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THE WEEKLY COLONIST.

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Local and Provincial News.

From the Daily Colonist, January 5.

Interior Weather.

(Special to the Colonist.)

The following reports of weather prevailing throughout the interior for the last 24 hours are received:

Jan. 2, 1886.

KAMLOOPS—Weather cloudy and cold, light frost.

SPENCE'S BRIDGE—Northerly wind, light; thermometer 20 deg.; no snow.

LYTTON—Cloudy; blowing fresh from south; no snow.

YALE—Partly cloudy, cool; snow mostly gone; light frost.

HOPE—Cloudy; high wind from south east; thermometer 12 deg.

SODA CREEK—Very mild; only a few degrees frost; no sign of change.

CLINTON—Clear and 5 no; mild; little snow.

CACHE CREEK—Cloudy and cold; looks like snow but no fresh fall yet.

BONAPARTE—Freezing up; light frost.

YALE—Very mild; cloudy and warm, with light rain; snow disappearing rapidly.

NEW WESTMINSTER—Weather turned milder yesterday afternoon and snow changed into light drizzling rain to-night; cloudy with light rain; thermometer 35 deg.

Personal.

Miss Mabel Pittock celebrated the ninth anniversary of her birthday, New Year's day, by entertaining a goodly number of her young friends.

Mr. John Bowron, gold commissioner for Cariboo, arrived in town yesterday from Barkerville. Mr. Bowron left Victoria on the 5th April, 1866, and until yesterday had not visited this town. Mr. Bowron is one of the most valued and trusted officers of the government.

T. M. Root, Boise city, Idaho, is registered at the Driard.

Rev. Mr. Roberts and son, and Dr. Walkem were passengers yesterday by the Amelia.

Miss Wolfenden, Miss Colville, Miss Mallandaine and Miss Horton were passengers from the east coast yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Ladner came down yesterday on the Princess Louise.

Miss Armstrong, principal of the girls' school, was a passenger from New Westminster yesterday.

Mr. J. A. Halliday, principal of the boys' school, returned from Comox yesterday.

Mr. Black, government road agent, Yale, is at the Oriental.

Messrs. P. A. Stace and Mr. J. Reed, ship chandlers, Astoria, are at the Oriental.

Mr. S. J. Cliffe, of Comox, arrived yesterday and is at the Oriental.

Mr. Justice McCreight arrived from New Westminster yesterday.

Rev. D. Christie, who has spent the holidays with his family, will return to Comox to-morrow.

Mr. Jessop, Immigration Agent, has so far recovered from the effects of his accident as to be able to drive out.

Marine.

Ship Astoria and bark Cassandra Adams are loading V. C. Co.'s coal.

Ship Belvidere is loading at Departure Bay.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—Sailed—Steamer Geo. W. Elder, Ashley, Victoria; ship Americus, Nanaimo; steamer San Pedro, Tacoma.

Cleared—Steamer Columbia, Astoria; steamer Empire, Nanaimo; ship Rosie Welt, Port Townsend.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—The U. S. S. Richard Rush, Capt. Hooper commanding, sailed to-day for the Arctic regions in search of the missing whaler Amethyst. The Rush will touch at Port Townsend on the way north.

TOOK THE CLOCK.—Mr. David Dale, superintendent of the Victoria gas works, had the cuckoo clock offered by Dawson, Ville & Co., in raffle to purchasers of $5 and upwards during the Christmas holidays.

CARIBOO MINING NEWS.

An Interview with Its Gold Commissioner.

Mr. John Bowron, gold commissioner of Cariboo, arrived in Victoria yesterday, after

AN ABSENCE OF TWENTY-THREE YEARS,

which was passed in an uninterrupted residence in his district, outside of which he has never put his foot during that long time. He remarked that the improvements of our city cannot be individualized; that it rather seemed as though the one of his days had been replaced by another entirely new—so many of the old landmarks had been swept away by inscutable Time.

