

GEORGE BROWN SHOT

Well Known Resident of Sooke Dying from the Result of a Gun Shot Wound.

Information Laid Charging John Aiken With Shooting With Intent to Kill.

George Brown, of Beachy Bay, was shot about 6 o'clock last evening by his son-in-law, John Aiken, and will probably die. The wounded man is at St. Joseph's Hospital, where an operation was performed this morning, but the bullet was not found. The provincial police left this afternoon for Sooke to arrest Aiken, an information having been laid by Superintendent Hussey, charging him with shooting with intent to kill.

Brown was shot in the mouth, the bullet ranging down and lodging in his chest, so he was unable to tell his story. After the operation, however, he was able to write a little, and told of having gone to Aiken's house for his children. A dog came out to meet him, and being afraid of it he picked up a short stick. He first knocked at Aiken's door with his knuckles, and getting no answer, tapped the door with his stick. Almost immediately somebody who Brown says was Aiken, fired through the door and the bullet struck him in the mouth. It is said that there has been trouble brewing between the two men, and this is supposed to have been the cause of the shooting. The wounded man arrived at the hospital about two o'clock this morning. The doctors hold out no hope for his recovery, and consequently his statement was taken by Police Magistrate Macrae.

George Brown is very well known in this city and the district where he lived. He is a man of giant stature and about 38 years of age. His wife, Mrs. Morrison, of James Bay, is a sister of his. Another sister, Mrs. Mills, resides in San Francisco, and a brother, Charles, is farming on the West Coast. Brown is a native of Victoria. A few weeks ago one of his sons was killed, being thrown from a horse.

Geo. Brown, the Beachy Bay rancher, who was shot on Monday evening by his son-in-law, John Aiken, was reported very much better to-day, and it is now believed that he will live. The wound is one that would have killed a man of ordinary physique, and in fact yesterday the doctors thought Brown must succumb to it, but his iron constitution stood him in good stead, and he is now on the road to recovery and, barring accidents, will be around before long.

Aiken was arrested last evening at the residence of his sister, Mrs. McInnes, Oak Bay, by Constable McKenna, and he was this morning formally charged with shooting with intent to kill. At the request of Superintendent Hussey the case was adjourned for eight days, but it may be called up before the expiration of that time. Aiken has many sympathizers, who describe him as a quiet and unassuming man. His friends say that he would never have done the shooting if it were not aggravated or afraid of his life. It is quite possible that the latter theory accounts for the shooting; that Aiken thought that Brown was coming to his house to attack him or his wife, and that he picked up the rifle and fired through the door, as he thought, to save his life. Brown has been acting queerly since the death of his son some weeks ago, and on Wednesday, according to the story of his children, became quite violent, threatening to shoot them and his wife. His wife took the youngest child and left the house, while the three oldest children remaining in the house until Thursday morning, when they walked to the residence of Mr. Whitty, Metochin, a distance of twelve miles. Yesterday morning they were brought to town by Peter Anderson and left at the residence of Mr. Lawson, 103 Vancouver street. Aiken had no doubt heard of the trouble at the Brown home, and when George knocked at the door was afraid that he had come there to continue the hostilities.

Aiken has made a statement to Supt. Hussey, but the nature of this is not thought advisable to make public, as it might disclose his defence.

Sergeant Langley and Constable Garner spent the day at Sooke gathering what evidence they could from the neighbors.

To a friend with whom he discussed the shooting Aiken said: "It was either me or Brown," meaning that if he had not shot Brown, Brown would have killed him. According to Aiken's story, before and Brown being the more powerful man, had given him a thrashing. Brown went to Aiken's house on Thurs day evening to, as Aiken puts it, "do him up." He wanted Aiken to "come outside," but the latter refused and Brown started to break down the door. Then Aiken fired. As to Brown picking up a stick to keep the dogs off, the accused man says this is a "fake," as the dogs knew Brown, in fact they had all belonged to him.

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A REMARKABLE CASE.

Frederick Kaye Dies While His Sanny Is Being Inquired Into.

