Weekly Colonist

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5TH, 1887.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Naval Contracts.

Attention is called to the fact that tenders for naval contracts must be lodged at the office of the naval storekeeper, Esquimalt yard, by noon on Monday next, the 1st of August.

Customs Collections.

The collections at the port of Victoria for the month ending July 30th are as follows:—

Duties	$53,388 51
Miscellaneous	555 46
Chinese Immigration Act	770 00
Total	$54,713 97

Bold Bad Boys.

On Friday afternoon as a young lady was entertaining some friends at a picnic near Beacon hill—the party kept their baskets hidden in a clump of trees, and strolled away to enjoy themselves on the beach for half an hour, but on returning found that some young sneak thieves had stolen all their provisions. The names of the boys are known.

Police Court.

Kitty, Lucy, Spencer, Annie Powers, Johnnie and Jim, all Indians, were up for being drunk. The women were sentenced to imprisonment, and the men received fines of $5 each, or one week.

Daniel Corby was charged with theft, but the charge was dismissed.

Fred Baker, charged with housebreaking, was committed for trial.

Another Body Found.

During Wednesday night the miners engaged in running a drift into the stall of Messrs. Perry and Nicholson, in the V. C. C.'s No. 1 shaft, found the body of the former. The remains of Mr. Thomas Perry were in a far advanced state of decomposition, having been in the mine nearly three months, and were only recognized by the boots he wore.

Whiskey for the Coast.

The government have passed an order-in-council granting authority to the minister of Inland revenue to issue special permits for the removal of duty paid spirits in packages of five and ten gallons, into British Columbia, provided the regulations assented to by the Lieut.-Governor of the Northwest Territories, as to transmission through the N. W. T. (by which their identification on arrival beyond the limits of said Territories is required) are fully complied with.

Jennie Winston Robbed.

A despatch from Salem, Or., says: "Shortly after the arrival of the Pyke opera troupe in this city Thursday afternoon, some sneak thief entered the room of *prima donna* Jennie Winston, at the Monroe house, and cutting open a reticule which was lying on the bureau, took therefrom a purse containing an English sovereign and a small quantity of silver. A warrant has been issued for the arrest of the thief, but so far he has not been apprehended.

Elder's Passengers.

The following passengers left on the Elder for San Francisco yesterday:—Mrs and Miss Parker, Miss Pike, Miss Beardaly, Mrs J. A Elliott, M. J. Elliott, Chas Nordhoff, M Troplin, R. W Anderson, Mrs Jerome, Mrs M Johnson, Alex Ramsay, A McT Campbell, Mrs A McDonald, Mr Jerome Deasy, C W Parrington, W Lamb, L Lamb, Dr Powell, John Chocko, John Ross, and five overland coupon passengers, nine Japanese and ten steerage passengers. The steamer Yosemite did not connect with the Elder.

No Trace Yet.

The *Columbian* says: Our readers will remember that some time last fall two gentlemen residing on Westham Island, Messrs. Robertson and McNab, left their homes on a hunting expedition up the northern coast, and have never been heard of since. Mr. Chas. Robertson, a brother of one of the missing men, of Hamilton, Ont., who has been in the province during the last three weeks, has made a tour of the northern coast, in company with a friend, in hope of finding some trace of the fate of his lost brother. So far his search has been fruitless.

Jules Verne Nowhere.

The London *Times* announces that a copy of one of its issues has made the circuit of the globe in sixty-nine days. Its journey was made *via* the Suez canal route to Yokohama, and thence to London *via* the Canadian Pacific line and Atlantic connections. This is the shortest time in which the circuit has been made under the British flag. Influential metropolitan and provincial journals continue to urge the importance of the recognition of the Canadian route to the east. The press is practically unanimous in favor of a subsidy to the Canadian service.

A Housebreaker.

On Wednesday, Mr. Brown, customs officer, on going to his house on Johnson street above Douglas, found that some one had broken in the door and ransacked the premises. A revolver and a meerschaum pipe were among the missing articles. Mr. Brown immediately communicated with the police, and a young man who goes by the name of Wm. Burns was arrested yesterday and locked up on the charge. There is little doubt that he is the man wanted, as the pawnbroker to whom he sold the articles recognized him immediately. It is thought that Burns is the same man who broke into Mr. R. Maynard's store the same night, although no charge to that effect has been laid.

The Lieutenant-Governor.

Says the *Guardian*: This distinguished gentleman and wife arrived in this city yesterday. The mayor and council, Donald Chisholm, M. P., J. A. Webster, J. C. Armstrong, and other prominent citizens met the pair at the railway station and gave them a hearty welcome. At 3 o'clock an address was presented to his honor, and he thanked the citizens for their cordial reception. We were glad to see the veteran pioneer and his amiable lady looking like two pictures of perfect health and stately ease. His wisdom and experience are very useful in council, and her courtly manner is quite an attraction at Carey Castle. In truth they are the most popular pair that ever represented her majesty in that house, and in every part of the province they are sure to receive a *cead mille failthe*.

