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Local and Provincial News.

From the Daily Colonist, January 26

FROM SITKA.

The Steamers Pinta and Idaho Arrive at Nanaimo.

Interesting Budget of Northern News.

CAPT. CARROLL ILL—THE STEAMER MEETS WITH ACCIDENTS—A REBELLIOUS INDIAN CAPTURED—DASTARDLY AFFAIR AT JUNEAU—OUTPUT OF THE DOUGLAS MINE.

NANAIMO, Jan. 25.—The U.S. gunboat Pinta has just returned from a cruise to Wrangel and Sohecan where she took the governor and several deputy marshals to arrest an Indian who had murdered some other Indians last winter in a drunken row. On the arrival at Sohecan of the Pinta the deputy marshals and the interpreter landed and proceeded to the chief's house and there they found their man. They tried to induce him to come on board of the Pinta by saying that the governor, the big chief of Alaska, wished to see him and have a talk with him about Sohecan. He replied that he did not want Alaska's big chief and if the big chief wished to see him he could come on shore and see him. The deputy marshals finding they could not induce the Indian to come on board the Pinta undertook to put a pair of handcuffs on him to bring him on board. When the Indian saw what they were going to do he drew his large knife and made a raid on one of the officers and would have killed him had it not been for some of his fellow officers who were close by at the time and caught the Indian by the arm as he was about to plunge the knife into Mr. Haplin, the deputy marshal. After a hard tussle with several Indians who came to their chief's rescue, the marshals finally succeeded in getting the chief in irons and landing him safely on board the Pinta and he is now in Sitka gaol.

The Pinta had a stormy trip from Sitka to Wrangel. The trip took her twelve days, distance 170 miles. The good people of Sitka were grieved yesterday on the arrival of the Idaho to learn that Capt. Carroll, her commander, had been sick in bed the entire trip, and as soon as the steamer was docked the doctor from the Pinta was called on board to attend to his wants. It is rumored that he will be taken ashore and remain over until he recovers. He cannot get proper medical treatment on board.

On the 19th inst. the mining town of Juneau was startled by a terrific explosion. It was about 5 o'clock in the morning, when everybody was asleep, that the explosion took place. Everybody rushed to find what was the occasion of it. On investigation it was found that somebody had put a large case of dynamite under a house occupied by half-a-dozen Chinamen. The explosion as so great that it completely destroyed one side of the house; but fortunately it did not hurt any of the Chinamen. The explosion was so heavy that it did a great amount of damage to several stores in the neighborhood, and especially to some dry stores in the same block. On the following day the citizens held a meeting and raised the sum of $1500 as a reward for the arrest and conviction of the parties who caused the explosion; but up to the present time they have not been able to find the guilty ones. If the wretches should be found there is no doubt they would be lynched by the citizens.

The weather at Juneau for the last ten days has been quite cold, with the thermometer standing at zero, and strong gales from the north.

The quartz mill on Douglas island is shipping by this steamer seventy-five thousand dollars in gold bars. Supt. Treadwell has returned by this steamer much improved in health. Some capitalists arrived by this steamer who are making arrangements to develop and put up another large quartz mill on the Bear's Nest mine, which joins the Treadwell mine on the north.

The governor and marshal have arrived to-day from Sitka to investigate the dynamite explosion.

The steamer Idaho has been on the rocks twice since she left Nanaimo, but did not get much damaged. She ran into the wharf at Fort Wrangel and completely destroyed it. The steamer seems to be very hard to handle while her captain is sick.

The Pacific Division.

Mr. H. Abbott, C. E., general superintendent C. P. R. in British Columbia, arrived down on Sunday from Granville, where he inspected plans of construction work. Offices have been taken in the Ferguson block. It is expected that the original calculation of work being begun on the 15th February and the extension finished by 1st July will be carried out. Mr. Abbott reports building operations in Granville as brisk, a number of structures of a substantial kind being erected.

The Saloon Closing By-Law.

We understand that Mr. Justice Gray will deliver judgment to-morrow at noon upon the appeal of Samuel Clay from the decision of the police magistrate inflicting a fine of $50 for alleged infraction of the above by-law. The appeal was argued a short time since by Mr. Theodore Davie, counsel for the appellant. The sole question raised is as to the validity of the by-law.

