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EWART RIVER.

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he council of the board of trade
meet to-morrow afternoon at 4:30
rther consider the proposed leasing
redging privileges on the Stewart
Yukon, by the Dominion govern-
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he terms and conditions connected
this proposal.

British Columbia.

ROSSLAND.

(Rossland Miner.)

There are 179 cars of freight consigned to Rossland at Northport. Over 100 cars have been transferred to this side of the river, which is so high that it is a matter of doubt whether or not the other the other 79 can be ferried at present.

The well-known Sovereign mine on Lookout mountain has been bonded for $36,000 to A. W. Morris, of Montreal. Mr. Morris has been in Kootenay for the past month looking into the mining resources of the country and more especially of Rossland, to whose mines he has devoted most of his time. Before making any investments in the camp he went through all the developed mines, including the Le Roi, Centre Star and War Eagle, besides 50 or more less well developed. That he should have selected the Sovereign after this tour of inspection is a pretty good evidence of the merits of the property.

KASLO.

The Kootenaian.

On the 25th of this month the Idaho mine will pay another dividend of $25,000, making a total to date of $175,000. The property is said to be in excellent condition, capable of continuing its splendid record for an indefinite period.

The steamer Ainsworth was raised clear of the bottom and attached to two barges and last Sunday the tug Red Star towed them up to the head of the lake near the saw mill where work on raising her is now going on. The men in charge hope to have her afloat by the first of next week.

The recent strike in the Antoine which, however, was rather a widening out of the ore body, there having been from 15 to 18 inches of ore all along, presents to the seeker after wealth in the earth's bowels a splendid spectacle. In the breast of one of the lower drifts the ore has within the past two weeks widened from 12 inches to about three feet. Much of this ore went into the last car, which gave returns of 306 oz. Some splendid specimens of ore, one in particular, weighing over 800 pounds, taken from the drift above mentioned, has been brought down and will be placed on exhibition. The large piece will probably go to Spokane.

Last fall an incline shaft was sunk on the Sunset to the depth of 65 feet, exposing a well mineralized ledge, and during the winter a tunnel 200 feet long, attaining a depth of 125 feet, has been run in on the property. The lead is a very strong one, the ledge proper having a width of fifteen feet and is well mineralized, eleven feet having fine showings of gray copper carrying over 2,000 ounces in silver, the remaining four feet showing up strongly with galena and gray copper that runs 1,200 ounces in silver with a large percentage of lead.

John Campbell and Charles Macdonald have recently disposed of the Batchelor group on Twelve mile, not far from Sloean lake. There were five claims in the group and they were purchased by G. A. Farini, a representative of the Rossland Gold Mining and Development Company of Toronto. H. S. Sherrard, of London, reported on the property for the purchasers. The contract to drive a 50-foot tunnel will be let in a few days.

A. L. Paudrier and Hugh Fletcher received word this week that a rich strike had been made on a group of three claims owned by them. The property is situated not far from the Gibson group on the south fork of Kaslo creek. The nature of the lead is silver lead carrying assays from which show returns of 634 oz. silver and 50 per cent. lead. The ore body is four inches wide and well defined.

PILOT BAY.

The Kootenaian.

It is evident that much work will be done on the lake south of this place during the coming summer. Prospectors are now starting out in great numbers for the vicinity of Sanca and Goat river, where good properties are now being developed.

Mr. J. Martel has discovered a ledge of high grade ore on his claim which is an extension of the Granite ledge, but nearer the head of the lake.

The Silver Crown Mining and Smelting company, whose property adjoins the Granite claims, have engaged a large staff of men, and are vigorously pushing the work on the property. It is under the management of Mr. W. Spinner.

Mr. R. D. Huggart has just returned from the Toby creek district where he has located two claims, the Ajax and Silver King. Mr. Huggart exhibits samples of ore which assay 620 ounces of silver and 22 per cent. copper.

Hooker creek will come to the front shortly as a mining camp. Among the claims worthy of notice are the California and Monte Carlo. These claims were located, and are owned by M. Johnston of this place. About 130 feet of tunneling has been done and about ten tons of ore shipped. The smelter returns give the value of the ore as follows: First shipment, 196 ounces of silver, 47 per cent. lead; second shipment, 242 ounces of silver, 47 per cent. lead. This property is situated at the head of Hooker creek, to which a trail has been made at a cost of about $800.

