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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

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THE FRAGS IN THE QUEEN SALOON.—William Goldworthy appeared on remand yesterday in the Police Court, charged with cutting and wounding a man who has not yet been found to give evidence.

THE CHARGE OF PERJURY.—The case against Michael Carey for alleged perjury was called on yesterday morning at the Police Court, but the accused did not appear, and the case was postponed for one day.

THE WRECK ON DUNGENESS SPIT.—The ship ashore on Dungeness Spit, W. T., is the barkentine Fremont. The steamer Eliza Anderson shortly after her arrival from the Sound yesterday, proceeded to render her assistance.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO.—The brig Tanner, Captain McCarthy, arrived yesterday, 21 days from San Francisco, with four passengers and a general cargo. She was towed into the harbor in good style by the Emily Harris.

FROM NANAIMO.—The schooner Meg Merrilies arrived yesterday from Nanaimo with a cargo of coal for Messrs. Kavanagh & Co., of the James Bay Coal Yard.

FOR NANAIMO.—The steamers Sir James Douglas and Labouchere left for this port yesterday morning. The Emily Harris will sail this morning at 8 o'clock.

THE EXTENDED.—The time for opening the tenders for direct steam communication with San Francisco has been further postponed until February 7th.

MAN DROWNED.—From an extract taken from a letter dated Comox, January 26th, in this city, we learn that on the 22nd inst. Mr. Moses Phillips, Mr. John Hughes, and a half-breed named Louis, of the schooner Nansimo Packet, left shore in a boat to go on board the schooner which lay at some little distance from the shore, and that owing to missing their way in a fog the boat was unfortunately capsized and Hughes drowned.

GOT IN A PICKLE.—Jack, an Indian boy, was charged yesterday in the Police Court with stealing some bottles of pickles and other things from the kitchen of the Brown Jug. The offence was proved, and special officer Taylor stated that the accused on being conveyed to jail knocked his fist through a window. Jack said he helped himself to the pickles thinking they were useless. The magistrate gave him the benefit of the Juvenile Offenders' Act, and fined him \$20 for the theft and \$5 for the damage.

INQUESTS.—The Coroner will hold an inquest to-day at 1 p.m., in the Police Court, on the body of John Alfred Hughes, mate of the Nansimo Packet, who was recently drowned at Comox. The inquest on the body of Beviere was concluded last evening. After the evidence of Mr. Seaby, Analytical Chemist, who examined the stomach, and Dr. Haggin had been heard, the jury returned a verdict of death from natural causes.

TREMENDOUS FRESHET AT LEACH RIVER.—We learn from Mr. A. Barnett, expressman, that the greatest flood that has yet been known at Leach River occurred on Friday night, from the heavy rain fall. Cabins were swept away and stores flooded three feet deep. Work was for a time entirely suspended, but the waters have now abated considerably, and work is partially resumed. The snow on the trail is fast disappearing, and travelling easy.

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER.—Mr. Moody and another man, with two Indians, arrived last evening in a canoe from New Westminster. They left New Westminster on Tuesday afternoon, and the mouth of the river early yesterday morning. They report the river open above New Westminster. The steamer Hope had come down from where she had been frozen in to New Westminster, and left on Tuesday for Yale. Dietz & Nelsons Messenger had arrived at New Westminster, seven days from Yale. The steamer Enterprise was near Plummer Pass.

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THE STEAMSHIP MONOPOLY. We are called upon to correct a statement which appeared in this column on Saturday last, in reference to treatment of passengers by the Pacific, who were put on shore below the city, and not allowed to proceed on their voyage without paying their passage, when they had once paid, and held their tickets. The agents of the California Steam Navigation Company claim that the passengers had no right to go by the Pacific, as their tickets were to go from Astoria by the Sierra Nevada.

Now, it was not specified on those tickets by what steamer they were to go. The passengers paid their fare through from Victoria, and were to leave by the steamer of Jan. 24, (on or about.) They were unfortunately delayed, and we are sure they have a right to complain at not being allowed to go by the first steamer after they reached here, inasmuch as it is well known that the California company own both the Active and the Pacific, and their arrangements are such with Holliday's line that it could not possibly have resulted in loss to either.

We are glad to know that the matter has not stopped here, and we urgently hope that a candid investigation of the case may result in the finding of the carriers in this instance guilty of a flagrant violation, as it is, of the principles which govern common carriers. Should they fail to obtain that measure of justice they are entitled to, it could be attributed to none other than the mere technicality that they embarked at Portland instead of Astoria, and as steamships are not obliged to take passengers from this place to Astoria, they could not get there for the purpose of fulfilling their part of the contract.

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