Trains Blockaded.

Telegrams received from the mainland state that trains on the Canadian Pacific railway are blockaded by snow, and will not be able to move for a week.

THE "Myrtle Navy" tobacco is not burdened with the usual costs which swell the price of most articles to the consumer; the firm employs no travelers whatever, their orders come to them instead of being sought by them. The merchant does not require to keep a large stock on hand swelling its price with interest, for the factory is an immediate source of supply to him, at the cost of a postal card or at most a telegram. He loses nothing, therefore, from being overstocked. The article is a staple one for which there is no constant demand as for wheat or flour, and the merchant can therefore sell it at a minimum rate of profit.

LOST A LEG.—Mr. Jas. Flett, Maple Bay, who has been suffering for some time with malignant disease of the bone of the left leg, yesterday had the diseased member amputated below the knee. The operation was successfully performed by Drs. McSwain and Dearden, and the patient is now doing well.

THE Chinese new year will commence on February 3d.

THE LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

Opening of the Fourth Session of the Present Parliament.

Yesterday afternoon the grounds of government buildings presented an animated appearance on the occasion of the opening of the house by his honor the lieutenant-governor. Drawn up at the entrance to the legislative building was a guard of honor (B.C.G.A.) under command of Capt. Prior. Upon the floor of the house the space left available by the members was fully occupied by ladies and their escorts, while the galleries above were crowded by an indiscriminate gathering of spectators. Among those present we noticed: Sir M. B. Begbie, C. J., and Justices Gray, Crease, McCreight and Walkem, Mrs. and the Misses Cornwall, Senator and the Misses Macdonald, Hon. Jos. Trutch, Col. and Mrs. Stevens, Hon. A. N. Richards, Mr. N. Shakespeare, M. P., and Mrs. Shakespeare, Mayor Fell, Mrs. W. Smithe, Mrs. Mars, Mrs. A. E. B. Davie, Mrs. J. Robson, Mrs. Theo. Davie, Mrs. S. Duck, Major and Mrs. Dupont, Mrs. Dunsmuir and the Misses Dunsmuir, Mrs Croft, Mr. R. Finlayson and the Misses Finlayson, Mrs. P. E. Irving, Judge and Mrs. Harrison, Supt. Roycraft, Canon Dwyer, Dr. Ash, Dr., Mrs. and the Misses Helmcken, Mrs. A. McTavish, Mrs. D. R. Harris, Revs. Beanlands, Percival and Fraser, Sheriff and Mrs. McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. W. Bullen, Mr. Jos. Hunter, C. E., and Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Tatlow, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Johnson, Mr. C. E. and Mrs. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. W. Angus and Miss Angus, Mrs. Fisher, Dr. and Mrs. Milne, Dr. and Mrs. Jones, Mrs. R. E. Green, Mrs. C. Leggett, Mrs. and the Misses Lindsay, Mrs. and Miss Heathorn, Mrs. and the Misses Van Volkenburgh, Mrs. D. Oppenheimer, Mrs. I. Oppenheimer, Mrs. H. Coombe, Mrs. Capt. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Earle, Mrs. and the Misses Davie, Mr. and Mrs. Prevost, Mrs. C. Wilson, Mrs. Bodwell, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Jay, Mr. and Mrs Brown, the Misses Armstrong, Mrs. J. Nicholles, Mrs. Renouf, the Misses Young, Miss Chipp, Miss Leacroft, Messrs. Abbott, W. Bresley, M. Lumby, Ridley, Capt. J. Irving, W. Redmond and others.

Punctually at 3 p. m. his honor arrived, the band playing a few bars of the national anthem while the guard presented arms. The guard was commanded by Capt. Prior, and Lieut. Smallfield, B. C. G. A. His honor was escorted to the throne by Rear-Admiral Sir Michael Culme-Seymour, R. N., Capt. Rose R. N., Lieut. Gray, R. N., Lieut. Garforth, R. N., Lieut.-Col Holmes, A. D. C., Major Wolfenden, Capt. Jones, Capt. Nicholles, and Lieut. Snowdon, B. C. G. A.; Capt. Green, V. R.

SPEECH.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

In meeting you at this, your forth session, I am glad to be able to congratulate you upon the continued prosperity of the country, and the hopeful prospect of its varied resources being steadily and increasingly developed.