A very fine specimen of free milling gold quartz was exhibited here last week. This specimen was taken from the Gorman Mining and Milling company's property, which is situated about five miles south of this place and about five miles from the lake shore. There was one in the quartz a gold nugget which would weigh about one ounce. This should encourage those who hold property in this vicinity.

NANAIMO.

Mr. M. Bate, J. P., yesterday gave judgment in the libel case of Constable Thompson against Mayor Davison. He decided not to make a committal but to hold the defendant in bonds for appearance in case of an indictment being found. Two sureties of $150 each and the mayor's own bond of $300 were required.

The search for the body of Mr. Malcolm McDonald's five-year-old son Hector, who was drowned in the mill stream above the second falls while trying to cross on a plank on Saturday, was continued all yesterday until about half-past four, when the body was brought to the surface from a deep pool by a boat hook.

It is reported that Dunsmuir & Sons have decided to close down the No. 1 slope of the Extension mine and to sink a shaft on another portion of the Extension instead. The rails, pumps and machinery will be removed. Work will be continued at the No. 2 slope, Extension.

The smelter committee had an interview with Mr. Samuel Robins, superintendent of the New Vancouver Coal Co., in regard to the smelter proposition. Mr. Robins expressed himself most heartily in accord with the proposition to erect a smelter in this vicinity, and promised the committee his earnest co-operation in their efforts to bring about the operation of a smelter. The company would be prepared to furnish an ample site at Jack's point, or the Portage, at a really nominal figure. The committee returned highly pleased at the courtesy extended by Mr. Robins, and feel that with his valuable assistance the enterprise will have every chance of success.

AINSWORTH.

Ainsworth, April 21.—Considerable excitement was caused by the discovery last week of a fine body of ore on the east side of the lake, one and one-half miles northeast of Blue Belle mine. For several years past large boulders of float of good grade have been found on that side of the lake, and many have tried to find the ledge from which they came but without success. L. A. Jarnigan, however, found the ledge by running an open cut a short distance up a dry creek bed, above the location of the float, and uncovered at a depth of four feet a six-foot ledge of galena ore, assaying 43 ounces of silver and 50 per cent. lead per ton. This find has caused many to leave for that side of the lake, and it will be pretty thoroughly prospected up to the snow-line.

T. M. Gibson has purchased for his company the Mamie for $3,500 cash from the Britannia Mining Co., and the Lady of the Lake and Hamburg from O. Berg and Dan Clark for $8,000 cash. This company now own a string of fine claims, from the Little Phil to Toon Lake, the only break in the chain being the Charleston, recently sold to R. F. Green. Mr. Gibson's company will put up machinery for the active operation of the Little Donald, as soon as the roads are in a condition to be used.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

T. C. Higginson, of Chilliwack, was chosen government candidate for Chilliwack. The opposition convention has selected A. S. Vedder.

Just below Farr's landing a large slough enters the Fraser river from the north side, and, with a view of protecting their track, the C. P. R. last fall, blocked up the mouth of the slough by sinking mattresses, and then driving piles to hold them in position. It has, however, been labor in vain; for the dam has already been swept away by the recent rise in the river, the effect being much the same as a garden hose would produce on mud pies.

The Fraser is now higher than at any time during last May, and is rising gradually, which fact inspires the people of Chilliwack valley to confidently believe that there will be no disastrous floods this year, as the snows are melting gradually and early, and thus, when the real hot weather starts in, the waters will not come all in a rush. To prove their faith, the farmers are putting more land under cultivation this year than ever, including the low lands.

ROSSLAND.

Rossland Mining Review.

The Monte Cristo has a remarkaly encouraging showing in its lower tunnel. For three or four days the drift has been in good ore, and a streak which samples from $17 to $48, and is two feet wide, is being followed. This is a big crumb of encouragement for the men

Some of the richest grey copper and bromide of silver ore ever seen, was brought to Rossland by C. F. Caldwell from the Surprise No. 2, on Duncan river, this week. He is one of the men who made the famous mid-winter trip in 1892-9 into that country after the Golden Eagle—a trip which nearly finished himself and his partner.

