Stampede to Haggard Creek

Big Pay Reported to Have Been Found on Tributary of McQuestion.

Strike in Tanana District—Prospectors Still Rushing to Big Salmon.

Steamer Danube, which returned from Skagway yesterday morning, brought news of another gold find. Great excitement prevails up the Stewart and a big rush is on to a recent strike on Haggard creek, about a hundred miles up the McQuestion. The first news of the discovery was brought by Sergt. Davis, who reached Dawson on the Prospector on August 2. He reports that Joe Barrett, with a party of ten men, who was met with up the Stewart, has chartered the Prospector to take his party up the river as far as possible and leaving her at the mouth of the McQuestion proceeded overland to the scene of the excitement. The first intimation anyone had of the strike was when a party of three Frenchmen arrived at Clear creek to record and the story they told precipitated a stampede at once.

Sergt. Davis, when asked as to the authenticity of the strike, disclaimed any further knowledge than the above, but volunteered the information that he had seen many good prospects come out of that country, almost all of them being coarse gold, and in some instances he had seen nuggets brought out up to the value of $2.50. The Yukon Sun says that from the meagre information at hand, it is impossible to judge of the value of the strike, but it is certain that considerable excitement has been caused up the Stewart by the tidings.

The Dawson News tells of the departure from Dawson on August 1 of a party of twelve prospectors on the river steamer Ora, bound to Frozen Falls, on the Stewart. The miners will divide into three parties and prospect different streams of the country for a year. Provisions sufficient for 12 months were taken along. Three of the party will go into the country above the falls, three into the McQuestion country and the others into the Clear creek country.

Only a week or two ago, says the News, a party of three well known young Dawson men, two formerly employed by the Canadian Bank of Commerce and one by McLennan & McFeely, left prepared to prospect in the Stewart river country a year. Others have also gone into the country, and it appears as though many of the streams forming the headwaters of Stewart are to be prospected before another summer.

Will H. Isom, of the N. A. T. T. Co. at Dawson, has received a letter from the company's representative at Rampart, telling of a rich strike in Tanana district. The writer says: "The strike on Glenn Gulch, a tributary to Baker creek, on the Tanana side, beats anything found on the lower river. Three to four feet of gravel and as much muck is above the bedrock. The gravel is all pay and runs at an average of about $1 to the pan, and $450 was taken out of the only hole so far put down. It is all fine gold. The hole was six feet square at the bottom.

The hillsides will soon be full of holes. It will be bench diggings if anything, as Glenn Gulch is a very small creek, making a very slight depression in a gravel hill.

The Big Salmon district is still attracting prospectors and one by one the many reports of new finds are being confirmed. The Bailey left White Horse on August 6 for Mason's Landing, crowded with passengers for the new diggings.

E. S. Busby, who returned to Skagway on August 9, from White Horse, says that what he heard there this time confirms all the reports of richness that he heard when there shortly after the strike. It is undoubtedly rich, he says, and the way men are staying in there shows they have struck something. The Skagway Alaskan says several White Horse merchants who went into the new country among the first are very quietly preparing to rush big stocks of goods in this fall. White Horse has lost all its unemployed population by reason of the strike, and presents a dead appearance, although many men are at work.

Capt. Nixon, of the steamer Gold Star, which arrived at Dawson on August 1, from Koyukuk, says of that district: One outfit at present working on Gold Bar are taking out about $1,000 a day. There are about five hundred men in the country at present. Wages are fifteen dollars a day, and in many instances men are not to be had even at this figure. There is not an idle man in the country. In proof of this assertion the captain shows a bag of gold dust, which is certainly of a fine quality, running as high as $19 to the ounce. The gold is coarse and heavy and certainly looked good to us.

Dan Carotan, convicted at Eagle City of the murder of "N. A. T. Joe" at Rampart last December, was brought to Skagway before the Danube sailed, by Marshal Perry and his guards. The condemned man is destined to be taken to McNeill's Island for a life term.

