

BRIEF LOCALS.

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

—There is no truth in the statement appearing in this morning's *Colonist* to the effect that Mr. Shears has been reinstated to the position of appraiser.

—As after waiting patiently for over an hour there were not sufficient members present to form a quorum, the meeting of the Board of Health called for this morning at the city hall was not held.

—For throwing night soil on Government street, Andrew Vigiles appeared before Police Magistrate Macrae this morning in the police court and was fined \$20 and costs. Five *Sivashes* for being found drunk were fined \$5 each, and an Indian woman for the same offence contributed \$10 to the treasury.

—The pastor and congregation of the Victoria West Methodist church and several members of the other Methodist churches of the city, last evening drove to Mount Tolibie, in two busses and gave Rev. C. Bryant and Mrs. Bryant a pleasant surprise. Several hours were pleasantly spent.

—While Mrs. Smith, the wife of Constable Alexander Smith, was visiting her husband, who is lying at the Jubilee Hospital, on Saturday evening, burglars entered her house and carried away several articles, among which was a clock. The burglars had, judging from the quantity of goods they had packed ready to carry away, been disturbed and made off hurriedly.

—The funeral of the late Andrew Laing took place this afternoon from his late residence at James Bay. The funeral ceremony was conducted by Rev. W. Leslie Clay. The members of the Victoria Lodge No. 1, I.O.O.F., and of the A.O.U.W. attended in a body. The pall bearers were Messrs. Roberts, F. Jarns, Sr., R. Borthwick, J. Davies, —Eudean, and T. Flewin.

—George McLean appeared in the police court this morning charged with being found in an Indian's cabin in possession of a leg of beef. He was discharged, as this was not an offence under the statute. J. Forbes also appeared before the police magistrate charged with vagrancy. As he wished to go counsel to defend him he was remanded until Friday morning. Ernest Steele, accused of an infraction of the public morals by-law, was discharged.

—At the meeting of the Trades and Labor council held yesterday evening it was decided to ask the incoming board of aldermen to give their printing to offices where only the least is employed. They also decided to ask the candidates for election whether they are in favor of day or contract labor and to place on election day, the mayor having given permission, petitions at each of the polling booths for signature asking that the Chinese poll tax be raised to \$500.

—What might have been a very serious fire occurred on Sunday morning at corner of Randall and James streets, James Bay. About two o'clock in the morning one of the children awoke and cried for a drink. When Mrs. Costello went to get a drink for the child she found the next room filled with smoke and after securing the assistance of some neighbors discovered fire in a cupboard. The fire, which was no doubt caused by rats, was extinguished without calling out the fire department.

—James Forrest, of Forrest Island, has been put on trial for assisting Frank Warner to escape to the United States. Upon his return Deputy-Collector White, of Sidney, went out to Forrest Island and after a search found the sloop which was used to take Warner across. It had been hidden by Forrest, as he was probably afraid of seizure. Mr. White took possession of the sloop, and it has been confiscated by Collector Milne. Mr. White had warned some time ago that it was illegal to go in his sloop to the United States without a permit.

—The case of the *Triumph* was concluded at the sitting of the Behring Sea Claims Commission held this morning, and evidence was taken in the case of the *Oscar* and *Hattie*. Mr. Penney, formerly manager of the Pacific Sealing Company, who is the owner of the *Oscar* and *Hattie*, gave evidence relating to her seizure and outfit. The claim of the *Oscar* and *Hattie* arises from the fact that on August 30, 1892, she was seized by the United States man-of-war *Mohican* and taken to Sitka. She was afterwards given over to H. M. S. *Meopone* and by her taken to Victoria, where proceedings were taken against the schooner for breach of the *modus vivendi* of 1891.

—At the regular meeting of Seghers Council No. 53, Y.M.I. held last evening, the following officers were installed for the ensuing term by Council Deputy D. McBride: President, W. H. Harris; 1st vice president, C. J. Wilkes; 2nd vice president, L. Gray; rec. sec., S. A. Bently; fin. sec., M. Steele; cor. sec., J. Colbert; treasurer, L. Leonard; marshal, E. Geiger; inside sentinel, H. Sehl; outside sentinel, C. Geiger; executive committee, Rev. J. Nicolay, H. J. O'Leary and A. H. V. Hall. Several applications for membership were received, and the quarterly reports of the officers were read, which showed the council to be in a flourishing condition. The council will give the seventh of their series of progressive whist parties on Thursday evening. The whist parties will close at the end of next month when several handsome prizes will be given to the winners.