"The Land of the Midnight Sun."

Our Arctic Province: By Henry W. Elliott, published by Chas. Scribner's Sons, New York. This latest work upon Alaska and its land and sea products has been handed us by M. W. Waitt & Co. It comprises a work of 465 pages with detailed map of Alaska and adjacent countries, and is profusely illustrated with sketches of the natives, their modes of living, hunting and fishing, with pictures from life of the many fur bearing animals of the Arctic waters. Commencing with the disastrous voyage of Bering and his crew in 1841, which eventually led to the discovery of the rich fur-bearing islands and mainland of Alaska, the author describes the various events up to the acquirement of Alaska to the United States in 1867, the latter paying $7,200,000 to Russia for the then supposed land of ice. Mr. Elliott lived amid the various tribes that now form the meagre population of the northern coast of Alaska, and therefore was enabled to intelligently acquire the mass of information that he has placed before the world in his new book. It is a volume of intense interest, the author having portrayed the habits of the natives and the "amphibian millions" in a bright racy style, and reproduces the historical facts and statistical matter in a way that is full of interest to the ordinary reader. Alaska is now coming prominently before the world, and to all who desire to acquire information in regard to its people, its products, their habits of life, and the character of the country, there could not be found a better source from which to draw than Mr. Elliott's excellent work.

Our Climate.

Eastern people may make fun about our "glorious climate," but what would they not give to be out here just now? While they are dropping dead on the streets from sunstroke and prostration we are enjoying cool breezes and balmy sunshine, and congratulating ourselves that our climate is not as that of other peoples and places.

Vancouver's Chinese.

Last evening, says the Vancouver *News-Advertiser*, when the time came for the shifting the working gangs on the wharf a number of Chinamen were brought down for the night shift. The white men working on the wharf refused to work side by side with Chinamen and it looked as if trouble might arise. The matter was finally arranged by putting the Celestials in the hold of the ship where they remained all night. A large crowd of men assembled on the wharf, but on being told by the police to leave, quietly dispersed. No trouble is anticipated.

Smuggled Goods.

Customs Officer Hunter and Police Officer Robb discovered a case of coal-oil and some wheat in a chicken yard on the Gorge road at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The oil and wheat had been buried in the yard, and by the continual scratching of the fowls was thus brought to light. It is said that Kelly, who is now in gaol, smuggled the oil and wheat from the Sound and to hide his guilt buried them, where he thought they would never be discovered. The officers knew that he had disposed of them, but where, has been the question for some time. This will no doubt prove another important link in the chain of evidence against Kelly.

The Northern Fish Pack.

In contradiction to the news furnished yesterday morning with regard to the run of salmon at Rivers Inlet, Cowan, Shaw & Co. and Thos. Shotbolt have received advices from their canneries of latest date, stating that the run was good. At the former's canney over 3,000 cases had been put up in nine days, and at the day of writing of the letter they had packed 400 cases. The River's Inlet Packing Co. had put up about 5,000 cases at latest dates. It was not expected that the heavy run would occur until the third of August, and the canners have every confidence that they will secure a full pack. This news is very satisfactory, as it was thought strange that a heavy run should occur at the northern points and not at Rivers Inlet.

Miraculous Cure.

The Montreal *Gazette* says: Another miraculous cure has been effected at the shrine of St. Anne and one which has caused no little excitement in the city. On Sunday last the Society of the Union of St. Joseph, of the parish of St. Jean Baptiste, held a pilgrimage to the shrine. Alphonse Cote, a well-known citizen, accompanied them. Cote has been lame from his infancy, which infirmity was increased through an attack of typhoid fever to such an extent that he could not move without the aid of a crutch. He was, however, almost completely cured and able to walk home without aid. A little boy was restored the sight of one of his eyes which had been injured through a portion of lime getting into it.

Redemptorist Mission.

The mission by the Redemptorist Fathers, previously announced, will begin this morning in the pro-cathedral, View street, at the high mass at 10:30 o'clock. During this mass the opening sermon of the mission will be delivered. In the afternoon the mission for the children will begin at 2:30 o'clock. Every day during the mission there will be a mass and sermon at 5 o'clock a. m. As this mass and sermon are for those who have to work during the day, the services will close at 6 o'clock precisely, thus enabling all to be at work at 7 o'clock. At 8 o'clock a. m. there will be another mass and sermon for all those who need not or cannot go at 5 o'clock. The evening services will commence every evening at 7:30 o'clock. It is hoped and expected that every member of the congregation will attend one of the two morning services, and the evening services throughout the entire mission.

Cedar Hill School.

