Oriental Liners Arriving Fast

Glenogle and Tartar Reach Port Close Behind an Empress.

Idzumi Maru Due To-day—An Address to Captain Meyer.

The Northern Pacific liner Glenogle arrived early yesterday morning with the first of this season's tea to cross the Pacific this year. A few hours after she put in an appearance at quarantine, the Tartar, of the C. P. R. Oriental line, arrived, making the third big ship to reach port from China and Japan inside of 30 hours, and a fourth liner, the Idzumi Maru, is due to-day. Both the Glenogle and Tartar left Yokohama several days before the Empress of China, and consequently bring no later Oriental advices than did the Empress. The Glenogle received nearly all her cargo, some 3,000 tons, at Kobe. She landed here about 70 tons of freight and 45 Japanese passengers, out of a total number of 92 aboard. Her saloon passengers included H. Bennett, the representative of a big British printing house, who is now journeying to England; J. Parker, of the Victoria Bank of Hongkong, who is on his way to Australia on pleasure; J. Malberb, a Calgary horseman; M. Tamura, a Vancouver business man; and Capt. Rookes, master of the ship Alice A. Leigh, which vessel was quarantined here some few years ago and while detained here, it will be remembered, caught fire. The Tartar's passengers were T. G. Adams and wife, W. S. Ayrton, Miss Ayrton, Miss F. Ayrton, Miss W. Ayrton, Master F. Ayrton, Miss McClatchie, J. Hunter, O. Scoones, J. E. Tait, George H. Stoock, Miss Saito, and J. Bresnam. The Tartar brought 92 Chinese and 115 Japanese passengers, and out of a large general cargo landed 50 tons at the outer wharf.

NORTHWARD BOUND.

Steamer Alpha Left Last Evening With a Full Cargo.

The steamer Alpha got away for the North last evening with her freight space fully engaged, there being more cargo offering than she could carry. That loaded here comprised a large number of empty salmon boxes, which every ship going North is carrying to the canneries. At Vancouver 450 tons of general freight including some live stock, will be received by the Alpha. Among the passengers booked for her are C. H. Medlicott, A. C. Talbot, P. V. Fosberry and C. O. White.

'FRISCO LINERS.

The Walla Walla Arrived and the City of Puebla Sailed Yesterday.

The Pacific Coast Steamship Company's steamers Walla Walla and City of Puebla were in port yesterday, the former from San Francisco and the latter from the Sound, bound for the Golden Gate. The Walla Walla brought in a big load of freight and passengers, and was considerably the lighter for landing Victoria's consignments and cargo. There were 153½ tons of freight a large portion of which was fresh fruit for this port. Those going away on the Puebla were A. C. Martin and wife, Miss Lemon and friends, Mrs. Drake, W. J. Tummond, W. Bone, Lieut. Von Bulow, H. F. Wanbold, Mrs. Wanbold and family, Mrs. A. J. Jones, Miss Mae Rees, Miss M. E. Nicholas, Mrs. Charles Dorounet, Mrs. W. L. Johnson, H. H. Bennett, Claude Balboni and J. H. Stewart.

RESIGNS HIS OFFICE.

Capt. Barclay's Reasons For Throwing Up His Commission as Justice of the Peace.

The following is self-explanatory:

Sir: The commission of the peace is given to men who, from a sense of public duty, give their services gratuitously, and has hitherto been considered an honorable office, removal from which, except for some grave offence, must be looked upon as a great indignity. Seeing that parties are now dismissed for no stated reasons, I must decline to accept the commission of the peace kindly sent me by you, as I do not consider it safe to do so, having due regard to my own self-respect. I return the document received, and have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,
EDWARD BARKLEY,
Retired Captain, R. N.

P. S.—I am sending a copy of this letter to the Colonist.

The Provincial Secretary, Victoria, B. C.

DANUBE COMING.

Should Arrive Today Under Her Own Steam but Convoyed.

The C. P. N. steamer Danube, which is reported in yesterday's issue, was successfully floated on Tuesday, left Comox last evening under her own steam for Victoria. She is being convoyed by the steamer Maude, which assisted in floating her. The two vessels should arrive here some time today.

The many friends of Capt. William Meyer, the popular master of the steamer Danube, will be pleased to learn that the passengers on that vessel on her recent unlucky trip north were unanimous in declaring that the utmost caution was observed by Capt. Meyer and that everything possible was done under the circumstances for their comfort. The following address was presented to Capt. Meyer:

On Board the S.S. Danube, White Spit, off Denman's Island, 19th June, 1899.