—Information was received to-day by Superintendent Eusey, of the provincial police, that the body of Look Yee, a Chinaman had been found at Pavilion suspended by a rope which was attached under his chin. The coroner held an inquest on the Chinaman's body and the verdict was brought in that he had died by being strangled. Constables Burr and Harvey, who are investigating the matter, have arrested two Chinamen who are charged with being implicated in the murder of their fellow-countryman. They have so far been able to secure but very little evidence against them. Pavilion is situated on the Main

land between Clinton and Lillocet, and there are many mining claims in the vicinity. Some time ago the dead man jumped a claim belonging to another Chinaman, and it is extremely probable that this had something to do with his taking off.

—Ah Sam, the Chinaman who was so brutally assaulted on Friday evening last and who is still under the care of Dr. R. L. Fraser, went with the police to a Chinese laundry on Blanchard street and identified one of the employees as one of the men who assaulted him. The man, who gave his name as Ah Fua, was brought before Police Magistrate Macrae this morning and was remanded until Friday morning in order to allow the police force to obtain more evidence against him. Ah Sam is confident that he can find the other two men and identify them, as when he opened the door of his cabin to admit them on Friday evening last he had a good look at his hand and they are members of one of the largest secret societies having a branch in Chinatown, the Lee Yip Company, and it seems that the assault has been out of some trouble of which he will not speak—that the victim has had the company.

—Rev. Canon Beaudouin officiated at the funeral of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Davis, at the Christ Church Cathedral, where the funeral services were held, and at the grave.

—Richard Russell, of Hamilton, Ont., has become a partner with Messrs. Dier & Davidson, mining brokers. The firm will hereafter be known as Dier, Davidson & Russell. Mr. Russell will continue his residence in Hamilton, acting as the Eastern representative of the firm.

—It was reported to the police to-day by Mrs. Sea of Cadboro Bay that an old man who lived in that vicinity had taken a valuable watch from her and left an old one belonging to him in exchange. It is thought that he has gone over to the American side and taken the watch with him.

—At the regular meeting of Perseverance lodge, which was held last night, some of the officers of Fidelity lodge assisted in entertaining the members present. The programme consisted of songs, readings, instrumental music and a Chinese monologue by Mr. Crowdsdale. Mrs. Hall was welcomed back from her Southern tour. Coffee and cake were served at the close.

—Ex-Ald. A. J. McLellan has a large force of men at work on the new trestle being built across Niagara Canyon. About two decks of the trestle are erected, and Mr. McLellan is confident that it will be completed by February 1st. The filling in of "Double-Header" canyon has also been completed, and trains are now running on the new track there instead of taking the old double curve.

—The adjourned quarterly general meeting of the British Columbia Board of Trade will be held on Friday next, at 3 o'clock p.m. in business. President, report; consideration of report of standing committee on manufactures; extension of foreign trade, etc.; consideration of report of standing committee on mining; re-formation of mining companies; election of new members.

—Another quartette of vagrants were brought before Police Magistrate Macrae this morning. Two of them, Peter Sayers and Thomas Graves, were remanded until Saturday morning, and allowed out on their own recognizance. The two others were convicted, and one, Miles Robinson, was sentenced to four months' imprisonment, and the other, Daniel Fisher, to three months, each with hard labor.

—Ah Yim was arrested this morning by officers Gilchrist and Macdonald, charged with stealing 18 chickens and some ducks from the residence of George White, on Hereward street, Victoria West. The chickens were shot from the accused's shack. Among other articles found in the shack was a dark lantern and a silver mounted umbrella with the name "Belyea" inscribed on the handle.

—Deputy Supreme Commander Richardson installed the following officers of Victoria Tent No. 2, Knights of the Macabees of the World: F. C. James Bell, C. H. J. Collins, J. C. B. Wistler, R. K. A. Barker, F. K. J. William Minty; Chaplain, J. Brown; physicians Dr. F. W. Hall and Dr. R. L. Fraser, sec. gen., H. H. Hewings; master at arms, H. Henry; 1st M. G. J. B. Deane; 2nd M. G. J. Isler, sentinel, William O'Brien; picket, J. H. Getschman.