The shaft on the Josie is now down 185 feet. The bottom shows 10 feet of vein, with two feet of good ore, the rest mixed ore. The Josie has now 25,000 tons of good shipping ore in sight, but shipments will not be resumed at present. The management is interested in a smelter scheme, and the difference between $10 and $20 a ton is enough to warrant keeping the ore in the mine until better facilities for treatment present themselves.

REVELSTOKE.

Kootenay Mail.

A. Munroe, until recenty foreman of the Silver Cup mine, was in town yesterday. He reports cutting three feet of clean ore in the tunnel which is being run to tap the lead and are now within a few feet of it. Progress has been slow with the work on this tunnel, as, owing to bad air, they could only work one shift.

W. McBean goes up with a boat load of supplies for the Carnes Creek Company and J. C. Montgomery this week. The Carnes Creek Company will steadily prosecute development work this season, and in a litle while a gang will go up headed by Tom Bain and accompanied by I. T. Brewster, the company's secretary, to commence work.

Revelstoke Herald.

The deal by which the well known Ophir and Last Chance placer claims will be disposed of to a company, which if it acquires them, will work the two together, is in a fair way to go through.

A slide at the Twin Butte was reported at 4 a.m. on Thursday, which held No. 2 here till after 10 p.m. and delayed No. 1 six hours. The same thing precisely occurred yesterday, only rather more so.

The party of men under S. Durham, who are to do the government work at the canyon, left on Friday morning with a scow load of provisions and appliances to comemnce operation.

Mr. Chesley, of Craigellachie, was in town yesterday with some specimens of gold bearing quartz from a ledge which he has located five miles west of that place. The ledge is four feet wide and the surface indications are excellent.

NELSON.

Nelson Miner.

Further development of the Blend mine adjoining the Leap Year, will commence on April 1st. Two years ago a carload of ore from this property was shipped to the Tacoma smelter which gave returns of $300 per ton.

Mayor Houston has appealed from the decision of Magistrate Selous, who fined him $20 for assaulting M. Teeo and put him under $200 bonds to keep the peace for three months. The case of M. Teeo, charged with vagrancy, was dismissed by Magistrate Bigelow.

Work has been commenced on the placer ground on Forty-Nine creek, owned by the Nelson Hydraulic company. D. W. McVicar and his brother-in-law, J. A. Dawes, have secured a five years lease from the company and last week sent seven men to work there. The actual work of sluicing did not commence until to-day. The force will be increased to ten men and two shifts run. Mr. McVicar thinks that the outlook for this season is good.

Between five and six million feet of logs have been cut on the timber lands of the upper Kootenay and Moyie rivers in East Kootenay and will shortly be floated down stream to the various saw mills around Kootenay lake. The logs are owned by Messrs. J. P. Becler, Gray and Lucas, G. O. Buchanan, Van Gasken, Parent, Rangle, Ellerton and others. The first named has already brought two tows in by the steamers Halys and Red Star. The Kootenay lake saw mills now depend largely on the log supply from the upper Kootenay.

VANCOUVER.

A meeting of the shareholders of the Orphan Boy Gold Mining Co. in this city will be called for 8 o'clock on Wednesday evening at the office of Mr. David Douglas, corner of Cambie and Cordova streets, at which proceedings to set aside the sale of the company's property will be considered.

A rather serious tramcar accident occurred at the bend in the line leading to the bridge to Stanley park. While making the turn one of the big open cars, without a moment's warning jumped the track. It shot towards the water and carried away some of the planking of the bridge approach, crossed a stump and brought up against one of the guide posts. There were few passengers on the car, and they escaped without injury. The motorman was badly shaken up, but the conductor was uninjured. He had a narrow escape from broken glass. The work of restoring the car to the track was soon under way, but it proved quite a big task, and was not accomplished until late in the afternoon, it having to be jacked up some eight or ten feet to raise it to a proper height. The car sustained most injury to its underworkings.

A correspondent writing to the News-Advertiser from Wharnock says: Two more promising claims have been discovered by the pioneer prospectors, Messrs. George and William Walden, nearer Wharnock station that the others, both of which show free gold. Messrs. Boyd & Layfield, of Wharnock, and Lewis Stenger, of Whatcom, have commenced development work on the Yellow Jacket group, which includes the Yellow Jacket, Golden Dawn and Champion. This is the claim which assayed $152 per ton in gold from surface croppings. An expert was out looking over the Gray Eagle claim near the Stave river owned by Messrs. L. C. York and J. A. Williamson, and reports a true vein of over seven feet of the very best kind of white quartz streaked with black carrying mineral. He reports it free milling. Messrs. Munn, Stewart and others who purchased the Golden Curry group adjoining the Gray Eagle and Bluebird are expected to commence operations in a short time or as soon as Mr. Munn returns from Ottawa.