James McKeown, owner of No. 12 below on Bonanza was killed by a current of electricity passing through his body. He was working on the claim and had a crowbar in his hand which he accidentally placed in contact with a large overhead electric line. Death resulted immediately and it is thought perhaps the fatal summons came so quickly that life passed from the man without the least pain being experienced.

Mike Curry, a prospector, was arrested at Skagway on August 6, for attempting to shoot Lee Guthrie.

PROVINCIAL PRESS.

COTTONWOOD LAKE.

From Nelson Tribune.

The work of raising the level of Cottonwood lake has been suspended owing to the failure of the lumber company to get the necessary lumber on the ground. The area of Cottonwood lake is 15 acres and the city engineer estimates that for every foot the level of the lake is raised its storage capacity will be increased by five million gallons. In addition to its natural feed the lake receives the water which is flumed from Whitewater creek. This stream at its lowest stage carries 350 miners' inches of water, which in the 24 hours is said to be equal to six million gallons. It is the purpose of the city to raise the level of the lake about five inches, which should result in securing an adequate water supply for all purposes for some time. The present flume to Whitewater creek has a carrying capacity of 1,000 miners' inches, and as the city has a water right to the waters of Clearwater creek as well as Whitewater creek, it will not be difficult to divert all that may be necessary should the present supply prove inadequate.

PEACHES.

From Kamloops Sentinel.

That Tranquille is probably one of the finest localities in this province for the growing of peaches, has been fully demonstrated by Wm. Fortune on his famous fruit farm. For years past he has always been successful with his crop, but this year's far surpasses all previous records. He expects to market several tons during the next few weeks.

GRANBY MINES.

From Grand Forks News.

The Granby mines are continuing to break former records in ore shipments. Heretofore the regular daily shipments to the Grand Forks smelter have been on an average 600 tons, but owing to the enlargement of the reduction works a reserve of ore is wanted, so late last week orders were given to send down three ore trains per day, instead of two as formerly. This meant that 36 ore cars, each holding on an average of 30 tons of chalcopyrite, were to be sent down every 24 hours, or 1,030 tons daily.

With the present hoisting facilities of the properties, it is not an easy thing to keep up an output of this magnitude steadily, but for several days it was done without trouble, so that the ore shipments for the week from the Old Ironsides, Knob Hill and Victoria, show a decided increase over those of any previous week. Under the existing circumstances it will be necessary to drop down to the old two-train daily rate occasionally. But if the smelter ore bins will hold the output, three trains of ore daily will come down as often as possible. Last year these Granby Co. mines shipped a total of 64,553 tons—the output being of course for only part of the year, after the railway was completed in July. Thus far in 1901, seven months, these same mines have shipped close to 130,000 tons, or an average of 18,449 tons per month for that time. With the shipments for this week, these properties have sent out about 200,000 tons of ore since they began shipping, a little over a year ago.

ACTIVITY AT COLUMBIA.

From Grand Forks News.

There is more freight being handled out of the station there now than there has been since the Columbia & Western first began to land freight there. On Saturday last there were 40 four-horse teams loaded out, mostly for points between Nelson, Wash., and Republic, for the different contractors along the line of construction of the G. N. railway. Columbia presents a lively appearance these days, and will be still more lively when they commence to throw dirt on the branch from there to Phoenix, which will be in about a week's time.

WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP.

How Towns, the Australian, Appears to People at Rat Portage.

In a despatch from Rat Portage the Winnipeg Free Press of Wednesday has this to say of the coming contest between Gaudaur and Towns for the world's championship:

Geo. Towns, the Australian sculler, who will row Jake Gaudaur on September 4, for the championship of the world and £250 a side, has got down to work. As soon as he and his party could get his boats through the customs they were taken to the rowing club house and unpacked. Naturally there was a good deal of curiosity on the part of local people to see what kind of boats Towns and his party had, and a big crowd gathered to watch the unpacking of the two monster cases.

