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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Coal Shipments.

The total foreign coal shipments from Nanaimo during the month of May were as follows: New V. C. Company, 20,062 tons; Wellington, 11,048 tons; East Wellington, 4,454 tons; Union, 4,509 tons. Total, 40,070 tons.

The Selkirk Mining Co.

The annual general meeting of the Selkirk mining and smelting company was held, yesterday morning, but beyond routine business, there was nothing of importance brought before the meeting. The statements of affairs submitted were all of a satisfactory character.

The Lost One Found.

Yesterday morning the little daughter of Mr. Rossau, of Cook street, who was in Sunday's COLONIST reported as lost, was found safe and sound with friends in Esquimalt. She had been indulging in one of her constitutional fancies for running away, which have annoyed her family and the public several times before.

Inland Revenue.

The Inland Revenue returns for Victoria division for the month of May are as follows:

Spirits	$4,512 75
Malt	2,067 00
Tobacco	752 30
Cigars	1,355 85
Coal oil inspection	160 70
Total	$8,657 10

Coeur d'Alene Gold Strike.

Great excitement prevails in the Coeur d'Alene mining district over recent gold strikes above Murray, in Bear creek. Samples of ore from one of the claims sent to this city assay $25,000 to the ton. A tramp ed into the gulch with his blankets, discovered gold and sold his claim out Friday for $20,000. Prospectors are floating into the district in great numbers.

A Good Newspaper.

The Kamloops Sentinel, referring to the improved appearance of THE COLONIST, says: "The Sentinel is not given to fraternal taffy, on the principle you tickle me and I tickle you, and we hope the COLONIST will therefore appreciate the statement the more when we say it comes nearer being a good newspaper every day in the week than any other in the province."

To Swell the Victoria Fleet.

Capt. J. G. Cox, who returned last evening from the Sound, succeeded, while in Port Townsend, in negotiating the purchase of another very creditable addition to the Victoria sealing fleet in the shape of the trim little 55 ton schooner Mischief, four years old, now lying at Port Townsend. It is expected that the Mischief's transfer to Victoria owners will be completed this week. The U. S. revenue cutter Bear was still in Seattle when Capt. Cox left, awaiting orders. Her destination is as much a matter of conjecture in the Sound city as it is in this city.

Alaska Excursionists.

Among the prominent eastern people who have taken passage on the Queen for the Alaska trip, are Rev. C. C. Tiffany, Miss T. Ogden Jones and maid, General Collis and wife, New York; Mrs. Watson, Miss Watson, Miss Smith, Chicago; John Bidwell and wife, M. Meyer and family, Alexander Boyd and wife, Miss Brach, Mrs. Hadley, E. P. Reed and wife, Byron Sherman, H. A. Duking, Warren Duking, Geo. S. Drake, J. S. Wertz and wife, and S. L. Levy. Last evening many of the excursionists spent several hours driving around the city and riding on the tram cars.

At Port Crescent.

The Port Crescent Star,—which, by the way, is soon to have a rival in the Daily Resident,—says that A. J. Blackwood, with a corps of fifteen men, left Port Crescent on the 17th of May, for Pysht, from where they will run a line to Port Crescent for the Victoria, Port Crescent and Chehalis road, —a distance of thirty miles. Mr. A. S. Going is the chief engineer in charge, and the Mr. Blackwood mentioned is a brother of Mr. E. E. Blackwood, of this city.

Wm. Newton, of Victoria, according to the Star, has opened a real-estate office in Port Crescent, and will shortly erect a fine business block on Crescent avenue.

Plenty of Good Stone.

The work on the new stone quarry of the E. & N. R. R., which is being worked from an excellent strata, about a mile beyond Nanaimo River, is being carried on with surprising activity. The work is under the superintendence of Mr. McDonald, who has received instructions to complete a large contract of this rock for the new Methodist church at Victoria. A large gang of white men are employed on the quarry who succeed in getting out a large amount of rock daily, which is brought to Nanaimo and then shipped to the capital. The rock is said to be of the finest quality that it is possible to be obtained on the Island.—Free Press.

"Arrived Down."

C. P. N. Co.'s steamer Sardonyx, which arrived from the north on Sunday night, did not, as was expected, bring any news of the wrecked Cosmopalia. They passed the unfortunate boat at Bella Bella on the up trip, May 23rd, but, Capt. Meyers says, she was then all O. K. The canneries are busy preparing for the season's work, the Chinamen and Indians being engaged in can making. Cunningham's new wharf, at Lowe Inlet, was nearing completion when the Sardonyx passed down, and by next trip will be ready for steamers to land at. It is a well made and serviceable landing place. Nothing of interest was transpiring at the northern ports at which the steamer called.

A Terrible Death.