Before Mr. Justice Drake and a jury an inquisition in lunacy was commenced this morning, but owing to the death at 2:15 this afternoon of Frederick Kaye, the supposed lunatic, further proceedings in the inquiry are rendered unnecessary. The petition was presented to the court under the Lunacy Act, 16 and 17 Victoria, and the petitioner was Dr. Richardson, of the Jubilee hospital, where Kaye has been a patient for some time suffering from paralysis of one side, which affliction in persons of advanced years results sooner or later in softening of the brain and loss of reason. While Kaye was a patient at the hospital under the care of Dr. O. M. Jones, the board of directors heard that some person or persons desired to have him removed from the hospital and treated and cared for elsewhere, and that Kaye was supposed to be possessed of considerable means. He had no relations in this country, and as the hospital authorities did not wish to assume the position of arbitrarily deciding what should be done with Kaye, and he himself being in an unfit condition and unable to decide for himself, and moreover (without any suggestion that any one would do so) lest his property and estate should be dealt with improperly, it was decided to appoint trustees to appoint trustees of his estate, with the result that the present proceedings were commenced.

On the 10th of March the order for the inquisition was made and a jury demanded on behalf of Kaye. This morning Drs. Richardson, Hanington and Oromption were the witnesses examined; they all agreed in pronouncing Kaye of unsound mind and wholly incapable of the management of himself and his affairs. Shortly after noon the judge, jury and counsel all took carriages and drove out to see Kaye at the hospital, after which at 2:30 Dr. Jones was to give his evidence.

At 2:15 word came from the hospital that the patient had died, so the proceedings ended. Kaye was about 68 or 70 years of age and used to be a fishmonger in New Westminster and afterwards lived in Sooke. He is reported to have \$75,000 in cash and considerable real estate.

H. D. Helmeke, Q.C., for the petitioner; P. A. E. Irving and L. P. Duff for Kaye.

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LAW INTELLIGENCE.

The troubles of Mrs. Jones and Wm. Foote, of Lake district, are again before the court, this time before his honor Judge Harrison in the county court. Mrs. Jones is suing for \$20, being balance of wages she claims due, and \$15 in lieu of the usual month's notice to quit. In November Mrs. Jones made an agreement to look after Foote, who was living by himself and in very feeble health, but, according to the defence set up, the agreement was not to become operative until it was approved by Messrs. H. D. Helmeke and F. B. Pemberton, who were looking after his business affairs. They never consented to the agreement, Mr. Foote is now very ill and could not appear in court. The trial was adjourned, W. H. Langley for plaintiff and A. S. Potts (Drake, Coast & Helmeke) for defendant.

A special sitting of the full court has been called for Monday to reopen the case of Wells vs. Petty. Mr. Justice Walken at the Nelson assizes decided in favor of the defendant, and yet the appellant to the full court, the judge being Messrs. McCroft, Drake and McColl, the first of whom was in favor of allowing the appeal. Mr. Justice Drake did not deliver a judgment, and neither did Mr. Justice McColl, who had been in some way connected with the case before his appointment.

As the matter then stood there was one judge in favor of the plaintiff and one in favor of the defendant, and yet the defendant has the onus thrown on him of appealing. Hence the case will be re-argued. The litigation arises over the meaning of the phrase "in or on" in a contract. It is held that if he could not point out where some boat came from he would go out and prospect and he (the man telling) would "be in on" the mine found. Plaintiff claimed a half-interest, but the trial judge held it was an illusory agreement and dismissed the action.

SHIPPING.

Deaths in Marine Circles During the Past Twenty-Four Hours.

This morning the C. P. N. Co.'s steamer Maude, Capt. Foot, returned from her second trip to golden Texada. Among her passengers returning was Mr. Biewert, manager of the Van Andam mine. The freight included 320 sacks of ore from this mine, in transit to the Everett smelter, also 26 sacks of ore consigned to Chaceon, Mitchell & Co. It came from one of their properties on Texada and will be sent to San Francisco. The Maude will leave for Texada this evening.

Capt. Yates, who was mate of the collier Costa Rica for several years, has associated himself with Mr. Davidge in an effort to secure a Dominion subsidy for a line of steamers between Victoria and Central America. Captain Yates will leave for Ottawa in a few days with a view to laying the whole matter before the Dominion government. Mr. Davidge leaves to-night for San Francisco to attend a conference with Mr. Asano, the promoter of the new Japanese line.