Sullivan, Towns' backer and manager, has looked well after the interests of his protege in the matter of boats. They brought with them three singles and a double, all new. They are from Clasper, the celebrated Putney builder, and while they differ in several essential points from the Ruddick shells, everyone who saw them had to admit that they were well made boats. The singles are only 25 feet long, while the American built boats are 31, but the English shells have a deeper body, and are not carried out so fine forward or aft. Three advantages are claimed for them, namely, that they are easier to turn, stiffer, and lighter than the American type.

Towns soon got the riggers on his shell, while Sullivan and Pierson got the double in readiness. When it was learned that Towns was going to take a spin crowds began to gather at the boat house and other points of vantage along the bay, to get a look at him. He went out in his single "John Kinnipple," while Sullivan and Pierson set the pace in their double. Jake Gaudaur was at the boat house when the party pulled out, and he watched Towns closely. "Well," said Jake, "he has a good style; he has a good long stroke, and that is what tells in a race."

The lake was too rough for sculling today, but Towns and Sullivan went out in the double. Notwithstanding the choppy sea that was running they pulled well together, and looked like a dangerous pair.

Towns is a most unassuming young man, and has made friends with everyone he has met since he came to town.

Gaudaur has a new Ruddick boat ordered and it should be here early next week. It will be of exactly the same dimensions as his old one, as Jake is satisfied he could not be better fitted than at present.

The betting fever is already beginning to burn in town, and lots of Gaudaur money is in sight. The question of odds has been discussed, but the consensus of opinion seems to be that even money should rule. Jake may have the advantage in experience and weight, but it is argued that these are more than overbalanced by the matter of age, Towns being 18 years younger than his rival, but still at the age of a fully developed man. The latter, it is believed, will weigh the heavier with the experienced bettor.

WATER POWER AT SOO.

A Second Canal to Be Built by the Clergue Company.

From Ottawa Citizen.

The contract for the second water power canal at the Soo is likely to be awarded to Mr. Geo. Goodwin, of this city. The canal will be the same length as the present power channel, but will be larger, 26 feet deep and 150 feet wide. The excavation will include 500,000 cubic yards of rock and 40,000 cubic yards of earth. The head gates and power house are not included in the specification. The Clergue syndicate intend erecting at the Soo one of the largest flour mills on the continent, a mill with a capacity of nearly 4,000 barrels per day. The output of this mill it is intended to ship direct to England by the new ocean-going steamers to be constructed with a view to the utilization of the St. Lawrence canals.

NANAIMO SHUT DOWN.

Nanaimo, Aug. 15.—(Special)—There is an uneasy feeling among the miners here owing to the shut-down.

There is a feeling that a reduction in wages and perhaps in the number of men employed in the mines may be intended. In the company's machine shops, which are also closed, some machinists are said to have been advised to leave, as a reduction in the number of men was contemplated. Following is the letter sent by Mr. Robins to Mr. Ralph Smith, M.P., secretary of the Miners' Association:

Nanaimo, Aug. 13, 1901.

Ralph Smith, Esq., M. P., Secretary of Miners and Mine Laborers' Protective Association, Nanaimo:

Dear Sir: I regret to have to inform you that owing to the non-arrival of our steamers through the strike of the teamsters and others in San Francisco, we shall be compelled to stop work as soon as we have filled the bunkers at No. 1 shaft and Protection.

At No. 5 shaft, it is necessary to continue work or we would probably lose the pillars we are now taking out. We shall stack the coal at No. 5 shaft, on the ground, so as to leave most of the bunkers free for No. 1 shaft.

As the delayed steamers arrive and the bunkers are emptied, we will resume work, of which notice will be given from time to time. I am, dear sir,

Yours faithfully,
S. M. ROBINS,
Superintendent.

Silver Lead On Island

Two Parallel Ledges Discovered on the Shores of Cowichan Lake.

Harry Smith, Discoverer of the Lenora, and E. A. Woods Lucky Ones.