The first of a series of concerts was held at the Cedar Hill school house on Tuesday evening last. A large audience assembled and thoroughly enjoyed the excellent programme of music, singing, etc. The entertainment, which was due to the labors of the ladies, had for its object the liquidation of the debt incurred in the erection of the new church fence, and they deserve great praise for their untiring efforts. The net proceeds amounted to $40. Following is the programme and the names of those who participated: Instrumental solo, piano and violin, Mrs. and Mr. King; duet (vocal), Mr. and Miss Johnston; solo, Miss J. Tolmie; reading, Rev. Arch. Scriven; duet, Misses Stott and Truing; solo, Rev. A. Beanlands; recitation, Mr. Ker; song, Miss M. Williams; reading, Rev. A. Bealands; solo, Mr. Yates; instrumental solo, Mr. Hathley; duet, Misses King; solo, Mr. E. Williamson; solo, Miss Williams; duet, Misses Tolmie; instrumental solo, Miss Austin.

The No. 1 Mine Heating.

On Wednesday night, says the Nanaimo *Free Press*, while the miners in the No. 1 shaft of the V. C. Co. were engaged in exploring for the bodies it was discovered that a caved portion of the stalls near the No. 3 level was, in mining parlance, "heating." Although there were no indications of active fire, still it was found that the heaps of caved debris were very warm and throwing off considerable smoke. Mr. McGregor, the manager, deemed it prudent to withdraw all the men from the mine and shut off the air from the section in which the debris is heating.

The work will be discontinued in the No. 1 shaft until the new fan and machinery have been placed in position at the No. 2 shaft. This work is well advanced, and it is the expectation of the management that the fan will be got into working order early in the coming week. As soon as the fan is working there will be a full current of air in the shaft and operations will be resumed.

MAINLAND NEWS.

(Guardian.)

Weather fine and warm; hay nearly all in. The grain presents a great contrast in different localities. In some places it is a scanty immature crop on the light soils of the uplands; on the contrary, the crops on the lowlands are most magnificent and will yield abundantly.

The Fraser is still falling and will soon reach its lowest stage.

The salmon have at last summoned up courage to enter the river and they are now in better supply. The idea that the large number of boats and nets at the mouth of the river and near this city frightened them, appears to have some semblance of truth; for, while the fishermen at both localities could catch none at all, the salmon were disporting themselves in large numbers away up the river at Hope.

We are informed the Hon. Alex. McKenzie will visit the Hot Springs at Harrison lake next week.

The building fever is rapidly spreading in the city and vicinity and every one connected with the trade—in every branch—is employed.

Mr. Holden, an English gentleman who purchased a farm in the valley of the lower Fraser, has made arrangements with the C. P. R. Co. to take over from the Avonmouth in England, one hundred high bred sheep. The freight from that point to this city is $618. This little flock may increase rapidly and in a few years British Columbia may be celebrated for mutton and wool. The English Leicester sheep will be quite at home in this climate, if the fields are well fenced and free from briars and swamp.

The U. S. cruiser Atlanta's battery has been tried at sea to the satisfaction of the inspection board.

ATTEMPTED MURDER.

Two West Coast Prospectors Shot Down by Ahousett Indian Boys—Their Object was Plunder.

A canoe arrived from the west coast last evening, in which were two miners and nine Indians, two of whom are prisoners. It was soon reported that the miners had been wounded a few days since, and on going to the Grand Pacific Hotel, a reporter of THE COLONIST found the report to be true, and the cases even more serious than first stated. H. M. Fox and D. W. Martin, the former a brother of Mr. David Ellis, are the wounded men and their account of the affair is of the most startling nature.

The reporter requested to see Mr. Fox, who related the following facts: "We left Victoria on the 25th May for the west coast, accompanied by Mr. J. J. Hardy. We were in quest of quartz and by the 25th instant had reached a point on the Magin river, a considerable distance from the Indian village of Ahousett. We put up our tent and Mr. Hardy prepared the evening repast, which we had scarcely finished when two young Indians came up. They stayed around for awhile, and Mr. Hardy having finished his work came into the tent. I had thrown myself on the bed and Martin was sitting on a cracker box. We paid no attention to the Indians or their movements and thought, in fact, that they had gone, when all at once the loud report of a gun was heard and Martin jumped up exclaiming, "My God! I'm shot!" It may have been two seconds before I could realize the position. Martin was directly in front of me, and just as he moved round a second report was heard and I was shot in the abdomen, the shot scattering for several inches. I jumped up and ran to the door of the tent and saw the Indians running in the direction of the river. Mr. Hardy gave chase but he could do nothing as they got in their canoe and were away before he could reach the point where they embarked, about 200 yards from our camp. Hardy then returned to camp and on examining Martin and myself found that the former had been shot through the left shoulder, a slug about an inch long passing clean through, a quarter of an inch above the lung. We lay there through the night suffering horrible agonies, but at the break of dawn Hardy prepared for a start. We managed to get into our canoe and reached the Indian village some hours later, where we told out tale. The Indians cared for us, and hearing that Mr. Guillod, the Indian agent, was near at hand, we sent for him. Upon his arrival he organized a band and started them after the would-be murderers, who were captured some distance from the village. The Indians were willing to do anything for us and Mr. Guillod was kindness itself. After the boys were arrested he made arrangements for our transportation to Victoria. The seven Indians who accompanied us came of their own accord."