Little four-year old Nellie Currie, whose parents live on Nelson street, Vancouver, was burned to death Saturday afternoon by her clothes catching fire from a burning foot on a vacant lot near where her parents' house is situated. The little child was out playing with her elder sister at the time. When the dress caught on fire the flames spread rapidly, completely enveloping her and frightening her sister, who ran crying for her mother. The mother hurried to the child's rescue, and found that she had fallen over on her face and was lying lifeless on the ground. The arms, hands and face of the little thing were terribly burned, and it is supposed that when she fell she lay in such a way that she was suffocated.—News-Advertiser.

Columbia River Salmon.

There is plenty of salmon in the Columbia and fishermen at Astoria continue to bring in more than the number to which they are limited and the cannerymen have to refuse them. Fishermen will not sell them for less than $1, and no one will buy them, and it is reported that they have been thrown into the river, which is a shame, if true. Fishermen now realize that if they had put the price at 75 cents a fish they would have made more money, for those cannery men would have taken all they could handle and might have made something on them, whereas they now expect to lose, and of course do not care to pack many, and as the fishermen cannot sell many fish they cannot make much money.—Oregonian.

Fighting a Panther.

A few days ago as James Knight, of Shelter Point, near Nanaimo, was working in the woods close to his own house and barn, he heard a series of squeals from a litter of little pigs which were running about the garden. Going in the direction of the sounds he discovered a panther of very large proportions carrying off one of his porkers. Running to the house, with all possible speed, he secured his gun, his dog in the meantime chasing the marauder, which took to the trees. Taking aim at the beast, whose glistening eyes shone through the foliage, and whose growls made it impossible to mistake his whereabouts, he brought the animal down, preventing him making a dying charge by a well directed shot into his brain. This brute, and several others of his kind, with the assistance of the bears in the neighborhood, have latterly made considerable havoc among the smaller domesticated animals, and it is proposed, ere long, to organize a shooting party with the object of exterminating them.

Thomas Christie's Relatives.

Mr. David Christie, of Lachute, P. Q., and his son, Gilbert, have arrived from the vicinity of Montreal in connection with the disposition of the estate of the late Thomas Christie, of this city, who was found drowned off Beacon Hill, some few weeks since. Mr. Christie seems to like Victoria, and though he is obliged to go home again, may leave his son to become a resident of British Columbia.

Opium Seizure.

One of the biggest opium seizures for some time past, was made by Lieut. Frank Willard of the police force. Sixty 5-tael cans, or thirty pounds of the opium, were captured. It was in the possession of George Dickson, an attache of the O. R. & N. steamer Olympian. Dickson was caught sneaking through the alleyway back of the Phœnix Hotel, on South Third street. Fifteen pounds were found secreted about his person. He was made to "dig up" in the vernacular of the police force, and directed Willard to a place where fifteen pounds additional was found.

A Gain for Nanaimo.

R. Erskine, formerly with A. Ofner, and for several years with the late W. Heathorn and the Ames Holden Co. as chief accountant, has resigned from the latter for the purpose of engaging in the retail boot and shoe trade at Nanaimo, taking over the business recently purchased by his brother, Mr. A. B. Erskine. Mr. Erskine is well and favorably known to the business men of the province and of this city. In his new departure his many friends wish him abundant prosperity, and as he is possessed of energy and business ability, he is sure to be successful. During Mr. Erskine's long residence in Victoria, he has been active in all good works, and he will be much missed in the church and the Y.M.C.A. He has acceptably filled the post of school trustee during the past year, and in this capacity earned the confidence and respect of all. In Mr. Erskine's departure Victoria loses a good citizen.

The C. P. R. Bridge at Mission.

The following is taken from Monday's Seattle's Post-Intelligencer: Word was received Monday, says the Lynden Pioneer-Press, that the high water in the Fraser river totally destroyed all work that had been done on the C. P. R. bridge at the Mission crossing. In response to a telegram sent by our reporter, it was stated that the report was correct, and that not a stone of the foundation had been left and the work abandoned. When the C. P. R. desired to cross the Fraser river at the Mission it was requested that they make a span of 60 feet, to allow rafts to pass, but the Canadian government demanded a span of 80 feet. It was stated at the time by the chief engineer that an 80-foot span could not be built because of the quicksand, that a foundation could not be made solid enough, and the present freshet has proven the statement correct. The C. P. R. will now be compelled to cross further up the river, and will probably come down the south side of the Fraser and connect with the American line at Blaine.

THE ANNUAL EXHIBITION

Of the B. C. Agricultural Exhibition to be Held in October—A Successful Fair Assured.

A meeting of the directors of the B. C. Agricultural Association was held last evening, when it was decided to hold the annual exhibition at the grounds of the society, Beacon Hill, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 2nd, 3rd and 4th. It was found impossible to make arrangements to have the exhibition take place at the Victoria Driving Park, as originally intended, as suitable buildings would have to be erected, and as the society's present buildings at the agricultural grounds can be again utilized with but little outlay, the three days' exhibition will be held there. The directors will at once get to work to make all arrangements for the show, which it is intended to make the most successful yet held in the province.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

CRICKET.