The prospector is still unearthing new treasures on Vancouver Island. A rich strike of silver lead ore, carrying gold has now been made, and as silver lead was thought to be non-existent on Vancouver Island, the news of this new and rich strike—which has been made on the shores of Cowichan Lake—will be read with no small amount of interest, for it goes to show that the tale of the resources of the rich mineral island tributary to Victoria has yet to be told in full. Harry Smith, of Duncans, who is prominent among local miners because of his discovery of the rich Lenora mine at Mount Sicker and E. A. Woods, are the discoverers of the silver lead find. On the shores of Cowichan Lake they have found and located what prospectors have been looking for for years past. These fortunate miners have located two parallel ledges of sliver lead ore, carrying gold, which have been traced at a width of sixty feet apart, running through seven claims. The prospectors have taken ore from the ledges in four different places right at the surface with their miner's picks, which carries gold, and shows itself to be of good value.

Prominent mining men who have seen samples brought to Victoria by Mr. Smith pronounce the strike to be the best prospect they have seen on the island, and assays—the exact figures of which Mr. Smith will not make public—prove the ore to be merchantable ore right on the surface, and like the now famous Lenora, is expected to be a paying mine from the grass roots down. The new mine is a tunnelling proposition, almost on the water at Cowichan lake and very easy of access.

Mr. Harry Smith says it is the intention of the owners of this property to form a local development company, and give the people of the island a chance to get in from the start, as only a small amount of capital will be required to start the operations. Nine claims were recorded at the scene of the strike on Wednesday.

That the ore was searched for in the past by prospectors is shown by the fact that a short distance from where the samples of silver lead ore which when shown by Mr. Smith attracted so much attention, were taken, an old shaft and windlass, overgrown with moss, was found. The old shaft, made at least a dozen years ago or perhaps more, had caved in and the old long unused windlass was covered with the moss of many seasons's growth-giving the mine a sort of romantic appearance as of that oft spoken of mine known to every mining district as the "lost rocker." The old shaft, Mr. Smith says, was at least three hundred feet distant from the line of the lead.

The news of the rich strike of silver-lead, made by the prospectors who with pick in hand and packs on their backs have searched over the mountains of the island for several years past was received with no small amount of interest in the city, for the interest in the island mines, in view of the many recent finds and the development of local properties, is keen indeed. That a smelter will be established within eight or nine months is assured. Henry T. Gager, who represents some mining magnates of the Middle States has been touring the island for several months past investigating the possibilities of ore supply for a smelter, and it is said that he has sent a most favorable report to his principals who are expected to undertake the erection of a smelter without delay at some point on the island to be selected. Then too, there are other propositions under way for the establishment of a smelter on the island. The Lenora Company are said to have such a step under consideration, and the United States capitalists who for $750,000 recently acquired seven-tenths of the stock of the Britannia mine on Howe Sound, have given it out as their intention to establish a smelter at an island point, placing a plant capable of turning out six hundred tons of crude ore per day at the mine on Howe Sound. The McKeesport people who are developing the Barkley Sound iron mines are also planning to build furnaces and establish a plant for the reduction of the ore taken from their mines, but it is understood that either Port Angeles or Port Townsend will be made the scene of their works.

Truly the mining resources of Vancouver island are being developed and plans are being pushed for further development. Where on Mount Sicker three years ago there were but a few prospectors whose search was rewarded by the location of rich mines, there is now a pushing mining town, with its hotels and stores, and homes of about two hundred workers, and, the locators of the new strike near Cowichan—not more than fifty miles from Victoria—believe that their find will also be the scene of another enterprising mining community in the near future, which like Mount Sicker will be tributary to Victoria. At Richard Mountain, and other points along the E. & N. road there are mines being opened up, and on the West Coast, mining interests are so promising that several new wharves are being erected, and Mr. Huff of Alberni is of opinion that the trade on Alberni canal will be such that he will require a steamer of the most modern type, such as he has ordered, to fulfil the requirements of the trade. With the iron producing mines of Sooke, Chemainus and Barkley Sound, the black sand placer mines at Uculet and Cape Commerell and the many other developing mines along the coast, and on the lower island, the outlook in the island mining resources is certainly good, and when the prospectors have located the undiscovered mines in the unexplored lands further north on the island, there will be a rich country indeed tributary to Victoria.