THE WINTER

at Cariboo had, up to the time of his leaving, been an exceptionally open one, there having been on the 20th ult. only eight inches of snow on Williams creek, and in the hills between Stanley and Barkerville only about one foot and a half. The thermometer had registered below zero but once during the season, and it was raining on Christmas day. The number of

MEN SNOWBOUND IN MINING

in 1885 was less than that of the year previous, owing to many having been attracted to the Canadian Pacific railway, while the comparative cost of travel to this more remote of our gold fields does not tend to supply their places by others. The expense of reaching Cariboo from Victoria (exclusive of freight taken), is from $70 to $75, and this, with the shortness of the season and the fact that 100 miles of the journey being covered by railway has not lessened freight rates, at present works against any great increase of the population of Cariboo. Another thing: persons making a stake there still do as they always did—leave the district. The

QUESNELLE QUARTZ MINING COMPANY

are doing very good work, having got twenty men employed, including an expert and many practical quartz miners. The company have cut out a good sleigh road from the Fraser to their claim, a distance of about ten miles, and if the snow is deep enough to haul over, have probably got their new machinery to work by about this time, after bailing out their old shaft. The

YIELD OF THE DISTRICT

for the past year has been about $350,000, the decrease in the population making the average yield to the man about the same as the preceding season. So far from considering the district played out, Mr. Bowron is of opinion that it has not yet seen its palmiest days—speaking with a view to its quartz ledges, which have never been properly developed. Large sums of money have been at various periods sunk in quartz mining in the district, especially in 1875, but the reason for the lack of success has been more from the work not having been prosecuted in the right way, and also from want of concerted action. Those at work on

NASON CLAIM

have broken through into the bed of the creek. This is the fourth drift they have run from their shaft for that purpose, and the work done represents an expenditure of $30,000. Mr. Nason told our informant that they were able to fight the water and the indications were favorable that it would be carried out, and it is a matter of satisfaction that an opportunity has at last been furnished to prove the actual value of the bed of the channel.

About four tons of quartz from Ireland mountain has been crushed which Mr. Nason asserts will assay $20 to the ton. There is nothing fresh from Harvey creek. The Cosmopolitan company have not, so far, developed anything.

FAVORABLE LOCALITIES.

Mr. Bowron considers that among other favorable localities for prospecting may be mentioned what is known as the Antler-Cunningham pass, which has evidently been the old channel of Antler creek which is now turned off in a different direction. Also that another deep channel will be found on a hill near Jack of Clubs creek, because the present channel of the creek is apparently not the one it had when the deposit of gold was formed. Willow river is very promising for prospecting. The benches of lower Antler creek have been worked but the bed of the creek has not yet been tested, and the attention of capital to this district will revolutionize the now comparatively light annual yield.

"He Skipped."

A young man lately in the employ of the Driard Hotel, known as "Ed.," a dapper young American, has been living for some time past with a brunette on Yates street, above Douglas, and on New Year's day he gave the whole family a "jamboree," in the upper room where they lived. He invited his mistress's mother, sisters, cousins, etc., to the house, and procuring a quantity of the various brands of whisky, Irish and Scotch, he allowed them to indulge until they were all more or less paralyzed. He then placed them all around the room, lying in various careless positions, and when they were deep in their drunken slumber he went through the lot like a sidewinder, appropriated the cash and other valuable effects and took his departure by the Olympian at 2:30 yesterday morning. When the family again regained their senses, on Saturday morning, they were very indignant at the action of their "son-in-law," but, of course, will have to bear with their loss with as good grace as possible, and hope that they will catch the fickle and pilfering "Ed" on some future day.

POLICE NOTES.—The time for the daily holding of the city police court has been changed by the magistrate from 11 a.m. to 10 a.m. Whoever it may be convenient to, it works as a positive hardship upon the police officers by decreasing their time of rest. All the constables, excepting one, are upon night duty; and those who come off watch at 6 o'clock in the morning have to be up and on duty half an hour before police court time; and if they happen to have cases to bring up, find it necessary to be up at 9 a.m. This fact was entitled to consideration before the alteration of time was finally made.

WEEK OF PRAYER.—The week of prayer will be observed here next week. The following meetings will be held: Monday evening, First Presbyterian Church; Tuesday evening, Gorge Road Methodist Church; Wednesday evening, Baptist Church; Thursday evening, Pandora Street Methodist Church; Friday evening, First Presbyterian Church. The meetings to commence at 7:30 p.m.

ROYAL HOSPITAL.—On New Year's Day several ladies and gentlemen entertained the patients in the Royal hospital. The steward thanks the following gentlemen for donations: Mr. Boyd, wine; Mr. R. T. Williams, roast of beef; Mr. S. Williams, goose; City Council, groceries ($20.) There have been 207 patients admitted to the institution and about as many outdoor patients during the year.—F. JAMESON.

THE collection of the city tax upon contractors and commercial travelers made by Mr. W. R. Bull during the past year amounts to the sum of $906.