The stupendous work of constructing the Canadian Pacific railway from the Atlantic to the Pacific has been successfully accomplished, and the iron band, which now spans the continent entirely within British territory may be confidently expected to produce effects beneficial alike upon Dominion and provincial interests. The people of this province will be drawn more closely to those of the other provinces, and inter-provincial trade will be stimulated. As an alternative route between Great Britain and her Asiatic possessions, the railway will, doubtless, be regarded by the Imperial government as of great importance to the interests of the empire.

The establishment of strong defensive works at the various points of the coast, necessary to prevent hostile approach to this new national highway from the waters of the Pacific, should be pressed upon the attention of the Dominion and Imperial governments, with a view of causing our natural strategic position to be recognized and transformed into a formidable outpost of British power and prestige.

Work on the Island railway has been prosecuted with commendable energy. Already the rails are laid more than half the distance between Esquimalt and Nanaimo, and proportionate progress on the remaining part will secure the completion of the entire road in early summer.

The benefits accruing to the province through the construction of this road are important. The settlement upon lands along its line which took place to so great an extent in the year 1884, has continued unabated during the year just closed; and it is very gratifying to be able to state that more land has been taken up by actual settlers in the various districts embraced within the railway belt on the island during that period, than had been acquired during all the previous years.

Work on the graving dock has made satisfactory progress, and it is confidently expected that during the coming summer it will be available, in case of need, for the reception of any vessels in these waters.

In view of the establishment, in the near future, of a line of large steamers for trans-Pacific trade, which will probably be longer than the present dock would accommodate, it has become apparent that it should be lengthened to a sufficient extent to meet the requirements of the future. My ministers have urged upon the Dominion government the expediency of providing for such enlargement while the work is in progress; but anxiety to secure the earliest possible completion of the work seems to have induced the Dominion government to defer extension until a future period, when it may be easily done, although at a somewhat increased cost.

Since I last met you the province has enjoyed the honor of a visit from his excellency the governor-general. His excellency was impressed with the beauty of the scenery and the salubrity of the climate, and expressed himself as entertaining a high opinion of the resources of the country and great confidence in its future.

The acts passed by you last session, and the session previous, to prevent the further influx of Chinese, and to regulate those already here, have been only partially successful in attaining their object. The act to prevent the immigration of Chinese, after having been in operation a short period, was disallowed by the Dominion government, as being *ultra vires* of this house.

An act was, however, passed by the parliament of Canada purporting to accomplish the same object. That act has been in operation since with beneficial results, to a limited extent, and it is to be hoped that at the next session of that parliament the principle embodied in the act referred to may be extended. The Chinese regulation act, passed by you in the session of 1884, but not put in force until February last, is in operation so far as its provisions have not been challenged. Objection having been raised respecting the constitutionality of certain imposts provided, and an adverse decision of the supreme court having been rendered, steps have been taken to appeal the case to the privy council. You will be invited to consider what further action shall be taken to secure the object aimed at by previous legislation.

The discovery of rich alluvial gold mines on Granite and other creeks in Yale district, is likely to bring about a new era of mining development in the province. A large mining population, it is expected, will be attracted to the new diggings during the coming season, and your sanction will be asked to such expenditures as may be necessary to open up that section of country with roads and trails to facilitate as much as possible the successful prosecution of an industry which will have so important an influence upon the general interests of the whole province.

The Big Bend section of the Kootenay district is attracting men and capital, and through the agency of the Canadian Pacific railway company it is believed that the rich auriferous quartz veins there will soon be made to yield a golden harvest.

Efforts are being made to have the varied products of the province well represented at the Colonial and Indian exhibition to be held in London during the present year.

The cost of the administration of justice has been very much increased. This is owing to the large general increase of population, and more particularly in consequence of the influx of people into remote and unsettled portions of the country. But, at whatever cost, law and order must be maintained; and it is my aim to make it apparent that life and property will be protected and crime punished even in the remotest portions of the Province.

In view of impending negotiations between the Imperial and United States governments for a renewal or enlargement of the treaty of Washington, I have taken steps to ensure that the interests of this province shall not be overlooked or misunderstood.

