
POL. PRIOR. **P.** states go to the window and see what they wanted; he found as the girl looked out of the window, witness saw a man catch hold of her head and pull it out as she was screaming and crying; the man and witness saw the flash of a bright instrument, a chopper, which Huang had in his hand; saw three rapid strokes of the axe as he struck the head of the deceased; Mar Kse was the one who held the girl's head while the other chopped it. Tsun Tse Tsao, who was there, but could not see whether he did anything or not; witnesses shouted for help, on which, though several Chinese were on the street, none of them did anything to stop the murder. After the murder, witness went outside the house and saw the police officers hanging out of the window, it being attached to the trunk by a slight bit of rope; the officers were resting on the window sill, the body of the girl inside and laid on the floor; witness' husband returned in about fifteen minutes and gave the alarm to the police; witness stated positively that she saw the three men who did the killing, as the moon was very bright, at the time, and saw them run away after the crime was committed; the two men with Hong Lee in a gambling house further down the street.

Yip Tung, husband of the previous witness, gave evidence which corroborated being there.

The jury returned the following verdict: We find that Yow Kum came to the death of the girl by cutting her neck; made by a wound on the back of the neck, made by a sharp instrument in the hand of some person or persons unknown, evidence pointing to Ah Hong, Wai Kung.

As yet neither of the men implicated in the crime have been apprehended, and the police are doing their best to every avenue of escape is being watched. The Chinese are giving all the assistance possible, and it is probable that the guilty men will soon be brought to justice.

DISTRICT MEETING.

The Simpson District of the Methodist Church in S. C.

The annual meeting of this district met at Port Simpson on Thursday, May 2nd, the district chairman, Rev. T. Gray, in the chair. About thirty members were present except Rev. A. N. Miller, who was detained till Friday evening by stress of weather.

The work of the various missions was considered and found to be, on the whole, very prosperous. After allowing for deaths and all people there was a net gain of 119 members in the district. No less than \$801.40, besides the Missionary Society, besides large amounts raised for local purposes.

Two young men, K. B. Beavis and J. C. Spencer, who have been entering some time in mission work, were duly proposed, and after the usual examinations which were received in a very creditable manner, they were unanimously recommended to be received on probation for the ministry by the approaching conference.

Mr. W. K. Gray, who has been discharging his duties as pastor, has finished his probation and his final examination, was heartily recommended to be received into full connection and ordained.

The new workers, Mr. Phillips and Miss Margrave, from the east, were welcomed to the district.

The church at Skidgate has been rebuilt. New churches were erected at Chee, Promont, and all remote places. School houses were constructed at Hougwauk and Kispitax. At Kitzegauk, a new Kispitax timber is on the ground for new churches. Sewing societies and two brass bands have been purchased by the people themselves during the year.

Geo. F. Hopkins, Sec.

MARINE.

The new steel tug Topic arrived at Vancouver on Sunday.

Back The steamer at Moodyville loading spars for Liverpool.

May 12th, ship W. G. Burgess sailed from Victoria, for Mexico, for Victoria.

Back Princess Alexandra, 102,000 tons of lumber for Australia, was towed to sea yesterday from Moodyville.

Steamship Sam Mateo, with 4,500 tons of Wellington coal, sailed from Departure Bay early on Sunday morning.

Ship Robert L. Belknap, with a cargo of 3,900 tons of Vancouver coal, was towed to sea from Nanaimo on Saturday.

Steamship Walla Walla arrived for San Francisco on Sunday night with thirty passengers and 250 tons of freight for this port.

Chilian bark Lenora, with 800,000 feet of lumber for Seattle, was towed to sea on Saturday night from Moodyville by the American tug Sea Lion.

The steamship Ancon sailed from Seattle for Alaska yesterday. On Sunday the boatswain fell down the hatch and broke the vessel and broke leg.

Steamship Wellington, from Victoria for Departure Bay, passed up on Sunday. She had a full cargo, route to land a passenger cargo for the E. & N. Railway.

Steamer Alaskan has left Portland for San Francisco, where she will undergo some thorough repairs before returning north to run on the Victoria-Seaside route.

Steamer Islander is beached in James Bay to have her bottom scraped, preparatory to going north with the Vanderbilt party in a week's time.

PERSONAL.

Missop and Mrs. Ridley are at the Briard.

Dr. J. Munn, E. Jennie and M. M. English are in the city.

Rev. E. H. Hart was a passenger from Westminster last evening.

Rev. E. Robson and Rev. Lesner arrived from the mission and returned on Saturday.

Thos. Ladner and A. Ladlaw, Fraser river owners are at the Briard.

Wm. F. Newell, naming editor and proprietor, and a member of the city editor of the Port Townsend Argus, spent Sunday in Victoria. They came over with the steamer and they were long enough to begin to appreciate the fact that Victoria is the most beautiful city on the Coast.

PROVINCIAL POLICE COURT.

Before Robert Ward, J. P., and H. E. Crossland, J. F.

Henry Simpson, of Spanish, for supplying liquor to an Indian through his agent, Mrs. Simpson, was fined \$100 with 100 costs.

John Henderson, of the Mount Newton Hotel, Spanish, pleaded not guilty to a charge of supplying liquor through his agent, Mr. E. V. Botwell.

Two Indians, Charley and Jack, swore that they obtained liquor from the defendant. A fine of \$300 with 100 costs, or imprisonment for six months, was imposed.

FRENCH CREEK NOTES.

There is a marked improvement in the ranches since last year. Everything is looking well and the stock is doing well. Mrs. Bath had an unpleasant encounter