NOT VERY EDIFYING.

Members of the British Columbia cabinet are not the only gentlemen who allow their angry passions to hurry them into deplorable exhibitions. In the Dominion house Mr. Foster has been distinguishing himself by the unseemliness of his conduct; his language being of the most grossly insulting character. His late attack upon Hon. Mr. Blair, minister of railways, in regard to the building of locomotives for the Intercolonial railway was a fine example of Tory eloquence. Hon. Mr. Blair's retort about Mr. Foster's ill-breeding was painful, of course; painfully true in its suggestion, but it was proper that the minister recalled the expression. Such scenes in the Dominion house and in the Provincial house are not calculated to increase the respect which the people may entertain for their representatives. Mr. Foster in the federal parliament and Hon. Mr. Pooley in the local, have shown that the era of axe-haft politics has not yet passed in Canada, in spite of the rapid spread of education, the decay of feudal notions, the strengthening of the spirit of toleration and cosmopolitanism. A modern legislator in a rage, hurling abusive and injurious epithets or brutal threats to pound the flesh or break the bones of a bold opponent in debate, is to be classed as a case of atavism—the reversion in the said legislator to an ancient type, probably in the stone age or the bronze period, when the club and dirk made eloquence superfluous and silence really golden. Let us have a great deal less of this stupid brawling and quixotic threatening to resort to trial by combat, and a little more business. Nobody expects that a great deal of wisdom will be talked in legislative assemblies or parliament; but to all concerned therein it may be said sincerely—as sensibly as you can, gentlemen.

UNREST IN LILLOOET.

In another column will be found an account, furnished us by a valued correspondent, of the very encouraging progress that is being made in the important district of Lillooet. From that report it would appear that the province is about to see another remarkably rich section spring into prominence, just as the wonderful camps of the Kootenay did some years ago. Lillooet has been undoubtedly more or less under a cloud for some time back, and it is pleasant to learn from a trustworthy source that that neglect was wholly unwarranted. Lillooet may soon be as much a household word throughout Canada and Great Britain as Kootenay or even Klondike. Certainly the signs warrant the hope. Many miners of wide experience have said that Lillooet would yet prove one of British Columbia's richest mining districts, and our correspondent's letter may be taken as the first definite announcement that these experts' predictions were by no means unfounded. Further news from that district, we are sure, will be awaited with much interest not only by those most directly concerned in the development of that particular region, but by the general public.

There is another matter, however, in connection with Lillooet that claims more than passing attention. For years that section has been neglected, ignored in fact, by the government, and now that the mineral richness of Lillooet has brought it prominently to the front the regrettable lassitude and incapacity of the member, Mr. David Alexander Stoddart, a supporter of the Turner-Dunsmuir clique, are thrown into unpleasant relief. We learn, however, with unqualified satisfaction that the great majority of the newcomers who are entering the Lillooet district in increasing numbers every week are oppositionists, while the alleged government supporters are of the lukewarm sort. With the good man whom the oppositionists are going to run for the house at the coming election, it is almost a dead certainty that the government will sustain a crushing defeat in the district. The day of fossils is over; the people of Lillooet are like those of every other quarter of British Columbia, thoroughly dissatisfied with the weak Turner ministry, who have not the interest of the province at heart, and give to their public duties an amount of attention that is wonderfully, shall we say disgustingly? in contrast with the engrossing attention they give to their own private affairs. Lillooet with so much at stake is not likely to be one of the districts that will give a blind support to the present undutiful government. There it is recognized as clearly as it is here in Victoria or any other centre that the re-election of the Turner government would be a disaster; it would be "worse than a crime—a blunder."

SIX MONTHS HOIST.

