WANTS TO BUZZ HIM.

From the Cumterland (Comox) Weekly News (government) the following delightful bit of family correspondence, which strikingly illustrates what the Americans call the "caliber" of the government support. The concluding paragraph is more deliciously naive than anything we have noted in even the unhumorous Colonist. The allusion to the Almighty is in pure government organ taste and may denote in some degree the need of the government for supernatural succor at this time:

"Premier Turner writes us with reference to visiting this district: "I may say that I intended going up there this (last) week, but was unavoidably detained here. I will make a special ef- British subject. The Skagway murders fort to go, if possible, before the house and the subsequent events prove most meets, but cannot promise * * finitely. At this particular time I am very much crowded with work, and have a great deal to do before the session begins.' But why not 'definitely' dear premier? We believe you earnestly desire to forward the interests of all sections of the province. We respect you as an able, pains-taking, conscientious statesman, but we shall have a far greater regard for you if you take the trouble to pay us a visit. How can you make up your estimates without looking into our condition. The Almighty has done a great deal for this region, and out of proper respect for him you, should just take a look at it. Besides, we want to buzz in your ear a bit. Won't you say 'definitely?' "

A CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE.

In view of the great amount of trouble to which travellers are subjected at Skagway and Dyea by the American officials, much of it utterly wanton and done to vex Canadians, it might be a wise measure to station at that place and at Dyea trusty officials of the Dominion government, who should see that Canadian travellers are not unfairly treated or oppress- terest was being enacted, and everybody ed, hindered or imposed upon in any way on the strain for the news, the wires and it can be only crossed on foot at when passing through. Where such of- have dribbled off such stirring events as great hazzards. The interior of this dis- British America Corporation in this ficials to be stationed at those points no the romantic suicide of an Ayrshire cow trict is unexplored, but from the nature camp doubt a great deal of good would be in Squabashville, Indiana; report that an of the surrounding country is deemed imdone in the matter of preventing the inmate of Schenectady Lunatic Asylam vexatious delays of which so many bit- had had a vision, in which he saw the ter complaints have been heard; and un- mother lode of the Klondike; or that questionably the gross favoritism of the Congress had decided to lay a plank side-American officials would receive a sharp | walk from Boodle avenue, to Madison check. Canadian representatives would street along Tenth avenue, Washington, see to it that the new regulations were D.C., and had awarded the contract to strictly enforced, and, not, as the officials John Thomas Rosenmuller, whose fathhave done repeatedly, coolly thrust aside er helped Ericsson dredge the Mississipand ignored. Beyond question great in- pi 'way back in General Jackson's time. justice has been done to many travel- Such soul-stirring and nation-thrilling lers who outfitted in Canada and went events have vied with the locals in ento Skagway expecting to enjoy the bene- thralling the Victoria public. But while fit of the new regulations, but who, to the company's efforts to supply a news their dismay found the unprincipled of service worthy of the name have been ficials discriminating exactly as before amusing as well as exasperating, no against Canadian-bought outfits. Had blame can be attached to the local staff, there been a Canadian official at Skag- whose efforts have always been to faciliway from the beginning, it is certain tate to the utmost extent of their that he would have kept a careful note powers the receipt and delivery of the beginning of March in full blast again. of all the unjust exactions, and through "news" that has came. But like the this means the unfortunate travellers state of Denmark at a certain period of who fell victims to the rapacity of the the history of that interesting chance of having their losses recouped. The government would be doing a very popular thing to station at those ports cific Telegraph Company. A little comsmart and competent officials to protect the rights of British subjects and Canadian bought outfits before the rush to Klondike grows greater.

THE SKAGWAY MURDERS.