GRAND FORKS.

Grand Forks Miner.

Last week Mr. J. E. Gibson purchased of C. H. Miller and Max Kuntz all of the Iron King and Kupper Queen, and a twothirds interest in the Columbia properties on Pass creek.

A cable ferry is being put across the South Fork at the foot of Second street, by private subscription to take the place of the free ferry which was washed out by the high water the first of the week.

During the week Mr. E. Spragget purchased a half interest each in the Mammoth, Levithan, Royal and Little Gladys claims from Arthur Lanford. These properties were among the first locations in Knight's camp up the North Fork and quite well known.

Mining circles have been very active this week and several events of considerable importance have transpired, chief among which may be mentioned the strike on the Belle claim, about three miles north of town, and the rumored strike on the Boneta. Wednesday morning the town was considerably stirred up by the report that a big strike had been made in the Boneta property, on Observation mountain, adjoining the town limits. The strike was made Tuesday night, according to the rumor, and immediately all but one man were laid off, a guard was placed at the mouth of the tunnel with orders to admit no one whatever and a courier was started post haste for Spokane. As none of the parties engaged in working the property will give out any information nothing definite can be learned until word is received from Spokane.

GREENWOOD CITY.

Boundary Creek Times.

Prospectors are beginning to flock into the hills in the neighborhood of Christina lake. Last week, it is stated, about 150 men arrived in the camp.

Jim Dale has uncovered a body of rich quartz two feet wide on the combination, in Smith's camp. There is also a three foot ledge of plumbago on the claim.

Some very fine ore is being taken out of the War Eagle claim on Rock creek, owned by Copeland and Yonkin. At a depth of 40 feet in the shaft the ledge has been found to be fully sixteen feet wide. The ore is almost clean copper pyrites.

Mr. Henneage, holding the bond on the City of Paris and Lincoln in White's camp, is expected to arrive from England next week, when work will be resumed on both properties.

In about two weeks time a force of probably 25 men will be put to work on the Boundary Creek M. & M. Co.'s properties. At the present time the surface water is proving very troublesome on the D. A.

Mr. W. T. Thompson this week bonded the Jim in Wellington camp, from George Cook for a mining syndicate. A good figure is asked for the property and ten per cent. was paid on the bond. The Jim has a great showing of pyrrhotite ore, carrying well in gold and copper.

The other day a prospector named Martin Welsh measured the Primrose claim adjoining the Mother Lode in Deadwood camp, and found that it was 2,300 feet in length from the No. 1 to the No. 2 post. He consequently staked off a 700-foot fraction which he called the Tenbrook, north of the Primrose and west of the Mother Lode. When the Mother Lode was surveyed recently Mr. Coryell found that a fraction existed between it and the Copper King. He informed Mr. Keefer of the fact, who staked the Don Julio fraction, which is 200 feet wide.

CAMP M'KINNEY.

Boundary Creek Times.

The Cariboo M. & M. Company have raised up the shaft from the No. 2 level perpedicular and are sinking down to the No. 3 level, below which the shaft will then be continued. The old shaft was an incline. All the ore has been stoped from the Nos. 1 and 2 levels, and the men are now working at the No. 3. The new compressor has arrived and will shortly be placed in position. The shoes and dies have not yet been received and consequently the mill is being worked very slowly.

Three eight-hour shifts have been put to work on the Minnehaha. The double compartment shaft is now down forty feet and shows a six foot lead of fine ore at the bottom.

Assessment work was completed last week on the Mountain Sheep, adjoining the Minnehaha on the south. A lead nearly twenty feet wide has been exposed by surface crosscuts, the ore, which is free milling, running from $7 to $12. The claim is owned by Dan Lindeberg.

The first payment has been made on the Climax claim, adjoining the Cariboo and bonded to an eastern syndicate.

The Victoria ledge has widened considerably lately.

The Minnehaha mine is shortly to be equipped with a forty horse power boiler and engine, a steam hoist and a saw mill.