Brute force has still a good deal to say about how things shall be run in this vale of tears. Optimists occasionally raise a languid smile on cynics' faces by declaring with all the passion of enthusiasm that right is at length superseding might among the nations; but that is mere foolishness. To-day, as much as ever it was in the day of man in the prehistoric periods, it is superior force that counts. "We pray to God for victory, but we put our trust in the big battalions," wrote a keen observer not long ago. Unfortunately, that is true; the big battalions, the big battleships, the strong arm and the power to do harm are the real forces, the tangible things with which practical people have to reckon. Cormwell might have sung plaims and uttered four-hour prayers to little purpose had not the invincible Ironsides been at his command to execute his orders and put the prayer of those petitions to the Deity into practise. Over in the James Bay legislative hall tnings are being done that the sensible people of this province can hardly behold without indignation. It is tiresome and profitless to attempt to follow the Turner cabal in their wrigglings, but it may be stated briefly that in the impudent game they are now playing with the interests of the province they have been so far successful. We mean in regard to the company-mongering of the two chief men in the cabinet. Public opinion condemned their act; they could not explain it through the columns of their organs in a way that would bear a moment's scrutiny; they instituted suits for alleged libel; hung up discussion for a period; in the house all attempts to enquire into the conduct of those ministers were throttled by the machinations of the government and their tail of subservient lay figures; one of the accused ministers brutally threatened to batter a member of the opposition for expressing his opinion; finally the discussion of the whole matter is pole-axed by the hoist, and there is peace and free breathing on the government side. We remember seeing a magnificent painting showing Barabas released from the pretorium, and being received by his accomplices among the mob of Jerusalem. That grin of delight, triumph, ferocious glee which contorted the visage of the Judean robber, had many counterfeit presentments in the British Columbia legislative chamber yesterday. The public will not, however, be allowed to forget this important piece of history; and two months hence it may be found playing a part little expected by the company mongers or their supporters. Can it be true that no less than six members of the legislature are now in a state of touch-and-go in their allegiance to the poorest government British Columbia has possessed for many a day? How any man of sense can get low enough down to look up to such a so-called government is a hard nut to crack.

In the legislative assembly to-day Mr. Charles A. Semlin, leader of the opposition, presented a petition from the settlers and inhabitants of Spence's Bridge to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, praying that a bridge be put across the Thompson River to replace the one carried away by the high water of 1894. The petition is signed by seventy-two settlers and residents of Spence's Bridge and neighborhood, and it sets forth in very earnest language the grave disadvantages the people are suffering for want of proper means of crossing the river.

Compliments are raining thick and fast upon Hon. Mr. Turner. The Colonist, the other day, compared him with Mr. Gladstone, and said he was as good as any European statesman. Now comes the Vancouver World, champion lickspittle of the British Columbia press, saying Hon. Mr. Turner is a "financial giant." What that means we do not know, but it has a ludicrous sound after reading the exposure of Mr. Turner's giant bungling of the provincial loans. We fancy Mr. Turner has many a private groan over the indiscreetness of his toadying organs. What sense there can be in starting a comic paper in Vancouver, as has been proposed lately, so long as the World has on its editorial staff the most delightfully unconscious Irish humorist on the coast, baffles our understanding.

VALUE OF COAL STATIONS.

The command of the sea now depends on the control of fortified coal stations, remarks Harper's Weekly. Coal is the breath of the empire. Prince Henry of Prussia and his mailed fist on board the Deutschland would be drifting helpless and impotent if it were not for English coal supplied at seven English coal stations. To reach China, he and his mailed fist are absolutely dependent on the good will of the British. To carry out the Kaiser's orders, he requires English coal. To stop him England would not require to declare war. The gospel of the Kaiser's anointed person cannot be spread beyond the German ocean if England refuses the coal necessary to the propaganda. German coal stations cannot be improvised. The British fleet in China is probably strong enough single-handed to cut off the coal supply of Russian, German and French men-of-war. With Japan, England commands the sea, and Japan is heart and soul with England. Swift colliers (convoyed in the event of war) would sustain the fighting power of the British-China squadron. What about Russia and Germany? They have no coal stations, except the French stores at Dakar and Madagascar. France has few colliers, and no means of maintaining the coal supply of her fleet in the Gulf of Pechili. No coal is available for the three powers should England and Japan agree to refuse them entrance to the coaling stations. If the fumes of the jubilee have disappeared, the memory of the fleet at Spithead on June 26th, with all its effects keep up the price of consols and enables level-headed Englishmen to sleep o' nights even while Germany, France and Russia are nosing at the stranded carcass of China.

THE HURRYING FEET OF WOMEN

at the new-born infant's cry, tells the story of woman's sympathy for her sister-woman. If women would only spread the medical gospel, that a woman is unfitted for wifehood and motherhood as long as she suffers from weakness or disease of the distinctly womanly organism, there would be less necessity for the sisterly sympathy that a woman receives when she is in the throes of child-bearing.

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"I am now real well," writes Mrs. Lillie Hibbard, of Merrill, Lincoln Co., Wis. "I have been doing my own housework, including washing and ironing. I hardly ever feel the pain in my side unless I lift hard. I took four bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, one of 'Golden Medical Discovery' and two bottles of 'Pleasant Pellets.' I have not been taking any medicine for over two months. This is the first time I have been well enough to do my work for over three years. Your medicine is all that helped me."

