

Provincial News.

GRAND PRAIRIE.

J. J. Deane, M. P. P., has arranged for the erection of a new school house at Grand Prairie in a more central position than the present building. The new school will be erected this fall on the site of the old building which will be used as a storehouse.

NEW DENVER.

H. J. Pyman, a well known young man in this vicinity, was buried here on Saturday. The New Denver brass band, which deceased was a member, accompanied the body to the grave. The townspeople noted that their water supply from the new system just put in. The price has been raised to 35 cents per barrel.

TROUT LAKE CITY.

With the steady approach of the railroad and the opening up of the season, Trout Lake is putting on a very busy appearance. The town is rapidly growing and towards improving the appearance of the town already this season. Sidewalks have been built along the principal streets and two new streets have been opened up. The town is rapidly growing and towards improving the appearance of the town already this season. Sidewalks have been built along the principal streets and two new streets have been opened up.

Several new buildings, both business and residential, have been constructed and more are in contemplation. Topics.

ALBERNI.

The management of the Three Ws. expect to make a big shipment of ore shortly. They have a large number of miles at work. Great things are expected from the Bruns and Caesar claims, situated on a tributary of Granite creek, on which development work is being rapidly pushed forward. Several valuable claims have been recently located in that district. The story of the rich finds at Ucluelet has not received much credence in Alberni.

A brewer took several men up with him on the last boat to work the Bear River Trail. The Golden Eagle is being worked steadily. First rate assays having been received.

Mr. Guyer has returned to Alberni, and he thinks the prospects of Alberni are ahead of Atlin. It is rumored that Bishop Perrin is coming to make a prolonged stay in the Alberni district.

Prospecting is being vigorously pushed forward in all the surrounding mountains, and the outlook is exceedingly bright.

FERNIE.

For the past two weeks serious bush fires have been raging along the Crow's Nest railway from below Mich. creek to the mouth of the river. The fire, which broke out at one time last week, it is said, if the town of Fernie was going to be wiped out of existence. Several buildings were set on fire and only prompt action prevented the flames from spreading. The C.P.R. have already lost thousands of feet of cut logs. Millions of feet of fine standing timber have been destroyed.

Mr. Geo. Mitchell has resigned his position as freight clerk at the C.P.R. station here and taken a position as book-keeper with the Crow's Nest Trading Co. The Rev. J. Hogan, of Port Simpson, B.C., has been appointed as clergyman in residence to the Church of England at Fernie.

A new railway station is to be built this summer on the corner of Hanson street and Baker avenue. It will be a large and commodious station. The coal company have commenced to open up a new seam and are already working on the site of their previous workings, and will at once build a number of miner's cottages at that point. The coal coals well and is in every respect equal to that being worked at Fernie.

KAMLOOPS.

The railway men's picnic was held on Tuesday and proved a great success. Captain Thompson, Dominion government inspector of steam boats, is here to inspect the steamers plying on the river.

Claid Dunbar, foreman of Sheriff Pemberton's ranch at Ducks, was brought into the hospital last week suffering from the effects of the brain, the result of being struck on the head with a piece of wood connected with a hay machine. He remained unconscious for several days after being brought in, but is now considerably better.

J. C. Shields, of Ashcroft, was in town on Wednesday last and to a reporter of the Inland Sentinel he stated that a site had been selected for the erection of a saw mill on the Hudson's Bay Co.'s property to the west of the town. It is his intention to commence the driving on Wednesday next for the foundation of the mill. The S.S. Thompson is expected to arrive here on Wednesday to commence the work on the mill.

A painful accident happened to Walter Barrell, nephew of Mr. Robbins, of Ducks, on Tuesday morning last. He was riding a horse when the animal slipped, and not being able to dismount, he fell from the stirrups, the head of the horse striking his left leg in three places. He was at once brought to the hospital here where he received the attention and the leg was at once set.

Word reached town last Monday evening that the body of Bob Graham, who had been missing since Sunday, July 16, had been found in the mountains near Port Alberni. The body was found by the North Thompson Constable Beattie left on Monday. Provincial Constable Beattie left on Monday on Tuesday morning, returning with the body the same day. Coroner Clarke held an inquest on the morning last. It appears that the unfortunate fellow, who was about twenty-six years of age, left a mining camp at which he and two

others were employed, on Sunday, July 16th last. The body of deceased was found near Savona mountain, Bob Graham being a miner going down a ladder, on which were several broken boards, where he was supposed to have slipped and the revolver which he carried must have caught against something and been discharged. He was shot through the breast about three inches below the right nipple, the bullet making its way out through the back. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death. The body of the deceased was interred in the cemetery after the inquest, the Rev. E. P. Flewelling officiating.