To Capt. W. Meyer, in Command:

We, the undersigned passengers on the good ship Danube, sympathize with you in the mishap which occurred in passing from Union Bay to the Strait of Georgie. We know from personal observation that the course of your ship, as marked by the beacons, was in the channel laid down for ships passing out, and under the conditions believe that you could not have done better. We recognize that you and your officers could not have done more for the comfort of the passengers under your care than what you have caused to be done. (Signed) Thos. R. McInnes, J. E. Moran, S. G. Spence, A. W. Corker (C.M.S.), Emma Corker, C. Virginia Moran, Alf. G. Morphy, John Field, Adam Grimm, H. Burnell, L. Locke, D. H. Jackson, A. A. Cameron, W. H. Armstrong, Hugh McLean, Jas. Cogan, William Smyth, T. H. Fletcher, N. W. Dobeson, Thos. Patterson, Duncan B. Hall, John O'Connor, K. N. Sutherland, Wm. Landgreen, J. P. R. Morrison, Frank Sylvester, T. Crives, P. Francois, Annie Armstrong, W. S. Planta, J. W. Pearson, Peter Clearthue, Robt. Ross, W. A. Robertson, John Leahy, J. E. Stark, Mrs. Maley, A. L. Brownlee, John Grant.

PORT ANGELES EASTERN.

President Cushing and Some of the Directors Pay Victoria a Short Visit.

A party of Bostonians who are interested in the Port Angeles Eastern railway spent a few hours in the city yesterday "looking over the ground" and having talks with Victorians who are anxious to see Victoria given ferry connection with the railway that is to end at the city across the Straits. The party included Mr. C. A. Cushing, president of the Port Angeles Eastern; David W. Craig, Frank H. Carlisle and George V. Fogg, directors of the company, and Col. J. S. Coolican, who has stuck to Port Angeles through thick and thin, and who now believes that his hopes are about to be realized.

President Cushing has just returned from a trip East. While in New York he had an interview with President Mellon of the Northern Pacific and mentioned to him the fact that Victorians before assisting the Port Angeles Eastern wanted assurances that it would give the city connection with one of the transcontinental railways. President Mellon requested Mr. Cushing to ask somebody in authority in Victoria to write him for that assurance and Mr. Cushing yesterday requested Mr. Shakespeare, chairman of the railway committee of the Committee of Fifty, to do so.

While in the East Mr. Cushing also completed arrangements with a contracting firm to build the railroad from end to end and he said yesterday that the work would now be pushed just as rapidly as possible.

LADY MINTO'S GENEROSITY.

Ottawa Journal.

In another part of the Journal appears a report of a special meeting of the board of the Ottawa Maternity hospital, which needs a new wing. Lady Minto, who has interested herself warmly in the hospital, was present and urged the undertaking of the extension, which is estimated to cost $1,500. She subscribed $250, a very practical proof of her interest, and the other ladies present made up the amount to over $700. With such a start, it should be certain that the balance will come. The institution is a useful and most worthy one, as the Journal has repeatedly urged, and money will be well invested by those Ottawa people who help it.

A Special Council Meeting.

Sidewalk and Streets, Bridges and Public Works By-Laws Passed.

Belleville Street will Be Stoned and Made Ready for Traffic.

The council held a special meeting last evening to consider the Permanent Sidewalk by-law and the report of the city engineer on street improvements presented at the regular meeting on Monday evening. On convening the board went into committee of the whole with Mayor Redfern in the chair. His Worship explained that the principal reason for adjourning the discussion on the report was to allow the aldermen an opportunity to look into the specifications of the work prepared by the city engineer.

The by-law was first considered clause by clause in committee and finally passed its third reading with few amendments.

Ald. Beckwith wanted to have inserted a clause saying when trap doors should be opened but his brother aldermen thought otherwise and so the matter dropped.

Then the Streets, Bridges and Public Works by-law was brought up. The Mayor read a statement of the finances available for the carrying out of the city engineer's report in this connection which was published in the Colonist yesterday morning. The funds available for permanent sidewalks was $5,000.

The subject of macadamizing Belleville street as an alternative route to the outer wharf in event of anything happening to James Bay bridge provoked a very warm discussion.

Ald. Beckwith said if the bridge was all right, he did not see why the council should concern itself particularly about Belleville street. He wanted to see the money expended in the central portion of the city. The council did not need to be alarmed about the bridge, and if so, it must have lost its head when granting a year's privilege to use it to the tramway company.

Ald. Brydon did not think it fair to North ward that an amount of money be now expended on Belleville street when the most traffic was to be found in the northern portion of the city.

Ald. MacGregor supported Aldermen Brydon and Beckwith and strongly opposed the work done.

Ald. Kinsman would favor the report if the expense in connection with the undertaking was cut down by making the width of the stoned portion of the street twenty feet instead of thirty feet as called for.

Finally a motion to this effect was made by Ald. Humphrey and carried, Aldermen Beckwith, Williams, MacGregor and Brydon voting against it.

Then the building of a piece of sidewalk in front of Henderson Bros.' on the north side of Yates street was discussed. This, too, was voted for, the work to be done from Waddington alley down to Wharf street, with granite curbing.

The privilege asked by Mr. Topp, for the using of his own discretion in the matter of grades at the intersection of streets was granted and the remainder of the report dealing with the grades on the east side of Government street between Yates and Johnson streets was left to a special committee composed of Aldermen Hayward, Kinsman and Stewart and the city engineer.