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Provincial News.

VANCOUVER.

The projected extension of the Spokane and Northern railway into the Boundary Creek and Kettle River districts of Southern Yale, was the subject discussed at the council of the board of trade on Monday. The claims of a line running only through Canadian territory were, however, thought superior to those of a line crossing the American boundary, and a resolution to this effect was forwarded to Hon. Mr. Blair by telegraph.

Numerous burglaries are occurring in Vancouver. The police have arrested several suspects, but the burglaries continue. An unsuccessful attempt was made last night to break into Davidson Bros.' jewellery store. The police frightened the burglars away but did not catch them..

Vancouver, Feb. 24.—Mr. Lewis of Victoria comes over to-morrow to look after 287 reindeer consigned to him and now here. The Laplander in charge, Dinlers Petersen Kross, says that the deer have been dying from lack of proper food and attention, green moss, their natural food, being unobtainable. A Norwegian, thinking the deer were for the United States relief expedition, told a cruelty-to-animals' tale to Consul Dudley, and that gentleman looked into the case from a humanitarian standpoint. He offered assistance if needed, unofficially, but reports no cruelty.

Vancouver, Feb. 25.—Sidney Whiffen, formerly of Victoria, and engaged in the office of Mr. Townley, registrar of titles, accidentally shot himself in the head this morning while examining a revolver in the rear of his residence preparatory to shooting rats. He died this afternoon from the effects of the wound. The mother and brother of the young man reside in Victoria, where the deceased has many other friends who will be shocked at the sad news conveyed in the above dispatch.

In the last consular report of United States Consul Dudley of this port, which has been sent all over the United States, and has been copied in full in New York and Chicago newspapers, Col. Dudley speaks of the importance of Victoria and Vancouver as points of departure for Alaska, and gives the Canadian cities a very kind reference in regard to their ability to handle the rush.

In the office of the United States consul are the names of all the Americans who have outfitted here since the rush commenced. Particulars are given to each prospector, and the book will be a very valuable reference when friends commence to enquire for those who have taken passage at Vancouver for the north.

J. T. Wilkinson, who has been very successful as a breeder and importer of pedigreed live stock, is retiring from his ranch in Chilliwack, having concluded to devote his time entirely to newspaper work. He has been appointed to an important position on the prospective Daily Province, of Vancouver.

Dr. Watalett, M.E., leaves for the Mackenzie river to-morrow with a son of Mr. Hearst, of the San Francisco Examiner, and ten others, on a prospecting tour. They take with them a year's provisions.

The steamer Tees left to-day for Wrangel with sixty passengers.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

The Dominion government has commenced work at Miller's Landing.

Mr. A. Van Volkenburgh, who is an old resident of the Royal City, returned here yesterday from the East. He intends spending a few weeks in the district, visiting old friends, and may eventually pay a visit to the Klondike.

Law and order in the Royal City are perfect at the present time. From week end to week end the police court is free of criminals.

The late Rev. Coverdale Watson, pastor of the Central Methodist church, who passed away late on Monday afternoon, death being due to appendicitis, was a native of Yorkshire, England, and but in his fifty-first year. He came to Canada when quite young, receiving his education in one of the Ontario colleges. Subsequently he entered the ministry of the Methodist church, and, seventeen years ago, came to this province as pastor of one of the Victoria congregations. Since then he served, with acceptance, a second term in Victoria, one term at Vancouver, at the Homer street Methodist church, one term in Toronto, as pastor of the Bloor street Methodist church, and to which he was recalled from this province, and at the time of his death was, for the second time, pastor of the Central Methodist church, this city. About a year ago Rev. Mr. Watson was compelled to resign his charge, as far as preaching was concerned, through ill-health, a lung affection, culminating in severe hemorrhage, being the immediate cause of his retirement. For several months past Mr. Watson's health has not been such as to cause any particular uneasiness, but, unnoticed even by himself, appendicitis developed, and its presence was first noted last Thursday night. After a night of agony, an operation was decided upon, and he was conveyed to St. Mary's hospital, where the operation was successfully performed the following day.

It was fondly hoped by Mr. Watson's many friends that the operation might have saved his life, but his enfeebled constitution could ill withstand the additional strain put upon it, and by Saturday night it was seen that he could not long survive. Extraordinary vitality, however, prolonged the struggle until Monday afternoon, when death released the unconscious sufferer. The deceased leaves a widow and three children, who will have the sympathy of the entire community in their affliction.