NUMEROUS ROBBERIES.

A Gang of Thieves at Work New Year's Night.

The various robberies that have occurred in this city during the past month have received no check and on New Year's night, when large numbers of people were absent from their houses, the thieves held high carnival. On Fisgard street the house of Mr. Silas Sweet, one of Mr. Porter's new houses near Blanchard, was entered while the family were absent between 6 and 9 in the evening, though the lights were burning in the lower part of the house. Access was gained by climbing on the kitchen roof and one of the upper room windows being open it was an easy matter to enter. The room of Mr. Sweet's brother-in-law was hurriedly searched, a watch being taken from a bureau drawer; though there was a sum of money in the drawer it was not disturbed, nor a considerable amount in an unlocked trunk. The room of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Russell was searched and $150 in jewelry taken. Mr. Sweet lost a watch and a small sum of money. The thieves must have made a hurried search, as many valuable articles, easy to secure and handle, were not taken. In the garden were marks of heavy nailed shoes so that in this instance it could not have been Chinese. The total value stolen is about $900.

Mr. and Mrs. Bone, who reside on Topaze avenue, arrived home between 8 and 9 on the evening of the 1st. They smelt the fumes of sulpher matches on entering and found several inner doors and the pantry window open. A neighbor was sent for and the thief was seen to disappear in the darkness. He departed so hurriedly that he forgot his coat and hat, which he can now procure by calling at the police barracks. In the garden were found blankets, pillows, clocks and mince pie, and from the marks of the feet of the intruder and the style of coat he was evidently a Chinaman. The silverware was all on the table, and if the thief had not been disturbed he probably would have cleared the house of its valuables.

At the residence of Mr. Charles McCloskey, View street, an entrance was attempted but the would-be thieves became alarmed and decamped.

Mr. W. Gordon's residence, Fort street, was also tried, but an entrance was not gained. Foot marks were on the flower beds where the thieves attempted to raise the windows.

The frequency of these house-breaking depredations is becoming alarming, and it is trusted that the police will succeed in bringing the thieves to justice. The plunder certainly must be disposed of in some way, and whether it is by a Victoria or other city "fence" should be discovered.

Blue Ribbon Meeting.

A large audience attended the above meeting last evening. The choir sang the opening pieces, and Mr. E. Grove offered impressive prayer. President Rudge made a few remarks, after which Mr. Oram sang "The Charge of Balaklava," and received an encore. Dr. Stevenson then addressed the meeting, and Mr. Coughlan sang "Home Once More," and was accompanied in the chorus by his shipmates from the Triumph. Mr. Maclean sang a nice solo, after which the Blue Ribbon orchestra played a piece, to an encore gave "The Danny Lassie." Mr. McLean, of H. M. S. Triumph, recited "The Life-boat" in a masterly manner, and responded to an encore by reciting a "Christmas Picnic." Mr. Newell gave his experience of life insurance for a consideration, and received a gold medal. Mr. Parnell, a splendid singer, gave two nice solos, which were rapturously applauded. Vice President Gray made a few well chosen remarks, and a little son of Mr. J. Gray gave a recitation. The meeting closed by singing "God Save the Queen."

The Paid Department.

The formal handing over of the fire apparatus to the city took place on New Year's day at the Tiger engine house. The following were present: President Lohse, Secretary L. G. McQuade, Chief Engineer Phillips, Assistant Deasy, Delegates J. Flewin, A. Borde, J. Ford, H. Gribble, William Wilson, His Worship Mayor Bethet, Councillors R. Ward, J. Grant, A. J. Smith and O. Warner.

President Lohse, on behalf of the fire department, handed over the apparatus to Mayor Bethet, who in accepting it, heartily thanked the fire department for their past valuable services, and then handed over the apparatus to the care of Chief Phillips. Each of the councillors present made a few complimentary remarks to the old department.

Football.

The fourth of a series of football matches, between the Fleet and Victoria, was played at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon at Beacon Hill. The game resulted in a victory for the Fleet by three tries. No goals were obtained by either side, though the second trial of Petch to place the ball over the bar was a good attempt, considering the disadvantage of an unfavorable wind. The Victorians were greatly handicapped by the absence of some of their best kicks, and through a mishap to two of their team, who were obliged to leave the game. For the Fleet, Grafton, Fisher, Petch, Tawney and Golding played best; while for Victoria, Hawthorthwait, E. Fisher, T. Tiedemann, Crease and Jones, captain, played well throughout the game. Following is the list of players:

TRIUMPH AND FLEETS.—Gilber, Bath, Grafton, Scriven, Fisher (captain), Petch, Tawney, Reeves, Jeffreys, Golding, Lambert, Grant, Halsey and Whitcroft.

