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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Vancouver's Embezzlement Case—
Presentation to Champions on
the Lacrosse Field.

Nanaimo Poultry Association—More
Policemen for Westminster—
Mining at Fort Steele.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 5.—The trial of P. N. Smith for alleged embezzlement was continued in the police court this morning. The first charge, appropriating \$180 for personal use supposed to have been expended in wood for the company, was dismissed. The second charge was then taken up. It would appear by the books of the company that \$800 was paid twice for stumpage on certain property. Mr. Smith explained this by saying that this was paid to the owner of the property twice over by mistake and he was perfectly willing to make restitution. The owner of the property states that the \$800 was paid but once. On this charge Police Magistrate Russell said that if the lawyer for the prosecution moved to have Mr. Smith bound over to appear for trial at the next assizes he could grant the request. There are the only charges brought by the tram company against Mr. Smith, and there is every prospect of the matter being arranged out of court.

The "Stevadores" Union have seceded from the order of the Knights of Labor. Last night before a large audience in the market hall the members of the lacrosse team were presented with gold watches and chains won by them in the carnival series of lacrosse matches. The watches were presented by the citizens, and the chains by Mr. David Bissett, of the Empress line. An immense crowd was present and the boys were heartily cheered. The splendid turn-out speaks louder than words of the popularity of the boys who defend the fame and honor of Vancouver on the lacrosse field. After the presentation an unusually good concert was held, ladies and gentlemen of local talent lending their services to the good cause. A dance was subsequently held and much enjoyed by a large number of the audience.

WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, Dec. 5.—Owing to the burglary scare in Westminster three more police officers have been appointed. W. Medley, W. Sutherland and W. B. Little. The citizens are arming themselves with revolvers, all the local firms being about sold out during the week.

A farewell address was presented to Rev. H. H. Gowan by the Art and Scientific Society last night.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Dec. 5.—The Poultry Association has decided that their show shall be held as nearly as possible on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of February, shortly after the Tacoma show will be held. Mr. S. M. Robins has kindly consented to allow the use of the old court-house, Chapel street, for the show, and preparations are being commenced to make the exhibition in every respect a good one.

The announcement is out of a very interesting event to be given under the auspices of the Nanaimo Athletic Association on Christmas Eve. The association's event will probably be the first masquerade ball of the season, and it is known that a great deal of interest is being taken in it. The affair is to be held in the International hall, and Foster's orchestra will provide music. The association has decided to present two prizes for the best character costumes, and one for the best costume.

The total registration of municipal householders this year is about 330, as compared with 324 last year.

There were three claims located from Texada yesterday, being the Snow Flake, Dew Drop and Daisy recorded by M. Galbraith and C. B. Robson.

A well known resident of this district prophesies that there will be no more snow this winter.

Two magnificent specimens of the marble seal were shot by some fishermen near Nanaimo last Sunday.

WELLINGTON.

(From the Wellington Enterprise.)

Last month the total foreign shipments of coal from Wellington—28,068 tons—equalled the entire output of Nanaimo and Union combined, and nearly 9,000 tons in addition. Such a record as this ought to be more than satisfactory to the owners of this colliery and the miners. This is probably the first time in the history of Wellington that she has occupied the unique position of out-shipping the combined foreign shipments of both Union and Nanaimo.

Messrs. G. W. Kennedy and Jack Belyea, of Nanaimo Bay, went deer shooting on Monday, and had the good luck to bring out the largest bag of deer that has so far been captured this season. Mr. Kennedy's share amounted to ten fine looking bucks, some of them of very large size. The locality shot over is not more than ten miles from here.

FORT STEELE.

(From the Fort Steele Prospector.)

The Invicta Gold Mining Co. and the Nip and Tuck Co., which have been extensively engaged in placer mining on Wild Horse Creek, have partially cleaned up, with very satisfactory results to the companies. The exact amounts of the clean-ups are away up in the thousands.

There has been a great deal of development work done in the Fort Steele district, and sufficient to satisfy claim-owners that with facilities for marketing ore this section will become a large producer.

The Ram's Horn mineral claim, eight miles north of Fort Steele, has been bonded to Montana parties. It was located last summer by Messrs. Grundy and Sprague, and is a silver-lead proposition. Mr. Sprague reports that the bond is for \$50,000.

A large amount of supplies have been sent to the Dibble mine during the week. Mr. Sprague says the mine will be worked during the winter. There are at

present some 500 sacks of ore ready for shipment.

Messrs. T. Grassick, Dempsey and Langley are completing arrangements for the sale of several mining claims in the vicinity of Mark creek. The property referred to lies between the Sullivan and North Star, near Mark creek.

The North Star Company will take out from 6,000 to 8,000 tons of carbonates during the winter. The company will ship nothing but carbonates next season, as they run from 90 to 100 ounces in silver, with a small percentage of lead.