Mr. Justice McColl has handed down judgment in favor of the plaintiffs in the case of Kong Tong Chong Company, plaintiff, and British Columbia Oil and Guano Company, limited, defendant, and Victoria Canning Company, of British Columbia, limited liability, and G. B. Defontaine, claimants; and between George Cassidy & Company, limited liability, plaintiff, and British Columbia Oil and Guano Company, limited, defendant; and Victoria Canning Company of British Columbia, limited liability, and G. B. Defontaine, claimants.

The funeral service of the late Rev. Coverdale Watson in the Central Methodist church, was attended by a large number of sympathising friends, who were only too willing to show their respect and sincere regard for the departed one by attending the last rites.

Last night about six o'clock, a little scene occurred, as the result of which Mr. R. A. Gillespie must be smarting in mind and body. While on his wheel, or just dismounting, on Columbia street, opposite Wintemute's furniture store, he was suddenly assaulted by a big, burly man, whose name was not ascertained. The latter thrashed Mr. Gillespie unmercifully with a light cane he was carrying, and finally let him go when a crowd collected. There is some story behind it, which will probably come out in the action which it is understood Mr. Gillespie will bring against his assailant. Mr. Gillespie was formerly employed in the Vancouver Iron Works.

Captain W. H. McLennan, of McLennan's Landing, has taken out papers as master on boats plying in coast waters, as well as on minor lakes and rivers; and will have command of one of the Klondike Trading and Transportation Company's steamers.

Mr. David Lyal, of this city, returned here on the delayed eastern train on Wednesday night, after an extended visit to Great Britain.

NANAIMO.

Nanaimo, Feb. 24.—Mr. James Dunsmuir said to-day that his company would, for the present, ship the coal from the Alexander and Extension mines at Oyster Harbor. Temporary docks will be commenced at once. This decision is owing to inability to obtain sufficient land at Departure Bay, but Mr. Dunsmuir expects before long to obtain land. Work trains will run from Nanaimo to the mines.

Chas. Callions has been arrested for robbing S. McMillan, of Alberni, in a disorderly house. He secured $300 in cash and a gold watch. He was to-day remanded until Tuesday. Callions was recently of Anthracite, N.W.T.

Nanaimo, Feb. 25.—The tug Active, having in tow the barge Robert McDonald, arrived this afternoon after a rough trip. She reported the steamer Joan off St. Mary's island on Tuesday morning, the Islander at Port Simpson at 2 p.m., the Tees in Greenfield channel at 10 p.m., and the Queen in Greenfield channel at 11 p.m. The Active passed twenty-eight vessels bound north.

The long looked for tug Monarch arrived to-day, and expects to leave in the morning with the ship Lucille for Skagway with the American relief party's pack train, in charge of Lieut. Preston.

A special council meeting re the audit decided to engage solicitors at once in connection with the Thompson defalcation.

COMOX.

As each session of the legislature is held, the people of Comox district hope and pray that something to alleviate their grievances will be done. In the past little consideration has been given to this constituency. The representative keeps away from the district, and his voice, while sounding the praises of the government, is silent as to the wants of his constituents. A gentleman in Comox has prepared the folowing prayer:

"Vouchsafe thine aid, O Lord, to our representative that he may turn from the error of his ways and give ear to the clamorings of his constituents. Grant him strength and will power to advocate the building of the Nanaimo-Comox road. Give him speech to show the legislators the sufferings of his poor constituents. And O, wilt thou aid him to battle for the people at Union, who are suffering so much from the combination of those not of thy Christian people, but of the Kingdom of China. Further, send down help to the little children at Union and save them the horrors of being packed in school like sardines in a box. Let thy pure air descend upon the said children. And O, inspire the newspaper in the strength to advocate justice to all and injustice to none. Let the ear of our Dominion representative remain open to our petition for a semi-weekly mail. Bless him for his efforts in the past, and endue him with greater favor in the future, all of which we humbly pray for. Amen."

The political situation is in an unsettled state. The sentiment of the people is that of opposition to the provincial government. In connection with the coming election there are mentioned as candidates for the opposition, L. Eckstein and Walter Harvey; as Independents, Dr. Lawrence and Simon Leiser, while T. Young is mentioned sometimes independent and other times opposition and again as straight government. The name of Mr. William Duncan is also mentioned as an opposition candidate. The last named would poll a good vote in Comox district, but it is very doubtful if he would receive support in Union and the outlying places. Mr. Harvey, it is said, has control of the votes at Shoal Bay, but outside of that he would have little, if any, support. Mr. Leiser is not in it, nor is any independent candidate or outsider. Mr. Eckstein is working hard, and has probably the best chance of all. It is rumored that an agreement may be come to among these opposition candidates. It is to be hoped they may agree; as, if only one ran, his election is certain. Another item of news which it is hoped has foundation, is that there will be started at Union a newspaper which will represent the truth and advocate justice, irrespective of employer or employee. Such a newspaper, while supporting the opposition, will not fear to give due credit where credit is due to the government.