VICTORIA.—A. Beasley, Hawthorthwait, T. Tiedemann, B. Crease, R. Drake, H. Jones (captain), H. Gullins, W. Beasley, E. Fisher, H. Rashdale, E. Harvey, W. McKay, Smallfield.

TO BE OR NOT TO BE.—The Guardian jocularly refers to the case of a young man in New Westminster who, smitten with the photographed charms of a young Montreal lady, proposed to her by letter, was accepted by the fair one, who was induced to visit the Royal city to assume the matrimonial yoke. That the ardor of the swain cooled somewhat upon sight and that he declined to marry, whereupon breach of promise became spoken of; that his mind again altering, he popped the question for the second time and was refused by the young lady who stands up solidly for damages. The Guardian hopes to hear that the young man (who has a balance in the bank) has been forgiven and reaccepted and that, like the folks in the fairy books, they will marry and live happily ever afterwards.

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GRANITE CREEK.

The Best Route to the New Diggings.

(Correspondence of The Colonist.)

HOPE, B. C., Dec. 27, '85.

Almost every week I notice some report of the Granite creek in papers published in Victoria and elsewhere, some of which are maliciously false. Nothing, in my estimation, can be more despicable and unprincipled than an attempt to mislead strangers or the traveling public. If you will kindly lend me space I will dispel some of the mistaken impressions which have become general through cheap advertisements by interested parties under the guise of reports from the mines, which are eagerly looked for by the public with a view to obtain reliable information.

Some time since an article was published in one of the Victoria papers through parties interested in the Nicola country (whose greedy principle seems to be that "anything is fair," not only in love and war, but in all manner of dealings) that the most practical route to the mines was by rail to Spence's Bridge, and from thence to Nicola by stage, from whence, you are informed, a good trail branches off to the mines. The imposition on the public would have been no greater had they been informed that the route was by steamer to Tacoma, by rail over the Northern Pacific to Spokane, from thence by trail to the mines.

Now, those same parties who recommended the Nicola did their freighting over the Hope route. It is almost a daily occurrence to hear people complaining that upon arriving at the mines they find not only that they were several days longer than necessary upon the road, but also from twenty to thirty dollars out of pocket by being duped into this "around the world route."

The proper route to Granite creek from all points west of Spence's Bridge is as follows: Either by rail or steamer to Hope, from thence direct to Princeton by the Similkameen trail. Princeton is about ten miles from the mines. This is a government trail, twenty-five miles of which are wagon road. A number of hands are employed constantly in repairing and keeping the trail in traveling condition.

There are five hotels on this route, the first, fourteen miles from Hope, kept by Pratt & Johnson, who furnish a first-class entertainment for both man and beast at the very reasonable rate of fifty cents per meal, ditto horse feed. Fifteen and a half miles farther on Messrs. Wanless & Williams cater for the comforts of the hungry traveller for the same consideration. Thirteen miles again and you find the Summit house with the genial Jack Sproul as host; nineteen miles, over a beautiful timbered, prairie, bunch grass country and natural pasture, brings you to the Bromaly ranch and hotel, where Jack will do his best to fill you up with good fresh "mowitch," and other wholesome grub. Then if you are loaded light you can take a short cut to the mines, that brings you there in a few hours at most. However, if you have pack horses you must go by Princeton, which is a few miles farther. There is a hotel at Princeton better known as Allison's store. A short half day's travel up the Tulameen now brings you to the already far famed Granite Creek on the grassy banks of which five short months since the young deer gambolled undisturbed except, perhaps, by the prowling wolf or an occasional Indian who passed by unconscious and unmindful of hidden treasures at his feet. Every and a large number of claims are already taken on the Tulameen bar, Slate, Champion and Watch creeks also pan out fair and some very promising prospects have been discovered.

GRANITE CREEK.

The population of Granite creek and suburbs is estimated at 2000 souls. There are stores, hotels and saloons in abundance, one tin shop, three blacksmith shops and a bakery. Considerable excitement prevails. Large numbers are coming in weekly and a great rush is expected in the spring. It is no uncommon sight to get up in the morning and find the town almost deserted running off on the crack of some new discovery. I understand since arriving at Hope that the B. C. Express Co. contemplate establishing a line between Hope and the creek as soon as treasure begins again to be taken out.