It is understood that Mr. C. H. Dickie, M. P. P., is interested with Messrs. Smith & Woods in the new find.

ANOTHER SOUTHERN STORM.

Louisiana, Georgia and Alabama Swept by Gulf Floods.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 15.—The tropical storm which has been raging along the gulf coast for two days has tonight completely isolated the city of Mobile, Alabama, from the outside world. It is known that considerable damage has been done along the water front in Mobile, but whether there has been loss of life is mere conjecture. Nothing has been heard from the country south of Mobile up to the time the last wire to Mobile failed. At half post four this afternoon, the Western Union office in Mobile was abandoned, the water at that time being three feet deep in the operating department. Two hours later communication was had for a few minutes with Mobile. The Associated Press operator there had made his way to the operating room in a boat. He took up his position on top of the switch board several feet above the flooded office, and taking the Associated Press wire from its place on the board, sent this message: "I am on top of the switchboard here with a lineman. The water is over three feet deep in this room, and it is still rising; the wind is blowing at the rate of 50 miles an hour, and we look for worse things tonight. The business district is deserted." Here the wire failed, and nothing more could be heard from him, although the most persistent efforts were made.

New Orleans, La., Aug. 15.—The storms which has been sweeping the gulf coast from Pensacola and moving westward during the past two days, has prostrated telegraph and telephone wires to such an extent that news from the outlying sections is hard to get. The greatest fears have been maintained for the safety of the people living at Port Eades, which is the mouth of the Missippi river, and for the ships started for sea just before the storm began.

MORGAN'S LATEST.

Plans to Take Workmen in as Shareholders in the Steel Trust.

New York, Aug. 15.—The Press will say tomorrow: "J. P. Morgan has planned the greatest labor union of the age, a union of labor and labor's ally, capital. According to his plans, stock of the United States Steel Corporation, valued at several millions of dollars, at par, has been set aside for the purchase at inside figures by the 165,000 men employed by the companies that make up the great steel trust. It is contemplated to form this co-partnership between the shareholders and the employees of the United States Steel Corporation. The plan was conceived before the steel strike was thought of. Then it was expected that it might be put in operation in two years. It required time to formulate the details of such a tremendous undertaking. For this reason the announcement was withheld.

THE WARDEN GIVES DENIAL

Mr. Armstrong's Evidence Before the Westminster Jail Commissioner.

At the jail inquiry at Westminster on Wednesday Warden Armstrong gave an absolute denial of the prisoners' statements of irregularities.

The Warden said he never passed tea, coffee and groceries through the bars to the women. It could not be done. The bars were too close together. He had given May tobacco through the wicket. The doctor had ordered her to smoke. It had been the custom here to give prisoners tobacco. Whenever the chain gang worked for the school board or agricultural society, or any other institution, it has always been the custom to give the gang tobacco. Mr. James Cunningham is giving them tobacco now while they are working on the school grounds. Witness was never in the hospital while the girls were there, except with the matron. He had no key to that door; it was fastened by a special lock. First, he would have to unlock the iron gate, to which the matron had the key. He said "It's a black lie." when Mr. Dockrill read to him the statements of Rosy about having seen him and May in a compromising position in the hospital and chapel.

The Warden was next asked regarding Rosy's statement that he had measured May's legs with a string while she thrust them through the rails in front of her cell. The Warden answered that he would like to see the place where this was supposed to have happened, so forthwith the Judge led the way to the women's ward. Arrived here Rosy explained the affair again in detail, but in a vastly different way. According to this version, May stood in front of the cell, with one foot on the iron railing of the platform, while the place where she had said the Warden stood turned out to be ten feet away, and about six feet above the girl's head. Moreover, Rosy admitted it was herself, not the Warden, who measured May with a piece of string thrown to her from the wicket. This she passed back, she said, to the Warden. "So this was at long range, was it?" was Mr. Dockrill's summing up of this incident.