Canadians have excellent reason to con-

gratulate themselves upon the favorable light which the ghastly news from Skagway throws upon the institutions of the Dominion by mere contrast with the ways things are managed in American frontier settlements. To begin with, it is very doubtful if a double murder could be committed in Canada under similar circumstances to those which surounded the dismal affair at Skagway, for the simple reason that the concealed weapon law is stringently enforced in Canada's farthest bounds equally with the great centres of population. But certainly no such defiance could be uttered in a Canadian village, town or city after the commission and is very much less decided in dealing of such a deed as was uttered by the with the legislature. But there may be brutal scoundrel Smith, the gambler. It is an appalling thing to think that Skagway is in the hands of such wretches. and that the laws of the United States can be flouted with so much impunity by brigands, who would not dare to utter a syllable of such talk on Ganadian soil. Painters, Skagway the narrative of the double murders, the extraordinary inertia of the police or other authorities, the slip-shod manner of handling the prisoner, the imminent danger in which the blood-guilty wretch stood of lynching and the audacious threats of the gamblers, is a frightful one. It is also a gloomy and melancholy one for those who believe in and wish to see democratic institutions successful; that tale of blood and violence and rebellion from Skagway is another blow to democratic government as exemplified in the United States. Compared with the freedom enjoyed by Canadians, the security of life and property, and the splendid efficiency of our laws, the freedom of the citizens of the United States is the worst kind of slavery. On one side of the boundary any man may go anywhere unarmed yet safe from insult and molestation; on the other side he must carry arms to protect himself from attacks. Should the murderer Fay escape, as the gamblers say he will through their intervention, it will be a disgraceful thing, Another thing might be mentioned. It is not unlikely that the gang of cut-throats and malefactors who are now turning Skagway into a small inferno will migrate to Dawson City in the spring; and

there is some comfort in the reflection that if they attempt any of their Skagway practices there, retribution, sharp, swift and certain will be meted out to them. There will be no miserable "citizens'" committee, half-respectable, halfruffianly, to haggle over the matter; no is locating here for the manufacture of gang of murderous gamblers to threaten a patent collapsible metal boat. the law if it dare to attempt anything like punishment; but a duly accredited backed by the finest body of police in the world, who will carry out the sentence, lake. whatever it may be, in the teeth of the combined opposition of all the gamblers, thugs, outlaws and desperados in the Yukon Valley, whether the condemned be American citizen or heathen Chinee or de- forcibly the utter hollowness of American law and the rottenness of American officialdom.

TELEGRAPHIC SERVICE.

Victorians will doubtless feel pleased to learn that still another important telegraph company is likely to extend its system to this city at no distant date. With the Canadian Pacific, Western Union and Puget Sound Telegraph companies reaching Victoria something like a satisfactory service may be expected. Victoria has put up with an immense amount from the Canadian Pacific Telegraph Company; the daily newspapers and sand-bars, and the water is extremely ratic nature of that service, and the months in which they have received value for the enormous dues which they After the glacial belt the river passes pay to that company for its service through a succession of deep canyons, could be counted on the fingers of one hand of an armless man. Anything seemed to be good enough for the Victoria press; while some great event of places. Valdes bay, at the head of Copnational moment, of intense public in- per river, has a glacier at the head of the European butter market, there is something rotten in the news service purveyed by the esteemed Canadian Papetition may have a tonic effect and may result in letting Victorians learn some of the day-by-day history of the outside world as it is enacted, not when it has developed verde antique.

The Kootenaian hits the nail on the head when it asks the Colonist to solve the riddle of the absurdly long sessions of the local legislature:

"It is quite true that the sessions of the legislatures of Quebec and Ontario are little more than half as long as those of this province, and in New Brunswick very little more than a third of the time consumed in legislative business, as is taken by the government of British Columbia, and there may be ample reasons to justify the longer sessions of the province. They are not, however, ap-Certainly Premier Turner has no more important interests to deal with than has Mr. Hardy, Mr. Marchand, or Mr. Emmerson. The truth is, probably, that the government here has not its business so well in hand as do the others, some potent and proper cause."

CIVIL SERVICE IN BOSTON.