An eleven from Vancouver will play an eleven from the V.C.C. at Victoria on Saturday, the 14th.

Victoria will play Vancouver at Vancouver on June 30th, and will play a match with a Westminster team at Westminsteron July 1st.

BASEBALL.

The standing to date of the clubs in the Pacific Northwest League is as follows:

Team.	Won.	Lost.	Per-Ct.
Spokane	12	8	.600
Tacoma	9	8	.529
Seattle	9	10	.473
Portland	7	11	.389

NEW YORK, June 3.—The Brooklyn national league team had no difficulty in defeating New York to-day. The New Yorks had a scrub nine in the field, the only regular men being Tiernan and Esterbrook, and the latter had to retire early in the game on account of a badly sprained ankle. Brooklyn, therefore, had a very easy time of it, scoring almost at will. New York, 7; Brooklyn, 20.

NEW YORK, June 3.—Hard hitting by the Boston team, aided by some very "yellow" fielding on the part of New Yorks, gave Boston a victory to-day. Crane was very wild, and this aided materially to the final result. Score: New York, 5; Boston, 14.

PHILADELPHIA, June 3.—Husted was hit hard in the early stage of the game to-day, and Buffington relieved him after the third inning. The latter was very effective, and the Brooklyn players did not score again, but Brooklyn had inflicted enough damage before "Buff" came to the rescue, and although Philadelphia played hard they could not catch up. Philadelphia 5, Brooklyn 6.

SYRACUSE, June 3. — Syracuse 7, Athletics 8.

BROOKLYN, June 3. — Brooklyn 6, Rochester 1.

COLUMBUS, June 3.—Columbus 6, Toledo 3.

LOUISVILLE, June 3.—Louisville 7, St. Louis 2.

ALIENS IN WASHINGTON.

There is a possibility of a special session of the legislature of Washington being held at which, among other matters, there may come up the question of the holding of lands by aliens. Washington is, it is said, the only state in the union in which aliens are placed under such disabilities as are contained in section 33 of Article II of the constitution, which reads: "The ownership of lands by aliens other than those who in good faith have declared their intention to become citizens of the United States is prohibited in this state, except where acquired under mortgage or in good faith in the ordinary course of justice in the collection of debts, and all conveyances of lands hereafter made to any alien, directly or in trust for such alien shall be void. Provided that the provisions of this section shall not apply to lands containing valuable deposits of minerals, metals, iron, coal or fire clay, and the necessary lands for mills and machinery to be used in the development thereof and the manufacture of the products therefrom. Every corporation, the majority of the capital stock of which is owned by aliens, shall be considered an alien for the purposes of this prohibition." At present, under the existing condition of things, residents of British Columbia are, some of them, making investments with the assistance of trustees, who are American citizens, while others have signified their intention to become naturalized, and have obtained certificates to that effect.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

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High School Entrance Examination.

The semi-annual examination of applicants for entrance to a high school will be held in the High School building, Victoria, on June 11th, at 9 a. m. Candidates are requested to be punctual.

A New Export.

Messrs. King & Dyer, fishmongers, have added another to the list of Victoria's exports. It is "prawns." The delicate shellfish are found in large numbers near Victoria, and when subjected to the right amount of cooking, and packed loosely in cool green leaves, they will carry to markets as far east as Winnipeg.

Public Improvements.

In accordance with a notice asking for tenders, the contract for a sidewalk on the Craigflower and Esquimalt roads has been awarded to Thomas Elliott, and the contract for the construction of a carriage drive from Beacon Hill park to Ross Bay has been awarded to Mr. Henley, of Clover Point, the latter undertaking to be completed by July 21st.

Rescued from the Wreck.

The steam wrecker Whitelaw now plies regularly between Race Rocks and the outer wharf, where a heterogeneous mass of chains and old anchors, broken masts and fragments of deck planking, now lies piled. The grappling irons are tearing the old Barnard Castle to pieces, and whatever comes up in their claws is at once landed. It is expected that the wreckers will get at work upon the more important part of the old wreck before the end of the week.

New Fog Horn.

A new fog horn, operated by steam and compressed air, will be put in service July 1 at the light station at Seabird's point, on the eastern extremity of Discovery island, Haro strait, B. C. The fog signal will be blasts at intervals of one minute of a second's duration. The wooden can buoy, which has been heretofore maintained on Kelp reefs, in Haro straits, off the southeast coast of Vancouver island, has been replaced by a spar buoy projecting fifteen feet, painted black.

The Late Mr. Chisholm's Will.

The Columbian says: Mr. John Chisholm went over to Victoria Monday afternoon by the steamer Louise to consult the firm of Elliott & Duff concerning the legality of the will of the late D. Chisholm. Mr. Chisholm said he would endeavor to have his brother's will set aside on the ground that undue influence had been brought to bear by certain persons on the late Mr. Chisholm, which caused him to show partiality when disposing of his property.

A Fatal Accident.