Since speaking of the route to the mines I wish to say I have been requested by several persons who were misled and caused a great deal of unnecessary expense to mention this matter. I am not a resident of Hope, own no property here and am in no way financially interested in any route.

L. A. DUNNING.

The Idaho.

The steamer Idaho was allowed to proceed to Portland in charge of four custom house officers, it being proved that the barque had on board 1,000 ounces of opium which the officers suspected to be on board would be thrown overboard. On her arrival at Portland she will be closely searched as her cargo is being unloaded. Eight hundred pounds have already been secured. It is now thought that the practice of smuggling opium has been carried on for a long time past, and that great quantities have been illegally brought into the country. The vigilance of the Port Townsend officials has at last been rewarded, and Collector Beecher evidently intends to carry out what he proved he would when he took office—stamp out all smuggling into Washington territory from this province.

New Year's Day at Temperance Hall.

The reception held by the ladies of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union on New Year's day was eminently successful. From eleven in the morning till half past four in the evening, an excellent lunch was served, where from three to four hundred gentlemen were heartily welcomed by the many ladies, young and old, who took this means of entertaining not only their personal friends, but particularly the strangers and young men of this city who had no homes. Quite a number signed the pledge of total abstinence, although it was not pressed upon the visitors, the ladies never forgot to invite all, who were willing to do so. In the evening a mass meeting was held when a large and attentive audience greeted the ladies and the speakers of the evening. After some fine addresses and suitable recitations had been given and the strains of sweet music had died away, the audience dispersed, feeling that the day had been both enjoyable and profitable.

THE ARABELLA.—A heavy southeast gale on Friday night seriously impaired the chances of hauling off the stranded bark Arabella, and that idea has now been abandoned. About 40,000 feet of lumber has been taken from her and lightered to the yard, and as soon as the sea goes down as much lumber as possible will be taken from her. To clear the parties to bought her 150,000 feet will have to be secured.

HEALTH is impossible when the blood is impure, thick and sluggish, or when it is thin and impoverished. Under such conditions boils, pimples, headaches, neuralgia, rheumatism, and one disease after another is developed. Take Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and it will make the blood pure rich, warm and vitalizing. dw

Fires and Alarms.

The following is a list of the fires and alarms which have come before the Fire Department during the past year:

January 7, 1885—Fire discovered on board bark Rover of the Seas, lying at Welch, Rithet & Co.'s wharf; damage slight.

April 8—Chimney burning out at residence of Mrs Leigh, James Bay; damages nominal.

April 16, midnight—Fire at the Terminus hotel, on Johnson street, extending to the Grand Pacific hotel. Two lives lost—one a Chinaman and the other supposed to be Chas Anderson, a Swede.

April 21—Alarm sounded, caused by the burning of the roof of Silver's house situate on Store street. Damage, nominal.

April 22—Burning of the roof of store kept by White on Store street. Damage nominal.

April 23—Burning of a barn at Spring Ridge. Loss stated at $250; no insurance.

April 26—Burning of a building occupied by J Macdonald on Bellot street. Services not required.

May 4—Alarm, cause, defective stove pipe at house on Fisgard street.

May 4—Burning of the International hotel, Esquimalt. Loss estimated at $12,000; insurance, $5,000. By the willing work of the naval fire brigade stationed at Esquimalt, and by men of H. M. S. Satellite the fire was extinguished.

May 15—False alarm; bush burning near to the Craigflower brick kiln.

May 18—Fire at the rear of the Dominion hotel, Yates street.

May 19—Fire discovered at Victoria truck and drag stables, situate on Kane street. Building burned. Insurance, $2,000.

May 28—Fire at Langley & Co.'s, Yates street. Damage nominal.

May 29—Fire at an unoccupied house on South Park street, owned by Jas Murray.

June 21—Fire at Cordova bay, quantity of cordwood burning, belonging to P Houlihan.

June 22—Fire at the shipyard, Rock bay bridge. Damage nominal.

June 26—Alarm sounded, caused by burning of driftwood on the water frontage of Dallas road, James bay.

July 7—Alarm at midnight; residence of M Baker, totally destroyed by fire; location, Frederick street; loss estimated at $4,000; insurance, $1,100.

August 18—Fire on Yates street corner of Commercial. Wash house, hay and grain and feed store demolished, and the adjacent premises to the American hotel also partially burned, with loss to stock.