Boston, Feb. 7.—A small army of unem loyed men occupied the streets leading to ployed men occupied the streets leading to the state house all last night in order to be on hand when the doors opened this morning, ready to register for civil service examination in the mechanical department. Many of the men had been without work for months. More than 1,000 were turned

FACTS ABOUT HEALTH

It is Easy to Keep Well if We Know How-Some of the Conditions Neces-

sary to Perfect Health. The importance of maintaining good health is easily understood, and it is really a simple matter if we take a correct view of the conditions required. In perfect health the stomach promptly digests food, and thus prepares nourishment. The blood is employed to carry this nourishment to the organs, nerves, muscles and tissues which need it. The first great essential for good health, therefore, is pure, rich blood. Now it is certainly a fact that no medicine has such a record of cures as Hood's Sarsaparilla. It is literally true that there are hundreds of people alive and well today who would have been in their graves had they not taken Hood's Saraaparilla. It is depended upon as a family medicine and general regulator of the system by tens of thousands of people. This is because Hood's Sarsaparilla makes the blood pure. This is the secret of its great success. Keep your system in good health by keeping your blood pure with Hood's Sarsaparilla, which absolutely cures when other medicines fail to do any good whatever. Hood's Pills are the only pills to take

Provincial News.

VANCOUVER. Vancouver, Feb. 7.-An American firm Capt. Armstrong, a Kootenay steam-

official of the Dominion government, with forty men and the machinery for several steamers to run on Teslin

The building of a two-story block on Hastings street, near Cambie street, is to commence shortly and is to be finished

by May 1.

The man Richard Fraser, who died in the hospital on Thursday from a gunshot wound, was a native of Scotland. and had been living at Aliceville. It is supposed that deceased was taking his gun from the boat by the muzzle when t was accidentally discharged into his

The finance committee has appropriat ed \$250 for a Klondike pamphlet folder. The printing and circulation of the folder will be undertaken by the board of trade. The Mining Critic Printing & Publishing Co. has secured the contract for

the city printing. Vancouver, Feb. 8 .- T. F. Sinclair has returned from the Copper river district, so much advertised by the Northern Pacific railway as a likely route to the Yukon. He says the route is utterly impracticable. A short distance from the sea the river divides into three or four mouths, all of which are beset with flats are numerous glaciers which project and are continually breaking off into the river, causing whirlpools and eddies. resulting in impassable rapids. The river is not navigable for craft of the lightest draft; even Indian canoes in experienced hands can only be used in certain navigation, which is impassable except

NEW WESTMINSTER. The steamer Edgar will resume her usual trips down the river and back this

The case of Rae vs. the B. C. Electric Tramway Company was heard before Mr. Justice Bole. Judgment was re-

Mr. Ratcliffe, the manager of the New Westminster creamery, who has been confined to his bed for the last few company with the vice-president of the company, Mr. W. J. Mathers, visited the farmers in the lower Fraser valley district for the purpose of making arrangements for the spring cream. The creamery, although only working short time, has been doing a fair business during the winter months, and preparations are now being made to commence about the Mr. Ratcliffe expects to be able to re-

sume his duties at the creamery next week. It is expected that the Hudson Bay Company's steamer, which is nearing completion at Moir's shipyard, will be launched some time next week.

The members of No. 4 Company in New Westminster, who have been selected to form part of the guard of honor at the opening of parliament this week, will parade at the armory on Monday, the 7th inst, for the commanding officer's in-

Mr. J. Hossack, of Langley, while breaking a colt, was thrown off and broke three or four ribs. At last accounts he was progressing favorably. Messrs, A. G. Macfarlane & Cd. have een appointed local agents in the city of New Westminster for the Northern Assurance Company, of London, England. The company was established in 1837; capital, £300,000 sterling.

The storm which Capt. Peel predicted n Saturday visited this city on Sunday norning, it blowing very hard and raining heavily.

The case of Cook vs. Herring came up yesterday before his honor Judge Bole and a jury, and occupied the whole of the day. The case was an appeal from the decision of Captain Pittendrigh, S.M. After hearing the evidence the jury retired and returned into court about 5 clock with a verdict for the plaintiff, Mrs. Cook, for the amount claimed. Mr. McBride, for plaintiff, then moved for judgment on the verdict. The same was adjourned until to-day at 3 p.m. Mr. R. McBride appeared for the plaintiff and Messrs. Henderson & Keith for the

NANAIMO NOTES.

steamer Danube for Wrangel, Alaska, where he will construct a wharf 300 feet long, with warehouses, corrals, etc., for F. C. Davidge & Co., of Victoria, ing developed and show well defined lodes The wharf will be used for the Stikine- of rich oxidized quartz. The Northern Teslin trade, the ocean steamers dis- Light group carries values in the ledges charging there and the river steamers at a depth of 75 feet of \$100 per ton, it will take him at least three months to prospects in this section with but little omplete all the work proposed.