BRIEF LOCALS.

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

From Tuesday's Daily.

—Writing from Dublin under date of April 16th to the Montreal Star, "T.B.S." says: "At the last St. Patrick's ball at Dublin Castle, one of the prettiest girls there was Miss Dunsmuir, from Canada."

—The case of Antonio Beda, charged with cutting and wounding Louis Polossa, was called in the city police court this morning and further remanded until Thursday, Mr. Fell, who has been retained for the defence, being unable to appear to-day. The first witness will be Polossa, and he being in bed at the Jubilee Hospital, his evidence will be taken there.

—At the Easter vestry of Christ Church Cathedral last night, the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: People's warden, Mr. Archer Martin; rector's warden, Mr. Percy Wollaston, Jr.; church committee, Messrs. J. Ward, Galletly, Woolley, L. Crease, Elworthy, Kent, Lettice, Hiscocks and Dallain; sidesmen, Messrs. Ward, Goward, Hiscocks and Dallain.

—On Saturday afternoon Fred Beaumont, of Maple Bay, was the victim of an unfortunate and painful accident. He was driving a wedge into a log when a piece of steel flew from the wedge striking the pupil of his eye and imbedding itself there. He was brought to the city by Sunday's train and taken to the Jubilee Hospital. Dr. Jones yesterday afternoon found that it was necessary to remove the injured eye, and this was done.

—Paralysis of the heart caused the sudden death yesterday morning at the Jubilee Hospital of Vincent Cave. Deceased, who was born in 1863 at Newbery, Berkshire, came to British Columbia in 1890. For two years and a half he was in the employ of the National Electric Tramway company. Then in 1893 he went to the Dallas hotel, where, for the space of three years he acted as bookkeeper. Since then he was employd in the same capacity at the Occidental. He leaves a brother and sister residing in this city. The funeral will take place from St. John's church at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

—Ah Young is one of those vagabond Chinamen who prowl around the back alleys in the day time and at night steal articles which they have "spotted" during their daylight rambles. Yesterday he saw two small zinc cisterns, to which was attached considerable lead pipe, under the carriageway leading to the C.P.N. wharf. Last night he appropriated these and was on his way to Chinntown with them when noticed by Constable McDonald. John took the constable back as far as the custom house and pointed out a spot on the side of the road where he said he had found the cisterns. This did not satisfy the constable and he marched John to the lockup, the Chinaman all the while having the hundred odd pounds of zinc and lead in a sack on his back. This morning the cisterns were identified by Wharfinger Griffiths of the C.P.N. Company, and Ah Young got two months with hard labor.

From Wednesdays Daily.

—The lawyers of the province have decided to put up their scale of prices, and some of the governmental fees have also been increased accordingly. The secretary of the Law Society has notified the various court registrars that the new tariff of costs provided for in section 88 of the Legal Professions Act is to go into effect at once. The increase will amount to about 25 per cent. all round.

—The funeral of the late Vincent Cave took place this afternoon from Hayward's undertaking parlors and later from St. John's church to Ross Bay cemetery. Rev. Percival Jenns officiated at the service at the church and at the cemetery. The funeral was largely attended and a great number of floral offerings were received. The pall bearers, who were chosen from among the employees of the street railway company, were: Messrs. V. Ground, W. Jahston, W. Duncalf, R. Nicholson, L. Russell and S. Waldron.

—When the members of the legislature assembled this afternoon they found on the wall of the lobby a large poster containing the following: "The biggest government give-away yet;" "the miners' heritage to be taken away from them," "gold, silver, wood and fresh air of Cassiar to be given to monopolists," "electors, watch your representatives today." The author of the poster, which was taken down and destroyed with all due solemnity by the sergeant-at-arms, is unknown.

—Mr. Joseph R. Roy, the Dominion government engineer who has charge of the Fraser river survey, arrived in the city last evening and is registered at the Driard. Mr. Roy has pushed the work of the survey, and as a result the hydrographical peculiarities of the Fraser are now known from its mouth to two miles above Wharnock, a distance of 37 miles. The sloughs and affluents, including Pitt, Harrison and Coquitlam rivers, have also been surveyed as far as they are affected by the Fraser river floods. Mr. Roy has established a series of gauges on the Fraser up to Quesnellemouth. By these he will be able to ascertain the time the water from the upper Fraser takes to travel into the lower Fraser. Mr. Roy, when seen to-day, said that he had nothing to say about Mr. Gamble's resignation or the removal of the public works offices to New Westminster. He will remain in Victoria for a week or ten days.