Sept 2—Alarm sounded, caused by burning of clothes at the residence of Mrs R Williams, James bay; damage $400.

Oct 8—Alarm corner Cook and Yates street.

Oct 13—Fire near Sehl's factory, James bay.

Oct 24—Fire at Empire brewery, Herald street.

Nov 5—Alarm, Oriental alley.

Nov 16—Alarm, Fort street, burning chimney.

Nov. 18—Alarm, Fisgard street, burning chimney.

Nov. 28—Alarm, Fort street, Mrs Whittaker.

Dec 5—Fire, public school, Yates street.

Dec 8—Fire, Store street, Chinese tenement.

Dec 11—Alarm, Johnson street, burning chimney.

Dec 14—Fire at F Campbell's residence, Johnson street.

Dec 20—Alarm, fire corner Douglas and Pandora.

Dec. 21—Fire, Government street and Cormorant (Chinese.)

Dec. 24—Fire at J A T Caton's, Wharf street.

FOUNDERED AT SEA.

Barque "Rover of the Seas" Sinks in the South Atlantic—All Hands Saved.

A cablegram from Liverpool, received yesterday by Messrs. Welch, Rithet & Co., of this city, announces the total loss of the barque Rover of the Seas in the South Atlantic; but states that the master and crew were saved and had put in to the Falkland Islands. These meagre details are all that have at present been obtained; but further advices of the disaster have been telegraphed for. The Rover of the Seas left this port on the 10th of September last, bound for Liverpool. She was chartered by Welch, Rithet & Co., and had 10,696 cases of salmon aboard—Wellington Packing Co., 5,000; Laidlaw & Co., 1,000; Delta, 4,696, shipped by Welch, Rithet & Co., and 5,000 cases for Ewen & Co., shipped by R. Ward & Co. The cargo was fully insured, as also was the vessel, which was owned by her master, Capt. Gaudin, whose home is in this city. The cablegram gives the date of the news from the Falkland isles as January 1st; but this must be an error, as there is no telegraphic communication between there and Montevideo, and it takes the fast-sailing mail packets about fourteen days to cover the distance between the two points. The loss of the vessel therefore probably occurred about the second week in December. She was 417 tons register, and had been for the past five or six years regularly plying between Victoria and London. She was in a perfectly seaworthy condition when she started on her voyage, and the supposition is that meeting with heavy weather off Cape Horn she sprang several leaks from severe straining, and had to be abandoned; and that the officers and crew were either picked up by a passing vessel or reached the islands in their own boats.

CORRECTION.—In our reference to Mr. Sehl's residence in the New Year *Colonist*, Mr. Wickersham is stated to be superintending its construction. This is an error; he is engaged solely in looking after the bank's interests in the building of their new bank.

ACCIDENT.—During the afternoon of yesterday at the football match at Beacon Hill a young man named Scott dislocated his left elbow. An impromptu surgeon in the shape of Capt. Harman was fortunately able to replace the joint at the scene of the accident.

MR. HUMBER'S RACER.—Mr. M. Humber has lately bought a racer, and though there was a certain modesty in the horse's behaviour on Douglas street in the early part of the afternoon, yet when he got out to the Beacon Hill track, he "let out" and passed the best blood on the road much to the chagrin of the local sports.

VICTORIA FREIGHT.—Four cars of bonded freight from eastern Canada arrived on New Year's day and one carload of American flour. This would seem to indicate that our merchants do not anticipate any decrease in trade.

AYER'S Cherry Pectoral is recommended by physicians of the greatest eminence on both sides of the Atlantic as the most reliable remedy for colds and coughs, and all pulmonary disorders. It affords prompt relief in every case. No family should ever be without it. dw

ENGLISH POLITICS.

The Irish Members Hold the Fort.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—In Irish affairs in parliament big things are on foot. Lord Churchill is in Dublin to-day with Lord Justice Fitzgibbon, consulting with Orange tories, whom, six months ago, he was denouncing as obstacles to the party. He has persuaded Sir Michael Hicks-Beach and some others to agree to dissolve immediately if they cannot carry a vote of confidence on a new pronunciamento to home rule. Salisbury has not decided to dissolve, but he is drifting that way more and more. He considers Lord Churchill's argument that with the cry "The empire is in danger," and with the disorganized state of the liberals, he could this time get a majority. Moreover, as a parliamentary argument, perhaps the threat of dissolution will be enough to frighten lots of liberals who are indisposed to go to the strain and expense of another election. The strong point with Salisbury in all this is the safety of the house of lords, as looked at from the point of view of the shore politician. If Gladstone should be allowed to take office, consolidate the party and send a home rule bill up to the lords, and it were rejected, the immediate merits of the bill would be obscured by the liberals in their protests against the hereditary chamber, particularly if the bill were rejected more than once, and this is just what Salisbury is anxious to avoid.