A conference was held yesterday afternoon between Mr. Samuel M. Robins, erintendent of the New Vancouver Ccal Company, and the members of the Miners' Union. The conference was of a confidential nature, and no report has een made public.

The Merchants' Bank of Halifax will open for business on Tuesday morning. February 8th, having secured temporary quarters next door to Morgan's tailoring establishment on Commencial

COWICHAN.

Duncan, Feb. 5 .- J. Bell and J. D. Blair left here (as the first Klondike contingent of the year) for Victoria on Thursday's train. Mr. Ticehurst, Mr. E. Hicks-Beach and Mr. Tayleur are planning to leave for the Yukon in the last week of this month, and have in other dogs.

The last dance of the season of the

fantastic to the inspiring strains of the of gold per ton. Thirty tons per day are boo, Black Bess, Ocean Wave, Trio, Sil-Bantly orchestra.

VERNON.

Presbyterian church, will remain here, and the congregation of the Mount Pleasant church, Vancouver, must choose another pastor. The presbytery, at its recent meeting, felt that Mr. translation to Vancouver would be a boat man, leaves to-day for Lake Teslin heavy loss to the presbytery of Kamloops, as he is thoroughly in touch with the work of the church in the interior, and holds the important position, especially in a missionary presbytery such as this, of convenor of the presbytery's home mission committee.

MIDWAY

Mr. J. Christie had a narrow escape from a serious accident at the Winnipeg mine, Wellington camp. He was working on shift in the shaft, and with another man was being hoisted in the bucket to the surface, after lighting the fuse, preparatory to firing several holes that had been charged. A sudden jerk threw the "Doc" out of the bucket against the timbers of the shaft. He grasped the edge of the bucket and was dragged up about 20 feet, knocking against the timbers all the way. He was, however, rescued from his perilous position, and hauled to the surface, much bruised and shaken, but otherwise not seriously hurt. He was able to take his place in the shaft when his shift went

ROSSLAND

for the week ending February 5th are in the pelvic arch, creating a terrible have been great sufferers from the er- shallow and swift. Further up the river as follows: Le Roi mine, 1,000 tons; War Eagle mine, 135 tons; Centre Star Total, 1,290 tons. The shipments for the same period last year were 1,209 tons. The shipments since January 1st, 1898, aggregate 6,996 tons. The shipments since January 1st, 1897, amount to 78,-

Hon. C. H. Mackintosh intends to leave here for England in a day or two. He will be absent several months, and while in London will arrange the necessary on foot. Pack animals cannot cross it, details for the extensive development of the properties he has secured for the

> It is probable that a large number of Rosslanders will visit Victoria during the approaching session of the legislature. No news has been received here concerning the deal which has been mentioned as pending between the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and Mr. F. August Heinze.

NELSON

Nelson, Feb. 5 .- Mr. J. A. Veatch, the superintendent of the Fern mine, is in the pose of aiding in securing Mr. Corbin's city. Mr. Veatch stated that work at charter. the mine is progressing favorably and weeks, is now able to get about, and in | that large bodies of ore of good values | are being uncovered. An electric light plant has been installed, and it is the intention to immediately put in a cyanide with a load of whiskey. Officer Boissmill, which at present are being stored. February.

the city. While in the old country they succeeded in organizing a company with a large capital to engage in mining operations in this district. On Tuesday last they took up their bond of \$5,000 on the Last Chance group, on Toad Mountain 11/2 miles from Cottonwood lake. This is a copper-gold proposition, running very high in copper, and looks

very promising. So far in 1898, the value of the mineral exports from Southern Kootenay through the port of Nelson amounts to \$1,429,262. During the month of January it amount ed to \$1.193.458, an increase of almost 100 per cent. over January, 1897.

There is at present a great deal of interest being taken by mining men and investors in the gold and copper belt, comprising Forty-Nine and Hall creeks, which, from present indications, bids fair. to become the richest mining district in Kootenay. This district includes the Silver King, Fern, the Northern Light group of the Bright Prospects Company, the Referendum and the Athabasca

The Winnipeg & Eureka Mining Company, Limited, has sent out a force of five men and a large quantity of supplies to its claims on Toad Mountain, about two miles from the Silver King. It is the intention to open up the claim and drive a tunnel to strike the lead.