GOLDEN.

Mr. Thomas O'Brien, alderman of Calgary, has arrived in town from Toronto, at which place he successfully passed his barrister's and solicitor's examination. He will locate here.

Mr. Griffith, gold commissioner, returned from Windermere by the Duchess on Wednesday. While there he was engaged for the commencement of the construction of the bridge over the Columbia river at Athlone, D. Bale having been appointed foreman of the work.

A. H. Mitchell, J. P., of Jasper, came into Golden on Tuesday to see Dr. Taylor. He had sustained a fracture of a rib by being thrown from his horse on the previous Friday.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

On Tuesday afternoon, at the Presbyterian manse, Rev. A. E. Vert united in marriage August Lingenfelter and Mrs. Margaret Fonseca, both of Vancouver. All danger from an overflow of the Fraser seems to have passed. For over a week the water has been gradually subsiding, notwithstanding the warm weather, a drop of over a foot being recorded at Chilliwack since Sunday last.

The Colonial Cold Storage & Packing Company made its first large shipment of frozen salmon on Wednesday. This was a carload of Fraser river spring salmon, each one of which was encased in a double coating of ice.

An Indian fisherman died at one of the down river ranches on Tuesday, and his body was conveyed to his home at Chilliwack.

At St. Andrew's (Presbyterian) Church at 7 o'clock on Thursday evening, Rev. T. J. Scouler united in marriage Miss Mary McDougall, youngest daughter of Mr. Alexander McDougall, Third avenue, and Mr. J. Kaye Henry, a member of the teaching staff of Vancouver High school.

In the police court on Friday the proprietors of the Depot and Windsor hotels were charged with permitting gambling on their premises, and each pleaded guilty. The latter was fined \$25 for a first offence and the former, this being a second offence, had to contribute \$70 to the civil treasury.

The six-year-old son of Mr. Arthur Rand while playing on the verandah on Friday overbalanced and fell to the ground, and when picked up and examined, later, by a medical man, it was found that one of his legs had been broken above the knee.

Messrs. A. L. and G. D. McKay are managing a logging camp at Tipella, at the head of Harrison lake. At present there are twenty-six men in the camp, and they have got about 4,000,000 feet of logs for the Royal City mills. They report splendid limits back of Tipella.

GRAND FORKS.

The War Cloud, on Pathfinder river, looking north, off of Kettle river, is looking well. A drift at the bottom of a thirty foot shaft is being run on the ledge, which is now widened out to four feet. The ore in the recent workings has greatly improved in character, and if development is pushed the chances are for War Cloud will soon be on a shipping basis. The ore is similar to that of the little Bertha, a well known adjoining property.

Thomas Long, a well known Toronto capitalist, and vice-president of the Birkbeck Loan Company, has been here for several days. He is accompanied by F. W. G. Fitzgerald, general manager of the same company. The Eastern visitors, who have visited many interior points, are greatly impressed with British Columbia as a field for investment.

Mr. Long is the senior partner of the mining firm of Long & Co., Collingwood, Ont. Mr. Long is a keen business man, and his opinion respecting the Boundary country should carry considerable weight. "I must admit," he said, "all that has been said respecting the enormous natural resources of the Pacific province has been confirmed. The development now going on surprises an Eastern man. Nowhere else in the province have I seen such a region of unworked possibilities. The well stocked ranches and magnificent fruit farms of the Kettle River Valley proved a perfect revelation to me. Of course I came here with preconceived ideas of your great mineral wealth, and now I am convinced that the Boundary has an ideal location and seems destined to become a large city. I am informed on reliable authority that the timber wealth of the Kettle River valley is sufficient to build up a good sized town. The dozen or more tributary mining camps will also prove a strong factor in your progress. The smelter now building here will in itself give employment to several hundred men. No doubt the Boundary country has a solid and permanent future. There is a good field here for capitalists, investors and loan companies."

