

BRIEF LOCALS.

Cleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form. From Friday's Daily.

A Spokane dispatch says the Kootenay river is open to navigation between Bonner's Ferry, Nelson, B.C., and the steamer Nelson will make her first trip on Friday.

In the Provincial Gazette last night notice of the issuance of the Cowichan-Alberni writ was given. The writ is returnable May 7th. This is the seat rendered vacant by the appointment of Mr. Davie to the chief justiceship.

An Ottawa dispatch says: Sir C. H. Tupper has advised the remission of the additional sentence of three years passed on John Simpson by Judge Crease in British Columbia, for saying "Thank you" after receiving a five year sentence for burglary.

Nomination day for the Cowichan-Alberni district election to fill the vacancy caused by the retiring of Hon. Theodore Davie has been fixed for April 5th election day. If an election is necessary, for April 18. Thomas A. Woods of Quamichan, is the only candidate in the field as yet.

There was a severe snow storm on the line of the E. & N. railway last night and this morning the mountains were coated with snow. Five inches were reported at Nanaimo and three at Kokisilah. The telegraph wires were consequently out of order, no dispatches being received until after noon.

The case of the Japanese, George, Frank Ko and Iso Harry, charged with supplying liquor to Indians was up in the provincial police court yesterday afternoon. They were each fined \$50 and \$90 costs, or three months imprisonment. The sloop without a name or license was confiscated. It is valued at about \$250. The money realized from the sale of the sloop will not anything like equalize the cost of prosecution.

At a meeting held in the Alberni town hall on Wednesday last Mr. George A. Huff was selected to contest Cowichan-Alberni district for the seat in the legislature made vacant by the elevation of Hon. Mr. Davie to the supreme court bench. Mr. Huff is a government supporter. The candidates whose names were before the meeting were: T. A. Wood, who was selected by the Cowichan convention, G. A. Huff, Frank McQuillan and W. H. Bainbridge. On the final ballot Mr. Huff secured 23 votes and Mr. McQuillan 21. The nomination of Mr. Huff was made unanimous.

The firm of McGregor and Jeeves, well known contractors, have taken charge of the new government buildings, the arrangement having been completed before the catastrophe that resulted in the death of Contractor Adams. Under McGregor & Jeeves the work will be prosecuted vigorously, and it is expected that matters will go on more smoothly than formerly. The firm being competent in every way to handle such a large contract.

According to cable messages received recently the sealine schooner George Peabody has been wrecked on the Japanese coast.

A general meeting of the shareholders of the Quesselle Quartz Mining company will be held in the company's office, Quesselle, on the 25th of April, to deal with a proposition received from an English syndicate. There is a very great probability that this mine will be worked at an early date.

It was the bark Glenmore, bound for Portland, that picked up the two Indians lost from the schooner Katherine. They had been three days without food, but were apparently game for several days more. They were given food and kept aboard and left the vessel for Neah bay. They will rejoice their schooner in a few days.

The body of a baby just born was found yesterday morning in a vacant lot on Cook street near Caledonia avenue. It was turned over to the police, placed in the morgue, and the case is now in the hands of the coroner to determine whether an inquest is necessary. It will very likely be impossible to learn anything in connection with the case, which is perhaps the old story of a crime to hide the disgrace of some frail woman. Up to this afternoon it had not been decided whether or not to hold an inquest.

Mr. Young who is well known in Victoria, is meeting with success in the working of the French Mining Company claim at Lytton. A letter received here says that the company held a practical test with their dredge at Morrison bar on the Fraser. They pumped about 15 hours and picked up out of the first sluice box over two ounces of very coarse

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gold. This was not a clean-up—it was simply picked up the pieces. The pieces weighed from one dollar downward. This is the first thorough test that has been made, and it settles beyond a doubt that suction pumps will raise all kinds of gold, coarse or fine. Mr. Young is greatly pleased with the results of the test, and is confident that their scow will do very well the coming summer.

From Tuesday's Daily. The Costello & McMorran cannery at Steveston, will be ready to receive machinery in a fortnight. It will have a capacity of 40,000 cases.

A Chinaman jumped in front of a locomotive on the freight at Union yesterday, the wheels cutting off his arm. He died later. This was his second attempt to commit suicide.