Victoria parties are said to be seeking all the available property in the vicinity of the North Star. Spokane parties are also in search of mines on the mountain, as close as possible to the big mine.

The Wassa group of mines, about twelve miles from Fort Steele, has been sold, and the first instalment of \$5,000 has been paid.

W. J. Walsh, C.E., representing an East Indian syndicate, has made a number of locations on Perry creek.

Work on the Thunder Hill property will be resumed at an early date.

A. McBean has sold his copper property, on Sand creek, to Montana parties, the consideration being \$60,000.

A syndicate from Eastern Canada has applied for the purchase of large tracts of timber on the north fork of the St. Mary river.

THE PALO ALTO

Establishes Its Reputation as a
Rich Mine—Splendid Show-
ing of Ore.

Assays Up to \$41 in Gold at a
Depth of Seventy-five
Feet.

(The Rosslander, December 1.)

The Palo Alto is now acknowledged to be one of the most promising mines in the camp. Its history is brief up to date, but what will be said of it in the future will be welcome to those who are fortunate enough to be interested in the property. The best mines in the district, now of world-wide fame, were not at first much thought of and it was only by patience and perseverance that their real wealth has been demonstrated. In none of them have these qualities been more conspicuous than in the mine in question, and that the reward will be proportionate there can be little doubt. The Palo Alto was located on October 12, 1894, by Mr. St. Bonche, and lies about a mile and a half southeast of Rossland and north of Trail Creek. The fortunate locator of the property was convinced from the very first that he had in his hands a great mine, and he has been working to demonstrate the fact, laboring hard on development work during the first winter and spring, and being rewarded the following summer with very complimentary assays. The property was then put on the market, but unfortunately those to whom was entrusted the duty of handling it were not a unanimous crowd and their disagreements got into print, the result being that the very outset the property got a black eye on the market.

With the details of this character, laundry work—in which a great deal of dirty linen was washed—the public are conversant. However, those who have not been actually stuck to the property have now their reward.

Mr. Alto has survived all onslaughts, and in his proposal, the colonies took free trade as its basis. His Lordship suggested to the colonies to take up all the duties, simply giving British goods the advantage of 10 per cent.

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SIR VERNON HARCOURT

Recognized Leader of the Liberals
—National Storage for Wheat
—Customs Union.

Crops in India—More Bismarck
Revelations Expected—China as
a Military Nation.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—It is a pretty well established fact that the question of the leadership of the Liberal party has been settled, Sir William Vernon Harcourt is now the recognized chief. The English papers, mostly Conservative, which predicted the reappearance of Lord Rosebery as leader, are thoroughly alert.

Lord Carrington, who seems to speak with authority about Lord Rosebery's re-assumption has not only been contradicted by Lord Rosebery's intimates, but is known to have no sanction, whatever, from His Lordship. The current stories in the English papers of a shortly to be published correspondence between Sir Vernon Harcourt, Lord Rosebery and others are so much kumbug. Through-out Lord Rosebery has taken the course of honorable reticence in the interest of the Liberal party.

A special dispatch from Cairo announces that, acting on the advice of the Khedive, the Egyptian ministers have accepted the offer of Lord Cromer, the British agent there, in behalf of Great Britain, to advance the money necessary to repay the Caisse of the Egyptian debt the £500,000 paid out to meet the expense of the Anglo-Egyptian expedition to Dongola, which the court of appeals at Alexandria on Dec. 2 decided should not have been used for even the staunch Conservative newspapers rebuke his conduct. The Pall Mall Gazette thinks that the only conclusion to draw from this speech, is that the government is blessed beyond measure in its foreign under-estimation of the Egyptian situation.

Mr. Curzon's speech, in which he conducted their newspapers. He said their news is always unreliable, and that their correspondents hang around the various foreign offices with a "Spang me a copper" sort of air.

THE IMPERIAL ZOLLVEREIN had another inning at the Congress of the Agricultural Union, in Manchester. A big party of Conservative members of parliament was present and a resolution was adopted urging the establishment of a tariff union with the Continent.

Mr. Chamberlain had failed because, in his proposal, the colonies took free trade as its basis. His Lordship suggested to the colonies to take up all the duties, simply giving British goods the advantage of 10 per cent.

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PILMOSS ATTACKS THE TRUSTS.

Mr. Samuel Pilmoos, the sailors' friend, whose work in behalf of sailors, passengers at sea, and shipping generally, has won for him world-wide fame, is launching another crusade. This time he is attacking the trusts. In a long letter to the newspapers, he points out America as a sad example of the pernicious effects of such organizations. He says: "The epidemic of rapacity has reached Europe, where, as in America, it may be expected to spread with sudden and unexpected rapidity." Mr. Pilmoos winds up with a proposal that parliament should select a committee to inquire into the whole subject.