Hon. T. Mayne Daly, president of the Boundary and Golden Crown Mining Co., was here on Wednesday. He has just completed an inspection of the property in Wellington camp. The main shaft is down 225 feet. When a further depth of 25 feet has been reached, it will be driven 250 feet before stopping the ore of the 100 and 150 foot levels. Mr. Daly says the mine will have a large quantity of ore ready for shipment before the advent of the railway.

The P.R. spur crosses the property. The ore is identical with the Rossland product and gives average returns of \$25 in gold per ton. The superintendent is G. H. Collins. He has fifteen men in his employ. A five drill compressor plant, a 90 and a 40 horse power boilers constitute the equipment. The capacity of the compressor will be doubled shortly.

Mr. Daly also visited the property of the Okanagan Free Gold Mines, Ltd., situated a few miles south of the boundary in the state of Washington. He found everything in first class order. The plant consists of a ten stamp battery. The first clean up will be made at the end of August. The miners are working in a tunnel which is expected to tap the

lead at a depth of 150 feet. The property is well developed, and has about 8,000 tons of ore on the dump.

PRINCETON.

Three shooting scrapes helped to liven Princeton early in the month. One Indian shot another in the hand, inflicting an ugly wound. A white man, taking a point-blank shot at another in a gambling dive, but missed, and the third, a fair took place in the same dive, a row over a game of cards resulting in another party being shot in the shoulder.

SANDON.

Ellis Williams was killed and a comrade severely injured in the Sovereign mine yesterday. They had tunneled about 20 feet and were drilling more holes and loading, when somehow or other, whether passing the caps too hard or the fuse being too short, is not known, three or four charges went off simultaneously, killing Williams and injuring his partner, Crowe.

VERNON.

The wheat is rapidly ripening and harvesting has already commenced in some parts of the district. Throughout the Spallumcheen and White Valley sections, the wheat is well along in the field, and promises to be above the average, though it is not as good in the immediate vicinity of Vernon and in parts of the Mission Valley.

Donald McDowen, youngest son of City Clerk McDowen, left for Monday for Greenwood, where he has secured a position on the staff of the Bank of Montreal.

T. J. Cummins, of Sicamous, has received the appointment as station agent here, and will replace E. Goulet, who will assume charge of the Kamloops stations on August 1st.

Local horsemen are beginning to talk of making arrangements for the fall race meet, which will take place at the time of the agricultural exhibition.

Vincent Duteau died last week at his father's home in White Valley. The young man had for some time been seriously ill with consumption and for a while was an occupant of the hospital. It was apparent, however, that his recovery was hopeless, and a few days before his death he was, at his own request, taken home.

Gold links are being laid out to the west of the town by a party of visitors.

NELSON.

Thomas Madden intends to commence next week the construction of the foundation wall for the brick block building on Ward and Baker streets. The building will be two stories high and will have a frontage on Ward street for the entire depth of the lot—120 feet. It will cost in the neighborhood of \$12,000.

The Kootenay Electric Supply & Construction Company expect to start on the wire stringing required necessary by the addition to the electric light plant this week.

F. W. Swannell, secretary of the Kootenay Lake General Hospital, has received a telegram from Dr. Rose, accepting the position as resident house surgeon at the hospital here. For the past year Dr. Rose has been senior resident house surgeon of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal.

John V. Cole, of Rossland, and Miss Viola Odum were married by the Rev. Robert Frew at his residence on Monday.

No solemn ceremony attended the cutting of the first sod for the gas works on Monday. Good work was done during the morning on the cutting in Stanley street.

A. L. Sharpe, a freight conductor on the Nelson & Ft. Sheppard and Spokane Falls and Northern railroads, died at the Kootenay Lake General Hospital early Monday morning. He was not taken to the hospital for treatment as he was beyond all medical help when Dr. Hall was called to attend him. The removal to the hospital was decided on merely to give the sufferer a decent place in which to die. Sharpe complained of being ill on Saturday and lay down in a caboose at the Nelson & Port Sheppard railway depot. He was allowed to remain in the caboose until Sunday afternoon, when some of his fellow workers endeavored to wake him. This was unable to do so Sharpe's sufferings had caused him to become unconscious. Through the inhumanity of some of the unconscious man was allowed to remain in the caboose until early Monday morning when he was removed to the hospital, and he died about two hours after being admitted. It is said that Sharpe, in common with other employees of the railway company paid hospital dues regularly, which were supposed to have entitled him to hospital treatment and care in the event of illness. Such being the case there appears to be room for an investigation to fix the responsibility for the neglect which permitted the unfortunate man to die in the railway caboose while within sight of a hospital—Nelson Tribune.

