion of Lieut. Governor Dewdney this month in connection with the Y. M. C. A. building dedication.

The by-law submitted to the people to guarantee $400,000 to the Vancouver Tramway Co., with the privilege of buying the tramway in a stated time, was beaten at the polls to-day by 565 against 413 votes.

At this writing there is some dispute on board the Tacoma, the ship loaded with Chinese coolies for Portland. The consignors are supposed to be having trouble with the captain, who is not particular about making the voyage.

VANCOUVER, May 9.—Street paving work is in full swing.

Sweet potatoes are the same price as common in Vancouver, and are being used in preference.

Mr. D. Hughes and Mr. D. Stewart have resigned their positions in the Hudson Bay store and leave for California.

The Venerable Archdeacon McKay preached morning and evening at Christ church. The church was very crowded.

P. W. Williams, special correspondent of the Associated Press, is the city, en route for Japan.

John Ross, a lad, charged with breaking into a Dupont street house and stealing a quantity of jewelry and clothing, has been remanded for further evidence. The reformatory is yearning for Ross. He is incorrigible.

Mr. W. S. Clouston, inspector for the Bank of Montreal, is in Vancouver.

A smoking concert will be held on Saturday in connection with the Vancouver boating club; Dr. Meadows will sing.

The Hudson's Bay Company will build a warehouse on Water street, to accommodate their increased trade on the Mainland.

Mr. J. M. Bowell, collector of customs, has received copies of the tariffs of the Australian colonies of New Zealand for importers and exporters.

The steamer Mermaid took up Mr. Crickmay to make soundings at Redonda for the building of a new wharf for the mines.

Ralph Alpine was arrested yesterday for attempting to pass a bill used by the Commercial college in its classes. An Italian took it for good money, and on finding out his mistake notified the police.

Miss E McFarlane arrived home by last night's Empress, having attended the State convention of the Christian Endeavor Society, a delegate from the Unions here. Miss McFarlane will report on Thursday.

Positively the last assembly of the season will be held this evening in the new wing of the Hotel Vancouver. Special exertions are being put forth to make it a grand success.

Two sailors from the Chilian ship Alacamen deserted yesterday while the ship's boat was tied to the ship. The sailors climbed over the side, loosed the painter and rowed ashore. Officers Calhick and Johnson were notified. They found their men and pursued them down the railroad track, but the sailors outran the officers and got clear away. The officers fired their revolvers but could not frighten the men to halt.

Steamer Comet came in yesterday.

Steamer Coquitlam left for Nanaimo yesterday.

Steamer Etta White went North yesterday.

Steamer Capilano has returned from the Sound.

British ship Gryfe is on the beach at Moodyville. When painted and overhauled she will load lumber at Hastings mill for England.

The British bark Blairhoyle, 1,291 tons, Captain Grey, will sail for Sidney on Thursday. She has on board 892,143 feet rough lumber, 85,690 laths, and 7,260 pickets, the value being $7,804.

Those opposed to the guarantee by-law were working hard for its defeat yesterday, which accounts for the unexpected result. The following is the result by wards:

	For.	Against.
Ward 1	95	39
Ward 2	82	113
Ward 3	68	80
Ward 4	89	174
Ward 5	89	113
Total	413	565

Spoiled ballots, 2.

Staff Captain Blanche E. Cox will preach to the Salvationists to-night. Captain Cox has a history. She was converted at a Booth meeting in London, England. She was leader of the first corps of Sium Sisters, Whitechapel district, and led the first band of Salvationists in India. While there a Christian native conveyed smallpox contagion to her, almost causing her death. She comes to Vancouver on special financial work.

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, May 8.—The first session of the eighth annual conference of the Methodist church will be held to morrow and the meetings will continue throughout the week.

Schooner Nooka, owned and manned by Indians, left Victoria last week for the Fraser river, but owing to defective navigation ran into Semiahmoo bay. After going a short distance and finding where they were, the Siwashes took the schooner into British waters, where sub-Collector Chantrell, of Douglas, seized it. The schooner was brought round to this port and an investigation held by Inspector Clute, the result being that the Indian's explanation was accepted and to-day the vessel was handed over to them again.

Another batch of Japs renounced allegiance to the Mikado to-day and became British subjects. The right to take out fishing licenses is what they are after.

The eulachan run keeps up remarkably well, the catch to-day being large. So great has been the demand for these fish that none have been salted this season, which is very unusual. Wood, Traves & Co. will ship fifteen tons of dried fish to the Orient by the next Chinese steamer.