The increase of population in the various districts on mainland and Island has caused a demand for the establishment of numerous new schools, and while, in consequence, the expenditure in connection with our educational system is becoming very heavy, the cause of it is nevertheless gratifying as showing the rapid growth of the settlements.

The total product of our gold mines has been about the same as the previous year, while there has been a slight falling off in the output of coal, owing chiefly to the depressed condition of San Francisco market.

The agricultural interests of the province are satisfactory, although the unusually dry summer had the effect of somewhat reducing the yield of cereals and roots on Vancouver Island.

I recommend the appointment of commissioners to revise and consolidate the statute laws of the province, so that every one desirous of becoming conversant with our laws, or upon whom the administration of justice depends, may readily obtain knowledge of the same. It may be well also that you should consider the consolidation of the many statutes relative to the constitution and procedure of the supreme court.

The question of water rights for irrigating and manufacturing purposes upon that portion of the mainland situate east of the Cascades demands your serious attention. The constant strife and litigation attendant upon the use of water in that region, is productive of great loss to the individuals concerned, and, consequently, injurious to the public interests. I should be glad of practical, but not hasty, legislation on this subject, and suggest your appointing commissioners, composed of persons of practical experience, to submit to the next legislative assembly a report defining principles which, in their judgments, should govern the enjoyment and acquisition of water rights.

The revenue has continued steadily to increase, that for the last fiscal year having exceeded the estimate considerably.

The public accounts will be laid before you, and estimates for the public service during the next year will be submitted for your consideration.

I now leave you to your deliberations with confidence that your labors will be devoted to promoting the best interests of the province. I pray that Providence may guide your efforts.

This concluded, the lieut.-governor, having made the usual obeisance, retired; whereupon prayer was offered up by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Hills.

Hon. Mr. Simeon Duck having resigned his seat in the house, during recess, when he went before his constituents for re-election as a member of the government, was formally introduced to the speaker by Hon. Mr. Smithe and Mr. Dunsmuir.

Hon. Mr. Smithe moved that the speech of the lieutenant-governor be considered on Thursday next. Carried.

Hon. Mr. Smithe, seconded by Hon. Mr. Davie, moved the usual orders pertaining to printing and standing committees. Carried.

A bill entitled "An Act to Amend the County Court Jurisdiction Act, 1885," introduced by the attorney-general, was read a first time, and was set down for Monday next.

House then adjourned till Thursday next at 2 p. m.

QUESTION.

Mr. Beaven to ask on Thursday: What was the amount paid to Hill & Dolan for work on section 3, Cedar hill road, contract awarded in 1883; and what was the amount paid the same firm on contract awarded in Cranberry district in 1884?

What was the amount paid to J. Eade on contract awarded Nanoose road and bridge in 1884?

Have debentures under the Loan Act, 1884, been issued or used in any way if so in what manner and to what amount?

What amount had the government to its debit or credit at the Bank of B. C. or any other bank on the 31st December, 1885, and what was the cash balance in the deputy treasurer's hands at the same date?

What was the total revenue and expenditure from the 1st July to the 31st December, '85, as brought to account at the treasury?

What was the amount of revenue brought to account at the treasury during the first six months of the fiscal year 1885-86 on account of land sales?

Mr. E. Allen—Upon what date and in what year did J. F. Smith receive the appointment of teacher to the Clinton school?

Mr. T. Davie to ask if the Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Transportation company, pursuant to section 25 of their act of incorporation, furnished any officer of the government with a list of the persons in their employ liable to pay a provincial revenue tax; and what amount, if anything, has the company paid for provincial revenue tax in respect of the workmen and others employed by them. Have the company, under section 13 of the act proceeded to survey the line of the railway? and, if so, what progress has been made with such survey, and what quantity of land has been surveyed? Have the company equipped the line of steamers, under section 12 of the act, or have they taken any, and what, steps in that direction? Have the company, or any person on their behalf, intimated their intention of abandoning any part of the reserve set apart by the act? If so, how much is it proposed to abandon, and what are the terms of abandonment? What is the location of the land proposed to be abandoned, and what of that proposed to be retained?

MOTIONS

Mr. T. Davie to move that the House do forthwith resolve into a committee of the whole to devise a scheme of assisted emigration of Chinese to their own country.