Daniel McLean of Ainsworth was taken to the Westminster insane asylum on Wednesday morning by W. H. Block-Webster, of the provincial police department.

The plan submitted by the tramway company, showing the proposed route for a distance of two miles within the city limits, was approved by the members of the city council on Tuesday, and construction upon the outlying sections of the same will be commenced at once, subject, of course, to the provisions of the railway by-law and on the signing of a contract by the company to comply with the same.

Frank Dick, of Sloan City, left Nelson on Wednesday morning for Republic, where he was to take charge of the body of W. W. Banning, who was murdered in Republic on Sunday afternoon. The deceased was well known in Nelson. The account of the murder which was sent from Republic says: About five o'clock on Sunday afternoon W. Banning was found senseless on the bluff overlooking Granite creek, three blocks west of the Republic bank. His skull had been crushed in two places. It appeared that he had gone some yards from the cabin and was sitting under a tree, when the assassin slipped up and struck him. The theory is advanced that the object was robbery, but it is probable that the assailant was scared away before he had time to riffling his victim's pockets. Eighty-six dollars and two gold watches were taken from

his person by the officers. There is no clue to the perpetrators.

The members of the fire brigade had a practice run on Tuesday evening. An alarm was turned in from the Lake View hotel and five minutes later the extension ladder had been run in front of the hotel and the nozzlemen were on the roof of the building with the two streams of water playing.

P. Macdonald, who has served as pursuer on the steamer Alberta for the past eighteen months, has decided to quit steambating and go into business on his own account.

Transportation companies operating in Nelson report business as good. On the lake the C. P. R. steamers are fully employed in making the transfers between the Crow's Nest line at Kootenay Landing and the Columbia & Kootenay branch this week as the moving of supplies to the railway construction camps at the head of Kootenay lake. On the railways there is a great volume of traffic coming in and going out of Nelson during any former period in its history.

MIDWAY.

Mr. D. McDuff, of Camp McKinney, came down on Monday's stage. Mr. McDuff was one of the injured in the recent stage accident near the camp, but his foot which was severely injured is gradually mending.

Fine limestone has been discovered and a good kiln of lime burnt at the upper end of the Midway valley at a point where Graham mountain touches the bank of Kettle river.

ASHCROFT.

Wm. Higgenbottom has had his contract returned to him signed and will, we understand, at once commence the construction of the new school house. The contract price was \$2,200 and the building, the value of which will be small after moving—Journal.

Mr. W. H. Slipper returned to Vancouver on Wednesday from Ashcroft, having spent some time in Lillooet on mining business. Mr. Slipper has great faith in the mines of the Lillooet district turning out well and hopes for good results from large operations "now under way" on Bridge river and "Yowosch creek."

REVELSTOCK.

The Revelstock swimming bath opened on Monday afternoon with a swimming tournament.

A. E. Phipps, acting manager of the Imperial Bank, returned on Monday evening from Vancouver, where he had completed arrangements to open up a branch of the Imperial Bank there. The branch office will be open in the course of a few days.

Chitler, Frank McMahon, son of Thomas McMahon, a C. P. R. employee, was sitting on the seat of P. McCarty's delivery wagon on Monday last, when the team took fright and started off. The boy was thrown off the seat, and broke his arm and hurt his head in the fall.

A funeral procession from the Roman Catholic Church to the cemetery on Monday afternoon was the sad sequel of the mysterious disappearance of Mr. and Mrs. Farquhar from Arrowhead last Thursday. The coffin, which was covered with flowers, contained the body of Mrs. Farquhar, which was discovered last Saturday floating in Granite creek, a stream which flows into the Arrow Lake at Bannock Point, about two miles from Arrowhead. The cost of floating to her husband was found floating close to his wife's body. The boat was found upside down almost half a mile away.

CARIBOO.

A miner named Housner had one of his feet crushed and to be amputated at Barkerville a few days ago.

Wm. Elmore, a freight teamster, had a serious runaway about 18 miles out of Ashcroft, while going around a small bluff. The team became frightened and ran away and the wagons went over the bluff, breaking them badly and doing considerable damage to the load of freight.