By the steamer Rainbow, which returned from Bute Inlet, yesterday morning, are received the most meagre particulars of a fatal accident which occurred about the 27th ult., at one of the Moodyville sawmill company's northern camps. Two loggers while at work were caught in a log roll. The one escaped with a broken leg; the other was killed and his body sank beneath the logs. It was subsequently recovered, and sent to Vancouver by canoe. The injured man is now receiving proper care at the Westminster hospital.

New Rock in Alaskan Waters.

The United States hydrographic officer has notified ship-masters that Captain Hunter, of the Pacific Coast Steamship company, reports the existence of a rock, over which the sea breaks heavily, between Wolf rock and the shore off Dallas island, north of the De Kuoi entrance, Alaska. Referring to a notice to mariners on a reported rock off the Ou-ou-rurish inlet, on the west coast of Vancouver island, B. C., Captain Clark, who originally reported it, states that it is a wash at low water, and not at high water, as previously published.

Indian Excursionists.

The steamer Yosemite, in command of Capt. McCulloch, went over to Vancouver, yesterday, on special business. She has been chartered by Rev. Father Fay, of that city, to convey an excursion party of several hundred Indians to Sechelt bay, where a new R. C. mission church is to be opened immediately upon the arrival of the priest and excursionists. They expect to be gone from seven to ten days, and will call at three or four other missions before returning to Vancouver.

New Post Offices.

The Canada Gazette of the 23rd May contains the official announcement of the establishment of three new post offices in this province, viz., Clayoquot, west coast of Vancouver island, S. L. Penny, postmaster; Steveston, New Westminster district, W. H. Steeves, postmaster; Sproat, in the Yale and Kootenay district, Thos. A. Sproat, postmaster, Sunnybank, Cariboo, J. A. Caltren, postmaster. Two post offices in the province have been closed, viz., Emory, Yale district, and Grohman, in Kootenay.

The Indian Reserve Survey.

Dissatisfaction has for a long time been felt in Victoria West in consequence of the uncertain character of the surveys that were made thirty years ago and have not since been verified. As a result of this uncertainty, some of the holders of lots originally laid out by Captain Nagle in 1859, have expressed a desire for a re-survey, and it is understood that the department at Ottawa has instructed the Indian office here to have the reserve line determined immediately. An engineer from the Indian office and another from the Lands and Works Department are already in the field, running the line with commendable promptness.

Westminster Assizes.

The docket for the spring assizes at Westminster, which begins to-day, is as follows: Regina vs. Sam, Jim, Annie, Crazy Annie, Indians, for the murder of Sunbury at Vancouver; defended by Messrs. McFee & Blake.

Regina vs. Lakinitze, for murder at Cape Mudge; defended by A. E. Beck.

Regina vs. Wilson, for larceny at Vancouver; undefended.

Regina vs. Bradley, prison breach; undefended.

Regina vs. Alex. Houston, murder; undefended.

In all the cases Mr. A. St. G. Hammersley will act for the crown.

The Sunbury murder case will come before Mr. Justice McCreight, while the others in the docket will come before Chief Justice Sir M. B. Begbie.

Baer-Berridge.

At five o'clock yesterday afternoon, Rev. W. W. Baer, the retiring pastor of the Gorge road Methodist church, and Miss Berridge, neice of Mr. George Berridge, of 64 Second street, were united in marriage at the home of the bride, a select number of particular friends only being present. Rev. J. E. Starr, of Pandora street church, performed the ceremony, Miss Cora Watson acted as bridesmaid, and Mr. W. H. Berridge, brother of the bride, as best man. After the wedding, the guests surrounded a well filled table, and did full justice to the marriage feast. Bridegroom and bride left by the City of Kingston for The Dalles, Oregon, where a week's honeymoon will be spent. They will then return to Nanaimo, Mr. Baer's new field of labor. Both he and his young wife will be missed, with regret, by many friends in this city, where Mrs. Baer was one of the principal lights in the musical and social circle which she adorned.

The Tramway Company's Meeting.

At the shareholders meeting last evening 5,630 shares were represented. Hon. D. W. Higgins, who presided, stated that the object of the gathering was to confirm the instructions that had been given to the directors at previous meetings, with respect to the issue of bonds for the city of Victoria lines and the Esquimalt extension. He congratulated the shareholders on the fact that the company's cars had carried 14,200 passengers during the three days celebration without accident. The directors had ordered the rails, generators and motors for the Esquimalt line, and expected to have it in running order, with cars that would make 20 miles an hour, by the 15th September. Remarks were made by Hon. Mr. Davie, Dr. Jones, Mr. W. G. Cameron, Dr. Milne, Mr. Heisterman, Mr. Hutcheson and other gentlemen. The resolutions were confirmed unanimously and the meeting then adjourned.

Politics in Cassiar.