The preliminary trial of Stroebel and Tyerly, accused of murdering John Marshall at Huntingdon on April 19, commenced this afternoon. The hearing was not concluded when the court rose. The evidence was strong against the accused.

Late on Saturday night a special train arrived from Fairhaven with 80 men aboard and commenced tearing up the Great Northern track between Brownsville and South Westminster station, and prepared to remove the station building. Hardly had the work commenced when a sheriff's officer put in an appearance with an injunction restraining the company from touching the track or station. Numerous parties have claims against the Great Northern for right-of-way, some of which are now before the courts. The company have abandoned that portion of the line from South Westminster to Brownsville, and if the scheme tried had worked several claimants who had no written agreement would have been left in the lurch. A. J. McColl, Q.C., took out an injunction, the station being on his land.

The political meetings in Chilliwack, Coquitlam and Burnaby on Saturday were unanimous in condemning the Parliament buildings bill and assistance to the British Pacific The sentiment of the Chilliwack and Burnaby meetings favored separation, while Coquitlam opposed it if proper redistribution were granted. Coquitlam and Chilliwack asked Punch to resign, as he no longer represented his constituents. Meetings will be held at Maple Ridge and Langley Prairie this week.

NEW WESTMINSTER, April 9.—The plans for the new bridge to be built to the North Arm of the Fraser at Sea Island have been passed by order-in-council at Ottawa, but a duplicate plan must be filed at Ottawa before the order is issued.

Very complete and extensive arrangements have been made for the May day celebration to-morrow, but the weather looks threatening.

Ernest Eyerly and Albert Stroebel were committed for trial to-day on a charge of murdering John Marshall at Huntingdon The evidence against Stroebel is very strong.

The stationing committee of the Methodist conference met this afternoon in the Central church to prepare the first draft of stations. The ministerial session will convene at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning and the annual conference of clerical and lay-delegates will begin on Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock. Rev. J. H. White, president of the conference, arrived in the city this morning from Victoria and many of the delegates arrived during the day.

The short line of the Westminster-Vancouver Tramway Co. was formally opened for traffic to-day by a trip to the power house in the new cars, from both Westminster and Vancouver. There were between twenty-five and thirty invited guests in each car, including officers of the tramway company, Premier Davie, the Mayor and aldermen of both cities and other prominent citizens. The Westminster car, with Vice-President Douglas and the Royal City guests on board, left the station about 12:20 and with a delay of about five minutes on the heavy grade on Twelfth street, owing to the burning out of the fuse, reached the power house over the new line at 12:40. The Vancouver car, bringing President Oppenheimer and the Terminal City guests had already arrived, and all entered and viewed the splendid appointments and machinery of the power house. About 1:30 the assembled guests, fifty or sixty in number, sat down to an elegant and sumptuous collation which was presided over by the president of the company, D Oppenheimer. At the conclusion of the lunch toasts were given and fittingly responded to, in the course of which many handsome compliments were paid to the Westminster-Vancouver Tramway Company for its enterprise. Regular trains will begin running over the short line to-morrow, the time between the two cities being reduced to 45 minutes.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, May 8.—It has been decided to hold the 24th of May sports in the public park, Comox road, instead of on the green where they have hitherto been held. The park can be made an excellent athletic ground, and being city property any improvements made will not be lost. A large dancing platform will be erected, Mayor Haslam having kindly donated the rough lumber, besides promising to supply part of the labor.

The choir of St. Paul's church will assist at a sacred concert to be given next Thursday at Cedar district in aid of St. Philip's church.

NANAIMO, May 9.—The visiting members of Colfax lodge, Victoria, were this afternoon driven round the town, out to Departure Bay, through Wellington and Northfield. After the meeting in the lodge room they adjourned to St. Paul's Institute, where they were entertained at a concert, with refreshments and dancing. An enjoyable time was spent.

The local "Laura" lodge, C.O.O.F., of Wellington, was officially opened this evening by N G. Bro. Edwards. The members of the court lodges attended the opening ceremony.

Steamer Alki arrived from Alaska this morning. The steamer was not injured to any extent by running on the reef. She simply touched and glided off again. She sails this afternoon for San Francisco.

Steamer Costa Rica arrived at noon with a load of Wellington coal.

Sailed steamer Willamette.

DUNCAN.