—The case of the *Oscar* & *Hattie* was concluded this morning at the sitting of the Behring Sea Claims Commission and the case of the *Minnie* taken up. Captain Magnusson and Captain Victor Jacobson gave evidence in this case as to the length of the season. The claim of the *Minnie* is for seizure in 1889. The case of the *Triumph* was also taken up. Mr. E. Crow Baker being examined in this case. The *Triumph's* claim is for the warping of that schooner in 1889 to leave Behring sea by the United States cutter *Rush*.

—Mr. E. J. Bitancourt, a resident of Salt Spring Island, and his son, arrived in the city to-day and told the provincial police how they narrowly escaped being shot while coming down in their sloop. About 11:30 this morning when passing Clover Point they heard the report of a rifle, and the ball struck the water near the stern of the boat. A second shot was fired and this passed through the sloop and into a box in the cabin. The second shot, had it been higher, would have struck the son, who was at the wheel. Mr. Bitancourt and his son, becoming alarmed, tried to screen themselves, but no further shots were fired. In all probability the shots were fired by careless marksmen practicing at the Clover Point range.

—The weekly sitting of the small debts court was held yesterday afternoon by Magistrate Macrae.

—Fifteen cent jet bottles and other tin ware just received at R. A. Brown & Co's, 80 Douglas street.

—It is understood that Mr. C. H. Lagrin, who for some years was managing editor of the *Seattle Times*, has been appointed editor of the *Colonist*.

—The officers of the Sir William Wal-

lace Society are preparing a very attractive programme for their open meeting to be held to-morrow evening.

—Charles A. Dismore, late of New Westminster, has purchased the interest of E. V. Chambers in the Nanaimo Mail and will be the future editor of the paper.

—The charges laid against Captain A. E. McCallum by J. A. Lawrence, were this morning remanded until the 21st inst. Negotiations are, it is said, being made for a settlement of these cases.

—The dog poisoner is busy at present in the neighborhood of Beacon Hill park. The residents in that vicinity place suspicion on a man who lives in that part of the city, and propose to combine and endeavor to bring the acts home to him.

—A contract was let yesterday by the Good Roads Committee of the City of Fairview, for 60 feet of work on the tunnel on the company's property, and for the erection of a blacksmith's shop and a dwelling for the employees. The last assay made from the shaft on this property was \$2.15.

—Assisted by an efficient staff, D. D. G. Sister Glover installed the following officers of the Colfax lodge, No. 1, on Tuesday evening: N. G. Sister Batchelor; V. G. Sister Dempster; Rec. and Per. Sec. Sister Grant; O. G. Bro. Huxtable; L. G. Sister Davis; Warden, Sister Smith; Chap. Sister Smith; Chap. Sister Carme; B. S. N. G. Sister Riddell; L. S. N. G. Sister Ker-shaw; R. S. V. G. Sister Meldrum; L. S. V. G. Sister Taylor.

—At St. Barnabas church last evening Charles Arthur Goodwin, of Ayls-ham, Norfolk, England, was united in marriage to Miss Janet Wilde, of Liverpool, England. The ceremony was given away by Mr. J. Mills, was attended by Miss Alice Wilde and Miss Dorothy Allison, while the groom was supported by Mr. W. H. Lettice and Mr. Ambrose Allison. Rev. J. B. Haslam officiated. The wedding was a very quiet and pretty affair. Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin were the recipients of many handsome presents.

—Ah Yim appeared before Police Magistrate Macrae in the police court this morning charged with being in possession of some stolen chickens and ducks. He was convicted and sentenced to four months' imprisonment with hard labor. Ah Sing, charged with stealing a coat from a Japanese, was sent up for two months. George Thompson, who stole a pair of boots from outside Booth's second hand store on Johnson street, was sentenced to three months. Owing to the court room being used this morning for election purposes, the police court was held in the council chamber.