THE IRISH IN DOUBT.

The Irish have decided upon nothing in regard to their course. It is not known whether they will move an address in amendment until a caucus is held, a day or two before the session. All reports of their intentions are rubbish. It will take three or four days to swear in the members, and then follows the election of speaker, and next day probably the queen's speech. If there is an amendment by the Irish party of the liberals, the ministry will be guided by the course of debate, always holding the threat of dissolution as the trump card. If there is no amendment then one of the unofficial tories will move a carefully worded vote of confidence, calculated to take the wind from Gladstone's sails on the Irish question, and threats of dissolution will hang over this.

Lord Churchill has notified Gladstone that when the home rule scheme is introduced he will go to Ulster and raise Orangemen in arms against it. But a few in Dublin who know of this, the threat is treated as buncombe, but it serves to illustrate Churchill's methods. The fact that he will be in command of tory strategy, insures lively work from the start.

THE PRESS.

This morning the papers show signs of recovery from their present party scare. The telegraph says: "It is English weakness, not Irish courage, that has magnified the difficulty. Our fathers were not easily alarmed. To-day we start at a mere shadow cast by eighty-six Irishmen on the floor of the house of commons. Surely old England has nerve to face realities ten times more portentous."

The Morning Post says: "No one can suppose that any measure of home rule will become a law which would be accepted as a final settlement by the Irish nationalists."

The Standard says: "The Irish party has not yet, at any rate, been won over, while the liberal party has been shattered by the attempt to win them."

The Times groans over against Irish hopes every day. It to-day believes that if an Irish parliament is once established in Dublin, securities and guarantees for the protection of property, according to English ideas, would be the merest sham. Whatever else may be doubtful this at least is certain, that the leading Irish ideas at the present time is to transfer the land from the landlords to the tenants. It really seems more and more probable every day that it is Mr. Parnell alone who can formulate a plan and open the Irish fight.

AN ORANGE DEMONSTRATION.

Major Sanderson, at an Orange demonstration held near his seat at Castle Sanderson, Belturbet, county of Cavan, said, in the course of a speech about the possibilities of Irish legislation: "At the first tendency observed on the part of Salisbury to yield an iota to the demands of the eighty-five Parnellites for separation, or for measures giving localities control of police and finance, the loyalists and conservatives from the north of Ireland will join the liberals to turn out the Salisbury government. I believe separation necessarily means civil war, and it is the intention of all Orangemen that such war shall cease, if separation with home rule comes. When separation comes it will be the duty of Ulster men to assume an attitude of armed resistance. We have no wish to confront the queen's army, but must prepare for the worst."

Mainland News.

(Columbian.)

Petty robberies continue frequent in New Westminster. The perpetrators are supposed to be Chinese.

(Cassiar.)

Mr. Woods, of the Union Hotel, was in the act of loading a gun last Friday, when by some unaccountable means the charge exploded, the ball striking the foot of a sweet little girl, a daughter of Mr. E. F. Darcy. Dr. Cooper was called in and dressed the injured foot; he thinks he can save it.

Half an inch of snow fell on New Year's Day. The new discovery on Granite creek is attracting considerable attention, and a large number of claims are being taken up.

Syrup of Figs.

Manufactured only by the California Fig Syrup Co., San Francisco, Cal., is Nature's own true Laxative. This pleasant liquid fruit remedy may be had of Langley & Co. Sample bottles free and large bottles at 75 cents and $1 25. It is the most pleasant, prompt and effective remedy known, to cleanse the system; to act on the Liver, Kidneys, and Bowels gently yet thoroughly; to dispel headaches, Colds and Fevers, to cure Constipation, Indigestion and kindred ills. dw13

NANAIMO.—Mayor Bate, Mr. R. Gibson and Mr. J. Blundell will be candidates for the mayoralty..... The Westward Ho! advocates a coalition of the mainland and Nanaimo(!)..... Nanaimo customs for 1885, $50,540..... Mr. Hetherington, of Comox, fell into the harbor when about to board the steamer Robt. Dunsmuir, and was only saved by the timely exertions of the crew of the vessel..... Nanaimo sawmill is in complete running order.