—It is understood to be the intention of the government to commence work immediately on a trail from Telegraph Creek to Teslin Lake, thus opening up an easy route to the Yukon. The Stickeen river could be used for transportation purposes as far as Telegraph Creek, and from there to Teslin Lake the country is said to be open, offering very few obstacles to the building of a trail. Once on Teslin Lake little difficulty is experienced in reaching the mines by the lakes and rivers. Frank Callbreath made the trip from Telegraph Creek to Teslin Lake this spring, and reported that there was a good route for a Trail. Ed. Metcalf went up by the last steamer to go over the route, and if it is as good as reported he intends to take a flock of sheep into the Yukon.

—Texada Island is rich in mineral wealth, and a man who is fully aware of this is Mr. J. J. Palmer, who owns 80 acres on Stuart bay, Texada, and 400 more in the vicinity of the bay. He is now having a townsite located on the south side of the bay, and will begin the erection of a wharf as soon as possible. The contract has already been awarded. Stuart Bay, which is on the northeast of Texada island, is practically the only harbor on the island, and, besides, it is close to the great Van Anda mine. Mr. Palmer anticipates an influx of miners and others, as he intends building a hotel with twenty rooms. The plans are now being prepared by Mr. Maxwell Muir of this city. The prospects for the new townsite seem very bright, for it is in the centre of the copper belt and a great number of claims have been staked off. There are now about 600 mining locations on the island.

From Thursday's Daily.

—W. T. Cooksley, of New Westminster has been engaged by the provincial government to deliver a course of lectures in the Eastern provinces.

—John Aiken was this morning remanded for another week on the charge of shooting George Brown. A slight improvement is reported in Brown's condition.

—At last evening's meeting of the board of directors of the Jubilee Hospital the resident physician recommended that an effort be made to have the old men now at the hospital removed to the Old Men's Home, either here or at Kamloops. The directors will endeavor to have the recommendation carried out.

—Th death occurred on Monday last from the effects of tuberculosis of the lungs of Frederick Ferguson, or, as he was more generally known, Frederick Nelson. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon. Deceased, who was 35 years old and a native of Norway, was a seaman on the Canadian-Australian steamer Miowera.

—Mr. P. I. Packard, of the Yukon Mining, Trading and Transportation Co., to whom the provincial legislature granted a charter to build a line of railway from the head of navigation on Taku Inlet to Teslin Lake, has felt for Ottawa, the company also seeking a Dominion charter. There is a rumor to the effect that the provincial government intend bringing down a measure to give the company a land grant.

—The Gooderham syndicate, owners of the War Eagle, are at the head of a movement to send a testimonial to the Queen of England on the occasion of her jubilee, which will be celebrated in a few weeks. Producing mines of the Kootenay district have been asked to contribute bars of bullion to swell the amount. A letter of this description was received by the Le Roi company, and the Gooderham people asked that the bill be sent them for the gold bar. Col. Turner, president of the company, yesterday shipped by express to Toronto a gold brick taken from the plates of the concentrator. It contained something over $100. A letter was also sent by Col. Turner stating that the Le Roi company considered itself a loyal subject of the "grand old lady," perhaps as good as the War Eagle company, and that his company had instructed him to send no bill. All the bricks and bullion, it is understood, will be shipped to London as an exhibit of the Kootenay

—"Cuckoo" Jim Collins, alias Tom Robinson, alias Daly, who is suspected of the robbery of Challoner, Mitchell & Spring's jewellery store at Rossland, although only 28 years of age, has earned the reputation of being the most notorious diamond thief in the West. He was recently arrested in California and sent to Denver, where he was wanted for the robebry of several hundred dollars' worth of diamonds in March, 1896. After the Denver robbery he came West and for a time lived at Port Townsend, under the name of Tom Robinson. He is a great sprinter and while there refereed the contest between Marbet and West. He was in Spokane last winter under the name of Daly. Then he left there and later turned up in California, where he was arrested. The Denver police offered a reward of $1,000 for his capture. It is thought that Collins took the diamonds secured in Rossland to California and left the jewellery at Northport to be shipped by express to Spokane, where they were found, as stated in yesterday's dispatches.

