

BRIEF LOCALS.

Cleanings of City and Provincial New as a Consensus For...

On Friday evening a general meeting of the A. O. U. W. will be held in the hall on Yates street...

By Thursday Police Constable Alexander Smith will have sufficiently recovered to be able to leave the hospital...

Contrary to expectations, the new legislative hall will not be completed on February 28th...

The Presbyterian Chinese Mission has opened its new quarters in the Mallette block on Government street...

Next Friday evening, the Spanish Agricultural society will give its annual ball. Special trains will be provided...

Last evening a telephone message called Officers McKenna and Beaven of the provincial police to Carey street...

Coroner Crompton held an inquest this morning at the city hall into the cause of the death of Eugene Condon...

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The assault case, which arose as a result of the row over the possession of a room on Tuesday last on Fort street...

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Hagen, the New Zealand journalist, addressed the members of the Local Council of Women...

On Sunday evening the house of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Livingstone, on View street, was entered and thoroughly ransacked by someone who it seems was in search of money...

The case of the Pathfinder was continued this morning when the Behring Sea Claims Commission resumed its sitting. William Munse continued his evidence in regard to his business dealings with A. J. Bechtel...

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was arrested yesterday evening on a charge of vagrancy, will therefore await trial until to-morrow morning.

Perseverance Lodge, No. 1, I. O. G. T. held its weekly meeting last evening. Mrs. David Jenkins, the lodge deputy, read the lodge paper "Truth," which proved interesting and entertaining.

The new council of Nanaimo at its meeting decided to declare the civic offices vacant and ask for applications from those who desire to fill them.

A letter received to-day from Mr. Edward Blewett, who is now at Texada Island, states that a very rich body of ore has been uncovered at the Van Anda mine...

Yesterday evening a farewell concert to Mr. Wilfrid Lucas was given in the A. O. U. W. Hall under the management of Mr. G. J. Burnett.

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Magistrate Macrae being still confined, owing to illness, to his home, Messrs. T. R. Smith, J. E. and W. W. Norton, J. E. set in the police court this morning. The process of calling out and remanding the three charges preferred by J. A. Lawrence against Captain A. E. McCallum for the space of a week was continued.

Mr. George Winter yesterday found an eight-year-old Jersey heifer belonging to him lying dead at the rear of his residence on Fairfield road in a cluster of bushes, with its throat cut, a long slash in its side and its tongue protruding.

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THE NEW CARIBOO.

Changes That Have Come Over the Country Since the Early Sixties.

The Creeks Were Almost Deserted by the Miners for Nearly a Quarter of a Century.

Now the Scene of the Active Operations of Many Wealthy Companies.

Under the heading "Revival of a Petered-Out Mining Camp. Capital is Again Developing Cariboo," a writer in the San Francisco Chronicle says:

From 1858 to 1863 British Columbia was the centre of the world's attention as a gold field.

At present it is being diverted to the development of the deep placers in the Cariboo district, which has been neglected in times past for its native matrix in the rocks and is lodged in the beds of the living and dead rivers.

The new era of mining development in Cariboo is manifesting itself on all sides around the base of "Old Baldy." It was started five years ago under the direction of Sir William Van Horne, president of the Canadian Pacific railway.

As the common saying prevailed in the Roman era that all roads lead to Rome, so the various valleys which the pioneers of Cariboo adopted to enter the Blue Mountains all led to one common point, or rather peak—a cone-like, bald, hyppod mountain situated in the very heart of the range.

The rich discoveries of gold made in 1861 and 1862 in Antler, Keithley, William and Lightning creeks electrified the world, and the great rush in 1862 and 1863 followed, in which tens of thousands—how many nobody knows—of adventurous spirits participated.

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man Cariboo, therefore, soon began to decline. In 1863—while William creek was still in its prime as a gold-productive stream—Tens of thousands of disappointed and disgruntled miners left it.

Since then the district has had a fitful experience. For a time there was a spurt in quartz, but it developed as a hopeless job and was abandoned through the usual experience of such movements.

During the past three or four years, however, it has again attracted attention made in Kootenay district—Cariboo has shared in common with California, the attention of capitalists, and money for mining development in and around "Old Baldy" has been gradually flowing in.

The Harper claim on the same creek is owned by a San Francisco syndicate, and is to be worked by a hydraulic elevator. About \$50,000 has already been spent there in the construction of a ditch and pipe line.

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per 24 hours, will be installed on the premises. Mr. Hobson estimated it will cost from \$150 to \$175 per ton to mine and mill the cement, which working tests show contains from \$4.82 to \$5.66 per cubic yard of gold.

The vastness of the deep gravel deposits of the Cariboo district is shown in the plan of the Cariboo hydraulic mine. The company controls about three miles of the ancient river channel, which is a thousand feet wide between the rims, and the bank of auriferous gravel rises from 350 to 400 feet above the head of the sluices.

Everything has drifted into big companies in the way of mining in that district now. The Miocene Gravel Mining Company, of which R. H. Campbell is manager and whose claims cover four miles of the Horse Fly to the mouth of Beaver Lake creek, has a paid-up capital of \$300,000, and Campbell has just left San Francisco to begin operations for opening up the property systematically.

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ANNUAL MEETING

Of the British Columbia Beneficial Society Held This Afternoon.

Report of the President and Secretary as to the Work Accomplished.

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The secretary, Mr. W. H. Mason, presented the following statement: Balance from 1895, \$115.57; subscriptions, donations and bequests for 1896, \$338.25, including a bequest from the estate of the late A. J. Langley of \$222.69.

The president presented the following report: Ladies and gentlemen: We have reached the twenty-fifth anniversary of the association. During the year 1896 have been relieved directly by the society and 158 cases have been relieved indirectly by the ladies of the Friendly Help Association.

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ROSSLAND.

Jan. 18.—Two rich strikes made to-day. The Coloma tunnel, 40 inches of clear copper ore, which assays \$24 in gold and 10 cents copper, seen in the camp and if the vein will be about the hundred feet for the next fifty feet will be one of the best of the Coloma among the best of the Rossland mines.

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