Mr. Beaven: That a respectful address be presented to his honor the lieut.-governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this house in printed form, the following papers referring to an act to prevent the immigration of chinese, 48 Vic. Chap. 13, 1883:

Copies of the attorney general's reports to his honor the lieut.-governor.

Copies of all orders in council letters or telegrams received or sent by any member of the government.

The amount of revenue received under either of the above acts.

Mr. Beaven, on Thursday—That a respectful address be presented to his honor the lieutenant governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this house in printed form, the following papers referring to the Chinese Regulation Act, 1884: A copy of the attorney general's report to his honor the lieutenant-governor; copies of all orders in council and rules and regulations; copies of letters or telegrams received or sent by any member of the government; the names and appointment of Chinese collectors.

Mr. Beaven, on Thursday—That an order of the house be granted for a return of the following, so far as in the possession of the government at the present time: The number of licenses issued by, and amount of revenue received from, and amount of security given by each collector appointed under the B. C. Chinese Regulation Act, 1884. The number of free miner's certificates issued under the above act and by whom. The number of arrests and number of convictions under the section prohibiting the use, consumption or possession of opium and the amount of penalty derived. The number of arrests and number of convictions for not being in possession of a license; for employing unlicensed Chinese; of Chinese mining without a free miner's certificate; or person employing any Chinese to work in a mine who is not in possession of a certificate, and the amount of penalty received in each case.

What Some People Say.

That Mexico is in a condition of extreme impecuniosity.

That the schooner Teasor and her (alleged) cargo of British Columbia oil have been released by the U. S. customs authorities.

That Chinamen saw wood in Portland for 20 cents a cord.

That the Buck Stone, a well-known Druidical rock in the Wye valley, England, which was overthrown that June, has been replaced in its former position by subscribers to a fund for that purpose, the expense amounting to $2,500.

That in a paper on the action of light upon pigments employed in painting an Edinburgh artist states that his experiments have led him to the conclusion that Prussian blue in oil is the most stable of colors.

That George Willoughby Hemans, who died at his residence at Kensington about the end of last month, in the 72nd year of his age, was one of the five sons of the poetess Felicia Hemans. Her children are repeatedly mentioned in Mrs. Asmann's poems, and they were all reared by her after her husband left her to go and live abroad.

That Alberni wants to be made into an electoral district and have a member.

That the fire insurance companies have had a tough time of it already this year. The great fires so far have been as follows:

Detroit	$1,000,000
Philadelphia	250,000
Boston	250,000
Montreal	200,000
Chicago	200,000
New Orleans	60,000
New York	50,000
	$2,410,000

These figures are only the rough estimates of the total loss, and do not, of course, represent the losses of the insurance companies. Still, the latter must be very large.

That the writer of the wonderful unearthing of the "gerrymandering" and "third party" plots must be suffering from an attack of literary *rabies*. He speaks with ill-concealed malice of "gutter-snipe journalism;" calls a contemporary "a falsifier," and talks in a dog-matical way of "puppyism." Amongst what kind of journalism, pray, can such be classed?

That Verdi has finished the opera Iago.

That Mackay, of Bonanza fame, has sailed for Paris.

That it cost Mr. Irving $60,000 to put Faust on the stage.

That John B. Gough has reappeared on the lecture platform.

That Mark Twain says he likes to be enveloped in smoke when writing.

That Ouida's English publishers give her $7,000 for every book she writes.

That Capt. John Ericsson celebrated his 81st birthday yesterday. He never uses tobacco in any form, and his appetite and digestion are so good that he has not lost a meal in twelve years.

That Signor Baldi, of Genoa, boasts the possession of the fetters once worn by Christopher Columbus. The world is anxiously waiting to hear from the man who owns Adam's first collar-button.

That Prince Bismarck has to take care now and count the pipes he smokes. At one time he was what the Germans call a "chain smoker"—that is, he would consume consecutively a cable of cigars, each link being lighted at the stump of its predecessor.

That in a marriage register in the church of St. James, Bury St. Edmonds, says an English journal, the following curious notice appears: "1832, Nov. 5, Christopher Newsam, Charity Morrell. Charity Morrell signing entirely without arms, the ring was placed upon the fourth toe of the left foot, and she wrote her name in the register with her right foot."