—The case of the *Ariel* was taken up by the Behring Sea Claims Commission this morning. The claim of the *Ariel* is on account of the warping of that schooner on July 30th, 1889, in Behring Sea by the United States revenue cutter *Rush*. Captain Samuel W. Buckman, who was master of the *Ariel* in that year, and on her driving her cruise in Behring Sea, gave evidence relating to the warning, as did the mate, Hermann Smith, and Hunter Gerow. The case was continued this afternoon.

Judging from the progress being made by the Commission at present, the hearing will be finished in this city about the middle of next week. The next sitting will be held at San Francisco, where further evidence, which could not be obtained in this city, will be taken.

VICTORIA MARKETS.

Retail Quotations for Farm & Produce Carefully Corrected.

Victoria, Jan. 14.—Prices Current on the city markets remain about the same as previously quoted, with the exception of mutton (whole), which, owing to the fact of meat having become scarce on the markets has been increased, and eggs, the price of which have been lowered. Flours are still quoted as before.

Oatmeal, Hungarian flour.....	\$6.50
Lake of the Woods.....	\$6.50
Rainier.....	\$6.50
Snowflake.....	\$5.75
XXX.....	\$5.50
Lion.....	\$5.50
Premier.....	\$5.50
Three Star (Enderby).....	\$5.50
Selem Baker's (O.K.).....	\$5.50
Selem.....	\$5.75
Wheat, per ton.....	\$37.50 to \$40.00
Barley, per ton.....	\$30.00 to \$32.00
Maize, per ton.....	\$22.00 to \$25.00
Brass, per ton.....	\$20.00
Ground feed, per ton.....	\$25.00 to \$27.00
Corn, whole.....	\$30.00 to \$32.00
Corn, cracked.....	\$35.00
Cornmeal, per 10 pounds.....	35c.
Rolls, 10 pounds.....	40c.
Oatmeal, (Or. or N.W.).....	3c.
Rolls, (B. & K.) 7lb. sacks.....	30c.
Patatoes, per pound.....	14c.
Cabbage.....	3c.
Hay, baled, per head.....	10c. to 12c.
Hay, loose, per ton.....	\$13 to \$15
Straw, per bale.....	75c.
Bananas.....	40 to 50c.
Lemons (California).....	25c. to 35c.
Apples, Eastern, per lb.....	5c.
Oranges (California) per doz. 40 to 50c.	
Oranges (Japanese), per box 40 to 50c.	
Fish—salmon, per lb.....	10c. to 12c.
Halibut.....	10 to 12c.
Fish—small.....	8c. to 10c.
Smoked bladders, per lb.....	12c.
Eggs, Island, fresh per doz.....	30c. to 35c.
Eggs, Manitoba.....	25c.
Butter, creamery, per lb.....	35c.
Butter, Dakota creamery, per lb.....	35c.
Butter, fresh.....	30c. to 40c.
Cheddar, per lb.....	15 to 20c.
Hams, American, per lb.....	16c. to 18c.
Hams, Canadian, per lb.....	16c.
Bacon, rolled, per lb.....	12c. to 15c.
Bacon, long cut, per lb.....	10c. to 12c.
Bacon, Canadian, per lb.....	14c. to 16c.
Shoulders.....	14c.
Lard.....	12c. to 14c.
Sides, per lb.....	75c.
Meat—beef, per lb.....	7c. to 10c.
Veal.....	10c. to 12c.
Mutton, per lb.....	10 to 15c.
Mutton (whole).....	8.12c.
Pork, fresh, per lb.....	10c. to 12c.
Pork, sides, per lb.....	10c. to 12c.
Chickens, per pair.....	\$1.00 to \$1.50

George B. Robertson, Moresey Island, is the third man to have been put to death by hanging since the execution of Mrs. J. B. Gordon and came over from Vancouver last night.

TO-DAY'S ELECTION

Municipal Campaign Closes With a Very Noisy Meeting in the City Hall.

Keen Interest Taken in To-Day's Election and a Heavy Vote Was Poll.

The majority of those who attended the last meeting of the municipal campaign went to the City Hall to get as much fun as possible, and they succeeded admirably. The crowd at times took possession of the meeting and notwithstanding the protests of the chairman, Mr. Jardine, they refused to listen to some of the speakers until they had "jollied" them for several minutes. Mr. Redfern, however, received a good hearing and delivered a sensible address.