Geo. Howitt left this morning via the N.P.R. and steamship Campana for Liverpool. R. H. Quinton, of Eureka, Cal., and C. A. Lazier, of Belleville, Ont., are guests at the Driard.

MINING COMPANIES

Forty-Four Companies Give Notice of Incorporation in This Week's Gazette.

Several of the New Companies Have Been Organized by Victoria Capitalists.

Forty-five mining companies gave notice of incorporation in the current issue of the B. C. Gazette. A number of these have been organized by Victorians. The C. W. D. Clifford Company has its principal place of business in the electoral district of Cassiar and the trustees are C. W. D. Clifford, Sir Charles Ross and Captain John Irving. The capital stock of the company is \$100,000, divided into 100 shares of \$100 each. The C. C. & J. Mining & Development Company has been organized by Tom D. W. Higgins, M. P., P. P., Lieut.-Col. Donville, M. P., O'Connell and Harry Croft and John O'Connell, Rossland. The principal place of business is Rossland and the capital is \$250,000. The Winchester Gold Mines Co. was organized by Messrs. Dier & Davidson and Ald. McCandless. The object of the company is to acquire the Winchester mineral claim in Osoyoos district. The Winchester Gold Mines Co. is a list of the new companies: Arlington Gold & Copper Mining Co., Greenwood, \$1,000,000. Berlin Gold Mining Company, Rossland, \$100,000. Blue-Pond Nellie Mining Co., Rossland, \$1,000,000. B. N. A. Mines, Kaslo, \$1,000,000. Broken Hill Mining & Development Co., Vancouver, \$250,000. British North America Mining & Development Co., Rossland, \$2,500,000. Bullion Mining & Milling Co., Greenwood, \$1,000,000. C. W. D. Clifford & Co., Cassiar, \$10,000. Columbia Mineral and Mine Association, Vancouver, \$250,000. C. W. D. Clifford & Co., Cassiar, \$10,000. Eastern Gold Mining Co., Spokane, \$1,000,000. East Kootenay & Elk River Co., Port Steele, \$75,000. Empress Gold Mining Co., Victoria, \$1,000,000. Esther & Onon Anne Consolidated, Spokane, \$1,000,000. Golconda Mining & Milling Co., Vancouver, \$50,000. Golden West Mining & Milling Co., Vancouver, \$200,000. Kokanee Creek Mining Co., Sandon, \$20,000. Lake Christina Mining Co., Seattle, \$1,000,000. Laurier Mining & Milling Company, Spokane, \$600,000. Lost Creek Development Co., New York, \$1,000,000. L. E. Mining Company, Tacoma, \$1,000,000. Little Bess Gold Mining Co., Spokane, \$2,000,000. Little Joe Consolidated, Trail, \$1,000,000. Los Vegas Gold Mining Co., Tacoma, \$1,000,000. Mammoth Group Mining Company, Spokane, \$1,000,000. Maritime Exploration Co., Rossland, \$1,000,000. Monterey Gold Mining Co., Spokane, \$1,000,000. Morning Star Mining Co., Spokane, \$600,000. Mountain Goat Mining Co., Rossland, \$1,000,000. Nelson-Slocan Prospecting Co., Nelson, \$1,000,000. Providence Mining & Development Co., Vancouver, \$300,000. Rock Creek Mining & Development Co., Greenwood, \$1,000,000. Rossland United Gold Mining Co., Seattle, \$1,000,000. Shakespear Gold Mining Co., Rossland, \$1,000,000. Silver Leaf Mining & Smelting Co., Rossland, \$1,000,000. Sincore Mining & Development Co., Nelson, \$1,000,000. Slocan-Monitor Mining Co., Spokane, \$1,000,000. Tobacco Prospecting Co., Rossland, \$1,000,000. Toronto & Boundary Creek Company, Greenwood, \$1,000,000. White Bird Gold Mining Co., Rossland, \$1,000,000. Winchester Gold Mines Co., Victoria, \$250,000. Yellowstone Gold Mining Co., Spokane, \$1,000,000.

CONSUMPTION CURED. An old physician, retired from practice, having had pined in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple, natural cure for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma, and all throat and Lung troubles, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints, after having tested his wonderful power in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his countrymen. Actuated by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering, he will send free of charge, to all who desire it, a copy of his book, "The Cause, Prevention, and Cure of Consumption," in English, French, or Spanish, naming this paper, W. J. Hayes, 520 Powers' Block, Rochester, N. Y.