On returning upstairs, and before leaving this subject, Rosy admitted she did not state what was true when she said the Warden did the measuring.

The Warden claimed the west part of the garden lying west of the jail building, as his own, and he bought all the seed used there. Half the potatoes in the field also were grown from seed raised by him from a few special potatoes he had got from the East five years ago. He had never given away any vegetables grown in any other part of the grounds.

To Mr. Dockrill, the Warden stated that he had never had any improper conversation nor conduct, at any time or place, on duty or not, with May Evans.

Throughout, the Warden's answers were given in a straightforward manner, says the Columbian, and the emphasis of his denial of Rosy's statements was more noticeable in his manner than in the actual words used.

Questioned by McCarty, the Warden denied point blank promising a bribe to him or any other prisoner. He had given tobacco to prisoners several times, generally when they purchased it for themselves. He positively denied offering McCarty $25 not to give evidence. He also denied as positively ever mentioning George Calblick's name to him till this moment, much less offering Blackie $10. He denied ever bringing a drop of liquor into the jail, even in the days when he used it himself, except on doctor's prescriptions.

To the Judge: He never saw the girls dancing. There may have been dancing and whiskey in there, but he never saw it. As to the internal economy of the jail, Guards Marshall and O'Connor did not know anything about it, rations, etc.

Regarding the two men from the chaingang for Mr. Burr's private house, he had them on Saturday afternoons and in the evenings. The prisoners had asked to work thus in preference to being locked up, and Mr. Burr had asked if he could take them. Witness gave the necessary permission, as it had been the custom in previous years. Sometimes the men would have supper before they left; sometimes Mr. Burr would give them supper at his house. Mr. Edwards and Mr. O'Connor had each had the use of the chain-gang at times. When the gang arrived at the jail they and the trusties were the only prisoners loose in the jail. He carried out the jail business just as he did when he was jailer under Mr. Moresby. He practically was Warden then for some time, as Mr. Moresby was often away for a month at a time.

ANOTHER EMPRESS.

Mr. Shaughnessy Says Only One Vessel Will Be Added to Fleet.

Montreal, Aug. 14.—(Special)—Mr. T. G. Shaughnessy, of the C. P. R., speaking of an Ottawa despatch to the effect that the C. P. R. intended to build several vessels of Deutschland type for the Pacific service, denied the truth of the story. He said it was intended to add a sister ship to the Empress fleet.

SETTLEMENT BEING REACHED.

Favorable End to Trackmen's Strike Expected Soon.

Montreal, Aug. 14.—(Special)—As announced yesterday, steps have already been taken by Vice-President McNicoll looking towards a settlement of the trackmen's strike. A favorable announcement, it is said, will be made in the course of a few days.

MANITOBA HARVEST.

Fine Weather Continues and Cutting Is Making Great Progress.

Winnipeg, Aug. 14.—(Special)—Fine weather continues and cutting is making great progress.

At Tacoma Tournament

Again Victorians Have Success at the Tennis Matches on the Sound.

Interest in the Baseball Match for Saturday—Yachting and Cricket.

Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—The British Columbia tennis players all did splendidly in the tournament here today, in fact with the exception of a defeat which Mr. Goward suffered in the handicap singles, owing to the heavy odds he was obliged to concede his clever opponent, Mr. Vaeth of Tacoma, the visitors so far have not lost a match. Mrs. Burton of Victoria is playing in excellent form, and won out from Mrs. Burrit, one of the best of the local players, handily, the tally reading 6-1, 6-1.

Miss Goward is also doing very good work, defeating Miss Rollins of Seattle after a very good match. So far it looks as if the two Victoria ladies will meet in the final.