At times the meeting became uproarious and pandemonium reigned. In the midst of the greatest hubbub an old man rose from the audience and introduced himself as a friend of "Captain" Beaven. He produced a black bottle, and proceeding to the platform, insisted that the mayor should take some of it. The mayor refused to drink, but shook hands with his newly found friend. The chairman was next approached, but he also refused to drink from the "black bottle." To prove to them that the stuff was all right the old man took a long drink himself.

Mayor Beaven and Ald. Macmillan exchanged compliments to the satisfaction of the audience. After the alderman and Rosford seems to be turning out very well. I am thinking seriously of trying my luck there, and shall be obliged to you if you can find time to drop me a few lines and saying if there is any opening in Rosford in the building line. I shall also be pleased if you can tell me just how things are in British Columbia generally.

Nearly half the audience concluded the fun was over and left the hall. Ald. Humphrey, ex-Ald. Dwyer, Mr. McCandless, Mr. Riddell, ex-Ald. Vignoles, Mr. E. A. Lewis spoke briefly to the remaining portion of the audience, and the meeting closed at 11 o'clock.

Yesterday's mail carriers brought to the electors post cards issued by the Good Roads Committee of the Victoria Wheelmen's Club. On these cards was a ticket recommended to the electors in the interests of good roads. It was currently reported that the Good Roads Committee could not come to a conclusion regarding the tickets so they put the names of the candidates for aldermen in a hat and then drew three for each ward. The good and bad in this ticket would lend color to the state of affairs here. For mayor—C. E. Redfern; for North Ward aldermen—McGregor, McCandless and Kinsman; Central Ward—Stewart, Partridge and Humphrey; South Ward—Harrison, Hulse and Thacker.

Outside the contest for the majority the keenest interest was to-day evinced in the fight for aldermanic positions for the North Ward, as the candidates were more numerous there. A peculiar interest was shown in this morning's *Colonist* and Kinsman. The local in question stated that "A deputation of the radical wing of the party, who were the supporters of the candidates for the North Ward yesterday in an endeavor to secure their withdrawal from the contest so that the Grit ticket might have an easy election." Messrs. Macmillan, Dwyer and Riddell. No such ticket was ever hinted at by any one, but the *Colonist's* efforts to give character to the other three excellent men upon who had expressed their intention of voting for one or more of the last three candidates read the *Colonist* and voted for Messrs. Macmillan, Riddell and Dwyer.

The election of the North Ward as they entered the polling booth were each presented with a card, requesting a vote for Messrs. McCandless, McGregor and Kinsman. Great efforts were being made to poll a large vote. A peculiar interest was shown in this morning's election, Mr. Redfern's forces appeared to be better organized, and his friends are confident that he will be the next mayor.

The arrangements for voting were excellent and there was no disorderly conduct of any kind about the polling booths. On account of a new idea introduced this year, whereby all the ballots have to be counted before the votes are counted, the Times is unable to give any returns in its regular edition this evening.

"FARAWAY FIELDS."

Johannesburg Not So Green When Seen Near at Hand.

Following are extracts from a letter written to Mr. C. Russell, of this city, by Mr. A. Burke, dated Johannesburg, December 2nd:

"I hardly know what to tell you about this place. Without doubt it is, I should imagine, one of the marvels of the world, for the ground on which this town stands was, so late as nine years ago, bare veldt. The population is 101,000—about half whites and half blacks—and is growing every day. I am afraid to show that too many people are coming up here, and a great number of them find it most difficult to get work. I have, however, been very fortunate and have had constant work since I came. Tradesmen get as a rule 21 a day, but some people think that this wage will soon be a thing of the past. The mines are fairly busy, but I believe quite a number of them will have to close down shortly for want of water, but some people think they are putting out as much gold as ever they did.

The building trade is very busy indeed, and in the centre of the town quite a number of fine buildings are being erected. For a new town this place contains some of the finest buildings—banks, warehouses, shops—I have ever seen. The rents here are high indeed, and the wonder is that people can make anything out of their business after paying the high rents they have to do. To give you an idea of how high the rents are I may mention I have to pay \$6 a month for a small room. We have all modern conveniences here, such as trams, gas, water (very bad), electricity, etc., etc. The dust is a terrible plague here, and I can't really give you any idea of how bad it is. The water, people say, has a lot to do with other complaints. I don't know that any one really likes this place, and without doubt it is the money that keeps them here. The idea here seems to be: 'make as much money in the shortest possible time and then clear out.'