OCCUPATION OF TURKEY. As was to be expected, denial has followed close upon the published statement yesterday by the Daily News to the effect that the six great powers would shortly consider a project the object of which is the occupation of the north-eastern corner of Turkey. In official circles here it is declared that the alleged project is an absurd fantasy. The truth is there is still a complete pause in the discussion of questions affecting the Dardanelles. When the master of Lord Salisbury will not admit of any change in his contention that whatever rights in the straits have been obtained by Russia must be extended to all the powers.

The commander-in-chief, Lord Wolseley, speaking of "Modern India," Edinburgh, said he believed that the Chinese were designed above all races to be the great military and naval conquering people, and he added, that if he was given a free hand and allowed to select English officers as instructors, he would undertake to raise in a couple of years, a Chinese army, which would be invincible in the East and hard to beat in Europe.

No date has yet been arranged for the banquet to the U. S. Ambassador, Mr. Thos. F. Bayard, but the Marquis of Salisbury, to whom the matter has been mentioned, received the suggestion with the utmost kindness and cordiality.

The year 1896 has proved a rare harvest for the company promoter. It is estimated that £14,750 of shares in different concerns have been offered to the public during the past eleven months at the highest amount in several years past.

Much interest has been created by a letter in the London Times, signed "Old Fashioned Patriot," explaining the patriotic instruction given to American youths, and telling how not only the boys but the girls in the United States are drilled in giving a military salute in the schools to the Stars and Stripes, and suggests that the same system be introduced into the British schools. The letter has been warmly supported by the press, and the Globe warmly supports the idea, adding "The Union Jack stands for more than the star spangled banner, bearing a long and glorious past."

The belicous Edward J. Ivory, the alleged Irish-American dynamite and conspirator, has obtained a postponement of his trial for one month, to enable them to complete their chain of evidence in behalf of the prisoner by the arrest of witnesses, depositions, etc., from New York.

Sun Yatzen, the Chinese doctor, who was kidnapped by officials of the Chinese legation here, and who was subsequently released, has published an article, in which he says that the value of Li Hung Chang's head will be determined by the value of the information he has taken to China against the doings and power of the Marquis of Salisbury.

An extraordinary incident at Oxford which has been the talk of the week, was the ducking of the author of an article in the university newspaper Isis, attacking the Dean of Christ church. The writer was seized by the church men and was taken to the town quad, where he was ducked and copies of the paper burned. The editor of Isis only escaped a ducking by reason of his delicate health. It is announced that the writer of the article was an American. The dons have interfered and will send him down.

Early in July a splendid collection of diamonds and other precious stones, which formerly belonged to the French crown, will be sold at Amsterdam. The collection also includes two mantle knots which belonged to the Empress Eugenie, with 841 stones weighing more than 200 carats, earrings, necklets and brooches, one 581 brilliant cut and 768 diamonds, rubies, sapphires and turquoises.

It was learned to-night that Ambassador Bayard is now not likely to accept the proposed testaments. The absence of prominent names from the list and the fact that only 458 was subscribed outside the office of the Telegraph, together with adverse comments called from American, is responsible for his decision.

The storm put out the lights at the lighthouse on the French coast. The immense waves prevented approach to the lighthouse for the purpose of making repairs. Immediately after the storm the select committee on the petroleum trade will take the American evidence. The American oil trust witnesses should be heard by the last week in January. The American view has been set forth in an article, the main argument of which is, that accidents arise less through the explosive quality of the oils than defects in the lamps.

A MESSAGE TO MEN. Proving That True Honesty and True Philanthropy Still Exist.

If any man who is weak, nervous and debilitated, or who is suffering from any of the various troubles resulting from excess of work, will take heart and write to me, I will send him confidentially and free of charge the plan pursued, which I have completely restored to perfect health and manhood, after years of suffering from Nervous Debility, Loss of Vigor and Organic Weakness.

I have nothing to sell and therefore want no money, but as I know through my own experience how to sympathize with such sufferers, I am glad to be able to assist my fellow-being to cure. I am well aware of the prevalence of quackery, for I myself was deceived and misled from youth, and I nearly lost faith in mankind, but I rejoice to say that I am now perfectly well and happy and have generally fallen in kindly and largely in the Deccan parts of Bombay. They are easier in the Central provinces, and a bumper crop is expected in South Madras. There is no fear of famine in Dera, Hyderabad or Madras. The present crop prospects are generally good, and proved in the South and Central provinces, considerably so in the plateau dis-

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I see you hiding there. No you don't! We come from off the chair and give it to you straight. A1 and no football play.

Do you know our raisins are those beauties Jock Horner took out of his Xmas pie? 8 lbs. for 25 cents.

Cleaned Currants, 3 lbs. 25 cents.

Mince Meat, 10 cents.

Plum Pudding, 40 cents.

Saratoga Chips, 35 cents.

Roller Oats booming, 7 lbs. 25 cents.

The old favorite, Bennett's Butter, 60 cents.

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