That Dr. Macdonald, who killed Mish at San Francisco on the 19th inst., is a Canadian. His wife is a Jewess.

That a lady recently discovered that her daughter was about to elope. She didn't make any fuss about it, but the night on which the elopement was to take place gave her daughter an opiate in her tea, so that the girl did not wake up till next morning. Meantime the lover had grown tired of waiting, and left in disgust.

That "Why don't you trade with me?" said a close-fisted warehouseman to an acquaintance the other day. "Because," was the reply, "you have never asked me, sir. I have looked through the newspaper for an invitation in the shape of an advertisement, but in vain. I never go where I am not wanted."

That in leap years Japanese girls who want husbands set out flower pots on the front parlors as an emblem. It's lucky the custom hasn't been introduced into this country. The pottery business would boom, of course, but every house that shelters an unmarried girl would look so much like a conservatory that the cats couldn't find room to step.

That in summing up a case, a well-known counsel was so severe on the opposing lawyer that the latter jumped up and exclaimed: "I'd like to know if the learned counsel thinks I'm a fool!" His opponent reflected a moment and then quietly said: "My friend wants to know if I think he is a fool. In response to that interrogatory I can only say that I am not prepared to deny it."

That the citizen said to the county editor,—Your fine obituary notice of poor Brown was a surprise to me, Shears. I thought that you and he were bitter enemies. Country editor (with a sigh)—Ah, yes, we were enemies for a number of years, but in the face of death, my dear friend, the heart softens. And, besides, I got ten cents a line for the notice.

That the Genio Medico-Quirugico records the fact that a woman of Valladolid recently gave birth to seven children in two days.

That rude Boreas refused to cease last night.

That an exchange publishes a poem beginning "Beautiful snow! say what makes thee so late?" and heads it, "Give this man a snow shovel."

That woman's right is the right to dress—man's right, the right to foot the bill.

That judgment will be given by the police magistrate this morning in the "stone man" case.

That a large proportion of all the broom-corn in the United States is held in Chicago, and about one-sixth of the whole stock in that city was consumed in the fire which destroyed the Continental warehouse on Tuesday last. This will touch the curlers in a tender spot.

That a petition has been lodged against the return of one of the members of the new British parliament alleging "bribery, treating and undue influence, personation, intimidation, force, violence and rioting, which prevented some from recording their votes." The petition seems to cover the ground very fairly.

That malice poisons itself with its own venom. Vice leaves, like an ulcer in the flesh, a repentance in the soul, which, ever scratching itself, draws ever fresh blood.

UNPROVOKED ASSAULT. — Early last evening Thos. O'Connell, just over from Seattle, struck a man, who was standing in front of the Railroad hotel, Johnson street, over the eye and knocked him down. No provocation was given and Sergt. Sheppard coming along the man was arrested and locked up. A doctor examined the wound inflicted—a gash two inches long, evidently by a dull instrument. O'Connell did not know the man he assaulted, and must have hit him from pure cussedness.

NO TRAINS.—The C. P. N. Co. have received intimation from Mr. Kyle, railway superintendent, that it will be impossible to receive freight for interior transportation for over a week, owing to the snow blockade.

HUDSON BAY RAILWAY.

The Engineers Report a Favorable Line.

A Winnipeg special says: The party sent out last October by capitalists interested in opening the Hudson Bay route to make a preliminary survey of the country along Hudson Bay, to determine the feasibility and cost of constructing a railway, returned to-day. They report that the line is not only feasible, but can be built at a cost not exceeding $20,000 per mile, much less than the amount anticipated, the country being undulating, sandy, very little agricultural land along the route, and no heavy grades. The route proposed is along the northshore of Oxford lake, direct to the sea. The river falls on the east branch of the Nelson river. The mouth of Nelson river has been chosen as the terminus of the line.

Personal.

Mr. I. B. Fisher, manager of the Bank of British Columbia at New Westminster, will return to his post next week.

Mr. S. P. Kleiser returned from San Francisco on Sunday.

Mr. H. S. Flood, of San Francisco, arrived on the G. W. Elder.

Ex-Collector Bash, Port Townsend, is at the Oriental.

Mr. M. Stenhouse, Comox, arrived down on Sunday.