Mr. R. H. Hall, who is in charge of the Hudson's Bay Co.'s post at Fort Simpson, has, during his brief stay in Victoria—he goes north again by the Sardonyx to-day—secured the consent of the company with which he is identified to his nomination for the seat in the provincial parliament for the past four years filled by Mr. John Grant. Mr. A. J. McLellan, the other government candidate in the field, has retired in Mr. Hall's favor, and it is thought that the latter gentleman's election, by a big majority, is sure. He has been promised the support of all portions of the district in the reputation hurled to him even before the date of the nomination was announced, and there is a possibility that Mr. Cunningham, the opposition standard bearer, will follow Mr. McLellan's example, and thus allow Mr. Hall's return to be by acclamation.

INVESTIGATED.

Capt. H. G. Lewis receives Evidence in Connection with the Death of the late Engineer of the Sardonyx.

Capt. H. G. Lewis, Dominion Agent of Marine and Fisheries, yesterday morning opened an investigation into the cause of the death of the late Chief Engineer Fox of the S. S. Sardonyx, under section 62, 49 Victoria, Chapter 78, of the "The Steamboat Act," which provides that the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council may order an investigation into any steamboat accident involving loss of life, and report the particulars of such inquiry to the Governor General.

The circumstances in connection with the death of Mr. Fox are still fresh in the minds of Victorians. The sad event occurred at Nanaimo, one evening, when the hatches were open, an unusual circumstance, and the one which led to the investigation being ordered.

Capt. Meyers was examined under oath during the morning, in the same manner as in a court of justice, but the examination was a private one. In the afternoon, the mate and several of the crew gave evidence, and the whole of the depositions will be today forwarded to Ottawa for the consideration of the Governor General and his advisers.

ECHOES FROM ESQUIMALT.

A Batch of Interesting Notes from Victoria's Seaside Suburb.

A horse and Scotch cart are to be raffled at the Esquimalt House on Saturday night.

Yesterday being fine though cold there were several boating and sailing parties out on the harbor.

It is understood that considerable improvements and repairs to the sidewalks will be undertaken almost immediately.

On Sunday morning, the wrecking steamer Whitelaw visited Esquimalt harbor for water, which having taken on board, she returned to Cape Flattery to resume operations on the wreck of the Barnard Castle.

The testing of H. M. S. Amphion is going on very satisfactorily, and will, in all probability, be completed by the Admiralty Inspector in the course of a few days. It is understood that nothing further in the way of orders has been received.

A petty officer of H. M. S. Amphion, yesterday morning, jumped into the harbor, but was rescued after considerable difficulty. He has apparently been for several days suffering mentally, but not in such a way as to excite apprehension. He has been placed under restraint.

Mr. T. S. Gore, the Tramway Company's chief engineer, was engaged during yesterday afternoon in surveying along the main street for the company's lines. A curious knot gathered about him and his assistants as they proceeded and many questions were asked for information when the harnessed lightning might be expected to reach Esquimalt.

For the past three months Mr. Byers, electrician of H. M. S. Amphion, has had a class of six pupils in the science of electricity, particularly in the matter of lighting. The closing meeting took place last night, the pupils all expressing their high appreciation of the instruction which had been afforded, and of the benefit it was likely to be to them in the future.

Yesterday morning, all the crew of the steam collier Costa Rica, including the captain, were discharged, the mate being left in charge. The vessel will, it is expected, go alongside the Railway wharf, and remain tied up for some time to come, owing to there being no coal cargoes to be carried from the mines, because of the strike. She was, it is said, purchased from Captain Whitelaw by Messrs. Dunsmuir, the former having purchased when she was sunk in the harbor, and raised and repaired her.

Considerable speculation is still being indulged in as to the fate of the J. H. Hustede, which took on board 60,000 cases of salmon at the wharf here. It is said that her captain before leaving declared that he was going to beat the Titania and the best time ever made for the trip home. The conviction here is that she has been lost with all on board, having listed in a storm, and being unable to right herself. Had she not gone right down to the bottom in this way, it is said that pieces of her wreck or some of her masts would have been found before this.

The elections are the theme of general conversation and, though there are differences of opinion, there appears to be a majority sentiment in favor of Messrs. Pooley and Higgins. Said one lady: "The politicians have not been looking after 'our votes' as they are accustomed to do, and our babies are, as usual, being kept clean and tidy, waiting for the candidates to come and kiss them. Besides, our men folks are waiting to hear the politicians make their public declarations and explanations, inasmuch as though their minds are already made up they like to hear the candidates make their speeches and explain their political views.

This town is possessed of a monkey, or rather one of its citizens is. The animal is up to every imaginable kind of mischief, and a considerable amount of blame is laid on its shoulders, when anything of a mischievous character has been done. The other day it amused itself by tantalizing a litter of pups during the absence of their mother. It commenced by feeding them and then, at times, would hold the morsels to their mouths, immediately snatching them away, after the manner of some boys when dealing with little people younger than themselves. A few nights back a young lady, on retiring to her bed and putting out the light, heard a curious noise, and lighting her lamp discovered the monkey sitting at the foot of the bed, showing its teeth and chattering. One of its latest exploits was to mount a grocer's waggon loaded with parcels, and tearing the wrappers, making a horrible mixture of some of their contents.