Powell and Goward had a very busy day. Powell and Newton, the Seattle crack, who so nearly defeated Foulkes on the local courts last year, had a fine match, in which the Victorian came out on top, chiefly on account of his steadiness at the net, and placing down the lines. The first set was very even all the way through, each man making a fight for the net, and it went to each player alternately until Powell had 5 to Newton's 4, and with 40 love against him in the 10th game, he took a good brace and won out, score 6-4. In the second set, the British Columbia champion played in the best of form, and seemed able to pass the Seattle player at will, while his driving and smashing was very accurate. Score 6-1, in favor of Powell.

Goward also had a good game with Goss of Portland, and was winning with ease when the game was called on account of darkness.

Goward and Powell meet Goss and Lewis the Oregon champions in the doubles tomorrow, and a very close contest is anticipated. If the Victorians are successful in this match, they meet Hardy and Pratt of California for the championship.

Goward will probably meet the great Hardy in the championship singles, and the Victorian can be counted on to make the California expert work to win.

Appended are some of today's results:

Mrs. Burton beat Mrs. Burrit, score 6-1, 6-1.

Miss Goward beat Mrs. Rollins (Seattle), 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.

Mrs. Burton and Miss Goward beat Mrs. Seymour and Mrs. Halstead, 6-3, 6-3.

Mr. Goward and Miss Goward beat Mr. Carstens and Mrs. Carstens, 6-2, 6-2.

Powell and Mrs. Burton beat Macfarlane and Miss Loomis 6-2, 6-2.

Powell (owe 30) beat Martin, rec. 3-6 15, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4.

VICTORIA VS. REGIMENT.

Cricket Match to be Played at Beacon Hill on Saturday Afternoon.

The Victoria and Fifth Regiment cricket teams will play at Beacon Hill on Saturday afternoon, commencing at 2:30. The teams are as follows:

Victoria—G. Barraclough, E. J. Howe, H. Martin, D. Menzies, P. Richardson, J. S. Murray, W. Moresby, B. H. Hurst, G. Smith, H. Wiffen and H. J. Thompson.

Regiment—J. A. McTavish, A. McLean, C. McLean, W. York, Q. D. H. Warden, H. M. Grahame, C. Schwengers, F. Ashby, A. Richardson, L. S. V. York (Captain), W. T. Williams.

FOR CHALLONER CUP.

Victoria Yacht Club Boats to Race for New Trophy Tomorrow.

The following A class yachts have been entered for the race for the Challoner cup to be sailed on Saturday afternoon: Ariadne, owned by Commodore F. S. Barnard; Volage, owned by G. A. Kirk, but sailed by Capt. Clarke; Nancy, B. Williams; Dorothy, W. H. Langley; Dione, W. S. Gore, vice-commodore; Swallow, Sergt.-Major A. Mulcahy; Wideawake, A. Pearce; Dragon, S. Lawrie; Banshee, R. Cassidy. The course is: Start from Pearlene rock, off Outer wharf, to Brotchie Ledge buoy, then to boat off Albert Head, and then return to starting point. All the buoys are to be left to starboard, except at the finish, when the starting buoy must be left to port. The preparatory gun will be fired at 2:25 p. m., and the start will be five minutes later. There will be a time limit of 2 hours and 30 minutes.

WILL ARRIVE TODAY.

Chehalis Baseball Nine Getting Here in Good Time for Their Match.

The Victorias will tomorrow have the Chehalis team as their opponents, and local lovers of the game can expect a good hard match. The visitors, like their neighbors from Centralia, have the reputation of being a first-class amateur team. The Centralia team made good their reputation by playing a runaway game at Nanaimo, defeating the Coal City team easily by a score of 31 to 12. The Chehalis nine is, if anything, even stronger than the Centralia team, and the local team will have to look to their laurels when they meet the visitors tomorrow.

The boys from Southern Washington will arrive here on this afternoon's boat, so that they will get a good rest for the game tomorrow. The home team has had a week of hard practice and are in splendid form. Holness and Schwengers will again do the battery work for the locals, while Thrash and Ruff will be in point for the visitors.