Mr. Raybould, junior member of the legislature for Nanaimo, arrived down on the Amelia Sunday.

Mr. C. A. Semlin, senior member of the legislature for Yale district, arrived down from Cache creek on Sunday and is registered at the Driard.

Mr. W. M. Dingwall, M. P. P., for Comox district, arrived down on the Amelia on Sunday.

Mr. Robt. McLeese, M. P. P., for Cariboo district, arrived on Sunday from Soda Creek and is at the Driard.

Mr. J. B. Fischer, New Westminster, and Messrs. H. S. Flood and A. Freeman, San Francisco, registered at the Driard.

Marine.

Steamship G W. Elder arrived Sunday from San Francisco. She encountered a "living" gale on Saturday night, which caused her to rock and pitch alarmingly; but she passed through the ordeal in safety and landed her passengers and cargo in excellent shape.

The Hudson Bay Company's steamer Labrador, now on the berth at London for Victoria, has a tonnage of 266. She She is a finely appointed vessel, and was employed in the Labrador trade for several years, where she developed great speed and excellent seagoing qualities. It is surmised that she will be employed in the B. C. coast trade after arrival in these waters.

Steamship Geo. W. Elder, Capt. Ackley, arrived on Sunday with 129 tons of freight for this port.

Steamer Alexander spoke in Straits yesterday British dark Dovesby, from Liverpool, bound in.

The Idaho arrived at Nanaimo yesterday, and will arrive at the outer wharf to-day.

Ottawa Parliament.

Mr. Baker, M. P., received a telegram from the clerk of the Ottawa house last evening announcing that parliament will be convened on the 26th February.

RUNAWAY ACCIDENT.—The team attached to Thos. Maston's hack ran away on Fingard street yesterday morning, containing three members of a Chinese band on their way to the joss house. At the corner of Store street the carriage overturned, spilling out its occupants who yelled in terror. One wheel, the sleep and side-lamps were smashed and the vehicle otherwise injured. The accident was occasioned by the band starting its infernal racket before the driver secured the reins, and of course the horses bolted.

DIED FROM EXPOSURE.—On Sunday morning Mr. Thomas Riley, while on his way to Cowichan wharf, found a young man, name unknown, lying in the road. On examination it was found he was still alive, and Mr. Riley immediately had the unfortunate young person carried to the nearest railroad camp which was about a mile away, but before they arrived there it was found he was dead. It seems he came to the wharf to buy some clothing, and while returning became bewildered, lay down in the snow, and died from exposure.

POLICE COMMITTEE.—At a meeting of this committee, Mayor Fell presiding, the complaint against Policeman Gaydon was heard and disposed of, and the officer directed to be suspended from duty for one month. The mayor, at the request of the committee, directed Supt. Bloomfield to inform his force that any officer entering a saloon while on duty, except when called to prevent a breach of the peace or arrest an offender, would be summarily dismissed.

SERIOUS SHOOTING ACCIDENT.—A German named Schmidt, a farmer near Belmont, shouldered his gun on Sunday morning and went out to look after his sheep. On his return, in passing through a gate, he slipped and fell on the ice, when his gun went off, pouring its charge of buckshot into his leg below the knee, tearing away several inches of the flesh and passing clean through his leg. He was conveyed to this city and taken to St. Joseph's hospital. The limb will probably have to be amputated.

DIED AT SAN FRANCISCO.—Miss Margaret Kelly, lately organist of St. Andrew's Cathedral, died at San Francisco on the 10th inst. of cancer, after a period of great suffering. The unfortunate lady had resided in Victoria since 1862, and was highly esteemed.

BY OCEAN.—The statement is published at San Francisco that Governor George C. Perkins was in Montreal, Canada, yesterday, as a representative of the Pacific Coast Steamship company, of which hine Goodall, Perkins & Co. are agents in this city, to make such arrangements with the Canadian Pacific railroad as will secure the latter an outlet to San Francisco.

THE following are the office-bearers of the French Benevolent society for 1886: L. Redon, president; T. Shotbolt, vice president; J. Wenger, treasurer; S. Geddes, secretary; J. Stephens, P. Steele, George Brown, directors. Dr. Milne's services continued.

OUR FIRST FIRE ESCAPE.—The bark Dovesby, from Liverpool, reported in the Straits, has on board a fire escape, with ladder attachments;—the first to be introduced in this city.