The accident which happened at the Miocene Gravel Co.'s mine at Horse Fly some days ago, and in which J. Hagen lost his life, was the result of a misunderstanding on his part. Some huge water suction pipes were being lowered and screwed together and Mr. Hagen while using a pipe wrench gave a pipe a turn the wrong way, causing the pipe to separate and fall some 300 feet, carrying him with them to his death. The men who were injured are getting on nicely.

Allan McKinley has received his appointment as guard on the stage line this season and assumed duty on the Inland Empire stage on Monday morning. He passed down the road in the Dufferin coach on the 20th, in charge of a \$4,000 shipment of bullion from the Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Co., of Forks of Quenelle.

After a prolonged silence of over three months, peace has once more troubled the minds of some of the boys. A fistic encounter took place before the Lac La Hache Athletic Club on the afternoon of the 20th, for a purse of \$50. Dan, the greater, and Leonard, the leader, were the principals. Revised rules of the game were completely knocked out before half of the time for the third round was consumed—Inland Sentinel.

ROSSLAND.

The reception to Rev. D. McG. Gaudier took place on Tuesday evening at St. Andrew's Church, when there was a large gathering of the congregation and friends with the members of the Kootenay Presbytery, over which Rev. P. McLaughlin presided.

Mr. J. A. Kirk has six men at work with him on the task of surveying the road from this city to Sophie mountain. The survey will be completed about the 10th day. It is anticipated that as soon as the survey is completed, a large force of men will be put on and the work pushed to as speedy a conclusion as possible.

On Tuesday Floyd Cross and Beecher Rollins, both aged about 11 years, went to the north side of Spokane mountain, and on the return trip attempted to come down over the War Eagle tramway. Both boys were carrying a sled, started down the incline and the other came up. Young Cross became frightened, and in endeavoring to get out of the way of the down car, was caught and thrown under the wheels of the up car. The lad's right leg was severely bruised and cut, both below and above the knee, but fortunately no bones were broken.

The Presbytery of Kootenay met in St. Andrew's Church on Tuesday morning. Rev. Robert Frew, of Nelson, preached the opening sermon. Mr. Frew

was re-elected moderator for the ensuing year. Rev. A. D. McLaughlin of Kamloops, was elected clerk; P. McL. Forin, B. A., treasurer. The following committees were appointed to have charge of the church work for the year: Home Missions, Revs. D. McG. Gaudier, W. A. Cleland, J. McCarty, J. G. Duncan, and John Munro and Mr. Hamilton of Nelson. Young People's Societies, Revs. A. D. Menzies, J. M. Wallace and C. D. Campbell. Sabbath Schools, Revs. M. D. McKee, W. A. Ferguson and A. Dunn. Church Property, Revs. A. D. Menzies and Robert Frew, and Mr. P. McL. Forin. Church Life and Work, Revs. Robert Frew and J. F. Evans and Mr. A. B. McKenzie. Statistics and Finance, Revs. J. McCarty, J. F. Evans and A. D. Menzies. Examination of Students, Revs. J. Munro, W. A. Campbell, J. M. Ferguson, D. McG. Gaudier and J. McCarty. Hereafter there will be stated meetings of the Presbytery, in March and September of each year. The next meeting is to be in Nelson. At the afternoon session J. A. Ferguson, missionary to the Whitewater Indians, was present for ordination. These having been satisfactorily sustained, arrangements for his ordination at Whitewater on August 1st were made.

At the meeting of the city council, Mr. Abbott, the city solicitor, asked leave to make a statement on behalf of the chief of police and the other officers of the force. It had been openly stated by the chief of police and the other members of the force that they had accepted bribes and had received money for improper purposes. The chief on behalf of himself and the members of the force, Mr. Abbott said, had placed the matter before him and had asked him to take criminal proceedings against the persons making the accusations, but owing to the indefinite way in which the charges were made he was unable to do this.

The chief had then asked that an investigation should be at once made, stating that the force courted the strictest equity and only asked that the charges should be so formulated that action could be at once taken. The only way in which a legal investigation could be held was by the police commissioners, and at present the mayor was the only member of the board. His Worship said that it was intolerable that these cowardly statements should be made broadcast in the way that they had been. He had personally endeavored to get specific information in the matter, but in every case the accusation was only made in a general way, no names being mentioned. He agreed that it was most unfair to the chief of police and the other members of the force that the present state of affairs should exist. They had been forced to demand an investigation as the only remedy left them, and until the chief of police and the other members of the force could be cleared, this could not be had. It was finally decided that the mayor should wire the authorities at Victoria again requesting that the appointments be made so that an investigation could be had at once.