Mr. Fox is seriously wounded although Dr. Frank Hall says he will recover. The wounds are very painful owing to the fact that considerable fever has set in, due to the exposure and lack of medical care.

Mr. Martin's wounds were seen by the reporter and are also of a very serious nature. Not only the slug was fired from the gun, but seven buck-shot entered the shoulder, scattering all over the left side. His account of the dastardly attempt at murder is the same as Mr. Fox's, and these gentlemen concur in the one opinion that the object of the Indians was to murder them and then plunder the camp. This supposition is confirmed by the fact that the Indians instead of bringing their canoe opposite the camp as is usual with them, left it down the river about 200 yards. Mr. Martin was shot by the Indian's gun while Mr. Fox's wounds were inflicted by his own double-barrel breech loader, which he had left in the bush with one barrel loaded.

The Indians were handed over to the police and were conveyed to the provincial gaol. They are mere lads; the oldest not being over 17 years of age. The wounded men were doing well at last accounts. Five days have passed since the shooting occurred, and although their sufferings have been great they look well all things considered. A thorough investigation will be held by the provincial authorities.

THE OPIUM CASE.

The Drug to be Returned to Victoria—Probable Fate of the Consignor and His Costly Baggage.

Word was received yesterday by the authorities that the opium fraudulently bonded through would be forwarded back to this point. It is not yet known what will be the probable result of the matter, the Act not providing any penalty for goods bonded in the particular way that the present were sent. For the non-issuance of a manifest the act provides a penalty of four hundred dollars. Some are of the opinion that the crown can assume ownership of the opium, but it is asserted that the misdemeanor does not allow of this extreme measure. Many figures have been given as to the weight of the shipment, but it is now known that it was 1500 pounds, which, at its wholesale value here of $8 per pound, would make the total value $12,000. If the opium can be confiscated it will be quite a handsome "divvy" for those who can establish claim to having been the first to arrest its progress.

It is thought that the scheme was not to allow the boxes to go through to Chicago, but to put them off at some station near the boundary and team them into American territory, when they could be easily taken to any point without fear of detection. McLean, who had them in charge, and who had bought a ticket from Tacoma to London, Ont., got off the train at Moosejaw, N. W. T., and this action gives color to the theory that the opium was to be teamed from there to American territory, Moosejaw being sixty miles distant from the boundary. It was McLean who was arrested in Detroit by the American authorities some months ago, charged with smuggling opium, but the detectives foolishly arrested their man before the opium arrived. As a consequence it was stopped, and they had not a chance to divide the spoils. McLean was dismissed and threatened to bring suit for unwarranted detention.

The boxes will reach this port about Tuesday night, and it will be then decided what are the merits or demerits of the case.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

No. 4 battery will parade at the drill-shed to-morrow night at 8 o'clock for field gun drill.

An infant bovine was fished into the world yesterday on the down trip of the steamer Rithet.

Fish were somewhat improving on the Fraser yesterday, though the run still continues light.

The steamer R. P. Rithet landed 135 head of cattle and 3 horses at the outer wharf yesterday.

The Rithet brought down a large number of fine stock. Freight was piled up to the top of her hurricane deck.

A man was brought down from Nass river on the Boscowitz, his limbs having

A. B. Parmalee, inspector of customs, and Mrs. Parmalee, returned from a visit to Portland and Forest Grove yesterday and are at the Driard.

NANAIMO.

(Free Press.)

Mr. John Whitfield on Thursday received a telegram bearing the sad news that his son Edgar had died at Nicola that morning. The deceased some time ago contracted a severe cold while working at one of the fires in this city, and not taking preventive measures, it developed into consumption. The deceased was 28 years of age, and leaves a wife to mourn his early demise.

Mr. Walter Hunter, B. A., has been appointed assistant teacher of the boy's department of the Nanaimo public schools *vice* Mr. John Shaw, promoted to the principalship.

Ferry has referred Boulanger's seconds to two gentlemen friends. Ferry's friends urge him to fight.

OUR GERMAN CABLE.

The German Government and People Angry at Russia.

Continued Oppression of German Subjects in Russia.

Anarchy Prophesied for France—Gen. Boulanger and Russia Said to Be Intriguing—Russia Loans Not Touched by Germany.

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(Special to THE COLONIST.)