AN ERROR.—A couple of typographical errors occur in Friday's paper. Instead of 6000 feet of lumber as the daily output of Sayward's mill it should read 60,000, and instead of a supply of water for 5000 people as the capacity of the Esquimalt waterworks it should have been 50,000.

INTERIOR FREIGHT.—The Princess Louise stopped at the outer wharf yesterday and took on board 21 tons of San Francisco freight for mainland points, chiefly malt, empty beer kegs and sewer pipe.

SKATING CARNIVAL.—A highly successful fancy dress carnival was held at the roller rink on New Year's night, both as regards characters assumed and attendance. The rink was crowded with spectators.

BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

EXCLUSIVE DISPATCHES TO THE COLONIST.

CABLE NEWS.

ENGLAND.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—A cabinet council was held to-day which lasted an hour and forty minutes. It is believed the ministry decided to adhere to the local government's scheme for Ireland, and in case the government is defeated on that issue to dissolve parliament and appeal to the people on this "Dismemberment of the Empire" cry.

The question of conceding a portion of upper Burmah to China was discussed, and it was decided to make a concession.

FRANCE.

PARIS, Jan. 2—The four children from Newark, N. J., who were bitten by a mad dog, and who have been under treatment of Pasheur, sailed from Havre for New York to-day. They are all well.

AMERICAN NEWS.

Demonstration at San Francisco on Arrival of White Cigar Makers.

CALIFORNIA.

EUREKA, (Cal.), Jan. 2.—The steamer City of Chester, which went aground on the spit off the heads yesterday, and which it was feared would become a total wreck, was pulled off this morning at high tide by the tugs. The propellor is badly damaged and the rudder gone.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2—The arrival of white cigar makers from the east this morning was made the occasion of quite an imposing demonstration. They were met at the ferry landing by large delegations from the different branches of the Knights of Labor. Among them were the cigar makers of the international union. The line was formed and headed by a brass band marched up Market to Montgomery, down that street to Montgomery avenue and through the other principal streets of the city. The new comers, 300 in all, presented very respectable appearance. Various transparencies were carried, some of them labelled "From the Atlantic to the Pacific; we have come to stay." Another read, "We are coming Californians, 4000 men and more." It is stated that when the procession passed within the neighborhood of Chinatown it was watched with a great deal of interest by the Chinese who were seemingly anxious to form an opinion of the future possibilities of competition of white labor from this the first contingent imported from the east.

Lieutenant Glassford, U. S. A., has assumed charge of the Pacific division of the United States signal service with headquarters in this city.

CENTRAL AMERICA.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2—Mail advices received to-day from Panama says: On 22nd December two families of the names of Silvia and Gonzales left Talcahuena, Chili, in a boat for Pena for the purpose of attending the festival of Our Lady of Carmel. Upon the return voyage when at the mouth of Adalien river, was reached it became necessary to alter the position of the sails and for some unknown reason the passengers rushed to one side of the vessel and she capsized. Twenty-four persons were thrown into the water. Cries of drowning were heard by two lighters, who put off in a fragile chalee to rescue all they could. The lighters men picked up five persons one, a Chinaman, appeared to be dead. As the boat was unable to stand so great a weight, it was resolved to throw the supposed Chinaman overboard. This was accordingly done. The Chinaman, however, no sooner touched the water than he seized hold of the gunwale of the boat and capsized it. The recently rescued people and the lighterman were thrown into the sea, and out of seven persons five were drowned, the only persons saved being Francisco Gonzales and one of the lighterman. Two boats were dispatched from Talcahuano to the spot, and they returned with the bodies of all the female passengers and that of the son of Silva. The bodies of the others had not been recovered up to the 23d instant.

EASTERN STATES.

BOSTON, Jan. 2.—Capt. Gerrior of the schooner Racer which was wrecked off Portland last Monday was brought to this city under arrest from Gloucester this morning. He was arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Hallet on a charge of scuttling his vessel at sea, and was held in $20,000 for examination. It appears that the vessel had had a successful trip, having taken 53,000 pounds of fish before he put into Sydney, C. B., on her way home. At this point Gerrior took on board two female passengers for Portland. The crew say that the captain stopped at several ports on his way home, and all hands had a good time generally. At one of the ports, Cranberry Isle, near Grand Manan, it is claimed by the crew that the entire cargo of fish was sold for cash by the captain. One