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Truly Astonishing—Miss Annette N. Men, Fountain, Minn., says: "Ayer's Cherry Pectoral has had a wonderful effect in curing my brother's childhood of a severe and dangerous cold. It was truly astonishing how speedily they found relief after taking this preparation."

James Hill, who has just returned from a trip to England, is at the Dominion on his way to Alberni.

BURNS MEMORIAL CONCERT.

To Be Given in the Victoria Theatre on Wednesday Evening.

Nothing in the line of Scottish concerts in this city will approach in point of excellence the coming Burns memorial fountain fund concert on Wednesday evening next at the Victoria theatre, the very best talent available in the city have kindly granted their services in aid of this most worthy object, that is, the erecting of a fountain in Beacon Hill park to the memory of the immortal Robb Burns. The concert is under the auspices of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian and Sir William Wallace societies, and they have placed the management of the concert in the hands of Mr. J. G. Brown, the veteran entertainer. The programme is a choice one, and every number is a gem, including such beautiful songs as "Doon the Burn," by Miss Jameson; "Oh, Whistle an' I'll Come to You My Lad," by Mrs. McCandless; that stirring Jacobite song, "Cam' Ye by Athol," by Mrs. Gregson; and the sweetly pathetic ballad, "We'd Better Bide a Wee," by Mrs. Bewlands. The latter lady will also sing the well known duet, "The Crookit Babewie," with Mr. J. G. Brown. Among the gentlemen will be found Mr. Jas. Pilling, singing those beautiful songs, "Flow Gently Sweet Afton," and "Mary of Arbury," and Mr. J. G. Brown will furnish some fun with his parody of "Maezie Rander." This is a gem, and will be the highlight of the evening. The programme is a choice one, and every number is a gem, including such beautiful songs as "Doon the Burn," by Miss Jameson; "Oh, Whistle an' I'll Come to You My Lad," by Mrs. McCandless; that stirring Jacobite song, "Cam' Ye by Athol," by Mrs. Gregson; and the sweetly pathetic ballad, "We'd Better Bide a Wee," by Mrs. Bewlands. The latter lady will also sing the well known duet, "The Crookit Babewie," with Mr. J. G. Brown. Among the gentlemen will be found Mr. Jas. Pilling, singing those beautiful songs, "Flow Gently Sweet Afton," and "Mary of Arbury," and Mr. J. G. Brown will furnish some fun with his parody of "Maezie Rander." This is a gem, and will be the highlight of the evening.

TRAVEL IS ACTIVE

A Large Number of Passengers Leave for the West Coast on the Tees.

Four Schooners Clear for Sealing Cruises—The Maude Goes to Texada.

MINING MEN AND COLONISTS WILL occupy the best of the land for six weeks, says the C. P. N. Co.'s steamer Tees, Captain Roberts, when she leaves for the West Coast to-night. The vessel will not only go to Quatsino, but to Cape Scott, to which point she carries fifteen Danish colonists who will settle there. Several prospectors are going down to San Juan, Jordan river, Alberni and to other districts along the West Coast. Mr. J. G. Bobelick, the well known mining engineer, and J. C. Anderson will also be passengers. The former will thoroughly investigate the prospects of the different mining districts, and the latter will settle the claims of the passengers who will be Mr. Spencer and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson, Charles Spring and family, James Seely and wife, J. Conway, W. Lorimer, Mr. Becker and Father Van Nessel.

Four sealing schooners, the Tees, Captain Meyer; Labrador, Captain Pike; Fawn, Captain Foley, and South Bend, Captain Dillon, accompanied by the steamer Tees, will be engaged for sealing cruises. They will endeavor to get Indians on the West Coast. After the spring season closes the Labrador will engage in cod fishing at the Queen Charlotte fisheries. Other fishing vessels will be engaged for the fish. There is a good market for this kind of fish, and it is expected the venture will prove a profitable one. It is possible that other sealing schooners may engage in the industry.

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THE FLOODED SOUTH

Amount of Damage Done by the Overflowing Mississippi Is Simply Appalling.

Reported Levee Break—The Tempest Stricken South—The Wind and Rain.