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TRAIL.

Captain W. P. Short, of the steamer Lytton, and Captain Albert Forsland of the steamer Trail, will exchange the Columbia river service for the Stikine river, where they take charge of boats for Mackenzie & Mann.

NELSON.

The new scow built by Elliott & Hale for the Canadian Pacific railway company has been launched, and will go into commission at once. The scow is one of the largest on the inland waters of Canada, being 200 feet long by 38 feet wide, and is capable of carrying 1,000 tons. On it are three tracks, each of which will accommodate five freight cars. A new dock will be built at once beside the present C. P. R. wharf, for the accommodation of the new scow.

ALBERNI.

Alberni, Feb. 24.—A first court of the Independent Order of Foresters was instituted here last evening by J. H. Falconer, D.S.C.R., I.O.F., when about thirty were initiated into the mysteries of Forestry. The following gentlemen were elected as officers: Court deputy S.C.R., H. S. Law; chief ranger, D. M. Paterson; physicians, Drs. Watson and Pybus; past chief ranger, Geo. Forrest; recording secretary, J. Howitt; financial secretary, C. T. Haslam; treasurer, Chas. Aug. Cox; chaplain, Rev. Ed. G. Taylor; S. C. Lycourt, E. L. Gill; senior woodward, Chas. Taylor; junior woodward, Daniel Clarke; senior beadle, T. R. Plaunt; junior beadle, Christian Soll; trustees, Thos. Fletcher and Geo. Brown. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation of an address to Mr. Falconer, the organizer.

KUSKONOOK.

This place with the name that is fearful and wonderful, about which so much has been said lately, is a thriving and bustling little city at the head of Kootenay lake near Goat river, and has already, about 300 inhabitants. Nearly all classes of business are represented. The town is surrounded by good mining properties.

CHEMAINUS.

Chemainus, Feb. 23.—Mr. Craydon, a Nanaimo photographer, has spent a week taking views in this vicinity.

Rev. Thomas Mulligan paid a visit to Saanich last week. In his absence the pulpit was occupied by Mr. Haynes, of Victoria, on Sunday.

The public schools of the district were inspected by Mr. S. B. Netherby a short time ago.

Constable Greaves has been transferred to the Klondike police force.

O. Gustafson and Percy Roberts were among those who left for the Klondike last week.

Quite a number of families moved from the village lately.

A masquerade ball was given in the town hall on Friday.

KIDNEY DISEASES

Are Positively Cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Lanark County People Know This—Their Experience Has Proved It—Dodd's Kidney Pills Cured Mrs. Peter O'Brien of Kidney Complaint.

Kilmarnock, Feb. 27.—The people of this section are among the shrewdest and most level-headed people in Canada. They know a good thing when they meet it. And when they "run up against" a good thing they make use of it. That is why Dodd's Kidney Pills have such an enormous sale in this district. That's the reason Dodd's Kidney Pills are used in nearly every household in the county.

It is nothing unusual to hear of several cures of Kidney Disease, every day, by Dodd's Kidney Pills, in this neighborhood. The medicine is in universal use. It has the record of having completely cured every case of Bright's Disease, Diabetes, Dropsy, Lumbago, Rheumatism, Paralysis, Heart Failure, Urinary Disease, Diseases of Women, or Blood Impurity, in which it has been used. Our people claim that it is the only medicine on earth that will cure these diseases.

A still further claim is made by those who have used Dodd's Kidney Pills. They assert emphatically (and, to speak the truth, they bring convincing proof), that Bright's Disease and Diabetes are as easily cured, if Dodd's Kidney Pills are used, as is a common cold.

Mrs. Peter O'Brien, of Smith's Falls, whose cure is the latest reported, has many friends in Kilmarnock, and her complete recovery amazes, while it delights them. Her case was a severe one of Kidney Disease, and Dodd's Kidney Pills worked a wonderfully quick and complete cure.

Dodd's Kidney Pills are sold by all druggists at fifty cents a box, six boxes $2.50 or will be sent, on receipt of price, by The Dodds Medicine Co., Limited, Toronto.

PATENT REPORTS.