The home nine will be practically the same as that which has been playing all summer. The line up and batting order of both teams will be published in the morning.

There should be a large crowd present at tomorrow's game, there being the excursions of the Odd Fellows' order to Victoria, one from Vancouver and one from Nanaimo.

The grounds at Oak Bay are now in finer condition than ever before, Groundkeeper Niven and his assistants having been hard at work on them during the week.

The game will be called at 3 o'clock.

Umpire Smith will, as usual, umpire the game.

It's a blame sight easier to put down prices than it is to git 'em up ag'in.

LAST SAD RITES.

Funeral of Late Joseph Weiler Took Place Yesterday Afternoon.

Business was practically suspended in a number of the larger establishments of the city yesterday on account of the funeral of the late Joseph Weiler, which was one of the largest private funerals ever seen in the city. The employees of the firm, numbering about a hundred, attended in a body, and the members of the Pioneer Society, of which the deceased was a member, also turned out and followed the remains to the grave. Many beautiful floral pieces covered the casket, one being an immense wreath sent by the employees, and another a wreath from the Pioneer Society. Rev. W. Leslie Clay conducted impressive religious services at the residence. The pall-bearers were: Messrs. C. R. Bunting, R. Wilson, C. Wenger, G. W. Anderson, F. A. Gowen and C. T. Wrigleswortb.

The funeral of the late Miss Amos also took place yesterday, the cortege leaving the parlors of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Company, and proceeding to St. Andrew's R. C. cathedral, where Rev. Father Althoff officiated. There was a large attendance of friends, including the nurses from St. Joseph's hospital.

CHINESE COMMERCE.

Signing of Protocol Will Pave Way to Taking up Question.

Washington, D. G., Aug. 15—The state department is awaiting a reply from Mr. Rockhill as to the date of the signing of the protocol as the disposal of the subject will pave the way to taking up the question of new commercial treaties with China and facilitate other important details in execution of the protocol. Whether the present treaty relations with China are sufficient or an entirely new fabric, will be required, depends considerably upon the terms of the protocol.

It is expected that this document will be forwarded by mail by Mr. Rockhill, and not until it is in hand will the authorities feel like reaching a final determination as to the scope of negotiations on such new commercial treaty relations as may become desirable. The protocol itself appears to contemplate the creation of an international board to sit probably at Shanghai, and to have charge of certain details of commercial relations between the powers and China.

PLANS FOR HIGH SCHOOL

The Trustees Select the Plans of Mr. F. M. Rattenbury.

A private meeting of the board of school trustees was held last evening to select the plans for the new High school. An expert had already been over the plans and made a report, and as to whether his report was adopted is not known, but after the meeting it was announced that the plans of Mr. F. M. Rattenbury had been selected as the most suitable. The second choice were the plans of Mr. Ridgway Wilson, who receives the premium of $200, and the third, Mr. Thomas Hooper's plans, and he receives the second prize of $100. The plans of Mr. Rattenbury call for a building of brick and stone and comply with the specifications prepared by the board of school trustees. When the board met the eight plans submitted were laid out before them, each one being numbered, and there being no marks by which it could be said whose they were, so that not until after the award had been made did the trustees know who had been the successful architect. It is likely that tenders will be called for at once for the new building.

FAST TRAINS.

From Montreal Witness.

Recent tests by the Grand Trunk railway management have proved that it is possible to run to Toronto, 333 miles, in less than seven hours and fifteen minutes, the time now made by their International Limited, and next year, it is expected that the Queen City of the West will be reached in probably six hours and thirty minutes, which will necessitate an average speed of at least fifty-five or nearly sixty miles an hour being kept up all the way. This speed is frequently attained now, when occasion requires, with the new and improved mogul type of passenger engines—six driving wheels—which the company is running on that section of the system. The question, however, has yet to be settled, whether the public demand this fast time.

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