Memphis, Tenn., March 20.—All telegraphic communication with New Orleans was cut off yesterday. Floods are assumed to be the cause of the stoppage.

A family of six found a watery grave by the capsizing of a dugout while making for high land. Two were infants. On the Memphis levee for half a mile there is a congregation of negroes awaiting turns for relief. No one is refused. Sensational rumors are afloat as to the breaking of the levees above and below the city, causing serious damage to property and stock. So far these reports have not been verified in full, but sufficient is known to warrant the statement that before midnight an additional 200 square miles of territory will be submerged. In the territory covered by life steamers appalling facts came to light. Drownings of negroes are officially reported, until the number now reaches almost half a hundred. The relief committee, thus far, has ample funds to feed and clothe all the afflicted in the city. A telegram from points 65 miles south of this place asks for steamers to rescue people left last trip to the boats. Two steamers were dispatched east and west and are expected to return by midnight with several hundred persons. A dispatch has been received from Washington City authorizing government engineers to lend men to further protection to life and property. The river is still rising.

Washington, March 20.—Heavy rains for the past 48 hours in the central valley will cause continued rise of the Cumberland, Tennessee, Lower Ohio and Mississippi rivers, and intensify the threatened flood conditions previously announced. It is probable that the floods in the lower Mississippi valley during the next ten days or two weeks will in many places equal or exceed those of any previous year. Additional warning is given the residents of the threatened districts of Louisiana, Arkansas and West Mississippi to remove from the region of danger.

St. Louis, March 20.—The levee on the Mississippi, 50 miles below Carthage, Mo., at the extreme southeastern part, is reported broken and 17 lives lost. Efforts are being made to verify this story. The river continues to rise at Carthageville, and the pressure on the levee is great. All weak spots are being strengthened, but the work is handicapped by the rain. Many families living on the river bank have abandoned their homes and taken refuge in Carthageville. A large amount of stock has been lost on the Tennessee side of the river, the entire bottom for miles being inundated. The levee near Carthageville, about eight miles from Carthageville, is reported to break and overflow the part of the country.

Paducah, Ky., March 20.—Paducah is both surrounded and invaded by water. Every inch of the lowlands in McCracken county is covered. Every stream in Western Kentucky is out of its banks. Streets are flooded, bridges swamped, houses wrecked, fences swept away and crops rendered impassable.

Jackson, Miss., March 20.—A severe wind storm struck Jackson this morning at 6 o'clock, coming from the southwest, and accompanied by a heavy downpour of rain. As far as known there has been no loss of life, although heavy trees were torn up by the roots, houses unroofed, fences and outbuildings destroyed and signs blown away. Jackson is entirely isolated in the matter of electric communication, and on that account nothing can be learned from the surrounding country. It is probable that serious damage has been done. Every inch of the lowlands in McCracken county is covered. Every stream in Western Kentucky is out of its banks. Streets are flooded, bridges swamped, houses wrecked, fences swept away and crops rendered impassable.

Dallas, Tex., March 20.—A severe wind storm passed over the state between 8 and 9 o'clock last night. At Plano, a few miles north of here, the storm levelled the sheds of the Cotton Belt Railroad, blew over freight cars and unroofed several residences. A number of persons were injured.

At Hutchinson, Kansas, trees and outbuildings were blown over. Considerable damage was done by the storm in the vicinity of Itaska, Hill County. Telegraph and telephone wires were blown down in all directions, and for that reason it is impossible to learn the extent of the damage. Damage is also reported from Fort Worth, Sherman and McKinney.

Rain has been falling intermittently for four days and still continues. The storm is thought to have been severe in remote portions of the state, where telegraphic communication is interrupted. Denison reports that a terrific tornado accompanied by heavy rain and hail struck the city at about 9 o'clock last night and caused many thousand dollars' worth of damage, houses being blown off their foundations and some demolished.

Omaha, March 20.—Special telegrams to the Bee from all points in the north-west indicate that the bonds of winter were simultaneously broken up yesterday and the streams that have been bound in ice for months have suddenly turned to raging torrents.

The worst reports come from South Dakota. Along the Missouri last night the settlers were fleeing in the darkness from the rapidly increasing floods, and nothing definite can be told further.

The snow that capped the state last night for four to six feet deep with two days of warm weather with two nights of rain has set all this running to the rivers.

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