The Rev. Father Welch of East Kootenay had been selected to succeed Monseigneur Bammelen as priest in charge of the Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart in this city, on West Columbia avenue.

It is understood that Mr. Olaus Johnson has sold the Leland property on Columbia avenue, adjoining the Wildwood hotel, for \$8,000. It is reported that the purchaser is Hon. C. H. Mackintosh. The property has a frontage of 30 feet on Columbia avenue and a depth of 100 feet. J. B. Johnson & Co., has sold Mr. A. E. B. Shuman, lots 18, 19 and 20 in block 10, Montreal townsite. The price paid was \$300.

A Rossland couple of the Canadian Order of Foresters was instituted with 24 members on Wednesday morning in the City Hall. The installation was conducted by Mr. D. E. McKinnon, district high chief. The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing term: Chief ranger, Dr. D. E. Kerr; vice chief ranger, T. R. Monro; recording secretary, J. W. Spring; chaplain, Thos. Corson; senior woodward, R. C. Arthur; junior woodward, G. C. McKay; senior beadle, John Robinson; junior beadle, W. A. Dumas; auditor, W. J. Chute, past chief ranger, John S. Chute, Jr.

J. G. Houghton has been employed to lay out the city cemetery. He was for a number of years landscape gardener for the Danumites at Victoria. Work of laying out and cleaning up the underbrush will soon be commenced.

VANCOUVER.

The street railway men held their first annual picnic at Judge Bole's ranch on the North Arm on Wednesday. An excellent programme of sports etc., was carried out.

Nearly all the bricklayers employed in the city went on strike on Wednesday as a protest against the employment, by the contractors, of Chinese labor. They cannot help using Chinese-made bricks as Oriental labor has almost entirely secured the monopoly of the brick and tile factories, but the bricklayers and builders will make a strong fight before they will allow Chinese to work alongside of them on the buildings.

The fire at No. 227 Abbott street gave the Water street section of the brigade a run about 5 o'clock on Wednesday evening. The West End section were called out to a burning shack near Stanley Park bridge early in the afternoon. The shack was destroyed. The fact that the blaze started from a fire originating amongst burning brush, being cleared from a lot in the neighborhood, gave rise to a rumor that the Point Grey cannery had been burnt, and another that the English Bay cannery had gone up in smoke. Both rumors were without foundation.

The fire and police committee has completed its report on the fire at No. 227 Abbott street, and regulations for the governance of the members and management of the city fire brigade. These have yet to receive the council approval, and are therefore subject to change and revision. Hereafter the department has been allowed more or less, to run itself, a fact which is not stated in disparagement of the department or its officials, because it would be difficult to find in any city a more efficient body of firemen, more capable than the men of the Vancouver brigade.

The idea is, as far as possible, to inaugurate a system of procedure and management after the method of the Metropolitan brigades. The proposed embraces 115 clauses, which, amongst other things, lay out the duties of the chief, assistant chief, secretary, chaplains, messengers, pipemen, truckmen, every, stokers and drivers. Fifteen clauses are devoted to the definition of offenses and the penalties which may follow.

low. The qualification of members given by the Association of Firemen, the qualifications of a fireman, the rules are, in some respects, set iron and first, the Vancouver fireman must be a British subject, able to write and read English; must never have been convicted of a crime, and be of the age of 21 and 30 when admitted to membership. Then there is a table of comparative weights and measures, by which all applicants must be weighed and measured before passing final inspection. It will be an offence to tell an official lie while in the employ of the department. Drunkenness will not be tolerated. A fat man cannot qualify for a fireman and weak lungs are not wanted, and the heart must be normal. Your fireman must have perfect eyes and a good ear—not necessarily for music. The brain and nervous system must be healthy, and like the man seeking insurance, there must be no predisposition, either hereditary or acquired. In moderation, a fireman will be permitted to chew and smoke tobacco. The use of stimulants—ginger ale, tea and coffee—is also permitted, in moderation—News-Advertiser.

May Evans came up for sentence in the police court on Thursday for her self-confessed robbery of \$50 from the pocket of the man Carboneau in a room in the Douglas house on Tuesday morning. The prisoner was sentenced to 18 months in the provincial jail at Westminster.