DUNCAN, May 8.—An inquest was held at the court house to-day, before Coroner H. O. Welburn and a jury, on the body of George McDonald, aged 19, a logger, and son of J. B. McDonald of Cowichan lake. The deceased was working on Saturday last on a boom of logs at Cowichan lake, and, probably owing to the want of calks in his boots, slipped off a log and through the boom. He was pulled out with a cant hook in about twenty minutes, but all efforts to restore life proved unavailing. The jury returned a verdict of accidentally drowned. The body of deceased was taken down to Victoria on the morning's train to be embalmed and forwarded to Wisconsin for burial.

Captain W. R. Clarke, instructed by Mr. H. B. W. Aikman (Drake, Jackson & Helmcken), held an auction sale at Duncan station on Saturday last. A farm at Shawnigan and another in Nanoose district failed to elicit a bid. The fine residential and farming land occupied by Dr. A. M. Watson, comprising some 30 acres in Quamichan district, fronting on the Cowichan river and Victoria and Nanaimo trunk road, and close to Duncan, was sold to Mr. I. C. Prevost, the price bid being $7,275. The property has been subdivided and will be sold in lots suitable for residences, market gardens, or nurseries.

The following Victorians were here on Saturday: H B. W. Aikman, Captain W. R. Clarke, D Gregory, W. Mathew, J. C. Prevost, Gilbert Robinson, W. F. Burton, A. W. Jones, E. A. Harris, Ashdown H. Green and Mrs. Green.

Lieut.-Col. Haggard and Mrs. Haggard have returned from Cowichan lake and are at the Quamichan hotel.

Constable Maitland-Dougall paid a flying visit to Nanaimo on Saturday.

Indian Agent Lomas left on this morning's train for Nanaimo.

GOLDEN.

(From the Golden Era.)

The Fraser and Thompson both continue at very low levels. Miners and others interested are now making for the Cariboo and other districts for the summer work. The water in the creeks is very low. The mild weather now prevailing will soon, it is hoped, cause the water to flow freely, so that the various claims now waiting for water will be fully supplied. At the Van Winkle bar, at Lytton, water is sadly needed, and all are anxiously waiting for a full supply to commence operations.

Mr. Mara, M.P., has written Mr. Warren that he has recommended the Dominion Government to proceed with the improvements to the embankment on the north side of the Kicking Horse river.

Several improvements are being made in the town. Grading and cleaning up seems the order of the day. Many of the old shacks are being removed—forever—and things generally are looking better.

CHEMAINUS.

CHEMAINUS, May 8.—Mr. Manors, of England, is spending a few days in the neighborhood. Mr. Arthur Howe takes his departure soon for Chicago, to visit the World's Fair. Mr. Johns, of Victoria, spent a few days this week at Mr. Palmer's. Mr. William Smith and family have moved to Cowichan. Mr. Crawford Thompson leaves for Nanaimo to-day. Miss Esther Smith has gone to Victoria. Mr. Roberts, late machinist in the Victoria Lumber Co.'s sawmill, returned Sunday last to remove his furniture. Chas. Smith accompanied him to Port Townsend, where he has received employment in a machine shop.

A slight accident befel Mr. Pottinger on Friday week, when he was so unfortunate as to have one of his fingers severely bruised while repairing the landing for boats on the beach.

The regular quarterly installation of officers of the Chemainus lodge, I O G.T., took place on Friday. Nearly all the members were present, and unusual interest was manifested. After the preliminary business the following officers were installed by the Lodge Deputy, Bro. Allan: P. C. T., Bro. Kirkendall; C. T., Bro. Thompson; V. T., Sister J. Wilson; Secretary, Sister Conway; A. S., Bro. Wilson; Fin. Sec., Sister M. J. Wilson; Treas., Bro. Craicton; Chap., Bro. G. Telford; Mar., Bro. M. Westhaver; Dep. Mar., Sister A. Wilson; Guard, Bro. J. Wilson; Sent., Bro. E. Conway.

The prevailing wet weather has been a great hindrance to the ranchers in their spring work.

REVELSTOKE.

(From the Kootenay Star.)

W. B. Pool left for Lardeau City on Tuesday, having obtained a contract for clearing fifty acres of the townsite.

Rock for Stony Creek bridge is being taken out from a quarry near Salmon Arm. A large gang of men are employed, and about 3,000 carloads will be required. Mr. McNeil has the contract.

J. C. Steen, of the Revelstoke Lumber Co., died suddenly from heart failure at the Queen's hotel, Golden, on Wednesday, while returning to Revelstoke from Regina.