BERLIN, July 30.—Instead of the Russian government ceasing war on German commerce, as promised by Ambassador Schowaloff, fresh measures paralyzing trading relations are either impending or already in operation under Schowaloff. Assurances of a crusade against Russian stocks ceased during the week. Russian securities have been neither bought nor sold. The anti-Russian feeling, again excited by the fresh display of hostility on the part of the St. Petersburg government, will not now be allayed until some pratical check is given to the systematic persecution of Germans by the Russians. Not only have the interests of the financial community been threatened, but the government has also sustained an affront in the reception of communications sent to St. Petersburg aiming at friendlier relations. Gen. Von Schweinetze, acting under instructions from Prince Bismarck, made overtures to M. De Giers, Russian minister of foreign affairs, suggesting modification or delay in the operation of the ukase affecting foreigners holding land in Russia. M. De Giers, after ministerial counsel, replied that the law upon which the imperial ukase was based could not be modified or its operation delayed. At the same time negotiations, the object of which was to obtain a special exception in cases of Princes Radzivillo and Hohenlohe, and other German dignitaries who are landowners in Western Russia, met with curt rejections. The St. Petersburg cabinet has succeeded in affronting and offending the high placed dignitaries and the whole German commercial world. Russian officialism shows a similar spirit to that of the ministry, an instance of which is the revival of the frontier law which had long since lapsed, under which persons crossing the frontier are not permitted to carry German coinage of a denomination less than a thaler of gold money. The measures which the reichstag had under consideration to prevent German investments in Russian paper, and which were dropped under the promise of a restoration of harmonious relations are again under discussion, and it is expected the result will be the absolute exclusion of the new Russian loans from German markets.

There is no whisper of the Czar meeting the Emperor William. The former will go to Copenhagen on August 1st without touching at a German port.

The annual report of the elders of the Berlin mercantile community, referring to extensive strikes and socialist demonstrations during the year 1886 in America, London, Belgium and France, draws the inference that Germany was spared similar incidents largely through the beneficial operation of government legislation.

The *Deutches Tagblatt* says it has information that Gen. Boulanger is concerned in an intrigue with the Russian ambassador and that the Russian government, being convinced that Boulanger will return to power is hounding him on to take concerted action with Russia against Germany. The *Tagblatt* predicts an early state of anarchy in France, and the establishment of a reign of terror, when, it is certain, says the paper, the gap on the Vosges will play the role of safety, the value for which emergency Germany must be ready. Latest advices from Alsace-Lorraine prove that the gap will be fully watched by during the coming manœuvres of the French troops.

It is reported the intention of the Catholic congress at Fulda to reopen claims for the existence of privileges, has led to the revival of Protestant agitations against further concessions.

Prince Bismarck will go to Kissenger on Monday, where he will meet Count Kalnoky and Ministers Cracilaheim and Lutz of Bavaria.

PERSONAL.

Dr. A. G. and Mrs. Cook and Miss B. Cook arrived on the Yosemite last evening.

Miss A. Homer, Miss Shotbolt, Miss F. Hayward and J. Cunningham were passengers from New Westminster by the Rithet yesterday.

A party of ladies and gentlemen, including Mr. Wm. Fisher, Esquimalt, Miss Pooley, Master Pooley and Mrs. Munro will leave here for England *via* the C. P. R. in a few days. They have taken passage on the Allan s.s. Sarmatian for Liverpool.

Rev. G. E. Stokes, of the Superior street Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, is staying in the city.

N. Shapespeare, M. P. P., and wife returned from Portland and the Sound on the steamer yesterday.

Matthew Piercy, long time a resident of Comox, has gone for a visit to his former home in New Brunswick.

Alexander McDougall, husband of the well known authoress, "Norah," formerly of Pembroke, died at Oscoda, Mich., on July 1st.

Alex. Ramsay and McT. Campbell, in company with W. T. Ramsay, of Regina, were passengers for San Francisco by the Elder yesterday.

G. C. Shaw, of Cowan & Shaw, contemplates an extended visit to his eastern home, St. Catharines Ont. He will probably leave to-morrow.

Mrs. and Miss Parker, Miss Pike and Miss Beardaly, who have been guests at the Douglas House for the past week, returned to San Francisco on the Elder last evening.

Mrs. C. McDonald, of New Westminster, and two children, left on Thursday for Prince Edward Island, where they will spend the autumn and winter in the old homestead.

N. H. R. Dawson, of the department of the Interior (bureau of education), at Washington, arrived over on the Starr yesterday. He is on the way to Alaska to look into matters regarding the education of Indians in that country.

Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Nelson returned from the Harrison Hot Springs last night. His honor is looking well and his many friends will be glad to know that he is entirely restored to health.

Charles Nordhoff, the New York *Herald's* able correspondent, has spent seven very pleasant days in Victoria and went to San Francisco by the Elder yesterday. He purposes returning and will go east by way of the Canadian Pacific railway, of which he is loud in his praises. He hopes to remain off at Banff and other points along the line. No doubt we will hear of them from his facile pen. Mr. Nordhoff visited Victoria in 1873 and sees a marked improvement everywhere. Indeed he says he would hardly know it was the same place. His trip is, to a large extent, one of pleasure and rest.

Jerome Deasey and wife left for San Francisco on the Elder.

CARIBOO QUARTZ.