Before adjourning Ald. Beckwith brought up the sawing machine nuisance, his complaint being that the machine in places left an unclean street behind it. Other matters he complained of was sand pit encroachments on the street and the running of dairies within the city. In the former instance fences had been built about the pits and the work still went on.

The Mayor asked if he knew the names of those hauling the sand from off the street and said that they could be prosecuted. He asked Mr. Topp to make a report on the matter where the street had been encroached on.

The council then adjourned.

OF COURSE HE WAS.

Young Wife—You were intoxicated when you came in last night.

Young Husband—Only at the sight of your beauty.—Syracuse Herald.

The Ladies' Auxiliary.

Fuller Report of the Meeting Held on Tuesday Afternoon.

Officers Elected and Committees Formed to Canvas for Members.

A meeting was held in the city hall on Tuesday last, the object of which was to re-organize the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Royal Jubilee hospital. The meeting was well attended, there being present about a hundred ladies, besides the Lord Bishop of Columbia and several of the clergy. Mrs. A. J. Smith was unanimously re-elected president for the year, and the vice-presidents were nominated and elected as follows: Mrs. Rocke Robertson, Mrs. D. M. Eberts (president of the Agenorian Society), Mrs. E. G. Tilton (president of the King's Daughters), Mrs. Rykert, Mrs. D. W. Higgins, Mrs. Charles Hayward and Mrs. Arthur Butler. Mrs. Hasell was elected secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Joshua Davies, by invitation of the president, spoke of the work done by the women of Victoria in past years, dating from the year 1887, and stated that the Ladies' Auxiliary had raised the sum of $10,000 in that time in aid of the hospital. Besides this, by the generosity of Mrs. J. D. Pemberton, the legacy left by Mr. J. D. Pemberton for some specific benefit to the hospital, was nearly doubled and the operating room enabled to be built.

The ladies of the Agenorian Society have also bestowed, as the result of their labors, the complete installation of the electric light in the hospital, besides building and furnishing two recovery rooms and contributing cushions and mattresses for the couches in the wards.

An X ray apparatus, which will be of the utmost service in surgical matters, is in course of being provided by Mrs. H. D. Helmcken.

The King's Daughters never neglect the hospital, and their weekly visits are looked forward to by all the patients. They bring flowers and books, and are always an inspiration and a comfort. They have just supplied one of the free wards with a set of lockers, which will contribute greatly to the satisfaction of the patients; and they are always ready to perform graceful service.

Such has been the work of the women of Victoria up to date, and the sense of the meeting was merely to organize usefulness and effort and to reach many who would gladly assist such a cause. The work has hitherto been accomplished by a few; now all are asked to associate themselves, so that greater benefit and better understanding may ensue.

It is proposed to appoint committees for sewing and for visiting, and monthly meetings will be held, where the work will be reported, the needs of the hospital laid before the meeting, and ways and means discussed. An advisory committee will also be appointed to confer with the directors upon any matters interesting to women, and suggestive to the well-being of the hospital.

Mrs. Rocke Robertson spoke at some length and in a very interesting manner of the work done by the women in Winnipeg, where the entire internal equipment of the hospital is accomplished by the Aid Society. Such a work does indeed seem satisfactory, and in its performance every woman feels that she is of active and individual use to the institution which she serves.

The Rev. Joseph Wilson spoke some kindly words, eulogizing the Jubilee hospital, after which the Bishop of Columbia was invited to speak, and consented to do so. His Lordship's remarks were most acceptable and to the point. He said that, while science was continually improving methods, there could be no conditions incapable of betterment, and that there was certainly much room for improvement in the Jubilee hospital; that the spirit of all work in such a cause should not be one of satisfaction or vain glory, but of continual recognition of failures and an intelligent consideration of defects. Much still remained to be accomplished, and he professed regret at not hearing more discussion as to the establishment of the much-needed maternity and children's wards—subjects which were of the greatest importance to the work and usefulness of the hospital. His Lordship deplored the habit of raising funds by expensive and fatiguing entertainments, and though the proposed course to be adopted by the meeting seemed inadequate when compared with the demands of the hospital, he still hoped that the work in hand might meet with proportionate success.

In this connection it may be explained that even though the present effort seems comparatively inadequate, it is hoped that an extension of interest and an opportunity for active service and intelligent comprehension of the work and needs of the hospital will bring about the "larger hope." The work at the hospital increases daily, as will be fully set forth in the annual report about to be issued, and of which every member of this society will receive a copy. The work of building the additional wards cannot be carried out without funds, and these funds must come from the generosity and sympathy of the public, encouraged by the work of the women, for the income of the hospital is only equal to its current expenses.

The Rev. Leslie Clay and the Rev. W. Barber spoke a few encouraging words, and a committee were then appointed for the formation of by-laws, the organization of regular work, and the appointment of sub-committees. This committee will be notified by the secretary and is called to meet on Tuesday next at 2:30 p. m at the city hall.