Business is brisk, and promises to continue so, all the merchants being taxed to forward supplies to the lower country. The hotels are full, from twenty to thirty persons alighting at Revelstoke from nearly every train, mostly bound for the mining districts or the new townsites in the Lardeau. The weather is warm, and the river has risen more than three feet during the week.

The C.P.R. have decided to go ahead with the Nakusp & Slocan railway at once, and Nault's gang of men went down this week to make the start. Mr. Stewart, C. P R surveyor, has also left for Nakusp, and Mr. Marpole and others concerned went down this morning. It is stated that the Revelstoke & Arrow Lake branch will be very easy of construction, and the work can wait a week or two until the snow is all gone from the timber lands. Anyhow, both lines must be completed before winter, as one is no good without the other.

The Silver Cup, a mining claim in the Lardeau familiar to everybody in the district, and situated four miles northeast of Trout Lake, has been bonded to E. G. Smith, of Spokane, on behalf of a syndicate. Tom Downs, one of the three owners, took Mr. Smith in to see the mine last Thursday week, and although there was considerable snow on it the ledge was laid bare, and Mr. Smith was so pleased with what he saw that the deal was consummated. The price named is $37,500, which is $500 more than the money to be paid for the Great Northern claim, owned by the same three fortunates—C. Holton, P. M. Walker and T. Downs.

Jno. Stewart, a C.P.R. bridge carpenter, while working on Stoney creek bridge on Monday, was struck on the head by a falling rock, which fractured his skull and knocked him off the bridge to the bottom of the ravine. The fall was 100 feet, and he was picked up insensible and conveyed to the Donald hospital. There is no hope of his recovery.

Mr Marpole states that Mr. Van Horne will be here about the end of the month, when the clearing of the land and laying out of the townsite will be finally decided upon; that the plans prepared by Mr. Garden for the Smelter Co. will be adhered to in laying out the streets on the C.P.R. property; that the opening of a street to the mill and freight shed is urgently needed, and that everything possible to get this work done should be kept well in view.

KAMLOOPS.

(From the Inland Sentinel.)

The Gang Ranch company, on Dog creek, are doing extensive work on their ranch, having a large number of men employed. They have their saw mill set, and have been turning out excellent lumber.

The registrar of deeds and wills for the interior, Mr. F. H. Tuck, has been in Kamloops several days making preliminary arrangements for opening the registry office. The old public school building will for the present be utilized for the purpose, and work will be begun immediately arranging the interior into suitable offices and for the construction of a vault. The preparations may not be fully completed for a couple of months yet. There are to be four persons employed in the registry office—Mr. Tuck, Mr. E. W. T. Pearse, Mr. William Charles and Mr. Joseph McDonald, now of Victoria.

A letter to G. C. Tunstall, gold commissioner, from Sam Macartney, one of the owners of the cinnabar property near Savona, states that Mr. Christie and he had given a 30-day option to a strong syndicate composed of men from Vancouver and Spokane Falls. The company will in all probability be incorporated by the 1st of June, and then work will commence in good shape. The copper claims on Copper creek are beginning to look much better. Native copper is getting more plentiful in the Caledonia as the work of sinking goes on.

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries writes to Mr. Mara that a supply of whitefish and carp for fry cannot be shipped to British Columbia this year, but that it will be necessary to let the matter stand over till next year, when provision can be made to transfer a large number of whitefish eggs from the Selkirk Fish Hatchery, Manitoba, which it is expected will then be in operation, and if desired a quantity of salmon trout eggs might also be shipped to the Province.

KASLO-SLOCAN.

KASLO, May 3.—Further inquiry regarding the big mining deal, reported last week, leads to its confirmation by Mr. Middow himself, who stated that his Company were bent upon permanently establishing themselves in this country. He had placed a figure upon certain other properties and it only needed the assent of his confreres to assume control. It was the intention of the capitalists he represented to purchase all promising prospects, and in this way to keep their proposed works at Four-Mile City and New Denver always running Mr. Middow told of the large measure of success that had followed his trip through the Slocan and expressed his confidence in a mildly spoken manner, for the future of this as yet comparatively unknown district.