Island Mountain Ore $319 to the Ton—Developments at Hixon Creek.

[Special to THE COLONIST.]

NEW WESTMINSTER, July 30.—Late advices from Cariboo state that never in the history of British Columbia were quartz mining prospects so flattering as now. The Island Mountain company has ore on its dump that assays $219 to the ton. Hixon creek expected to make developments at the 200-foot level that would materially increase the value of its stock. It is since understood they have struck a ledge of rich ore, but owing to extreme reticence on the part of those deeply interested, nothing definite can be learned. The fact that this stock is now quoted at forty and no sellers is very significant.

LADNER'S LANDING NEWS.

[Special Correspondence of THE COLONIST.]

The weather has been fine and all the hay crop has been got in in good shape. It could not be better although the crop is short, but the quality is extra good.

Grain is doing well and some parties will commence cutting this week, but the greater part will not be ready until about the first of next month. The crop will be short, but some parties will have a full crop.

This place is improving very fast, every one putting up new buildings and new settlers coming in every day and room for lots more if the immigration authorities would give some little information about the Delta lands to intending settlers.

The canneries are very busy and hope to make a good pack.

We are not short of amusements. Last evening the amateur club treated us to an entertaining programme of vocal and instrumental music, which would have done credit to any place.

Ladner's Landing, July 28th, 1887.

MARINE.

Bark Elsinore has sailed from San Pedro for Port Townsend.

Ships Commodore and Earl Dalhousie will load coal at Departure Bay.

Steamer Barbara Boscowitz will sail for the north on Wednesday evening.

Collier Empire will be due at East Wellington on Tuesday from San Francisco.

Bark Nanaimo is still in Royal Roads awaiting the arrival of part of her crew from the Inlet.

Bark Arkwright, Killmany, twenty-five days from San Francisco, has arrived at Utsalady and will load a return cargo of lumber.

Ship Beaconsfield, which had been lying in the lagoon at Esquimalt for several months, has been moved up Esquimalt harbor.

Ship A. G. Ropes has sailed from Yokohama for Puget Sound, and the British bark Martha sailed from Shanghai on the 30th June.

Bark Alert was towed from Port Townsend on Wednesday last to Nanaimo by the tug Mogul and will load coal for San Francisco.

Tug Pilot will tow the ship Hercules to Hastings to-morrow and return with the ship Zuleika, lumber laden for Valparaiso, on Tuesday.

Steamer Geo. W. Elder arrived at the outer wharf at 3 o'clock p. m. from the Lound and left again at 6 o'clock for San Francisco with a large passenger and freight list.

Br. iron bark Hermine will either go into the dock or on the beach shortly to be cleaned. It is reported that the Cormorant will be taken out of the dock and brought in again with the Hermine.

The two steamers being built for the Northern Pacific by the Union Iron Works are nearing completion. They will cost $145,000 apiece and will ply between San Francisco and Puget Sound ports.

Seamen are very scarce at present on the Sound, much more so than usual. The ship Enos Soule has been detained in Port Townsend harbor for over two weeks in the so far fruitless endeavor to secure a crew, although a bonus is freely offered. The bark Professor Johnson is also in that port awaiting a crew. Several vessels have left that port short handed. The prevailing wages are $40 per month. The sailors who are in port want $45, and are not particular about shipping at that rate.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, July 29.—Arrived—Bark Emerald, Tacoma. Cleared—Steamer State of California, Portland. Sailed—Steamer San Pedro, Tacoma; Ship Canada, Tacoma.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Hanlan leaves for Australia on the 15th August to row Beach.

Signor Crispoi, minister of the interior, will form a new cabinet at Rome.

The Queen has refused to accept the resignation of Lord Charles Beresford.

Mrs. Wilson Barrett, the actress, is dead. Her stage name was Miss Heath.

Chas. H. Reed, one of Guiteau's lawyers, attempted suicide at New York yesterday morning.

Cole, the colored ravisher of Mrs. Richard Savage at Petersburg, Va., was lynched on Thursday.

A panic ensued on Wall street, New York, on Friday, caused by the non-appearance of Henry Powers.

Wells, French & Co.'s car building works were damaged by fire yesterday morning. Loss $50,000.

The grounding of the U. S. cruiser Atlanta did no damage to that vessel, except to break off a piece of the propeller.

The transfer of the South Pacific Coast railroad to the Southern Pacific was formally consummated at San Francisco on Friday.

The members of the cabinet at Rome have tendered their resignations because of the death of Signor De Pretes, prime minister.

Yellow fever was discovered on the ship Prince Albert and the bark Carrie L. Taylor on the voyage from Rio Janiero to Philadelphia.

It is reported that Bishop Loughlin, of Brooklyn, N.Y., has been ordered to Rome to explain why he is disobeying a papal mandate.

Hanlan has accepted Teemer's challenge to row a three-mile race for $1,000 a side, the race to be rowed on Toronto Bay on August 12th or 13th.