The secretary has received a letter from Bishop and Mrs. Cridge, regretting their inability to attend the meeting on account of the absence of the Bishop, but assuring the society of their sympathy and support. The same kind message has also been received from Mrs. McInnes, who consents to be a patroness of the society, and from Mrs. J. D. Pemberton.

ADMIRAL HORNBY DEAD.

London, June 28.—Admiral Sir Wyndham Hornby, K. C. B., retired, died suddenly of apoplexy this afternoon, while presiding at a meeting of the Hotchkiss Ordnance Co.

CALLED ON LOUBET.

Paris, June 28.—This afternoon President Loubet received the members of the Venezuelan commission. They were introduced to him by Prof. Martens, the umpire.

A PROGRESS REPORT.

What the Victoria Members Have Been Promised by the Ottawa Authorities.

The secretary of the British Columbia board of trade has received the following very satisfactory letter from Victoria's representatives at Ottawa:

"Ottawa, June 16, 1899.

"British Columbia Board of Trade, Victoria, B. C.:

"Gentlemen,—In reply to your letter with enclosures of the 12th ultimo, we beg to inform you that the following lights are to be erected this year in British Columbia, according to promise made us by the marine and fisheries department, viz.:

"Lighthouses on (1) Start Point, Laura Pass, Fitzhugh Sound; (2) Lawyer's Island, Chatham Sound, or Green Top Island, Chatham Sound; (3) Ballanac Islands.

"Pole light on Turn Point, Seaforth Channel.

"These are nearly all the lights that Capt. John Irving stated he thought were necessary to be built by the Dominion government.

"We are also glad to say that there will be new fish hatcheries erected on both the Fraser and Skeena rivers this season. We noticed in the Victoria papers some two weeks ago that it was stated these hatcheries would be built, but as we knew they had not passed council then, we did not think it advisable to notify you.

"We are giving Mr. Sorby all the assistance we can to lay his harbor scheme before the several ministers.

"We have the honor to be, sirs,

"Your obedient servants,

"E. G. PRIOR.
"THOMAS EARLE."

A HOLIDAY IN ATLIN.

How the Folk at Surprise Made Merry on Queen's Birthday.

From the Atlin Claim.

The celebration of the Queen's birthday at Surprise last Monday was a good one. The delegation from Atlin was not very large, three forming the party, and the man on horseback, the got fader of the Victoria hotel, brought back a $2.50 prize that he won in a pistol-shooting competition with men wearing snow-glasses. The host and his two lieutenants are a good combination and a trio not easily forgotten if you ever go their way or meet them here below. The arrangement of detail, from the cock-pit in front of the hotel, to the prize-ring on the hill, showed good sporting proclivities. The day's programme started out with pistols and terminated with a concert in the evening, and the choicest viands on the bill of fare was this here concert. The music of Surprise is good, and doubly good when you find that one guitar in the company is made from a Sunlight soap box, and the player thereon, Geo. Gabriel, an old theatre manager. They have had ample time to practice between stations on the Stikine, and their parody on "The Man That Broke the Bank of Monte Carlo" will never grow old, 'Twill never age. N. Caspinson, a trick violinist, afforded more sport, in imitating a parson preaching, a donkey braying and a barber cutting hair with bones. He surprised everybody with his excellent renditions, and was a fitting finale. Another very unusual contest and seemingly out of place was the ugly face competition. Mrs. Caspinson won this hands down. The glove contest between Kid Gallagher and D. Kelly lasted three rounds, and afforded more amusement than others we have seen with bigger pretensions.

Four competitors entered for the pistol-shooting at 96 yards, and J. H. Brownlee won.

Messrs. Oswald, Blackwood and Shirtil are good men in any man's country, and their efforts at entertaining the populace of Surprise was thoroughly appreciated.

FAIRVIEW CORPORATION.

The Stemwinder Mine Showing Large Body of Ore—Stock Selling Freely.

Manager Russell, of the Fairview Corporation, is visiting Eastern cities for the purpose of interesting investors in the property. So far he has been highly successful, disposing of large blocks of the treasury stock at 15 cents. In the course of a few days it is expected that $100,000 will be in the treasury. This accomplished, a twenty or forty stamp mill will be placed on the Stemwinder group and crushing begun. The work of development is under the direction of Mr. J. F. Bledsoe, M.E., who is confident of proving one of the richest mines in the province. In a letter, dated June 14, forwarded Mr. Russell, which was published in the Toronto World, he gives the following details of progress made:

"It is with pleasure that I am able to report a very satisfactory condition of affairs at the camp. Though we are to some extent hampered by the lack of two of the machine drills that have not yet arrived from the repair shop, we are at the same time going ahead with all speed with the other two drills. One of these is working in the raise from the 200-foot level at a point about 170 feet west of the foot of the shaft. The ore which we are getting out of the raise is the most promising that we have had yet, running from $6 to $20 per ton in value. Of course you will remember that the raise includes the pay streak that was on the foot wall. The other drill is at work in a crosscut that we are running to cut the south vein at a depth of 200 feet. We are now in some 70 feet and provided there is no material change in the dip of either vein we should get the vein in another 30 or 40 feet. I am quite satisfied from all the surface and other indications that we will get some good values in the south vein, and, with your permission, I would like to put on a night shift to push the work ahead as fast as possible in order to get the vein. Several expert mining men that have been in lately and who have examined the Stemwinder, have without exception all said that the showing is of a wonderful nature, and far ahead of anything that they expected to see, even after the description that they had received of the place. I think that I am justified in promising the company at the least 100,000 tons of ore blocked out and ready for stoping by the time the mill is ready for the treatment of the quartz. We have the proposed pipe line from Clear lake to the Stemwinder surveyed and a map of the ground made. In a day or so we will have a map in profile of the proposed wire tram line down to the Lower lake. When this is completed we will be able to make a comparative estimate of the costs of the two systems, which I will submit in detail in a report to the board of directors. It is with great pleasure that I note the success that you are having in the placing of the stock. If the people could only be made to understand the values that we have here there would be no trouble whatever, as it is really a two for one proposition as it now stands."

FRASER RIVER.

Quesnelle, June 28.—The river has risen about three inches. The weather is still cool and cloudy.

Lillooet, June 28.—The river is rising steadily. The weather is partly cloudy, with wind.

CHESS MASTERS.

London, June 28.—The twenty-second round of the chess tournament to-day resulted as follows: Lasker and Mason drew; Steinitz beat Tinsley, and other games were unfinished.

Commencement Exercises.

St. Ann's Academy Closed for the Summer Vacation.

Interesting Programme Rendered by the Pupils Yesterday Afternoon.

The commencement exercises of St. Ann's academy took place yesterday and were very largely attended by the parents and friends of the institution. The programme rendered was a varied one, and showed to what proficiency the young ladies of the academy are brought. The programme follows:

Entry—Stringed Instruments—"March of the Pasha's Guard"
Violin, Miss A. Brown; flute, Miss E. Locke; mandolin, Misses M. Worthington and M. Sieward; piano, Misses M. Wilson and A. McQuade.
Greetings
Soloist, Miss E. Lombard.
Music—Double Trio
Misses Switzer, M. J. Mercier, L. Moore, T. Mellon, V. Gosnell.
Essay—"The Art of Conversation"
Miss Madeleine Wilson.
Sonatina—2 pianos, 4 hands
Misses Nettie Locke and G. Switzer.
Dialogue—"Les Troubles du Pensionnat"
Motion Song
Accompanist, Miss M. Gaxiola.
Quartette—"March Galop"
Misses A. McQuade, S. Wilson, G. Mills, R. Wilson.
Operetta—"A Cool Reception"
Quartette—Overture Rienzi Wagner
Misses E. Locke, M. Godfrey, M. Wilson, A. McQuade.
Chorus—"Laudate Pueri"
Duet—(2 pianos)—Hungarian Dances
Misses M. Wilson, E. Locke.
Cantata—The Fairy Revel Minims
Drama—An Animated Discussion
Stringed Instruments
Violin, Miss A. Brown; flute, Miss E. Locke; mandolins, Misses M. Worthington and M. Sieward; guitars, Misses S. Short and A. Doran; guitars, Misses Mellor and D. Sieward; pianos, Misses H. Adams and G. Dunlevy.
Essay—"Magnetism of Longfellow"
Miss Ada Clay.

At the conclusion of the programme the medals and class honors were awarded as follows:

The Governor-General's medal to Miss Mary Godfrey for excellence. Miss Godfrey was first in literature, mathematics, Latin, history, first piano in the fifth grade.

Gold cross for Christian doctrine, presented by Mrs. J. McName, to Miss Frances Healy, who also received the first premium for composition, literature, rhetoric and mathematics.

Gold medal for assiduity and good conduct, to Miss H. Clay, who also received the first premium for composition, second bookkeeping, literature, Latin, vocal music and fancy work.

Gold medal for painting, presented by Miss S. E. Lewis, to Miss Edna Davie.

Gold medal for good conduct and drawing, presented by Mrs. Shuscker (Boston), awarded to Miss Hilda Adams, who also received premiums for second fancy work, Grade I, first arithmetic, second grammar, second painting, second instrumental music in Grade IV.

Gold medal for general application, presented by a friend of the academy, to Miss Mica Gaxiola, who also received first premium for French, presented by Dr. J. D. Helmcken.

Premium, presented by Dr. J. D. Helmcken, for fancy needlework, to Miss Mercier.

Premium, presented by Mrs. C. F. Todd, Miss Edith Lombard, for vocal music, rhetoric, algebra and physical geography.

Gold pen, for improvement in penmanship, Miss Mamie Comer, who also received the premium for history, fancy work and second vocal music.

Premium, for music, to Miss Anna McQuade.