MYSTERY SOLVED

Remains Found Near Parson's Bridge Were those of Harry Chambers.

Received a Letter from His Fiancee and went Out and Committed Suicide.

The remains recently found near the E. & N. railway track in the vicinity of Parson's Bridge, are believed to have been those of Harry Chambers, who disappeared mysteriously about six years ago. The information upon which this theory is advanced was furnished the provincial police by Mr. S. W. Bodley, of 46 Fort street. Mr. Bodley reports that Chambers and a man named Joe Saulter, whose brothers carry on the business of felt roofers in Toronto, worked together putting the roofs on Mr. Robert Ward's and Mr. Irving's residences on Belcher street, and also did the lathing. It will be remembered that with the remains was found a metal souvenir on which was engraved: "Saulter Bros., felt and gravel roofs; Tel. No., 1056; 23 Adelaide street E." Joe Saulter went over to the Mainland after his friend's disappearance. It is not known where he is now.

Chambers was engaged to be married to a young lady in Toronto, and he had made arrangements to settle in Victoria. One evening he received a letter from his fiancee, in which she stated that her father would not allow her to come to Victoria. This made Chambers very despondent, and the next morning he did not turn up at the usual hour for starting work. Enquiries led to the fact that he had left his lodging house in the morning, taking his revolver with him. A thorough search failed to reveal his whereabouts. There is little doubt but that he walked along the railway track brooding over his disappointment and at the spot where his remains were found stepped into the bush and blew his brains out.

Not long after the arrival of the letter which caused Chambers to end his life, another letter came from the young lady in Toronto, and was sent back by the missing man's friends, with the information that Chambers was missing.

In the second letter the young lady expressed her intention of coming to Victoria to marry Chambers despite her father's objections. When she learned that he was missing, she had the search for him resumed, but this search was as unsuccessful as the first had been.

Harry Chambers was a young man of splendid character. He came originally from England, where his mother and sister still reside. In Toronto he met Joe Saulter and the two came west, following the booms. They worked on a number of the buildings and residences erected here in 1891 and thereabouts.

LOTS OF WRECKAGE

Sighted Along the Coast by the Whaleback Collier City of Everett.

Lyman D. Foster, One of the Overdue Vessels, Arrives at Her Destination.

San Francisco, April 28.—So much wreckage is adrift along the coast south and north of Cape Flattery that seafaring men are commencing to fear that not only was the ship Samaria lost in the gale the latter part of March, but that another vessel also met her fate in that fearful storm. Mixed up with the Samaria wreckage found on Ilwaco Beach, Wn., were portions of a cabin that looked like they might have been parts of an English-built vessel. It has all along been supposed that a lumber craft went to the bottom shortly before or after the Samaria sailed for San Francisco, for quite a quantity of lumber was sighted off the Cape by passing vessels some weeks ago. Some marine prophets are inclined to predict that the second victim of the March blow was not one of the foreign lumber fleet, but that the loose scantling and boards were from the deckloads of outbound craft that may have been obliged to jettison part of their upper deck cargo to save themselves. The mystery of the "unknown" will not be solved until the fleets to and from various coast and foreign ports have been checked up and found wanting. It is impossible to advance any feasible theory at the present writing. The whaleback steamer City of Everett, from the north, reports that on April 25 she sighted a ship's poop-ladder drifting by the steamer. This is probably the same ladder on which the wife of the captain of the Alcade thought she saw a corpse the day following the parting of company of the Samaria and Alcade.

In detail the wreckage found near Ilwaco consisted of three ship's doors painted white, several pieces of white painted railing, some broken teakwood chests, a green box nine inches by twenty-four, a pigeon-holed chest marked "Fredericksburg Bottling Company of San Francisco," and some broken English walnut chairs. Also pieces of dark wood door sills, such as are used in English ships. On April 8, about one mile off Long Beach, a quantity of wreckage was seen near Long Beach Station and a large portion of a main deck came ashore.

Nothing new has transpired to-day in respect to the Empress of China. Both ship and passengers are still in quarantine. Every effort is being made by the company to secure the release of the crew and first-class passengers, but so far the efforts have been unsuccessful.