The parliamentary election to fill the vacancy in the Forest of Dean division of Gloucestershire has resulted in a large increase in the liberal vote.

MR. STENHOUSE PUZZLED.

TO THE EDITOR:—Of your two correspondents, "Veritas" and the sham "Comox Rustic," who honor me with their notice in your weekly issue of to-day's date, it has now transpired that the one is not and never has been an elector of this district, while the other stands convicted of a piece of moral cowardice by no means characteristic of the plain spoken denizens of Comox. How was it that this gentleman, who is so brave when fighting behind a mask, remained so silent in his place at the pulpit meeting here on the 5th of July while a vote of confidence in his representative was being passed? Why was there not a single protest to break the general unanimity? And, most perplexing of all, why was the voice of our solitary dissentient heard on that occasion in such loud unison with the approving cheers of his fellow-electors? These are questions on which I am profoundly exercised, and which I hope this fickle cheerer will condescend to answer in his own name, if he is not ashamed of it. It is no part of my duty as member for Comox to carry on a controversy with anonymous correspondents, and thus far I have only done so for a little amusement.

A. MAITLAND STENHOUSE.

COMOX, July 29, 1887.

At the Baptist Mission ary Society's station at San Salvador, special services were held lately with a view "to bring the people to a decision for Christ." The result was that over one hundred persons "gave in their names and decided for the future to follow Jesus." Similar tidings now come from the Livingstone Congo Mission, at present carried on by the American Baptists.

AMERICAN NEWS.

Asserted that Vessels are Overloaded with Coal.

Fatal Railway Collision Through Leaving Switch Open.

Death in a Colorado Mine—Intense Heat in New York—Fatal Yachting Accident—An Incendiary Fires Grain Stacks.

Too Heavily Laden.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 30.—According to statements of some of the sailors on the ship Glory of the Seas, which has just arrived from Departure Bay, she was converted into a death trap through overloading. Their assertions are backed up by numerous disinterested parties on the water front. Capt. Freeman, for interested owners, says she was not. The Glory of the Seas registers two thousand tons and she carried 3625. Captains of vessels coming from coast collieries have admittedly taken great risks lately.

Fired the Grain Stacks.

FRESNO, July 30.—Twelve stacks of wheat belonging to J. Friedman on his farm near Sycamore were destroyed by fire. The fire was the work of an incendiary, as the neighbors saw some one carrying fire from stack to stack. Loss about $15,000 and believed to be fully insured. Attachments were placed on the property by creditors a few days ago.

Yachting Accident.

PHILADELPHIA, July 30.—A party of twelve prominent business men started in a yacht this morning with the intention of cruising about the coast. When off the lower part of the city, a squall capsized the yacht and all were thrown into the water. All were rescued except Thos. Kennedy and the colored cook.

Fatal Railway Collision.

CONCORD, N. H., July 30.—A collision occurred at Hooksett this morning between a U. P. accommodation passenger which was nine hours late and a mixed train which was standing on the siding. The passenger train, because of a misplaced switch, ran into the siding and crashed into the locomotive of the mixed train, wrecking both locomotives and baggage and mail car of the passenger train. Many of the freight cars on the mixed train were also wrecked. Brakeman Fred Barney of the Pittsfield train was found under the cow catcher of the engine of the passenger train. He was removed with difficulty and carried into the freight station near by. After lingering in terrible agony for half an hour he died. Before he died he said his fellow brakeman, Geo. Salter, had left the switch open. Express Messenger French was also killed. Several passengers were severely burned.

Shot an Old Man.

LOS ANGELES, July 30.—Ex-policeman John L. Fonck this morning shot Dr. S. G. Steele in the arm at the house of the former in East Los Angeles. Some time since Fonck's wife entered a suit for divorce in the superior court on the ground of cruelty, and at the same time the judge had issued an order restraining Fonck from visiting his children while suit was pending. This morning Fonck visited the house for the purpose, he says, of seeing the children. He claims that Mrs. Fonck would not permit him to see the children, that Dr. Steele, who was present, interfered and attempted to draw a revolver. Fonck was arrested and lodged in the police station. The divorce suit against Fonck was to have been tried to-day. Dr. Steele's wound would not be dangerous were it not for his age, he being seventy years old. Steele denies having made any hostile demonstration against Fonk, and can assign no cause for the shooting.

A Frightful Death.

DENVER, July 30.—Word reached here to-day of a shocking accident which happened at the White Ash mine near Caldera, Colorado, early this morning. Harry Jamison, a well known miner, while making repairs on the stand pipe in the main shaft, lost his footing and fell to the bottom, a distance of 670 feet, striking several times on the way. His head was mashed beyond recognition.

Intense Heat in New York.

NEW YORK, July 30.—Suffering from heat in this city continues to be very great. The thermometer indicated 93 degrees at 3:30 this afternoon and 81 at midnight, with an average of 86 for the day. There were 31 cases of heat prostration, of these four resulted fatally.