James Wattie, a mechanic, died at St. Paul's hospital on Thursday of inflammation. The deceased was 42 years of age and was without relatives in the city.

The steamer Comox brought down the report of the sudden death of a logger at Shoal Bay. The man's name was Dan McAllister. He had only just commenced work at one of the camps near Shoal Bay when he was taken sick and died.

Diver Llewellyn had a "close call" while working on the broken submerged water main in False creek on Tuesday. He had been under water some time, when he began to feel strangely oppressed and suddenly found himself helpless and rapidly losing consciousness. His last exertion was put forth in giving the danger signal to the men in charge of the air pump. Directly the signal was received the diver was hauled ashore and the state of affairs removed. Llewellyn was almost helpless and gasping for fresh air. An examination of the diving suit revealed the fact that the air-tubes and escape valve had become fouled. The defect was soon remedied and after a brief rest Llewellyn was little the worse for his unpleasant experience.

At a meeting of the Board of Works the question of allowing bicycle racks to stand in front of stores and business premises on the main streets was also discussed at length and Alderman Skinner's strong championship of the cause carried the day. The board considered that some provision should be made for bicycles, but the main point of the discussion that followed was upon the size of rack to be allowed. Eventually, it was decided that one rack should be allowed for every store, etc., occupying a frontage on a street, the racks to be of a pattern approved by the board, and on a 12-foot 6-inch sidewalk, not to exceed 15 inches in width or 18 inches on a 15-foot sidewalk. The matter was then left in the hands of the city solicitor to phrase a clause to be added to the By-law.

A quiet marriage was celebrated in St. James church on Wednesday evening, so quiet in fact that its very quietness and near putting a period to a momentous step in the lives of two young people, not long out from the East. The rectory, Rev. Mr. Clinton, on hand; the bride and groom kept their engagement to the letter. Outside the world was plodding along. It may be as well to state that the names of the young couple about to get married were Mr. Gray and Miss Gray. They came from London, Ont. Their friends in Vancouver are few.

Without thinking they overlooked the necessity of having a witness to the marriage ceremony. The oversight was discovered when everything was about ready to commence. In the dilemma a young lady who happened to be walking in the vicinity of the church, was halted. The situation was explained to her and she consented to step in and be witness to the marriage. After the ceremony she inscribed her name in the marriage register in the prescribed form and Mr. and Mrs. Gray left the church as happy as any newly-married couple might expect to be—News-Advertiser.

The formal opening of the new rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association in the building on the corner of Cordova street, there is a reading room, a room for games and a corresponding room, in which free stationery is provided for letter writing, etc. It is the intention to establish at once a bureau of information and an employment bureau. When certain alterations have been made it is intended also to equip a first-class gymnasium, the apparatus for which is now available. It has been suggested to utilize the yard at the rear of the block for manual exercise and athletic games. The parlor and reading-room are free to every young man, whether a member of the association or not. The rooms are open every evening from 7 to 10. The officers under whom the association makes its auspicious re-commencement are: James Beveridge, president; Earl W. Keenlyside, vice-president; W. L. Dargatz, gtt, secretary; T. F. Burns, treasurer and a board of twelve directors.

The collapse of a scaffold at the house of Mr. E. H. Heaps, near Heaps & Company, on Friday, resulted in a painful and perhaps serious injury to Fred Downing, a painter, who fell a distance of 22 feet. Downing was removed to his home on Hamilton street, where Dr. Wilson examined him and found that his lungs had suffered by the fall.

The decision of Police Magistrate Russell, in the case of the prisoners, Berryman and McNeil, charged with the murder of Robert McDonald in the Kings' saloon on Saturday last, was given by the police court on Saturday. The charge against Berryman was dismissed. McNeil was sent up for trial at the court after the method of the Metropolitan brigades. The proposed embraces 115 clauses, which, amongst other things, lay out the duties of the chief, assistant chief, secretary, chaplains, messengers, pipemen, truckmen, every, stokers and drivers. Fifteen clauses are devoted to the definition of offenses and the penalties which may follow.

Mr. Robert Jaffray's visit to the Coast and his object were incidentally touched upon. Mr. Whyte stated that he had had an interview with Mr. Jaffray upon the question of rates, etc., should the Crow's Nest Coal Company be able to secure a contract for supplying the fleet at Esquimalt.