An International Prize Fight.

NEW YORK, June 2.—Negotiations are pending for an international prize fight between Frank Slavin, of Australia, and Joe McAuliffe, of San Francisco. A prominent sporting man to-day received a cablegram from London, informing him that Slavin had agreed to fight McAuliffe at the Pelican club for £800 and the championship. Slavin allows McAuliffe $100 per expenses. Billy Madden, McAuliffe's backer, replied that McAuliffe would fight Slavin on the terms mentioned.

NEWS FROM THE INTERIOR.

Work on the Spokane and Northern Progressing—Trains Between the Falls and Marcus.

Reported Drowning of Five Men in Sheep Creek Rapids—A Land Slide Reveals Minerals.

(Inland Sentinel and Kootenay Star.)

Work on the new steamer Lytton at Revelstoke is progressing rapidly, and it is expected that in another week she will be making her trial trip.

Mr. H. V. Rudd, late accountant in the Bank of B. C., has accepted a position in the H. B. Co's employ at Kamloops.

Rev. C. Ladner returned from Conference this week. He preached his farewell sermon in the Methodist church on Sunday, and on Monday, with his family, leaves for Portland, Or., where he has accepted an appointment for one year. The many friends of the family in Kamloops will regret their departure, while Mr. Ladner's removal from the B. C. field will be a serious loss to the Methodist cause.

President D. C. Corbin, of the Spokane & Northern railroad, says that work is being rapidly pushed on the extension of the road from Marcus to the Little Dalles, a distance of about 26 miles, and that by July 1 passenger trains will be running to the latter point. It is the intention to extend the road northeast into the Metaline country when a proper commencement is made of the mines in the section. The Metaline mining district is situated on the Pen d'Oreille river almost directly south of Toad Mountain, and about thirty miles beyond the boundary. Eight men spent the winter there, and worked about half time. There are over 100 locations, and only seven or eight of the claims make a showing of high grade ore, the others being galena, with an average of about eight ounces of silver.

During the extreme low water in January, work was done on places claims by the rocker process, and $4 50 for a day of six hours obtained. But, owing to high water, nothing can be done except for a short time in winter.

The Summit mine in the Moyie district was sold, a few days ago, for $1,000.

Engineer Preston, who has been out three weeks surveying a tramway between Bonner's Ferry and the Spokane Falls, is running a line up the Little Spokane River and north-east up Priest River, crossing the Pen d'Oreille River on the island of Little Falls.

Commencing May 20th, a passenger train was put on the Spokane Falls & Northern, making the run between Marcus and Spokane Falls the same day.

Twenty-six years ago, James McConnell, now of Grand Prairie, B. C., while prospecting for placers, found a bed of coal on the Upper Kettle river, near the mouth of Rock Creek. He covered it up and patiently awaited the time when it would become valuable. After the lapse of a quarter of a century, with hopes that his expectations might soon be realized, he formed a company and commenced the work of development. Samples recently brought from the mine were tested and found to contain 64 per cent. of fixed carbon and an excellent quality of coke. They have now discovered a quarry of fire-proof granite" near Spokane Falls.

The first car-load of bullion has been shipped from the Colville smelter to Newark, N. J., for separation and refining, and it is claimed that a carload of twenty tons will be shipped every four days in future.

SPROAT.

An individual bearing the name of Charles Ross was last Saturday treated in a rather rough, though certainly deserving manner, by a crowd of construction men. It seems that the fellow was caught in the act of committing a criminal assault upon a young lad whom he knocked down. A jury was immediately empannelled from the assemblage, and after a mock trial the prisoner was found guilty and sentenced to be hanged. Not suffering the indignity of having a gun shoved down his mouth, one of the party tied a rope around his neck and, throwing it over the limb of a tree, pulled sufficiently strong to make the brute feel uncomfortable. The matter having come to the ears of Mr. McLeod, that gentleman proceeded to the scene and had the condemned man released, with instructions to make his presence scarce around the camp. The fellow was scared out of his wits, and the warning to "git" was promptly acted upon.

Five men who started out last week to reach the Little Dalles are reported to have been drowned. All went well until the Sheep Creek rapids were reached, when the raft went to pieces on the rocks and all hands went down. The man known as Charles Ross, of whom mention has been made in these columns, was among the number who found a watery grave.

Whilst the engineer's staff was camped about 15 miles below here, a slide came on them suddenly and carried away their whole outfit of instruments, etc. Strange to say, the slide revealed two good leads, one of silver, the other of gold.

Genelle Bros.' lumber concern is in full swing. The firm is offering lumber for twenty dollars per thousand.

PAPUAN WARRIORS AND THEIR METHODS.