Inspector of Fruit Pests Palmer is on the Mainland attending meetings of the Horticultural Board, Vancouver, Westminster, Ledner's Landing and Steveston will be visited.

Rev. Thomas Baldwin has resigned the pastorate of Calvary Baptist church, and will shortly leave for his old home in Seattle. Mr. Baldwin has been acting temporarily for fourteen months.

James Henly and Miss Maria J. Nichols have been made man and wife. The marriage ceremony was performed by Bishop Cridge, and Mr. and Mrs. Henly have gone to live in Westminster, of which place Mr. Henly has been a resident for some while.

L. Lossman, of Port Townsend, and Mrs. F. Morris, of Victoria, were married in this city on Sunday evening. The absence of a rabbi the ceremony was performed by Mr. J. Isaacs. The couple left this morning for Port Townsend, where they will reside.

James Lobb, who shot and wounded J. G. Grant on the steamer Stella, near Valdez Island, was once a special officer in the employ of the provincial police department. Superintendent of Provincial Police Hussey says Lobb was a good man. He cannot account for his action other than to agree with the insane theory.

Deans and S. C. Baumgartner have been elected delegates to the Westminster Liberal Convention for the Langley Prairie Liberal Association, and the alternate will be W. C. Buckingham. Liberal delegates will be selected from Otter and Fort Langley, on Friday and Saturday of this week, which will make up the quota of six for Langley municipality.

Magistrate Macrae fined Captain J. Hunter \$200 and costs for supplying liquor to Indians. The case was heard yesterday in the provincial police court but the decision was not given until this afternoon. Captain Hunter swore that the Indians, Sacket and Mary, who stole the liquor when the crew were on deck. The Indians swore otherwise. F. B. Gregory, who defended Captain Hunter, gave notice of appeal.

Government Distributor of Seed Townsend says that there will be about three hundred applications for seed from sufferers by the Fraser river flood and that the seed distributed will represent the sum of \$15,000 or more. Seed will be distributed in parcels of ploughed land as follows: Oats, 100 pounds; barley, 90 pounds; peas, 180 to 200 pounds; wheat, 120 pounds; potatoes, 720 pounds; timothy, 10 pounds; clover, 10 pounds.

On Sunday a baptismal ceremony according to the Greek rite, was performed on the two daughters aged 12 and 5 years, of D. K. Chunganes, Toronto street. The ceremony was performed by Greek priests from San Francisco. It is very uncommon here. The little ones were placed in a tub of water and water and oil were poured over their foreheads. The sponsors and the officiating ministers, lighted tapers in hand, walked around the children three times.

Coroner Hasell conducted an inquest this afternoon in the case of the unknown infant child whose body was found in a lot on Cook street on Sunday by a young man named McTague. Nothing special was brought out, and nothing further is known about the case. L. Dickenson, foreman, John Mitchell, F. V. Hobbs, J. Fisher, W. M. Price and H. A. Lilley. There were only two witnesses, Dr. John Lang, who testified that the body was that of a prematurely born eight months old child, and Mr. McTague, who detailed the circumstances of the discovery of its body. The verdict was in accordance with the facts submitted.

In the record of Thomas Blanck, the desperado killed near Seattle last week by deputy sheriffs while resisting arrest, the Post-Intelligencer credits him with holding up a stage in the Kootenay country and killing the driver, who offered resistance. A haul of between two thousand and three thousand dollars in gold, shipped on the stage by Chinese miners, is said to have been made. The story is not credited here, as no such affair ever took place in Kootenay in Blanck's time. The stage has been "stuck up" and robbed, but no driver has been killed. Superintendent Hussey says he believes the story originated in some blowing done by fellow prisoners by Blanck as to his criminal achievements. Superintendent F. Hussey has pictures of nearly the entire gang of prisoners who broke jail. They were forwarded to him by Sheriff Van Dwanter and Chief Rogers. All but three of the prisoners have been captured.

