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NOTES AND JOTTINGS.

The Two Friends do not associate with the Orphan Boy.

A party of miners from the coast, consisting of J. Cawthorn, S. Howie, John Scott Clark, Sam Oalmar and Joseph Hetu, are at the Oriental hotel.

The number of offices and stores in Vancouver now being fitted up (when labor is procurable) is indicative of faith in British Columbia's future prosperity.

It is reported that Mr. George Sheehan has, without process of law, recovered the Revolver, Slocan, which some person tried to jump. It is not for sale, as has been generally reported.

Most of the journals of the province contain items relating to scarcity of hotel accommodations in the new towns that are so rapidly springing up amidst us. Vancouver's hotels are well filled, and it is noted that some of them have made additions for the overflow. Several hotels are making extensive alterations, and renovation is the order of the day.

Messrs. William Wilson, Hunt, Grieve, Cullom and Burton have secured ten acres of land near Mount Pleasant as an experimental station for the cultivation of tobacco. They will grow several choice varieties for wrapping purposes. It is said the weed will grow well here, the only difficulty will be in properly curing it in this climate.

Robert P. Banner, a well known mining expert, arrived here recently, and after a two-day's stay, departed for Harrison lake. His reputation for ability and honesty having preceded him, his services were promptly sought for. It is to be hoped that he will settle in Vancouver, as we need men who are familiar with our peculiar mineral formation, not with those of other lands only.

The Butte City Mining World has the following sensible remarks on the smelter question in British Columbia: It does seem strange to those who have been used to look upon a smelting plant as something more than a mere toy to hear of one being built for every mine in the province. There are four or five smelting plants now in that country closed down. Would it not be better to open up 1 or 2 of these plants than to talk of building new ones. Our friends across the line will find out sooner or later that it is much better to haul the ore to a suitable smelting site than to build it close to the mine and then look for the necessary fluxes, water, markets, etc., in other quarters. Cheap smelting rates are not usually obtained by building a plant in close proximity to the mine, but, on the other hand, by hauling the ore to a natural smelting point where everything necessary is handy and

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