Paramount to the importance of the great mining transaction reported is the projected Kaslo Slocan railway. Last week it was stated that the head pushers of the concern were in town, but it is as yet unknown to a certainty whether the road is to be built. An American company have offered $125,000 for the charter, but, it is stated, the holders are asking $200,000. While the two concerns are "dickering" about the price, much valuable time is being lost, and Kaslo will be the loser, for the line from Revelstoke via Nakusp is being energetically pushed, the surveyors and engineers being now out on that route. It was given out that the Kaslo-Slocan road was to be built at once, and an advertisement in this week's issue of the local sheet would in a small measure corroborate that. The advertisement mentioned calls for the erection of three wharves, each 100x100 feet, on the company's property on Water street, and storehouses 30x60 feet. Further, the ground at the corner of E avenue and Third street is being cleared off for what is confidently believed to be the railway offices. In a recent issue of the Spokane Chronicle is an interview with Mr. Munn, who there explicitly stated the road would be built.

An English company has made an offer of $50,000 for the Eureka, Richmond and Mineral Hill mines in this district, but as yet the offer has not been accepted, one of the shareholders, possessing a twelfth interest, refusing the offer. D. McRae, C. Chambers, B. White and H. A. Ross are the proprietors.

A two-foot strike of clean ore was made in the Alamo mine, owned by Spokane people, the other day. It assays as high as 200 ounces to the ton.

No ore is at present coming in, the roads being in a deplorable condition. It will take considerable cash and much time to repair the damages. The storehouses still remain full, none of the precious article being shipped to the smelter.

The mild weather of the past week has gradually cleared off the mountains, the myriad streams from which are assuming the lake to rise at a rapid rate, endangering the personal safety of those encamped on the flats.

Fourth street this week lays claim to four new business houses, the large double store on the corner of A avenue being of exceptional stability and appearance. Third street has also one new structure, opposite from Wilson's. Beside these there have been one or two small affairs started on Front street, and a host of less imposing but equally as important buildings commenced in all parts of the city.

Now that the Revelstoke route is open large numbers of all classes of people are coming in. Among them may be mentioned D. G. Williams, late of J. O Neill's office, Victoria; H. Warren, surveyor, Vancouver; F. Wilson and R. Kelly, commercial men, from the same place; also "Major" Shelton and A. Williams, of McPhillips & Williams, barristers. Mr. Shelton is opening out a furniture store on A avenue, and Mr. Williams contemplates establishing a branch office for his firm.

A avenue is being widened an additional 20 feet, the property owners on that thoroughfare surrendering 10 feet on both sides. It has greatly improved the general appearance of the street.

Dr. Kilbourn, a Seattle capitalist, has expressed the intention of putting in a water system here. O. L. Stone, a competent and painstaking expert, has been inspecting the city and his report is extremely favorable.

Last week the Hotel Slocan was formally opened to the general public, a big ball in honor of the event having been given on Thursday night. The affair was eminently successful and enjoyable.

Saturday night a wrestling match was held in a well-known pool room between two men named Kane and Fraser, of Spokane and Thornhill, Ont., respectively. Fraser was easily defeated.

J. Eaton, architect, has been solicited by Commissioner Fitzstubbs to draw up plans for the erection of the proposed goal and recorder's office, with which the Government will supply Kaslo. The goal will be erected at the end of B avenue.

Mr. Coy, one of the proprietors of the Examiner, while feeding the Gordon press last evening, permitted his hand to remain on the chase while the impression was being made. The end of the second finger on the right hand was taken clean off, much to the painful surprise of the owner. The wound was quickly dressed by a surgeon, and Mr. Coy is now more agreeably engaged on outside business in connection with his paper, and will be for some time so occupied.

On Monday night the Theatre Comique was opened, a jammed house greeting the first performance. The band and orchestra, as well as the troupe, came from Spokane, and Kaslo would have been the gainer had they stopped there. The performance was of that nature seen only in low concert halls. Apart from some excellent acrobatic tumbling and gymnastics, the programme was of no account.

Her Majesty's birthday is to be right royally celebrated. The finance committee last Friday reported close to $1,000 contributed, with every prospect of an increase to $1,500. Excursions will be run from American points and adjacent mining camps on the lake.

D. Kane has just completed the toniest residence in the city. A fine view can be had from the building, which is situated on Nob Hill.

The telephone system has been changed to the metallic circuit, a decided improvement being noticeable. Buchanan's sawmill is the latest addition to the exchange.

A. L. Putney, of Spokane, is opening a store at Duncan.

Jackson and Boyle are erecting a large hotel at Trout Lake City.

Business men here are agitating for a daily mail, or at least an improvement on the existing order of things, which are not what they ought to be by any means.

Goods may now be shipped from the Provincial coast cities to Kaslo over the Great Northern in bond. This is calculated to improve business.