An Ottawa dispatch to the Winnipeg News Western says: Recently Judge Crease, of British Columbia, sentenced John A. Simpson, a notorious burglar to five years in penitentiary. He turned round with a sneer and thanked his lordship, and thereupon the judge added

three years to his sentence. Strong petitions were forwarded to the minister of justice in favor of shortening of the prisoner's eight year term. Sir C. H. Tupper has accordingly remitted the extra sentence of three years. The judge in his report to the department remarked that he was induced to impose the additional sentence because of the wholesale terrorizing by the Simpson gang and the insolence of the prisoner himself. His lordship added that the imposition of the additional three years had had a salutary effect recommending, however that the object having been obtained the extra penalty might be remitted.

From Thursday's Daily. The American Behring Sea patrol fleet will sail from Port Townsend during April. The fleet will consist entirely of revenue cutters, it not being the intention to send any warships up this season. There will be five cutters, Captain Hooper of the Rush will command the fleet.

The British bark Aigburth in tow of the tugboat "The Monitor" has been towed royal roads at three o'clock this afternoon. She will be towed into Esquimalt and will discharge some freight there before coming around to Victoria. The Aigburth is consigned to R. P. Rithet & Co., and has been out 152 days.

The barkentine Wrestler was yesterday purchased by Kennedy & Inglis, San Francisco, and the Bennett Milling Co., Westminster. The Wrestler belonged to the late Frederick Astor. She has a carrying capacity of 700,000 feet of lumber. She will be fitted up at Port Angeles for the China trade and will fly the Nicaraguan flag. Captain Neil J. Neilson has also an interest in the barkentine.

J. Merrill, proprietor of the Hastings photographic studio, died in Jubilee Hospital this morning. He had been ill for some time with lung trouble. He was about 55 years of age and leaves three daughters and one son, all residents of the city. Deceased had lived here several years, was very well known, and news of his death will be received with the deepest regret by many. The date of the funeral will be announced later.

Mail advices by the Tacoma announce the arrival at Yokohama on March 27th of the schooner Carleton, Capt. Cox. She left here on January 10, and was therefore 59 days making the trip. It was reported that she was leaking badly on the way across and the men were frequently at the pumps but neither E. B. Marvyn & Co. nor the family of Captain Charles Harris received any advices.

Customs Inspector E. S. Fowler, on a special detail for the inspection of seal skins, returned this morning from Neah Bay where several of the vessels are taking in water and supplies, says the Port Townsend Call. The sealing captains claim that the outlook is very poor for big catches this season, owing to the scarcity of seal. They far no large catches at all have been reported among the vessels of the American fleet, while the British sealers with few exceptions, have met with unusual luck.

THE TACOMA ARRIVES.

An Uneventful Voyage Across the Pacific—Her Passengers and Cargo.

The steamship Tacoma, of the Northern Pacific fleet arrived here at 7 o'clock this morning after an uneventful passage of 15 days from Yokohama, which port she left at daylight on the morning of March 12. She sailed from Hong Kong on February 28, and during the greater part of the voyage had fine weather except when near the coast, when she experienced heavy southeast winds with rain weather. On Tuesday she sighted a iron ship, but was not close enough to speak her or even make her out very distinctly. It may possibly have been the Aigburth, bound for Victoria. It was only a slight distance from the coast. The Tacoma had 52 Chinese and two Japanese in the steerage and the following cabin passengers: Miss K. Muller, Mrs. Morrish, Rev. A. B. Winchester, A. Rose, W. H. Stewart and Ng. Man Hing.

Rev. A. B. Winchester has been absent from Victoria about six months, and except while travelling was at Canton studying Chinese, of which he already has a considerable knowledge. He was accompanied by Ng Man Hing, a Chinese Christian missionary, who will labor with him among the Chinese in this province. Mr. Winchester will also continue his study of Chinese under him. Ng Man Hing is a middle aged man and seems bright and intelligent. He was on this coast once before, having visited San Francisco some 17 years ago. He does not speak very good English, but is a good scholar in the language history and classics of his own country. Mr. Winchester had quite an attack of seasickness and did not look well when the ship arrived. He said he knew nothing of the war operations, having been in Southern China all the time, but said the operations against the Island of Formosa were not unexpected by the people of Canton. He also stated that he knew a month ago that the plague existed at Hong Kong.

The Tacoma brought over a total cargo of 2500 tons, of which 700 tons is for Victoria. The cargo consists principally of rice, tea, sugar, Oriental manufactured goods and silk, of which there were 200 bales. The vessel will be all day discharging, and will very likely not leave until daylight in the morning.