The May number of the Illustrated Naval and Military Magazine has an interesting paper on the fighting men of British New Guinea, from the pen of Lieutenant Baden-Powell, of the Scots Guards. Lieutenant Baden-Powell, who writes from recent personal experience, remarks that one of the most noticeable characteristics of the warriors of New Guinea is their treacherous mode of attack. One may enter a village and be welcomed by a crowd of unarmed men, who will show every sign of friendship; but once they see their opportunity—once the party is dispersed, arms laid down, or some asleep—then in a second the natives are around and rush to the attack. Extreme vigilance must, therefore, at all times be observed. Then again, while marching along the tracks through the bush country, natives will readily mark the approach of the Europeans. They will watch their opportunity again; keep some distance ahead of the advancing troops, or move along parallel tracks in the shrub, and make the most of any opportunity of sudden attack, such as during a halt, or when the party has become somewhat dispersed. The general method of attack in most parts of New Guinea seems to be that of charging up towards the enemy, and when within, say 20 to 30 yards, throwing their long spears. Some of them are wonderfully good shots, and can send their spear through a dog running away 30 yards from them. Another primitive weapon of offence which is sometimes used, especially at the east end, is the sling. A few stones are carried, often nearly as big as one's fist, and these are hurled with a twist of the arm very similarly to the action of ordinary throwing (without twirling the sling round over the head as is done elsewhere.) The natives seem to vary a great deal in their ability to sling stones, some being marvellously good both in accuracy of aim and in great distance, perhaps 200 to 300 yards; while, on the other hand, many others are very feeble in their efforts. The natives of certain districts possess a most curious instrument, used more for the capture and slaughter of an already vanquished foe than for actual attack. It consists of a stick three feet long, on the end of which is a piece of cane bent round like the iron of a landing-net, and of such as to easily slip over a man's head. On the end of the stick is fixed a sharp stake, the point of which comes nearly to the centre of the cane ring. In chasing a fleeing enemy the warrior holds out his "niku catcher" and puts the cane ring over the unfortunate fugitive's head, when a sudden pull back causes the latter to stop short and fall backwards upon the sharp stake, which runs into his neck just at the base of the skull, and he is instantly killed.

LONDONERS HOAXED.

Lady Florence Dixie was to Have Led a Novel Cavalcade—Crowds Turn Out to See the Show.

LONDON, May 24.—The ghost of Theodore Hook must have visited Hyde Park this afternoon at a meeting of twenty-four four-in-hands at the London coaching club. Some hoaxer had for days past been sending piquant paragraphs to all the newspapers that a cavalcade of ladies straddling their horses would join in the meet, headed by Lady Florence Dixie, who has been advocating the new bifurcated style of dress.

Swell whips appeared with their society passengers in gay toilets. The day was bright and clear and brought out an immense crowd which the hoax greatly increased. Enormous masses of people thronged the bridal path, as did also many gay lady riders anxious to see the new fad.

The coaches moving off by themselves, however, caused evident chagrin. There were no straddlers. Many felt inclined to imitate the parodizing Mary who sang, "Go and call the straddlers across to Rotton Row."

Soon a blinding dust rose on the bridle path and as it cleared there appeared evidently what had been taken for a young girl with flowing auburn hair, coming from the Wellington statue entrance "straddle," sure enough, and cantering along as though quite alone in the park. The crowd rushed toward her and nearly knocked down the railings in its effort to get near and see her.

She then raised her jaunty hat, her brown hair streaming with pride, as she was riding superbly. A zealous policeman took it into his head to stop the wonderful rider, who laughingly resented the obstruction in a mammoth voice, "Oh, clear out, I'm no woman."

The horse darted forward and the "b bby" nearly bent double and had a fit of apoplexy as he laughed and realized that the figure was a beardless youth, the hoaxer of the occasion. Then the crowd laughed and dispersed with many a "well, by Jove!"

DRAWN DOWN TO DEATH.

James H. Parcels Meets a Terrible Fate in His Own Dooryard at Woodside, L. I.

James H. Parcels, a night despatcher in the New York post office, met a terrible death Saturday night at Woodside, L. I., though for over five hours almost the whole population of the town was trying to save him.

Mr. Parcels, who was about fifty years of age, had built a new home for his wife and six children, but had not moved into the house. In his yard a well had been driven. Mr. Parcels discovered Saturday morning that a portion of the pipe under ground was defective, and in the afternoon about four o'clock he set about digging down to the lower end of it, intending to repair it. He began digging from the base of the piping, which protected the upper portion of the pipe, and made an excavation about two feet square shovelling the earth into a bucket which was hauled up by his son Stephen.

He had dug down to about fifteen feet when his feet struck quicksand and he began to sink gradually. He shouted for help, but his son who had been hauling the basket up had gone into the house.