Nelson, Feb. 4.—There is at present great deal of interest being taken by mining men and investors in the gold and silver belt comprising Forty-Nine creek and Hall creek, which, from present indications, bids fair to become one of the richest mining districts in Kootenay. This district includes the Silver King, Fern and Northern Light group of the Bright Mr. Richard Nightingale leaves on the Prospects Gold Mining Company, Referendum and Athabasca. The Fern, Northern Light and Referendum are free milling propositions, all of which are betaking on their cargoes for the terminal chiefly gold, and shows a width of ledge on the Stikine river. He expects of 44 inches. There are many other fine development work done, which show rich bodies of ore on the surface. The outlook is that this district will be a very attractive one for investors during the coming year, as there are many strong propositions carrying high values.

The tug now being built by Captain Angus Campbell and Elliott & Hale on the point below the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway depot, will be completed about the 1st of March. The machinery for it is on the way from the Waterous Engine Works. Brantford, Ont. The tug is 80 feet long, 14 feet beam, with 61 feet draft, and when completed will be one of the finest boats of its kind on the inland waters of British Columbia. J. A. Veach, superintendent of the

Fern mine, is in the city. To your correspondent Mr. Veach reported that work at the mine is steadily progressing and that large bodies of ore of exceptionally good values are being uncovered. An electric light plant is being put in, and training a baker's dozen of husky and it is the intention of the company to immediately commence the installing of a cyanide plant for the treatment of the Cowichan Institute took place at the tailings of the stamp mill which are at Agricultural Hall on Thursday evening present being stored. This process will, last. A goodly company tripped the light it is expected, almost double the output

at present being put through the mill, and ver Queen, Hailstorm, Gibraltar, Promthe amount can be greatly increased at itora, Eureka, Winnipeg and many very little expense as an additional ten others. The Columbia-Cariboo consists Rev. Geo. A. Wilson, of the First stamps will be added as soon as the cyan of a group of three claims, and has a Presbyterian church, will remain here, ide plant is installed. The next clean up well-defined lead of rose quartz that is will be made about the end of February. 3,000 feet in length, carrying galena and Mr. Veach said there was no truth in the carbonates and running high in gold from report that the mine had been sold to an the grassroots. On the Black Bess but English syndicate.

LILLOOET.

Our Chilkoot pass, the divide above which assays from \$10 to \$400. The Sil-Seaton lake, has been blocked with new- ver Queen group is being developed on a ly fallen snow lately, but is being shovel- large and generous scale, and the ledge, led out to get supplies over into the Bride river and Tyanghton districts. high grade and of a quality that can be Extensive preparations are being made fluxed right at the mine at a nominal for work there as soon as the season cost. In fact, the company operating this opens. A gang of men arrived on Friday group has in contemplation the erection for the B. C. Trust Co to go to the in the spring of a copper matte furnace. South Fork. This company intends push- done on the Hailstorm. The vein of this ing the development of this property. The Golden Cache stock has gone up

No one is speaking of Klondike, but all Inland Sentinel,

GRAND FORKS.

Grand Forks, Feb. 3.-A prospector zel and Wynn were in a house of ill-fame there will be big camps in both the when they got into an altercation, and Rossland, Feb. 5.—The ore shipments Frizzel, drawing his revolver, shot Wynn wound. The wounded man was taken to the hospital at Eureka where his wound mine, 75 tons; Iron Mask mine, 80 tons. | was dressed by Dr. Manly. It is understood the American authorities will take charge of Frizzel on a charge of shooting with intent to kill.

a workman named Moore was accidentally killed by a lever striking him on the back, breaking his neck.

At a meeting of the board of trade, held yesterday, it was unanimously decided to send Richard Armstrong of Rossland to Ottawa as a delegate to push for the Corbin charter. It was intimated that the expense of sending Mr. Armself and the Grand Forks Townsite Company \$100. Mr. Armstrong will leave Rossland to-morrow for Ottawa.