Your business is well represented here; in fact I don't know of any place where there are more clothiers, drapers, tailors, etc., and many of them have splendid premises. Five pounds upwards is the cost of a suit of clothing but ready-made clothing can be had here as cheaply as in England and America. There are many rumors about war and other dreadful things here, but for my own part I don't think there will be any war in the shape of a disturbance. A law has just been passed which will put a stop to undesirable immigrants. After January next no one will be allowed into this country unless he can show a passport from his own place, and also to show that he has a trade or possessed of at least £25. Each person here has also by this law to be registered. Some think this a good law and others think quite differently. Although the climate is more genial than that which is met with over the steep mountain passes. There need be no objection by United States customs. No portages are required on the Sticken route after reaching Teslin Lake, whereas on the Chilkoot they number about a dozen. To make the route more clear to your readers, I subjoin the following distances as given in an Alaskan guide book published recently in Seattle: The Chilkoot Pass route joins Hootalingua river, which flows out of Lake la Barge, from Juneau to Dyea, which is the head of ocean navigation is 100 miles. From Dyea to the head of canoe navigation, 6 miles; from head of canoe navigation to Summit of Chilkoot Pass, 9; from Summit to head of Lake Linderman, 9; along Lake Linderman, 6; river or portage to head of Lake Bennett, 25; Cariboo Crossing, 2; to and through Tughish Lake, 19; through river, 19; to Lake Marsh, 6; through canyon, 25; from foot of canyon and through White Horse Rapids, 8; and Tahkeena river, 16; to head of Lake la Barge, 14; and through Lake la Barge, 31; along its outlet, Thirty-Mile river, 30; to Hootalingua—a total of 320 miles. Add to the foregoing the distance from Wrangell—near the mouth of Sticken river—128 miles, and the distance to compare with the length of the Sticken and Teslin Lake route would be 448 miles—one against the other.

"From the foot of Lake la Barge to Hootalingua river, the current is very swift, with many rocks, and extreme caution should be used in navigating that river. From its junction with Hootalingua it is clear sailing for 133 miles to Five Fingers, so called because of five columns of rock which partly obstruct the river, and whose outline resembles the fingers of the human hand. After sailing about five miles, Rink Rapids, one and a half miles in length—caused by a chain of rocks reaching nearly across the river—are next reached. From this point the river is easy to navigate to its mouth. About 55 miles below the foot of Rink Rapids, old Port Selkirk is reached. It is situated near the confluence of the Pelly and Lewes rivers."

Hootalingua river is the outlet of Teslin Lake, and with that lake, is navigable from its southern shore, which is in British Columbia, and with which the proposed railway from Sticken will connect.

ALEXANDER BEGG, C. C.

BOUNDARY CREEK.

Boundary Creek Times.

Joe Shuster recently sold a claim he staked last summer near Curlew Creek for \$15,000.

Mons. Gire has started tunnelling on both on the Jack of Spades and on the St. Maurice in White's claim. The fall of snow this season is very much heavier than usual. Already in Greenwood camp the snow is five feet deep on the level.

The last issue of the *Grand Forks Miner* reports the sale of the Monarch in Greenwood camp. No sale has as yet been made of this claim. Mr. W. Jensen, proprietor of the Hotel Dallas, Victoria, visited Greenwood this week, for the purpose of securing a site suitable upon which to build a first class hotel.

The Boundary Mines Company have been granted an extension of time of two months on the No. 7 bond. The date upon which the final payment should have been made according to the original agreement was the first of January.

The assessment was completed last week on the Ophir and the Oro in Wellington camp, owned by Joe Taylor and his partners. Assays of rock taken from the bottom of the 40-foot shaft on the Ophir returned \$40 in gold and 125 ounces of silver. The ore is rose quartz with galena. On the Oro a tunnel has been run for about 40 feet on the lead, and a shaft is down between 25 and 30 feet. Assays go up to \$50.