Premiums were also awarded the other pupils in the various grades for excellence, the successful pupils being: Intermediate class, Miss S. Dunlevy; 1st junior, Miss Rita Wilson; 2nd junior, Miss M. Comer; 1st preparatory, Miss Madeline Mcllon; 2nd preparatory, Miss Laura Moore; primary classes, Miss Anna Nolte and Miss Eileen Mulcahy; vocal music, Miss E. Lombard; instrumental music, Misses Anna McQuade and Madeline Wilson.

There will be a primary distribution of premiums and reading of promotions at 9:30 this morning.

The kindergarten classes conducted by the Sisters of St. Ann in their new school on View street also closed yesterday.

THE POTHOOK MINE.

Recent Development Work on This Property—Present Method of Granting Options Condemned.

(John Redman, M.S., in Kamloops Mining Record.)

There are many gratifying features in the development work that has gone on during the last month. The leading feature is the large ore body now being shown up in the Pothook mine, recently transferred to the Scottish Copper Mining Syndicate of B. C., Limited Liability. The immense deposit of native copper occurring in highly remunerative quantity is, I believe, the first workable deposit of native copper to be explored or, perhaps, discovered in British Columbia, and is also of an importance and interest which is not realized by the mining community of British Columbia. The south crosscut on the 160-foot level has shown up an irregular deposit of bornite, two or three feet in width; a 4-foot vein of ore carrying native copper and parallel to these at a distance of about 60 feet; an 18-foot vein of ore carrying native copper and a little glance. The face of the crosscut is now 170 feet from the shaft and is still in vein stuff. A drift along the north side of the 18-foot vein is now in 30 feet along the vein. A crosscut is now being made at the 250-foot level, and, while the native copper carrying veins are yet some distance away, a large amount of native copper and glance is found in the vein stuff, showing a great improvement on the same distance on the 160-foot level crosscut. Work is being pushed ahead in both crosscuts and drifts, and an immense body of ore is being blocked out. Careful sampling across the 18-foot vein gives 4.5 per cent. in copper and $3.00 to $4.00 in gold and silver. With this large body of ore, which is remarkably easy to work, and its high concentrating capacity, the Pothook is rapidly becoming a banner property. Aspiring mining magnates are still struggling with each other for options on the Iron Mask, but, unfortunately, the man on the street looks in vain for signs of a sale, and that really fine property remains closed down. While mentioning options, it occurs to me that the system of granting options on a property is being carried out to an extent that is worse than useless, in fact, it is undoubtedly doing much harm to several well known properties. The giving of an option to every Tom, Dick or Harry who is in no better position to sell the property than the owner himself has so little to commend it that it is a matter of surprise that it has become so general. Men who have no standing as judges of mining property, represent no company, and have no connection with brokers or investors, are asking and taking options on properties of more or less value with the faint hope of being able to transfer or sell them and pocket a large premium. The owners are being fooled into the belief that their property is going to be sold, grant extensions of the option, neglect development work, the property is hawked about in unlikely places and in three or four months the owner realizes that his last state is worse than the first. I do not advocate that owners should insist on a percentage of the purchase money down, but I would certainly refuse options unless a deposit was made, or, better still, a working bond was arranged, and would give a long option on the condition that a certain amount of development work should be done while the option lasted. In this way the owner would be assured of dealing with serious and responsible people, and be saved from much disappointment. As for the people who think they can sell properties, let them get a report or description and the price at which the owner will sell. Then if they can induce a buyer, the buyer can arrange his option with the owner on a far more satisfactory basis than through the middleman, and the latter would get his previously agreed on percentage from the owner. An example of the absurdities that are being practiced under this system was brought to my notice a short time ago. A worthy individual having an option on a really good property in the camp, engaged another whose mining experience, I am told, is limited to staking out claims, a little mine bookkeeping and a couple of years' work on a prospect, to write a report on the same. Without wishing to be at all personal, or to cast any reflections on the two otherwise estimable gentlemen, may I express my astonishment that this combination of remarkable business acumen, profound geological and scientific knowledge failed to produce the desired effect on probable purchasers, and that the option expired without the mine being sold. The question arises, is the mining and is the camp better or worse for this sort of thing?

The Official Gazette.

Number of Companies Incorporated and Registered During the Week.

Tramway Proposed From Crater Lake to Bennett City.

Yesterday's issue of the Provincial Gazette contained but few notices of interest to the general public.

Licenses were granted to the following extra-provincial companies: Copper Queen, Limited, head office No. 11 Ironmonger Lane, London, capital £10,000, in £1 shares, head office in British Columbia Ymir, Andrew Cavlus, attorney, to operate in the Nelson district of West Kootenay; Smelting Corporation, Limited, head office Nos. 11 and 12 Clements Lane, London, capital £600,000, in £1 shares, head office in British Columbia, R. B. McCuager, Kaslo, attorney, to carry out a contract between the Burnham Syndicate, Limited, and the company for the acquisition of certain letters patent and patent rights.