Below will be found the only complete list of patents granted this week to Canadian inventors by the United States and Canadian governments. This report is prepared specially for this paper by Messrs. Marion & Marion, Solicitors of Patents and Experts, Head Office, 185 St. James street, Temple Building, Montreal.

United States.

598,590—John F. Brown, Toronto, Can., account book.

598,767—Richard F. Carter and al., Niagara, Can., apparatus for producing acetylene gas.

598,856—Joseph Carter and al., Blyth, Can., earth auger.

598,534—Thomas Colleran and al., Toronto, Can., metal bedstead.

598,883—David H. Ferguson, Montreal, decorative building material.

598,564—Francis G. Gale, Waterville, Can., metallic bedstead.

598,702—Joseph M. Gander, Toronto, Can., self-supporting fireproof covering for steel beams.

598,864—George F. Goodywin, Arnprior, Can., electric time switch.

598,866—Frank Hammond, Paris, Can., bicycle brake.

598,681—George I. Root, Ottawa, Can., mechanical movement.

598,539—Frederick L. H. Sims, Toronto, Can., wire cut clay working machine.

598,541—Harvey Stonge, Weston, Can., gate.

598,879—James A. Sutherland, Laurie, Can., game apparatus.

Canadian Patents.

58,914—Adelard Lapierre, Montreal, Can., sleeping bag.

BAPTISTE AT THE RACES.

I go me down to watch de race,
Hon river ice las' week,
I tell you what was chilly dere,
I get me freeze on cheek.

De trotter horse she skip aroun',
Just lak two forty clip,
While smart man bodler me wit' song
An' dance 'bout dead sure tip.

Well, pretty soon I look me 'roun',
An' den I tink, b'gee,
I'll lay my monee on de horse
What sport call Johnnie P.

Dis Johnnie P. look pretty slick,
An' when she go for race,
Hit looks to me as if she went
At 'bout tow-thirty pace.

But odder ones trot good halso,
An' when de pace get fas',
B'gee I see my trotter horse
Trall almos' near the las'.

I den feel sick lak anything,
An' mak' for kick myse'f,
For at the wire I easy see
My nag get badly lef'.

Soon after dat the snow come hup,
An' blow right on our face,
When Judge he's holler from de stan'
Dat he pos'pone de race.

I den go back on Monday, an'
It being better day,
I bet no more on Johnnie J.,
But nag call Lambert Clay.

Now here I mak' de gran' mistake,
An' had big pain to see
De winner horse not Lambert Clay,
But dat nag Johnnie P.

I lose my monee on dose race,
An' feel some plenty sore;
Lacrosse, she's good enough for me,
I see ice race no more.

—M. E. Williams, in Montreal Herald.

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TOUTING FOR TRADE

Arrivals from the States Say the Tactics of American Merchants Are Objectionable.

Another Batch of Outfitters for the Yukon Arrive in Victoria.

It is a good thing the majority of those who leave their homes in the states for the Yukon gold fields possess more than the average amount of common sense. The tales told by some arrivals in the city of the unscrupulousness which characterizes the statements of the merchants of the Pacific coast cities to the south made the conclusion irresistible that if it were not for the possession of shrewdness and the qualities of prudence and good judgment by the majority of intending Yukoners, not one per cent. of them would ever reach Victoria with the intention of buying their outfits. Portland is one of the principal offenders in this respect. The trains on the Union Pacific are boarded 400 or 500 miles east of the city by "runners" for mercantile firms, all bent upon persuading every possible buyer that Portland is the only place where supplies can be purchased. This, however objectionable it may be to the passengers, may be considered legitimate business, but when this parasitical class of individuals, having elicited the information that the party addressed is intending to outfit in Victoria, go further and traduce the honor and the capabilities of the merchants of this city, it is, as was said this morning by a gentleman from Colorado, "pretty low down." The "cappers" on the trains are not the only creatures who make themselves a nuisance to the intending purchaser, the streets of the city are alive with them, and the men who have come through Portland say that the perseverence of these men make it impossible to walk along the streets with any degree of comfort. And the merchants themselves, apparently recognizing the fact that in fair competition they "are not in it" with the outfitters of British Columbia, resort to the most reprehensible means to secure the trade they see passing their doors. The statement that Victoria merchants as "cut-throat robbers" is mild to some of the assertions these avaricious bidders for the Yukon trade indulge in. In fact, no falsehood is too glaring, no trick too mean, in the opinion of the men from whom this information is obtained, for the merchants of Portland, Oregon.