The Date Fixed. London, March 27.—The Hon. George Curzon, M.P., will sail for New York April 10. His marriage to Miss Mary Leiter will take place in Washington City on April 20.

You seem to have all the late novels, "I haven't read them yet," answered Jimson. "My wife is reading them to see if they are fit for me."

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report. Royal Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE

IT LOOKS LIKE MURDER.

Suspicion Gaining Ground that Jas. Hayson, of Vancouver, Was Murdered.

The Murder theory in the case of Jas. Hayson, found dead in bed in his cabin in Vancouver is gaining ground. The wound in the skull and the bleeding from the ear are indicative of foul play. The News-Advertiser in the report of the coroner's inquest says: After meeting at the court house the jury examined the remains at Lockhart's parlors, where it was covered there was a contused wound on the crown of the head and evidences of bleeding from the ear, which give rise to suspicion of foul play. The body when found by his friend, whose name is Kelly, was lying naked on the bed, with the exception of a boot on one foot. Subsequently the coroner and jury visited the cabin of the deceased and made a systematic investigation. A lamp was discovered at the back end of the bed, and several dried blood stains were found on the pillow. In a pocket in a pair of trousers seemed as if they had been cut or torn open. The stove was filled with partially burned wood and the table was laid as if for a meal, which, however, had never been partaken of. Coroner McGuigan gave it an unprofessional opinion and without a medical examination that the man must have lain dead for about a week. Finally the jury returned to the court house, bringing away with them a short axe, which might possibly have caused such a wound as the one referred to, the blood-stained pillow and the pair of trousers with the torn pocket.

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was given by the distilling and cattle feeding company on account of the difficulties arising out of the charges which have been brought. The trust acquired possession of the distillery from the Meiners concern under highly satisfactory arrangements to the Messrs. Meiners.

ARCHBISHOP WILLIAMS.

To Celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of His Ordinalization.

Boston, March 28.—Elaborate arrangements are being made by the Catholic clergy and laity of this diocese, for the appropriate celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the entrance of Archbishop Williams to the priesthood, which will be reached early in May. The celebration will cover three days, one of which will be devoted to an ecclesiastical observance, and the others to congratulatory meetings, receptions and other forms of celebrating on the part of the laity. The Catholic Union of this city will present the bishop with a life-sized oil painting of himself, for which he is now giving sittings.

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Intelligence has been New Glasgow that during campaign of 1891, he attracted a pledge from Sir per that he would oppose with the Manitoba 'They insisted upon the of his action on the J. and told him plainly that not support him unless he desired pledge.

Ottawa, April 1.—One of Chief Justice Davie's visit been the reappointment of Simmons as deputy warder Westminster penitentiary, missed by Sir John Thor disclosures made by the appointment will not ten confidence in Tupper as a

Hon. A. R. Dickey, who Nova Scotia to-day, was sister of militia at Rideau past 12. Premier Bow Costigan, Caron and A present. David Creighton, late has been appointed ass general of the

SHOOTING OF DE

Result of a Street Row on Saturday

San Francisco, Cal., A McGaughey who shot wounded Dr. J. E. Plouf had expressed himself as he will never be convicted self-defence. He said "Dr. Plouf personally in S may considerable of his rested for malpractice, at the court, I had the filing in the suit. Plouf assau Thos. Demsey, of the E and Demsey and Thos. brother-in-law, gave nam ing and the ladies ho That led to a libel suit against Demsey. I also that suit. Demsey cha with enticing young gir vate office. Plouf, I sup I was the theatre, he e was consequently posse facts. I left Seattle b came here but shortly af up north to administer then returned to Seattle Plouf had gone to San F

The shooting occurred of the Baldwin hotel, a termination of a street b was crowded with wom at the time. The Baldwin audience had just and in addition to the from the theatre there crowd of Saturday after aders. A fist fight, last seconds, between the two the passersby, women at the sidewalk into the str Men rushed to part the but the sight of a revol of McGaughey caused th Then came the shots. Th pistol added to the fright and children.

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Washington, D.C., Apr Cleve and has determined exhibit of American araguan canal shall be and a government comm amine the canal route Greytown as soon as po a United States war ves the concern this govern canal. This was decid cabinet meeting when S