HON. THOS. WHITE

Speaks About His Trip to this Province—His Own and Mr. Hosmer's Movements.

The Winnipeg *Call* of the 26th inst. says:—

Hon. Thos. White, Minister of the Interior, who has been spending the past few days in Winnipeg, was interviewed by a *Call* reporter as to his mission, etc., on Monday evening. Mr. White appeared in excellent health and speaking of the object of his trip said:

The chief object of my trip is to visit some parts of the Northwest and British Columbia that I had not seen before; among them Kamloops in British Columbia—a considerable settlement, and at which there are some questions of interest to be settled. I also want to see Battleford in relation to some matters, and had hoped to get to Edmonton this year, but am afraid I cannot accomplish both; so I shall have to defer visiting Edmonton until another year. I have promised to spend one or two days in New Westminster; but that is not so important as the deputy has fixed up matters in regard to the claims of the squatters in that neighborhood on the whole satisfactorily. I have some matters to talk about with the local government of British Columbia connected with the land grants, and some matters that remain unadjusted arising out of the settlement act, and I shall have to go to Victoria on that account. My intention was to have gone straight through to the coast and have made my stoppages on the way back. But Mr. Burgess being here on his return journey I stopped over to confer with him as to what he has been doing in the Northwest and on the coast. We spent the whole day Saturday—all the members of the land board being present except Mr. Aikman—in going over matters that had been settled in connection with the New Westminster and Port Moody squatters. Consequently on Saturday we did not go into town at all, excepting to call upon Archbishop Taché and congratulate him upon attaining his sixty-fourth birthday. Since coming here we have gone through the Dominion mining regulations relating to lands in British Columbia, which have been considered by the commissioner, the deputy minister and Mr. Aikman in the east. We finally settled them, and they are now ready for publication.

Hon. Thomas White, Mrs. and Miss Bella White, Mr. Hosmer and Mr. Perdue leave for the west this morning. They will proceed direct to Calgary, and stop over there for a day. There the car will be detached, and the trip through the Rockies made with the freight trains, as Mr. Hosmer, who is inspecting the telegraphs, will only be able to proceed by daylight. A stop-over will be made at Banff, and probably at Glacier also. Mr. White will stop in Kamloops in connection with land matters after which he will proceed direct to New Westminster, Mrs. and Miss White going straight to Victoria. Mr. White will remain in New Westminster three days and visit Nanaimo and other points. He expects to return to Swift Current by August 16th, and will there leave the railroad and proceed to Battleford. Mr. Hosmer will part company with Mr. White at New Westminster and go overland to San Francisco, inspecting the Pacific postal telegraph, of which he is manager.

Among the 5,000,000 Papuans in New Guinea there are only three Protestant missionaries.

THEY MET IN A HOTEL.

A Hapless New York Girl's Infatuation for Pranzini, the Murderer of Marie Regnault—Letters from Her Found in His Possession.

NEW YORK, July 19.—A few months ago an immense sensation was caused in Paris by the discovery of three dead bodies in a handsome flat of the Rue Montaigne, one of the streets leading off the Champs Elysee. The victims were Mlle Marie Regnault, a well-known demi-mondaine, whose "protectors" were mostly men of a mature, and even advanced age; her maid, who slept in an adjoining room; and the latter's little ten-year-old daughter, Marie, who was the god-child of Mlle. Regnault. They had all three been knifed in the most scientific manner. A few days later a Levantine adventurer of the name of Pranzini was arrested at Marseilles with some of the jewels of the dead *bonne* in his possession.

CONDEMNED TO DIE.

Pranzini was convicted on Tuesday last. His trial was daily attended by many of the most fashionable mondaines and demi-mondaines of Paris: On the last day the Comtesse de Bourbon, the Duchess de Fitzjames, Jeanne Granier, Mlle. Rossiter Mauri and a host of lesser lights in the theatrical and musical world, were present, all in gorgeous toilets. Before the jury retired Pranzini shouted.—"Give me death or give me liberty. I am innocent." The jury was out two hours, and returned a verdict of guilty as to the murder of Mlle. Regnault and her servants but that the killing of the little girl was unpremeditated. He was then sentenced to death, and rising, again cried out.—"I swear to God I am innocent."

SHE LOVED NOT WISELY.

A packet of letters found in the possession of Pranzini discloses a novel side of the character of the American girl abroad. From these letters it appears that the writer, the daughter of a New York banker, became acquainted with the plausible adventurer while spending the fall of 1886 at one of the large hotels in Paris. The acquaintance soon ripened into something warmer, as will be revealed by the passages from the correspondence. There seems to be no reasonable doubt that the murder of Marie Regnault was planned and executed with the purpose of obtaining sufficient money to carry the Italian adventurer to New York, where a young girl with more money than brains was waiting to throw herself into his arms. If, after having killed and robbed the young Marie, who had placed such trust in him, the scoundrel had not in the h