

Threatened Secession

Residents of Victoria West Want to Withdraw From the Municipality.

Will Ask the City Council to Bear the Costs of the Fight.

Amusing references were made by a number of the speakers to the expedition to carry the cases, with about half of it paid up.

Before adjourning, the secretary read from the Times the full text of the judgment delivered by Mr. Justice Drake, which was loudly applauded.

A rather odd, and yet a plausible, line of reasoning was adopted by Chairman Boggs in his opening remarks.

There were over fifty ratepayers present, and in the most orderly manner the property owners of the district were called on.

Mr. Macrae, who has been extremely cautious throughout the affair, and who has always counselled patience and forbearance, was most pronounced in his attitude, and advised taking steps to secure the separation of Victoria West from the city.

Mr. Macrae and Tait moved that the attention of the business men of the city of Victoria be called to the inadequate means of communication between the city and Victoria West, and in view of the importance of the district being urged to use their influence with a view to securing easier access to the business parts of the city.

It was also unanimously resolved that the executive committee, with power to add to their number, be empowered to draw up a resolution asking the city

The Long Ashcroft Trail

Mr Hamlin Garland Writes in Verse and Prose of the Goldseekers' Path.

Tells of a Journey He Made Over the Long Trail to Atlin.

The Ashcroft trail was not, after all, a failure. It has been productive of some good.

"We reached Ashcroft (which was the beginning of the long trail) at sunrise. The town lay low on the sand, a spatter of little frame buildings, mainly saloons and lodging houses, and resembling an ordinary cowtown in the Western States.

"The journey of those who accompanied me on the Long Trail was by no means ended. It was, indeed, only half done. There remained more than 170 miles of pack trail before the head of navigation to the Yukon could be reached.

"The narrative of the journey towards the beginning of the long trail, leaving the banks of the Fraser river, is a long one, and contains some amusing incidents as to the trouble with bucking horses and other difficulties incidental to the undertaking.

"My feeling of respect deepened into awe as we climbed the great wooded divide which lies between the Fraser and the Blackwater. The wild forest settled about its grim, stern and forbidding face.

"The writer and his sole companion across the Blackwater, a swift stream that had been newly bridged by them, and so on through the Bulkley Valley towards the only remaining forest, left very discouragingly.

"About 8 o'clock the next morning, as we were about to line up for our journey, two men came romping down the trail with packs on their backs and talking in a noisy way.

"We left our outfits back here on a little lake—may be you saw our Indian guide—and struck out ahead of us, we could find those splendid prairies there were telling us about, where the caribou and moose were so thick that you couldn't miss 'em.

"The paper teeth are made of paper-mache, which is submitted to a tremendous pressure until they are as hard as iron.

"The great remaining market of the world, Lord Salisbury, in connection with the so-called agreement between Russia and England, said he would be glad of the assurance that preferential rates would not obtain with regard to goods entering Manchuria by the Russian railway.

The Celestial Empire

A Distinguished Author Gives a Vivid Description of the Present Condition.

British Policy and Russian Aggression Contrasted—A Great Reformer in Danger.

Mr. Archibald Little, F.R.C.S., a lifelong resident of China, and the author of "Through the Yangtze Gorges," and many important magazine articles dealing with a people and a problem which have vastly deepened in international interest during the last decade, and Mrs. Little, author of "Intimate China," and "A Marriage in China," says the Montreal Witness, are able to throw a flood of light upon the objective and subjective life of the East.

Mr. Little has lived for over forty years in China. He speaks the language like a native. He served under the late General Gordon in the Taiping rebellion. He has been at the heart of the great commercial concerns and is now on his way to China as the representative of a great syndicate with Lord Rothschild at the head of it, whose object is

The Development of Gold Mining in the great province of Szechuan, which has a population of forty million souls. He thoroughly understands the Chinese temperament. He has entered into their thought. He at once admires and sympathizes with a character which, in some respects, is like the Anglo-Saxon—conservative and yet not stagnant; cautious, but not slothful; not willing, perhaps, to accept modifications, and yet susceptible to such if properly directed and inspired.

"Russia has taken Manchuria, with a population of twenty million people, and at this moment she has an army of 600,000 men ready to march on Peking, which is quite helpless. Indeed, the Russian troops are within a week's march of Peking, but then they have the railway and would not need to march. The pretence is that the Cossacks are needed to guard the men working at the railway; in reality Russia is following out a vast design, which aims at nothing less than the subjugation of the whole of Asia.

"There was a crowd of such men around the land office tents and many things were made. Nearly every man had his phial of ointment, and one was laid, but everyone seemed to be quite confident, and replied to my questions in a low voice. 'Well, you can say the area is all right.'

"The Latest Things in Up-to-Date Dentistry Are Paper Mache Molars. Paper teeth are the latest thing in dentistry. For years some substance has been sought for which could replace the composition commonly employed for making teeth, and a fortune awaited the man who was lucky enough to hit upon the right material. Although paper has some disadvantages, they are small compared to its many qualifications, and paper teeth are likely to be used exclusively, at least until a more perfect material is found.

"Up to this time china has been used almost entirely, but it presents so many disadvantages that dentists are always on the lookout for some other substance which could replace it. Not only does china resist the action of saliva and turns black, but china affects the nerves of the jaws. People who wear false teeth often complain of sub-orbital neuralgia, and this is put down by many dentists as being caused by the heat or cold acting on the china or porcelain.

"The paper teeth are made of paper-mache, which is submitted to a tremendous pressure until they are as hard as iron. Their peculiar composition renders them cheap, and the price of a set of teeth will go down considerably owing to the new invention. The color of the paper-mache can also be made to vary, which is an important point, as no two sets of teeth are identical in color, some having a strong yellowish cast, while others are bluish-white. In order, therefore, to obtain the right tint, the color mixture has only to be introduced into the mixture before the tooth is cast in order to match the other teeth exactly. It is in this particular that china teeth often fail to appear as natural, their color differing from other teeth in the mouth, and showing that the tooth is artificial.—New York Press.

An agreement has been reached between the officials of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railway and its telegraphers, and there will be no strike by the latter.

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