

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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It is reported that Messrs. Farrell & Midgeon intend shipping five tons of ore from the Stewardier to make a test of the ore...

The christening of the son of Horace Davies took place on Tuesday evening. Nearly fifty guests were present...

Mrs. H. E. Donald, who has been visiting her parents in England, returned home yesterday morning...

Although the wind blew a gale yesterday afternoon, no damage was done here, excepting to S. G. Lewis's store...

Lewis G. Hill went to Nanaimo today. Percy Roberts took some views of the giant waves which dashed upon our shore during the gale...

MCPHERSONS.

From our own correspondent. A very successful musical entertainment was held at McPherson's last Wednesday...

A fine study on the violin was also rendered by Miss Crosier. Mr. Williams, of Koksilah, brought his guitar and delectable songs...

NANAIMO.

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VERNON.

From our own correspondent. The Armstrong flour mill is rapidly nearing completion. The contractor Crewe expects to have the building finished by the end of the week...

Mr. F. H. Latimer, C. E., who recently returned from a trip to Camp Hewitt, where he and his partners have completed their assessment work on the Farmer mineral claim...

A mining deal which in magnitude is probably entitled to rank first among many that have yet been consummated in the province has been recently successfully carried through by Messrs. A. W. Thompson, of Fairview, and S. S. Fowler, of Chicago...

WELLINGTON.

Wellington, Dec. 23.—The Spry-Palmer operating company paid a visit to our town last week and was so well received that it played for four nights...

Three men No. 4 mine were severely injured on Friday last by the explosion of gas. Mr. R. D. Ramsay, of the Enterprize, left last Wednesday for the east for the purpose of paying a visit to his relatives...

A masquerade ball will be given under the auspices of the Wellington band at the new opera house on Tuesday, December 24th.

At a meeting of the Liberal-Conservative association held on Friday evening last Mr. J. Haggart was unanimously selected as the candidate for the coming Dominion election.

KAMLOOPE.

G. C. Tunstall, government agent, by mail on Wednesday morning presented a check for \$96, being a sum raised by 51 milkmen miners as a Christmas gift to Thos. Burton, one of their old comrades who is now at the provincial home.

M. J. McIver, city assessor, has completed the municipal voters' list for the approaching year. There is very little change this year in the number on the list...

M. E. Burger, whose finger was shattered by the premature discharge of a gun, is able to work again. Mr. Burger has invented a device for raising water from a running stream, and has secured a patent upon his invention in Canada and the United States...

MIDWAY.

The snow having disappeared from the valley, the bright new cutters that were a few days ago the joy and pleasure of those using them, are now again put away for a season or two.

The articles of incorporation of the Old Ironsides Mining Company were signed yesterday. The company is formed for the purpose of developing and working the Old Ironsides mine, Boundary creek.

and smelting or milling the ores, building tramways, etc. The incorporators are S. A. Rig, C. W. Ritchie, Jay P. Graves, and H. P. Palmerston...

Several times the proposition has been made to establish a rifle corps in Kamloops, but no definite action was taken until last Friday night...

There was a good attendance and considerable enthusiasm shown. Capt. Nash had previously corresponded with the militia department at Ottawa and stated that the department would give the company every encouragement...

There was a large attendance at a meeting held to consider the question of organizing a board of trade. The committee reported that they had found the judicial district in which Kamloops is situated, contained many more than the required number of inhabitants...

The Kamloops Sentinel says: "On Thursday last Alexander McLean, an inmate of the provincial home, died of influenza. He was the first to die of the disease in Kamloops since the epidemic broke out in the city in 1894."

The narrow gauge cars for transporting ore over the Trail and Rossland tramway arrived from Lettbridge this week, and will be transferred by steamer to their destination. Two locomotives are expected for the same service.

A premature explosion on the rock section of the Arrow Lake branch extension last Tuesday, resulted in the death of one man and serious injury to three others. The accident occurred on the section for which John Wilson, a Swede, is the sub-contractor...

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Municipal politics appear to engage the attention of the public at this moment, and until after the election little else will be thought of. The supporters of the three candidates are sanguine of success...

The school here were closed on Friday last. The 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th divisions were closed in the morning, and the 1st and 2nd in the afternoon. There are about three children attending the public school here now and the number is gradually increasing.

The Cowichan Literary Institute is in full swing for the winter months, and a number of entertainments are already announced. The children of the Methodist church Sunday school will have a Christmas tree on Tuesday evening...

The Cowichan Liberals wear a smile of contentment and are overjoyed at the news from Victoria that Mr. Templeman, the Liberal candidate for the Dominion house, will be returned by a sweeping majority.

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GLADSTONE ON THE CRISIS. The Grand Old Man's Advice to the Frothing Jingoists. New York, Dec. 23.—A local party called Mr. Gladstone for an expression of opinion as to the best method of assuring peace between Great Britain and the United States and the successful adjustment of the Venezuelan question. The following reply is published: "Have you, Dec. 23.—Sole possible reply: Dare not interfere. Only common sense required. Gladstone."

Rumor has it that ex-President Harrison is to marry Miss Mary Scott Dimmock, the niece of his late wife. Lads of that age are

at this time they have good houses and are all prepared in every respect. Mr. P. J. Leech returned by the last steamer from Victoria and says there is no place like Bella Coola.

Quite an enjoyable time was spent at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Hammer at New Saturn, on the evening of November 28. A party of about twenty young people decide to call and surprise Mr. Albert Hammer. The party was cordially received and nothing was spared to make the evening pleasant. Games were played up to a late hour when all went home well pleased with the outcome of the first surprise party in Bella Coola.

The public school is progressing finely under the able management of Mr. I. Fougner. Rev. C. Saugstad, president of the colony, in company with President H. B. Christiansen, of the Bella Coola Mercantile Company, will leave here about January for a trip to Minnesota. It is rumored that many new settlers will accompany them back to Bella Coola. The young people of Bella Coola have organized a literary and debating society, and it is largely attended.

Has Many Structural Defects, Which Will Have to Be Remedied. New York, Dec. 23.—Once more the official trial of the battleship Texas has been postponed, this time after she had successfully accomplished three-fourths of the test allotted to her. The cause of the postponement was in no way attributed to the contractors or to the engines, but to structural defects. The ship returned to her anchorage on Saturday night, and will await instructions from the Washington City authorities to Captain Glas as to his further movement.

It had become apparent that there was too much vibration of the floor plates of the engine room, which was caused by structural weakness. The instant that the claim that the ship will have to be strengthened by channel plates or some shipbuilding device. There was still further trouble in the engine room and fire rooms. Large quantities of cold water were being used to keep the engine cool. The water ran into the crankpits and then was sent to a main pipe, which extends through the engine room. The water falls into cisterns in the fire room, where big pumps are used to carry it away. The pumps were totally inadequate for this. In consequence the place became flooded and work had to be stopped. The ship will very likely be sent back to the Brooklyn navy yard to have changes made which will obviate the trouble which stopped to-day's trial.

A CONDUCTOR'S CARELESSNESS Causes a Collision with Terrible Results on the Reading Railroad. Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—The local northbound train on the Reading railroad left the suburb Frankford at 6:44 a.m. Saturday, without waiting as customary for the down train, which arrives at 6:45 a.m. The result was a head end collision at Sellers street, two blocks north of the Frankford station. Two persons were killed and several injured