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Friday, March 5

MYSTERIOUS DEATH AT COWICHAN.—On Saturday last a drowning case, the circumstances attending which are wrapped in mystery transpired at Cowichan. On Friday evening, a man named Clark—a stout, ablebodied fellow, well known in the district, but, we believe, following the pursuit of a goldminer when at Cariboo—called at a settler's house to borrow a flour-bag, remarking that he wished to "put something into it." The settler, little imagining the tragic purpose the bag was destined to serve, loaned it, and Clark, who appeared in good humor, walked away. The next morning, early, some person walking on Harris' wharf, observed a pair of boots sticking, soles-up, out of the water. A closer examination revealed the fact that the boots formed part of the apparel of a man, the upper part of whose body was under water. A boat was procured and the remains brought ashore, when it was found that the head of the person was encased in the identical flour-bag, Clark had borrowed the evening before. Upon removing the bag, which was tied tightly about the neck of deceased, the remains were recognized as those of Clark. Between the bottom of the sack and the dead man's head was found a large stone, which had served as a weight to sink the body head down. A Coroner's inquest was held by Mr Morley, J. P., but not the slight evidence was adduced to show by what means deceased came to his death, and a verdict of "found drowned" was reluctantly returned. It is possible that foul play caused the death; but the theory generally accepted is that Clark borrowed the bag to assist him in committing suicide; that he placed the stone in the bag, pulled the latter over his head, tying it securely about his neck, and then took a "header" into the harbor. The true facts of the case may never remain a profound mystery.

THE EXECUTION.—Harry, the Indian, will be hanged at 7 o'clock this morning in the lot adjoining the Police Barracks. The crime of which he was convicted is murder, he having, while drunk, slain a man belonging to another tribe in revenge for the murder of a friend some years before. The scaffold was erected yesterday afternoon. A large number of the condemned man's relatives and *tillicums* gathered about the spot and watched the operations with an air of mournful interest. His wife, with two little girls; his mother, bowed down with age and grief; his sisters—all weeping piteously and exhibiting generally a greater amount of feeling than we had supposed the stocial Indian character capable. The scaffold is the same on which many Indian murderers have expiated their crimes.

DELUGE CO., No. 1.—The annual election of officers for this company took place last evening, when the following gentlemen were elected: Foreman, A. Dods; First Assistant, W. H. Howarth; Second Assistant, J. Crowther. The following were re-elected Secretary, Wm. Owens; Treasurer, J. Sehl; Standing Committee, Messrs. Geiger, Gowen and Norris. We are happy to say that this company is at present in a prosperous condition, in which state we trust they may long continue.

THE Ordinance respecting the re-conveyance of Vancouver Island to the Crown, provides that a certified copy of the original deed of re-conveyance shall be placed on file in the office of the Registrar General of British Columbia, and shall be regarded as valid, the original deed having been deposited among the records of the Colonial Office in England.

IT is thought, now, that the prorogation of the Council will not take place until Saturday next.

Monday, March 8

THE WRECK OF THE WOODWARD.—Capt. Archer of the schooner Thomas Woodward lately wrecked on the northern end of this island, appears to have got into trouble below respecting his course after the vessel struck. The S. F. *Herald* says: "The schooner had on board $20,000 in treasure. The day following this disaster, the Hudson Bay Company's steamer Otter left Victoria for Sitka and on passing the wreck of the Woodward took from it two passengers and the $20,000. The Captain of the Woodward then opened the boxes of treasure, and distributed one-third of the amount, giving one portion to his own supercargo, another to these passengers, and the rest to the Captain of the steamer. The Board of Underwriters of San Francisco are looking into the legality of this proceeding on the part of the Captain of the Woodward.

DREADFUL ACCIDENT.—We sincerely regret to record the accidental death of a fine little boy, nine years of age, the son of Mr. Thompson of South Saanich. It appears that on Friday last the lad was driving a cart home across the field, and from some sudden jolt was thrown to the ground, when the wheel of the cart passed over his head causing instant death.