The companies incorporated during the week are: The Buckburn Gold & Copper Company, Limited, with a capital of $1,000,000, divided into 1,500,000 shares; registered office, Greenwood. The objects are to acquire the Buckburn and Duke mining properties, situate in Deadwood Camp, Kettle river mining division, Yale. Arctic Slope Hydraulic Mining Company, Limited, capital $1,000,000, divided into 1,000,000 shares of $1 each; registered office at Victoria. The objects are to acquire certain mining and other rights owned by the Omineca Consolidated Hydraulic Mining Company, Limited. Johnson & Burnett, Limited, capital $25,000, divided into 250 shares; registered office at Vancouver, and the objects are to purchase and otherwise acquire the business now conducted in Vancouver as Johnson & Burnett. International, Limited, capital $50,000, divided into 50,000 shares; registered office at Rossland. The objects are to take over as a going concern the business now carried on by A. Rochon and known as the international hotel and music hall.

The Empire Mines of British Columbia has been registered as an extra-provincial company. The head office is England, and capital £30,000 in £1 shares. The provincial head office is at Rossland, and the attorney W. H. McHarg.

Notice is given by the corporation of Nanaimo that on December 31 the treasurer will be prepared to redeem $7,000 worth of the debentures issued under authority of the "Fire Hall and Hydrant by-law, 1892," and the "Schools Erection by-law," and in consequence holders of debentures 1, 4, 6, 15, 17, 19 and 20 issued under authority of the Fire by-law, and 2, 5, 6, 7, 13, 14 and 19 issued under authority of the School by-law must be presented for redemption. Interest will close after December 31.

The Dominion government has granted the city of Revelstoke villa lots 51 and 57 for park purposes.

The Bennett-Klondike ramway Company is to be formed by A. S. Innes and R. L. Drury for the purpose of building, equipping and operating an aerial tramway, beginning at a point near the terminus of the Chilcoot aerial tramway, in the district of Cassiar; thence following the easterly side of Crater lake, Mud lake, Long lake, Deep lake, and connecting waters, along either side of the canyon connecting Deep lake with Lake Linderman; thence along the easterly side of Lake Linderman to the town of Bennett, and also for the purpose of building, constructing, equipping and operating a telephone in connection with the said tramway, and with power to build, construct, equip and operate branch lines.

Messrs. John Lay, Joseph Wildane and A. J. Wilkins, of Vancouver, have assigned to J. W. Hackett, of the same city. A meeting of creditors will be held on July 7.

Herbert H. Trites, J.P., of Fernie, has been appointed a coroner for the province.

NORTHERN EXCURSION.

Big Crowd Will Go North on Steamer Queen To-day.

The excursion steamship Queen will be here from the Sound at 4 o'clock this morning with the biggest crowd of pleasure seekers aboard that have been booked for a northern trip this year. She will sail from Victoria at 9 o'clock and will take from this city a large number of Eastern people, who have been here several days waiting her arrival, having through round trip tickets. Others who have been booked in the local agent's office are Miss A. Barrington, Miss B. M. Eaton, Miss M. E. Wilson, Miss C. P. Stokes, Miss T. K. Mitchell, Miss L. Johnson and Dr. M. E. Wallis.

SICK HEADACHES

The curse of overworked womankind, are quickly and surely cured by Karl's Clover Root Tea, the great blood purifier and tissue builder. Money refunded if not satisfactory. Price 25 cts. and 50 cts.

The Fourth In Succession.

The Idzumi Maru Arrives After Smooth Passage From Orient.

Big Crowd of Excursionists Booked for the Steamer Queen.

The steamship Idzumi Maru, the fourth big Oriental liner to reach port from across the Pacific since Tuesday, arrived last evening, fourteen days from Yokohama. When two days out from Japan what appeared to be a ship on fire was seen at night and the vessel's course was altered in order to bear down on the "distressed" vessel and offer any assistance possible. After travelling several miles an American whaling ship was fallen in with. She had been burning whale blubber and it was the dense smoke and fire from this that gave those aboard the Idzumi the false impression of a burning ship. Several other vessels were passed en route, the Empress of China, which left port two days behind the Idzumi and which arrived here on Tuesday, having overtaken the former in mid-Pacific.

According to a passenger there was just one other voyage like the Idzumi's that has ever been made, and that was when the Pacific was named. Mr. and Mrs. Barry were the only passengers landed here by the steamer. Of the others there were Lieut. H. Kato and Lieut. K. Ide, going to the Japanese legations at St. Petersburg and Washington, respectively; Mr. Fujita, the new Japanese consul for Chicago, accompanied by his daughter; Fred. Hordra, of Seattle, who comes from Hongkong; D. L. Graham, of New York, from Kobe; Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Glasham and child, missionaries, who come from Bombay; and K. Takelashi, who is going to Chicago. The ship brought eight Chinese passengers for Victoria and six for Seattle, and 23,354 packages of cargo.

TWO KINDS OF REVEREND S.

