

A SOOKE MYSTERY

The Skeleton of a Young Man Discovered in the Woods Near Sooke.

It Has Been Lying There for Many Years—Provincial Police to Investigate

In the provincial police office are the remains of what some years ago was a man. There are three boxes, in which is a large collection of charred bones, a skull, also charred and blackened by smoke...

The remains were discovered by Constable J. Armour, while heading round Naylor's Hill for grouse. They were widely scattered, as if dogs, panthers or some other animals had been pulling them about.

No money or anything else that would lead to identification was discovered. All that was found, besides the bones, remains of the clothing, a pair of boots (number seven), a carpenter's punch, which is covered with rust...

Dr. Crompton this afternoon examined the remains, and from the examination made by him he concluded that they were those of a young man of small stature. The skull was all whole and none showed signs of decay.

There is some talk, Constable Poole says, among the residents of Sooke district of a young carpenter who disappeared down there from the city some six years ago and mysteriously disappeared.

Applications for Private Bills to be Made to the Legislature.

Messrs. Davis, Marshall, McNeill & Abbott give notice in the current issue of the Gazette of their intention to apply to the legislature for an act to incorporate a company with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain a standard gauge railway from a point at or near Arrow Lake, Kootenay district; thence by the most direct and feasible route, via Trout Lake, to some point at the north end of Kootenay lake.

Woman, Oct. 21.—Mrs. Frank Alwyn, wife of a saloon-keeper, shot herself in the breast this morning and died almost instantly. She left a note saying that she was tired of life. In a bureau drawer she was found a note written by herself, with a note pinned on it reading: "Bury me in this."

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THE TOWNSHIP QUESTION.

Meeting at Revelstoke With Hewitt Bostock, M.P., and J. McKenna.

Hewitt Bostock, M.P., and J. McKenna, of the department of the interior, arrived here from Kamloops on Monday morning. Mr. McKenna has been sent by the grants department to inquire into the land titles disputes here and in other places on the Dominion belt...

THE PILOT BAY CONCENTRATOR

Said to be About to Open—Smelter to be Blown in Later.

Kaslo, B. C., Oct. 18.—The concentrator at Pilot Bay is said to be ready for opening to-day, and it is further stated that as soon as it gets concentrates enough ahead, which will be in a week or two, the smelter will be blown in.

ANOTHER FORT STEELE CLAIM.

Samples of Exceedingly Rich Ore Brought to Nelson.

Nelson, B. C., Oct. 10.—One of the members of the Pyramid Kootenay Mining Company has brought into Nelson some exceedingly fine specimens of ore from properties belonging to the company located in the Purdy section of the mountain at Pilot Bay.

NEW LEDGE IN THE RUBY CLAIM.

A Property on Hardy Mountain That is Apparently Rich.

Grand Forks, B. C., Oct. 18.—Joseph Ward has struck a new ledge of free milling quartz on the Ruby claim, on Hardy mountain, about three miles from Grand Forks. It has assays ranging from high as \$2,825.28 in gold to the ton.

LATEST FROM WEST COAST.

Work Will Continue at the Mines Through the Winter.

Mr. W. B. Garrard, who arrived last evening from the West Coast, was interviewed by a Free Press representative and gave the following information: On the West Coast a very large number of prospectors are still out and a great many good strikes have been made.

Development work has been going on on claims on Mount Douglas, and assessment work is being put on some properties on Mineral Hill.

Human life is held too cheaply when the individual who needs a tonic for his system seeks to cover his wants by purchasing every new mixture that is recommended to him.

Buda Beth, Oct. 21.—The lower-house of the diet to-day passed the bill providing for a year the Austro-Hungarian compact, entered into in 1867, which was renewed in 1897 and again in 1897. It was upon the point of expiring.

WON'T OVERLOOK US

Sir William Van Horne Says Victoria Will Not Be Ignored by His Company.

Will Cure the Telegraph Grievance No Matter How Much It Costs.

Sir William Van Horne yesterday assured the members of the Board of Trade that Victoria would not be ignored by the company in the matter of the C.P.R. The management had not talked over the details of the service, but the members could be assured that Victoria would not be overlooked.

THE MINER'S WEALTH.

A Methodist Clergyman Who Staked a Miner Justifies His Act.

Robert McIntyre, a Methodist minister of Chicago, has stirred some of his brethren because he grubstaked a miner in the Klondike. The Chicago Tribune interviewed Mr. McIntyre on the subject.

MR. TURNER'S TRICKINESS.

The Rossland Miner (government) of the 14th of October, in a report of a meeting in the Board of Trade rooms there, quotes Hon. Mr. Turner as saying: The government had "guaranteed the interest" (the might have added "and the principal") on the bonds of the Nakusp and Slocan railway, and that subsidy (presumably the Dominion contribution of \$118,400) "had been nearly exhausted."

BONDED THE GOLDEN CROWN.

A High Grade Property Located Near Copper Mountain.

Grand Forks, B. C., Oct. 19.—F. M. Longshore and G. C. Porter have just returned from a two-weeks' trip through the Similkameen section. They were as far as Roache creek, near Princeton, and while in that section succeeded in bonding the Golden Crown, a fine gold property assessed as high as \$4,000 to the ton in gold and copper.

C. C. C.'S BIG PROGRAMME.

It Intends to Locate in British Columbia and Revolutionize Things.

The Canadian Co-operative Commonwealth is the name of an organization recently formed in Eastern Canada. Its constitution is in many respects similar to that of the Russian Co-operative Commonwealth, and it has a programme of work. Its objects are: To educate the people to the principles of co-operation.

SHIPPING NEWS.

The Happenings of a Day Along the Water Front.

The steamer Tekoa, Lieut. G. H. Noakes, R.N.R., master, sailed from Steveston yesterday on her way to the United Kingdom which a cargo of salmon and ore. Just before her departure Mr. Mackay, of Steveston, owner of a wharf near to which the Tekoa was moored, put in a claim for \$300 for alleged damages done to his wharf.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that sixty days after date the undersigned intends to make application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 320 acres of land situated at the South Arm of Teelin Lake—East side of the Arm—commencing from the southwest corner post of George Byrne claim: these east 40 chains, thence south 80 chains to the line of Alfred J. Thomas claim; thence west 40 chains to A. J. Boyd's corner post; thence north 80 chains to point of commencement along the east bank of Hamilton River and the east shore of the Arm.

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SPAIN AND CUBA. Text of the Note from the Spanish Government to General Wood. Not Yet Made Public.

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Madrid, Oct. 26.—The Spaniard refuses to furnish for the text of the note which Spain presented to the United States Minister Wood in answer to the communication the general placed in the hands of Duke of Tetuan early in September. The United States minister advised the Spanish reply to officials of the United States are engaged in translating it, and it is reported that States minister will cable to Washington the full text of the Spanish reply. Although the government does not give out the text of the official communication that it is expected that the answer of Spain will be published here after the recess of Congress.

But, before Congress re-assembly by Spanish officials the condition of affairs in Cuba as the insurrection on the island, will have considerably advanced, therefore, the whole question is a brighter aspect. Finally, it is announced from sources that the Spanish government will actively pursue a new policy in Cuba, and take more energetic action against the Cuban insurrection. Spain, Oct. 25.—A report is given here by soldiers who were ordered for the island of Cuba refused to transport. Although they were eventually compelled to obey the order, it is said that the soldiers are being transferred to other troops ordered to the war.

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