PORTLAND.—An old resident of Portland, named George F. Triton, was killed in that city Thursday afternoon, by being struck in the head with the tongue of a sleigh, which had dropped to the ground and caused the horses to run away. He was standing on the sidewalk with his back to the runaway team, and turned just as the horses reached him. As he turned the tongue flew up in the the air and end struck Mr. Triton in the right temple, crushing the skull and killing him instantly.

RELIEF SHIP.—The United States revenue steamer Bear, on her way from New York to San Francisco, arrived at Valparaiso January 10th. The Bear is under the command of Captain Alfred B. Davis. It is believed the intention of the treasury department is, when she arrives in San Francisco, to send her north in search of the crew of the bark Amethist, relieving the steamer Richard Rush. Captain Calvin Hooper will no doubt continue the search with the steamer Bear.

UNDER-STATED.—In our notice of the Caledonian ball on Monday evening, the reporter made the count of the attendance at too early an hour. The actual number of persons present was two hundred and twenty.

FIRE AT SPALLUMCHEEN.—A fire broke out in Hay's house, adjoining Wood & Rabbits' store, Spallumcheen, on Sunday last, totally destroying both buildings. Total loss over $12,000; partially insured.

Coroner's Inquest.

Coroner Chipp yesterday afternoon held an inquest on the body of the Chinaman, Ah Pon; found dead in his room with his throat cut. Dr. A. M. Taylor, who made the post mortem, gave evidence that the knife wound in the throat would have caused death. The examination of the body showed the presence of bird-shot wounds in the breast and abdomen, and also in the back. Some shot had penetrated the bowels, which were greatly inflamed, and it was probably while suffering from this that the unfortunate Celestial cut his throat. The evidence of several Chinamen examined showed that the deceased had arrived from Nanaimo several weeks ago, and lived alone in his room. The occupants of adjoining rooms knew that he had been sick for twelve days, but never visited him. They heard him groaning on the morning of the day he was found and thought he was dying, but made no attempt to relieve him. The miserable creature was left to die from his wounds and starvation, and to end his misery had hastened death by cutting his throat. The jury found a verdict that he had come to his death by a knife wound inflicted by himself in a state of insanity caused by the shot-wounds.

How the Chinaman was shot is not known, but it is almost certain that he had been robbing hen-roosts, and was fired at, a fact that will likely deter other Chinese from further movements in that line, though this is the second Chinaman who has departed life from being shot while thieving.

The Poor of the City.

Attention has been paid to a lamentable fact, the starving condition of the destitute Chinese. While this is the case it is also a fact that there are many white people in this city who are at present in need of the common necessities of life. Such instances are cropping up every day, and they demand that those who are blessed with much of this world's goods should assist them in their extremity. Every day men on the street are asking passers-by for money sufficient to give them a meal, and nearly all who ask are granted their request. It is stated that there is a family on View street without food or fuel, the father sick and no means wherewith to procure supplies. Such cases as these demand attention more than Chinese. The funds of the Benevolent society are shrinking, and extra exertions should be made to replenish them so that the aim of the society may be carried out. A correspondent in another column suggests that a concert be given in the theatre to secure funds, and no doubt many will come forward and make it a musical success, while citizens generally would patronize so worthy an object, and receipts thus secured would go a long way towards relieving the wants of people in unfortunate circumstances. It is hoped that a movement will at once be made in this direction, and an entertainment arranged to take place within a short time. While we are living with every indication around us of the plenty that is in the land, those people who have come to our shores to make a home for themselves and have exhausted all their means in reaching our shores should be looked after and placed above actual want. Let a move at once be made.

From the Similkameen.

Mr. John Derwent arrived down on Sunday from Granite creek and Otter valley. The Nicola trail one week ago Sunday was open and in good order and the pack trains of Thompson & Ferguson, Jamieson and Wilson were constantly going into the mines with supplies, which still continue to be cheaply sold.

Otter flats, six miles from Granite creek has been reserved by Mr. Tunstall, government agent at Kamloops, and registered as a town site, and government offices, etc., will be erected at that point. When the wagon road is continued to the new town, access to the mines will be a comparatively easy matter.

A couple of weeks ago new rich developments