Some of the advance agents employed by Vancouver merchants are also afflicted with a complaint which may be called a disregard for truth, but which is characterized by some of the men by a harsher term. According to some of them Vancouver is represented as a city with a population three times larger than Victoria, and all kinds of extravagant offers are being made by these "hustlers" for trade in the matter of free transportation from Seattle and Victoria for possible buyers. It would appear that some man or men commissioned by Vancouver merchants is working the Seattle boat for "all it is worth," and a party of eight who came over this morning were told that if instead of stopping in Victoria they would go right over to Vancouver, the trip would not cost them a cent. This is some evidence of the way in which Victoria's rivals are endeavoring to secure the Yukon trade, and were it not for the fact that in spite of it the trade is coming to Victoria, the question might well be asked what should be done to counteract this crooked work of merchants in competing cities. On this point, however, considerable cause for satisfaction is found in the evidence of the men themselves to the effect that their presence here is due to the fact that freinds who had preceded them had purchased their supplies here and had sent back word to their friends of the satisfaction experienced by buying here. This good work is being done all the time, and from Colorado alone the amount of trade thus brought to the city cannot be estimated. Messrs. Gilmore, Lockard, Wylie, Sprague, Donahue, Agnew, Cosgrove and Sackett are a partyof Colorado miners who have come through all the coast cities from Portland northward and have run the gauntlet of all the outfitting house "cappers" without being disuaded from their intention of ascertaining what they can do in Victoria, and what they have seen here, although naturally limited owing to the fact that they only arrived this morning, has been sufficient to warrant the conclusion that in Victoria they will purchase every ounce of supplies they will take with them.

At the Dominion hotel there is a large party of northbound miners from Pennsylvania, Montana and Washington, and the hotel is crowded every minute of the day with men busy comparing prices, deciding upon the quantities and kind of goods to buy, or making the final arrangements for their journey. At the Queen's the register shows arrivals from Nova Scotia, Ontario and different parts of the United States. Ontario and Minnesota furnish their quota to swell the list of arrivals at the Occidental, while at the Wilson the guests who throng the office and corridors hail from all over the continent. Amongst them are a family from Providence, R. I., consisting of T. H. Sweetland and wife and four children. Mr. Sweetland has been attracted to the Pacific province with the intention of going into business in Victoria, with which city he and his family express themselves as delighted.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and remove timber from off a tract of land, situate in Cassiar District, and more particularly described as follows:—Commencing at a point on the west side of Tagish Lake, about a quarter of a mile north of the mouth of the river which flows out of Too-Chi Lake; thence following the shore line of the lake south a distance of one and a half miles; thence west one-half mile; thence north following the sinuosities of the shore line (and distant therefrom one-half mile) a distance of one and a half miles; thence east one-half mile to place of commencement; and comprising about 1,000 acres.

JAMES MUIRHEAD.

Victoria, B.C., January 12th, 1898.

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Washington Authorities Be[illegible] Their Energies to Sup[illegible] Excitement.

A Benefit Performance [illegible] York—Cowboys Recru[illegible] for Cuba.

New York, Feb. 25.—The [illegible] Express publishes an extra [illegible] streets this afternoon wth the [illegible] from its Havana corresponde[illegible] Quigley:

"The United States naval [illegible] inquiry continued to-day t[illegible] testimony of the divers who [illegible] working on the wreck of t[illegible] Those who were sent here fro[illegible] tleship Iowa and the cruiser [illegible] were examined. While, of c[illegible] members of the court will no[illegible] publication, I am informed on [illegible] est authority that the evidenc[illegible] Morgan as to the condition of [illegible] shows almost beyond the possi[illegible] doubt in the opinion of my [illegible] that the Maine was blown up [illegible] side agency. Furthermore, [illegible] report was verified by the ot[illegible] can divers who descended to-[illegible]

All of the testimony of the e[illegible] nesses of the disaster was [illegible] day. The court will finish it [illegible] morrow, and then proceed [illegible] Key West to take the testim[illegible] survivors there. It has also [illegible] ed not to return to Havana, [illegible] information as to the cause [illegible] aster obtainable here has al[illegible] secured. It is believed that [illegible] has been practically reached. [illegible] nesses yet to be examined [illegible] change the verdict.