When young Parcels reached the well an I looked down his father was buried up to the waist in the quicksand. Stephen immediately called Peter Brandt and Lawrence Beck, who were at work in the house. A long handled hoe was held down the well by Brandt, and for nearly an hour Parcels scoped out the sand from around himself and filled the bucket as fast as they could be hauled up, but no headway was made. A force greater than the mere weight of his body seemed to be drawing him down.

Shortly after five o'clock Dr. S. A. Wood arrived with a number of other villagers, and seeing that Mr. Parcels was down to his head in the sand, quickly obtained a long rubber tube and a bottle of brandy. Some of the brandy was conveyed to Mr. Parcels' mouth, and then the tube was given him so that he might be able to breathe, even if his head should be covered.

Mr. S. L. Neur then went down into the well on a ladder, taking a rope with him, and after scooping some of the sand from around Mr. Parcels' body, succeeded in placing a loop of the rope under his arms.

The rope was run to the second story window of the house, and a dozen sturdy men hauled with all their might upon it, but without effect, as the unfortunate man kept sinking.

By this time a crowd of nearly a thousand surrounded the well. Seeing that the attempt to pull Parcels out of the sand was ineffectual, thirty of the men obtained shovels and began to dig around the well.

They worked with a will, but it was a big undertaking, and at eight o'clock they were still a long way from Mr. Parcels, who had sank entirely below the surface of the sand, his head being covered. With the aid of the tube in his mouth Mr. Parcels managed to breathe for nearly an hour after his head was covered.

Dr. Wood was as far down the well as it was safe to go, and kept hold of the sinking man's hands. The doctor says that about half-past nine he heard Mr. Parcels say through the tube, "Hurry, hurry." A few seconds later he ceased to breathe. It was half-past ten before the men who were digging succeeded in making an opening sufficient to pull the body of Mr. Parcels through sideways. His death was due to suffocation.

Mrs. Parcels swooned when the body of her husband was brought into the house. She was in violent hysteria all night.

The scene about the well during the last hours of Mr. Parcels' fearful experience was one never to be forgotten by any one who saw it. Women fainted, men rushed about aimlessly in their effort to render assistance, or shouted words of encouragement to the unfortunate man. Thousands visited the scene yesterday.

Murdered for Money.

CHICAGO, June 1.—A body was found in the river last night at the foot of Maxwell street and has been identified to-day as that of a man named Murdock, an acrobat. There are five ugly wounds on his head, one of them being a frightful gash in the middle of the forehead, fully three inches long, and the skull is also fractured. When the murdered man was last seen, it was said he had $300 with him. When the body was found it was without hat, coat or overcoat. Not a cent was found in the pockets of the trousers. The police believe he was murdered for money.

STANLEY'S COURTSHIP.

Refused Three Years Ago Because He Dyed His Hair.

There has been a great deal of romancing about Mr. H. M. Stanley's engagement to Miss Dorothy Tennant. Mr. Stanley met Miss Tennant with a party on the Duke of Westminster's yacht, a few weeks before he started for Africa to rescue Emin. He was introduced to her by the Baroness Burdett Coutts. Mr. Stanley was much impressed with Miss Tennant, and sought occasions to continue the friendship. A few days before he started for Africa he proposed marriage. Much to his surprise he was rejected. To the Baroness and one or two other intimate friends Mr. Stanley did not hesitate to denounce Miss Tennant's conduct in encouraging him to the point of proposal and then jilting him. To one or two friends who ventured to talk with her on the subject, Miss Tennant said she could not stand a man who dyed his hair. It is a well-known fact that while in America, and while here, before he started for Africa the last time, Mr. Stanley always dyed his hair. Photographs taken of him here just before starting show his hair to be jet black. During his African visit he discarded dyes altogether and is now content to let his hair remain as white as snow. The stories about Stanley sending impassioned love letters from the heart of Africa to his anxious fiancee through the Emin Relief Committee in London is nonsense; Stanley wont away a rejected suitor. When, homeward-bound, he arrived at Brindisi, Miss Tennant was not there to meet him, as surely she would have been if she had been betrothed to him. Nor did she meet him in Paris or Brussels. From Brussels Stanley wired to two intimate friends in London to meet him at Ostend and lunch on the boat with him while crossing to Dover. These friends were Mrs. French Sheldon, of New York, and Harry Welcome, who is getting up the American dinner to Stanley in London. Miss Tennant was not there. Among the party to meet Stanley at Dover was the Baroness Burdett-Coutts. During the journey up and down it was talked about how long if he still loved Dorothy Tennant, and would ask her again to marry him, this time he would not be refused. The result was that Stanley drove at once from the Victoria station to the home of the Baroness, where Miss Tennant was waiting to meet him. Whether Stanley asked her again there and then to be his wife I cannot learn. But the story says soon afterwards. This is the true story of the engagement, which is still the subject of the greatest gossip. No date has been fixed for the wedding, but it will probably be early in July.

Photographs of Millais' celebrated picture of "Yes or No?" the original of which was Miss Tennant, are in great demand, as are that of the house in which she was born, at Tenbigh, near