"Prices should be lower in Kaslo than they are," said a well-known traveller this week, "for the rates to Nelson, owing to the continued cutting by rival roads, are less than to Vancouver."

Defective machinery has caused a postponement of the date of the trial trip of the State of Idaho.

BIRTHDAY SPORTS.

A meeting of the sports and games committees was held last evening to consider its division of the appropriation of $625 referred back by the general committee for the Queen's birthday celebration. Lieut.-Col. Wolfenden presided.

It was decided that the $100 originally offered to meet the expenses of a visiting team and declined, should be set apart for the purchase of medals to be competed for by city teams, entries to be subject to the approval of the committee, and if no match is arranged for by next Tuesday the offer to be withdrawn. It is hoped that the Victoria and James Bay baseball clubs will play, as judging by last season's work they would put up a very interesting game.

The sum of $75 was voted to the James Bay Lacrosse club towards defraying expenses of a match with the New Westminster juniors. This match is to be played on the morning of the 24th, and there will be no charge for admission to the grounds, the juniors deriving benefit from the grand stand only.

The field sports programme was discussed and laid over for a week, the understanding being that if the baseball event does not fill the appropriation for the foot races will be increased.

A rough draft of the sports programme for the two days was made, the events being timed to commence as follows:

Tuesday, 23rd—9 a.m., baseball; 11 a.m., exhibition of trap shooting; 11 a.m., foot races, etc., on Beacon Hill; 12 m., bicycle races; 2:30 p.m., championship lacrosse match.

Wednesday, 24th—9 a.m., inter-city rifle match; 9:30 a.m., junior lacrosse match. The aquatic events are not mentioned, as the time for them will be fixed by the regatta committee.

The Victoria Athletic Club have it in contemplation to give an exhibition of athletics and gymnastics on the evening of the 23rd, in some central hall. The club have many members competent to give very clever exhibitions, and there being few counter attractions for that evening it is thought that such entertainment would be not only a source of profit to themselves, but would be greatly appreciated by many having no other diversion for that evening.

THE TOWN OF SAYWARD.

A new town, which there is every reason to believe will soon have a substantial and permanent standing, is that of Sayward, chosen as his working base by the contractor for the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway, and therefore starting under auspices more than usually favorable. There being upwards of a thousand railway navvies to be employed in that vicinity, the commissariat stores and offices alone will give a very lively appearance to the place, and form a good nucleus for the establishment of the town which is destined by choice, as well as by natural fitness, to be the junction of river and railway transportation for the Kootenay country. The site is a particularly good one, being level bench land, well adapted for building purposes. Sayward is recognized by all who are familiar with the country as the most natural location for a supply station for the rich mines on the Pend d'Oreille and Salmon rivers, as well as Trail creek. It is situated on the east bank of the Columbia river, at the mouth of Beaver creek, about four miles north of the Pend d'Oreille river and the international boundary line.

The site is now the property of the West Kootenay Land Company, but is about to be put upon the market in building lots, the first of which will be for sale on Thursday morning. The sales in Victoria will be made at the offices of the Company's manager, Mr. Joshua Davies, in the Board of Trade building. There has been a great deal of money profitably invested by Victorians in townsites in the rich interior of the Province, and fortunes have been made by shrewd men who have put their faith and their dollars in places of far less promise than this new town of Sayward.

ARRIVAL OF SPRING.

People Quickly Recognize the Merits of Hood's Sarsaparilla.

As the lapwings crest themselves anew, in the Spring, so it is a necessity that human beings renew their weakened strength and shattered constitution. At no other season is the system so susceptible to benefit from medicine, hence the Spring is the best time to take Hood's Sarsaparilla to purify the blood and fortify the system against the debilitating effects of warmer weather. Something must be done to overcome that tired feeling and give the strength necessary for one to do daily work. Languor and lassitude is simply a call from the system for help, which it will find in the purifying, invigorating and strengthening qualities of Hood's Sarsaparilla. It is especially adapted to correct this condition, as it assists digestion, creates a good appetite, cures headache, biliousness and dyspepsia.

Then again, the over-taxed and worn-out tissues need and effective Spring Medicine. People work harder during the winter and under greater physical disadvantages. In Hood's Sarsaparilla will be found just the medicine for repairing such derangements of the system. It goes at once to the seat of the trouble, builds up the depressed constitution, and, at the same time, restores the deceased tissues to their normal and healthy condition. It seems peculiarly adapted to overcome that prostration caused by change of season, climate or mode of living, and while it tones and sustains the system it purifies and renovates the blood.

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