The court has decided agai[illegible] tempt to raise the ruined [illegible] The members are convinced [illegible] would be useless, as she cou[illegible] kept afloat, and the Spanish [illegible] here will be informed that if [illegible] the wreck removed from the h[illegible] must attend to the work [illegible] This decision gives a better i[illegible] terrible havoc wrought in t[illegible] than columns of description [illegible] The Merritt Wrecking Comp[illegible] announced to-day, wanted $2[illegible] raise the wreck. The compa[illegible] sentatives made this demand [illegible] ing the wrecked vessel. Th[illegible] to-day turned their attention [illegible] the great guns. These at le[illegible] recovered in sufficiently goo[illegible] to warrant the effort.

Two unknown bodies of the [illegible] recovered in the wreck by [illegible] to-day. The bodies were [illegible] burned and mangled and it i[illegible] possible to identify some of t[illegible]

Chicago, Feb. 25.—Mr. H. [illegible] sat, who is a very close frien[illegible] dent McKinley, publishes th[illegible] in the Chicago Evening Post t[illegible] "It can be stated positively t[illegible] the President nor Secretary [illegible] possession of a single fact o[illegible] regard to the Maine disaster [illegible] have not made public. While [illegible] not confirm nor deny the [illegible] stories published throughout t[illegible] as to the progress of the in[illegible] know that none of the evide[illegible] clusions of the court will be [illegible] lic in advance of the report. [illegible] cial connected with the investi[illegible] the cause of the disaster to [illegible] from Capt. Sampson down to [illegible] and linemen, is under oath [illegible] The Maine itself is sacredl[illegible] from unofficial approach. T[illegible] account for the remarkable [illegible] with which the American peo[illegible] daily sensations from Havan[illegible] stock jobbing forebodings of [illegible] New York and Washington. [illegible] is absolutely true, President [illegible] knows nothing about the wr[illegible] Maine or the testimony as t[illegible] that he has not made public [illegible] not withhold any informatio[illegible] gets it. He has not come to [illegible] sion as to whether the disaste[illegible] dental or designed, or whet[illegible] caused by an internal or exte[illegible] sion. When he receives the [illegible] the court of inquiry he will [illegible] facts, which he will make pub[illegible] conclusions and policy."

Seattle, Feb. 25—The Post-I[illegible] this morning prints the follo[illegible] its special correspondent at W[illegible] Alland B. Slauson:

Washington, Feb. 24.—War [illegible] are strong to-night. The ad[illegible] is bending all its energies to [illegible] citement throughout the coun[illegible] cause it does not intend to [illegible] national honor, but to preve[illegible] wise act that might lead to o[illegible] before the preparations for [illegible] ing struggle are completed.

Official information from [illegible] Sigsbee telling the true st[illegible] Maine has already been recei[illegible] sober faces of all the presid[illegible] family, and the earnestness [illegible] matters are discussed, coupl[illegible] wonted activity in the arm[illegible] bureaus belie all denials.

Within two weeks, if matt[illegible] they are, the 10-inch guns o[illegible] will be on American soil, a[illegible] way to take a place in the p[illegible] ament of the Kentucky. [illegible] could not be replaced within [illegible] a half, and are needed in eve[illegible]

People who are condemnin[illegible] istration should see in this pi[illegible] egy a refutation of such talk.

A Benefit Performa[illegible]

New York, Feb. 25.—A tho[illegible] sentative people gathered at [illegible] politan opera house yesterda[illegible] to bid for the boxes and s[illegible] performance on Sunday nig[illegible] the benefit of the families o[illegible] and marines who lost their [illegible] battleship Maine.

Chauncey M. Depew ma[illegible] previous to the sale, in whi[illegible]

"It is many years since [illegible] stood in the shadow of a c[illegible] whelming as the present. [illegible] the attitude of saying to t[illegible] 'We wish you fearlessly, [illegible] favor to friend or foe, to [illegible] and tell us what caused t[illegible] these seamen, our brothers.

"Our great ship went to [illegible] protect American life and [illegible] called upon. Every one o[illegible] ready to lay down his life."

The sale netted $3,916.

Sigsbee's Plan Appr[illegible]

Washington, Feb. 25.—Se[illegible] immediately answered Capt [illegible] telegram late yesterday s[illegible] proving all his recommendat[illegible] directed to have Lieutenant [illegible] executive officer of the Mai[illegible] rangements with the wrecke[illegible] infection of everything sent [illegible] States. The recommendatio[illegible] clothing be abandoned, and [illegible] given to the poor, was appr[illegible] comment. The same approv[illegible] to the suggestion that useles[illegible] equipment be towed to sea [illegible] overboard, it being left to [illegible] bee's judgment to determine [illegible] destruction should be carrie[illegible]

Relief for the Vic[illegible]

Washington, Feb. 25.—R[illegible]