On the 5th inst., the Boundary Mines Company, holding the bond on the Mother Lode claim in Deadwood camp, made a second payment on the property of \$8000. The Mother Lode was bonded on the 17th of June last to Col. John Wair and his associates for \$10,000, of which 10 per cent was paid down. Towards the end of September last the company, taking advantage of the capital tunnel site on the claim, put two shafts of work starting a tunnel from the line contact and running into the mountain in the direction of the ledge. After passing through about 40 feet of line, ore was struck, and from that time no barren rock has

been encountered; in fact the ore has steadily improved in grade. Within the last three or four days especially, a marked change has taken place, the ore becoming more silicious and carrying a much higher percentage of gold and copper.

STICKEN OR CHILKOOT.

To the Editor: Your dispatch dated Ottawa, Jan. 12th, which appeared in yesterday's Times, referred at some length to the "vast gold areas of the Yukon basin," and points to the "early opening up of the almost inaccessible region around Forty-Mile Creek." It says a charter is to be applied for to construct a railway from the head of Lynn Canal, via White Pass to Fort Selkirk, and that English capitalists have had their agents in Alaska last summer, and thoroughly examined the different routes, taking observations and testimony, and have satisfied themselves that the White Pass is not only the shortest but it is the only practicable route into the country. The agents may be satisfied, but the statement is not correct that the White Pass is the only practicable one and best route into the country. The best known authority on that subject asserts that the route proposed by way of Sticken river and north to Teslin Lake is much more practicable than that of the White Pass, and has many advantages over it, especially to the people of British Columbia and to those who may be interested in the Yukon country. The difference in distance between the two routes is trifling—they are about the same as far as that is concerned—but otherwise the Sticken route is much preferable. It is entirely in British territory, except a few miles up from Sticken river through which, however, British subjects have the right to proceed under the treaty of 1825. The climate is more genial than that which is met with over the steep mountain passes. There need be no objection by United States customs. No portages are required on the Sticken route after reaching Teslin Lake, whereas on the Chilkoot they number about a dozen. To make the route more clear to your readers, I subjoin the following distances as given in an Alaskan guide book published recently in Seattle: The Chilkoot Pass route joins Hootalingua river, which flows out of Lake la Barge, from Juneau to Dyea, which is the head of ocean navigation is 100 miles. From Dyea to the head of canoe navigation, 6 miles; from head of canoe navigation to Summit of Chilkoot Pass, 9; from Summit to head of Lake Linderman, 9; along Lake Linderman, 6; river or portage to head of Lake Bennett, 25; Cariboo Crossing, 2; to and through Tughish Lake, 19; through river, 19; to Lake Marsh, 6; through canyon, 25; from foot of canyon and through White Horse Rapids, 8; and Tahkeena river, 16; to head of Lake la Barge, 14; and through Lake la Barge, 31; along its outlet, Thirty-Mile river, 30; to Hootalingua—a total of 320 miles. Add to the foregoing the distance from Wrangell—near the mouth of Sticken river—128 miles, and the distance to compare with the length of the Sticken and Teslin Lake route would be 448 miles—one against the other.

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TWO RESCUED.

Only British Survivors of Consul Phillips' Party.

London, Jan. 15.—A dispatch from Brass, Guinea coast, dated January 4, announced that Captain Boissac, of the Consular Officer Boche, of the party headed by Consul Phillips which was most annihilated by natives of Be city, while on a peaceful mission to that district, unnamed have been rescued after wandering in the bush for weeks. Both were wounded. There is no hope of any further rescues. Twenty carriers have returned.

MRS. CAREW'S CASE.

Alleged Paramour Called by the Prosecution.

Yokohama, Jan. 15.—H. V. Dickens, clerk of the Hongkong and Shanghai banking corporation, the alleged paramour of Mrs. Walter Raymond, a well-known Chinese, charged with the murder of her husband by the administration of arsenic, was called to-day by the prosecution. He testified that Mrs. Carey deceived him in alleging brutality on her husband's part. The general public is in sympathy with Mary Jacob, the woman who was charged with the murder of her husband. A popular subscription has been opened to defray the expenses of her defence.

PAID THE PENALTY.

Roe, the Murderer of Mrs. Greenwood Hanged This Morning.

Napa, Cal., Jan. 15.—The crime which Roe, alias Moore, to-day suffered death, was the murder of Mrs. J. Greenwood, in February, 1891. In connection with