AN ALLEGED SWINDLER ABROAD.—We have received from San Francisco a letter and an extract from a public journal, which purport to give a sketch of the history of a bigamist, forger and confidence man, who has operated for several years in different States of the Union and in Canada with varied success, and who, the writer (we think, correctly) presumes to be now in Victoria or on Puget Sound. He was first known in Indian, as Frank G. Wilson; under which name he married in 1864 a young lady named Chase, by whom he has two children. Deserting his wife he turns up in St. Louis with another name and another woman to whom he was legally married. Arrested for bigamy, he gave the name of Frank W. Emerson; obtaining bail he skedaddled to Worcester, Mass., leaving his bondsmen to pay a forfeit of $3000. At Worcester he appeared as R. F. Fitzgerald, in which name he was sent out to California as agent for the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company. He was highly successful in obtaining insurances, which he forwarded promptly home; but always forgot to remit the premium. Finally an agent was sent out to look after him, who found him living in style with his second wife in a house of his own,—cutting a dash upon the company's money. He failed to make restitution, and was relieved from further service. He subsequently served the Ætna Life Insurance Company for a couple of weeks and was then discharged. About this time his antecedents became known at San Francisco, and he thought he would try and intimidate the parties who he presumed were the ones posted, so he sent Kuklux letters to four different parties, so that he could be sure to strike one. The letters contained a full-sized drawing of a pistol and dagger and hieroglyphics. Finding that the parties to whom they were sent took no notice of them, he made arrangements to leave, and accordingly drew a draft in Sacramento on the General Manager of the Ætna Life Insurance Company in San Francisco for several hundred dollars, and after getting it cashed he started overland with his wife, Arabella, and an adopted child, for Portland, Oregon. They remained at Portland, Oregon, for a few days, and then took passage by the Active for this city, arriving here a trip or two ago—if the description furnished does not lead us astray—under the name of H. G. Wright, wife and child. Soon after his arrival he introduced himself to the American Consul and to Mr. Layton, U. S. Special Agent in this city, and from the last-named gentleman received an appointment as special revenue detective and was detailed for duty on the steamer Wilson G. Hunt. He left here on Wednesday last on that steamer and it is said his instructions were to *search every trunk on board for smuggled goods!* If Mr. What'shis-name? be the character we are led to believe, there are few people who would care to have him search their trunks under any pretext. So soon as it became known that the new detective was a fugitive from justice, a messenger was despatched to Port Townsend with instructions to arrest and hold Wright until a requisition can be obtained from the States in which his most serious crimes are alleged to have been committed.

THE C O & M Co's propellor Gussie Telfair, Capt P Bolles, arrived at this port at an early hour on Saturday morning, with 26 passengers, a full freight, a large mail and Wells, Fargo & Co's Express. The Telfair sailed from San Francisco on the 1st inst. She is a Clyde-built, iron steamship of 413 tons burden, and was built for a blockade-runner during the American civil war. After a number of successful trips, she was captured by a Government steamer off one of the Southern ports and taken to New York, where she was sold to Capt John T Wright, who brought her round the Horn and disposed of her to Holladay & Brenham. She has 22 staterooms, accommodating 44 cabin passengers, and an extensive freight room. The Gussie Telfair will be run in the Portland trade, taking the place of the Active. She will be commanded by Capt Sholl, late of the Active, most of whose officers will be transferred to the Gussie Telfair.

TRANSFERRED.—A telegram received yesterday announces that the business and boats of the C. O & M. Steamship Company have been transferred to the North Pacific (?) Steamship Company of New York. There is evidently an error in the title of the succeeding company. It is probably the North *American* Steamship Company, the same that waged successful warfare with the Pacific Mail Company, six years ago. This Company, who merged in the Mail Company, and their fine new ships now lie idle at San Francisco and New York. If this surmise prove correct, the Pacific Mail Company will shortly control ocean steam navigation from Panama to the North Pole (and, perhaps, the people of the North Pacific will not believe by the change.

THE HUDSON BAY COMPANY.—We understand that the company has sent in its answer to the recent dispatch of the Imperial Government which set forth the terms upon which they (the Government) would be prepared to recommend the Dominion of Canada to take over the Northwest Territory. The reply from the company is not an absolutely positive refusal to accede to the proposed terms for the surrender of their territorial rights, and therefore there is a door left open for further negotiations; but we are in a position to state that the Canadian Delegates, to whom of course the contents of the company's letter have been communicated, will not consent to depart from the principles of settlement heretofore laid down.—*Canadian News, Jan. 21.*

THE steamer Constantine, one of Hutchinson, Kohl & Co's steamships, was announced by private despatch to leave San Francisco yesterday for Victoria and Sitka. She will doubtless bring a mail and express.

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