At yesterday's session of the city council the clerk read a petition signed by 60. of the ratepayers of the town. It prayed that the city council donate the sum of \$300 to aid in defraying Richard Armstrong's expenses to Ottawa for the pur-

On Tuesday evening last Customs Officer Boissnault of Nelson, Wash., arrested Chas. Benson just as he was in plant to treat the tailings of the stamp | nault confiscated the entire outfit, which consisted of a team of horses and some It is expected that the cyanide plant 32 gallons of whiskey. Provincial Conwill double the output of gold per ton. stable Dinsmore of Grand Forks was sent The ten stamps will not be put in until for and escorted the man Benson from after the cyanide plant is installed. The Carson to the international boundary line next clean-up will be about the end of near Marcus, Wash., when he was placed in the custody of the American officers Messrs. Wilson Bros., of Nelson, who and taken to Spokane for trial. Chas. went to England last fall, have returned Benson is a well known character in this pig in Eureka camp for some time past.

PROMISING SECTIONS.

Cariboo Creek and Lardeau Rapidly Coming to the Front.

S. Thornton Langley, who recently visited the Cariboo Creek camp and the Lardeau country, is much impressed with what he has seen, says the Rossland Miner. In a talk yesterday he said in

relation to Cariboo Creek: "This camp seems to have been, to a large extent, overlooked by the experts and speculators, and yet it is a most promising region, and there are some properties being developed there that will heard from before long as producers of bullion. The formation is solid, the ledges as a rule do not pinch out, and are more uniform in the matter of the amount of ore they carry than is the case with ledges in some other sections. fact, everything there, so far as the development extends, indicates permanence, high values and mines that will pay dividends. Among the properties that are showing up well are the Columbia-Cari-



man you will mother. A mental welto a tremenupon ther's conthe period o gestation. If, during these

months, the nother sufweakness of the delicate and im-

gans that bear the burdens of maternity, the chances are that her child will be weak, puny and sickly, with the seeds of serious disease already implanted in its little body at birth. If the mother, during the interesting period, suffers from the abnormal, mental states which recur periodically with woconditions will impress themselves upon the mind of the child.

the mind of the child.

Every woman wants children who are both physically and mentally healthy. Every woman may have that kind of children if she will take proper care of herself in a womanly way. Dr. Pierce's Favorate Prescription is the best of all medicines for prespective mothers. It acts directly and prospective mothers. It acts directly on the delicate and important organs that bear the brunt of maternity. It makes them arong, healthy, vigorous, virile and elastic. It allays inflammation, heals ulceration, soothes pain and tones and builds up the shattered nerves. It banishes the usual discomforts of the critical period, and makes baby's introduction to the world easy and almost painless. It insures fife bittle new almost painless. It insures the little new comer's health and a bountiful supply of

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little work has been done. On the Trio a quartz ledge has been uncovered that is rich, the ore being gold and galena. which is 14 feet wide, carries ore of a

"Forty Thieves" group of claims on the Considerable development work has been property outcrops for a distance of 400 feet, and it is a promising claim. I since the strike of the rich lead in the think that the Promitora is a valuable mine. It has every sign of being the property. The ore which the company true lead and assays very high in free that is operating it is shipping goes over \$50 net to the ton. The Great Western and the Millie Mack are also mining prolook forward to a good season here and perties of merit. A find of rich ore has the proving of the district as one of the been made on the divide between Cariboo richest in the province.-Correspondence creek and Slocan lake, and this is evidence that the Slocan silver ledges extend through the divide into the Cariboo district. In the vicinity of Lardeau there are a number of really valuable properties named Wynn was probably fatally shot at Eureka camp last Wednesday by Dick over thoroughly at the very first opportu-Frizzel, one of Eureka's bad men. Friz- mity that presents itself. In my opinion ities I have mentioned."

FROM THE NORTH.

Steamer Novo Arrives at Departure Bay With 25 Passengers.