A Man from Vancouver Forms in Atlin a New Opinion of the Cloth.

From the Atlin Claim.

We never went much on preachers, parsons and the like since we voted for one on the Coast some two years ago. He didn't keep his word, and this we know through no hearsay. We'll not give you his name, but simply say that he represents this ever growing constituency in the Dominion parliament. There is no use, though, decrying the whole circulating medium because you find a half-dollar counterfeit in the change. Since we came to Atlin we have found the opposite, and that opposite is the Rev. Mr. Pringle. Practice teaches better than precept, and if the barometer indicates the humidity of the air correctly, the gentleman named above is a true blue.

A man by the name of John H. Hamer, of Los Angeles, Cal., with a family at the last-named place, is in a cabin on the Nessutland river, which empties into Lake Teslin about a mile below, down with scurvy, and the belief is general that he will not come out alive. This man went in by the Stikine route and never came out. He started out with friends from Los Angeles, but he went in alone. On the way in he heard of some destitute people on the trail. Among the latter was a Mr. Price. He shared his provisions until relief came. Mr. Price was in Atlin when word passed down the line that his former rescuer was down with scurvy. Price heard of the news in Atlin and remarked "Hamer saw me through a tight hole and I'm going to find him, if I can," and started preparing for the trip. Shortness of cash is no barrier to such a man. He went to Rev. Mr. Pringle, stated his case and the minister started out and collected enough to buy a couple of horses, provisions galore and everything that a man down with scurvy needs. Mr. Price left on Monday for the spot, and with other paraphernalia he carries a parcel from Mrs. Hamer and a button-hole bouquet from her little girly pet. Mr. Pringle told us the family were unaware of Mr. Hamer's condition at the time of the sending of these articles.

ONLY A GENTLE HINT.

He was an angular man with gray ear whiskers, relates Tit-Bits. He gave up his seat in the crowded tramcar with an alacrity which spoke well for the cheerfulness of his disposition. The lady who took the proffered seat was stout and hearty. She slipped into the vacant place without a word. The angular man looked at her thoughtfully; then he stooped over and said:

"I had an uncle, ma'am, that had just the same affliction."

"Sir!" said the stout lady, with an insulted toss of her head.

"Yes," continued the angular man; "he couldn't pronounce any word beginning with 'th' to save his blessed neck. That's right. He'd stutter and stammer, and the best he could do was to give it the sound of 's.' It was a dreadful affliction. His oldest son's name was Theophilus, but he always called him 'Sophilus.' Had it long, ma'am?"

The stout lady was dark red from vexation. "You are insulting," she snorted.

"Well, I don't wonder you hate to have anybody refer to it," said the angular man with great cheerfulness. "But I couldn't help noticing it when you took my seat and weren't able to say 'Thank you.' I wouldn't have minded in the least if you had said 'Sank you.' Oh, do you get off here? Good by, ma'am. Never mind the thanks."

And the stout lady flounced down the street to take the next tram.

A Popular Plan.—If the people of Victoria recognize a good thing in the excursion line, the Fourth of July trip of the steamer City of Nanaimo will be made with a list of passengers limited only by the capacity of the comfortable and seaworthy craft. The Nanaimo has just completed an extensive overhauling, receiving new boilers and wheels, a summer suit of paint, etc., the whole making her one of the neatest and fastest steam vessels afloat in these waters—such a craft as it is a pleasure to travel upon. She is thoroughly capable of making the run to the Sound city in less than six hours, and the management on the present occasion have so arranged matters that the full day will be allowed Victorians in the neighboring city, and without encroachment upon a second day. The Nanaimo is to leave here at 9 Monday evening, which will enable the excursionists to wake up quite comfortably in the American town, in time for the first of the sports. Departure on the return trip will be made at midnight, so that all hands will be home in ample time for the labors of Wednesday. Return tickets are to be procured at a rate of $2.00 at the E. & N. railway office and also on board the Nanaimo which will be at the Kingston's wharf on Monday afternoon.

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The annual meeting synod of British Colum day at the cathedral Lordship the Bishop p first day's session ext the night. One of th items of business tran adoption of a resolut Rev. E. G. Miller, to representations be mad ant-Governor-in-Council strictness in the matter marriage licenses.

The action taken wa statement of the clergy necessary to correct an the issuing of licenses, any precautions to ass civil law is complied w for authority to marry cants are not catechise of licenses, and the on church and state law been had through the rule have insisted on being answered to their fore consenting to perfo ceremony. The feeling to the synod, both lay that action such as con resolution is decidedly

The session opened matins and celebration ion in Christ Church ca the synod afterwards business in the school with an attendance of 1 lay delegates. Ven. Ar and Mr. E. Baynes R clerical and lay secreta while Mr. Thomas R. S ly re-elected treasurer, H. Hall and A. J. Dallai

The elected executive composed of the follow W. D. Barber, C. E. Beanlands, C. Ensor S ler, J. H. S. Sweet, G and J. W. Flinton, wit Wootton, Hon