The steamer Noyo, Capt. Lundquist, arrived at Departure Bay this afternoon, Last Wednesday while assisting to put having been just a week in making the in some machinery at the Republic mine trip from Skagway, says yesterday's Nanaimo. Free Press. Her delay is accounted for by towing the schooner Louis J. Kennedy, of Boston, Mass., from Skagway. The Kennedy was engaged to take a party of sixteen Bostonians to the gold regions, and is now bound for Seattle, where the Noyo will tow her. The strong to Ottawa would be \$600, of this steamed Noyo had just 25 disgusted passum the city council have donated \$300, sengers aboard, tired of the country and while Mayor Manly will give \$200 him- the trip home, and several of them were loud in their denunciation of the Klendike rush. The Noyo left Skagway the day of the Fay-McGrath murder, and consequently had not further news than already published. Among the passengers was Mr. William H. Jeffrey, of Portland, for years a well known newspaper man, and who is secretary of the Maine-Klondike Company, which will send hundreds of Maine's population to the Klondike. The Alaska-Yukon-Klondike Gold Syndicate; which company Mr. Jeffrey has been north in the interests of, is looking over the respective routes, so as to be able to send an intelligent report to head quarters: Mr. Jeffrey favored a Free Press man with a short interviwe this afternoon, in which he stated he was well satisfied with his trip and thought his report would be satisfactorily received. One other passenger was also inter-

viewed and who proved himself to be a hard subject to interview. This personare proved to be a Mr. A. G. Snure, of where he and his party have been work ing and have gone down 27 feet without striking anything excepting good colors. Mr. A. G. Snure said he had discovered othing, but from other passengers on eard it was learned that he had at the owest calculation \$10,000 in gold dust board. This rumor was substantiated by the report of the captain and purser

Mr. Snure is out for the purpose of stocking for the spring, and will renain in Portland but a few days, when e will again sail north.

Mr. Macaulay, of Victoria, is making reat headway with his aerial tramway, which will shortly be completed. Messrs. Snure and Jeffrey were arguing board the vessel about the moral conduct of Skagway, and Mr. Snure said the only way to have peace in Skagway was to hand it over to the control of the Canadian government, who can easily govern the place in a respectable manwhich seems an impossibility for the Americans to do. This speaks voldike, coming as it does from an American

who has been in Canadian territory for

the past six months. One man who left Vancouver to seek work at Skagway or Dyea, managed to stow away aboard the boat, and is now working his way to Seattle the next port of call of the Noyo. He stated to a Free Press representative that 200 men could do all the work at Skagway, and there was at least a surplus of 500 idle fellows, who had nothing to do but hang around the town, drinking and gambling. The officers of the boat were in the hotel at the time Fay murdered McGrath and the captain says beyond a doubt that Skagway is the swiftest town her was ever in.

Ther are no recent arrivals from Dawson, although the Novo had several letters for the American side from the gold

They report that the position of the ill-fated Corona was more perilous on their return trip than is was when they went up. The stern is very much more submerged, while the bow is now completely out of water, bringing the vessel n a more critical position. It is now feared she will slip off the rock and sink in deep water. They had no communication with the people on shore.

KIDNEY CLOUDS.

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Kidney Symptoms are legion. Have ou dull, aching pain, or stiffness in the oins, tenderness in the kidney region, headache and backache, visual disorders, dizzines, sluggish circulation, dropsical circulation, irregular heart, hot or ere skin., sediment in the urine. Any of these indicate kidney disease. Seed sowing for a fatal harvest. South American Kidney Cure is the one proved tested, and never-failing specific for kidney diseases in all forms at all stages. It has worked miracles. Sold by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall & Co. In a seril of the last many

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rd Salisbury said vernment had ask hinese loan were ted towards incre China and contain us to China herself. ordship, "the Chine us that it would For reasons tha to enter into very own personal con hey expressed the not insist on the replied that the though we and I sugge red until the rail

obvious to every well that the n is practically arise till the rail A few days after nald reported tha accepted as a con since then I have Talienwan. But I am not very mu ently received from urance that any por employ as an outle erce will be a free po erce of this country uch better than a us having ascertain as to be a free port, ttle indeed to know a treaty port or not. "I may say that s ave been made by nment respecting the ently occupied. vernment went furth attering to us, for the dor told me they h ur manner of dealing vas better than their tance at any rate, nitate our methods.

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an advance in want scale of 18, 19 ar, according to employee, to a f The advance is d that prices h increased prosperi the men cannot eir present wages.