

BRITISH COLUMBIA

NEW WESTMINSTER.

dark, in spite of the published report that the combine includes that city. It is reported that a counter petition at Wellington is being numerously signed by property holders who are opposed to the idea of incorporation, as they consider it premature. Also that the expense of municipal machinery for such a limited area will prove more burdensome in the matter of taxation far beyond the benefits to be derived. The petition asks that the letters patent be ready granted, be at once revoked, and no election held.

GERMANS.

From our own correspondent. Chemainus, Nov. 20.—W. H. Lomas and Maitland-Douglas passed through here yesterday having in charge two boys who have been attending the Kuper Island industrial school and who are suspected of having set fire to the boys' section of the buildings at the school on several occasions of late. Some damage was done on each occasion, but the wonder is that the building still stands, and no lives lost, as the fire was started just under their sleeping apartments.

ROSSLAND.

Roseland Prospector. The Josie is an every-day shipper. The engine at the R. E. Lee has steamed up. The Cliff has just made a shipment of 38 tons of ore-valued at \$965.50. Le Roi ore is valued at the customs house at \$45.80 per ton. The Oriental has been purchased by Col. Geo. Turner, representing a company of Montreal capitalists.

VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, Nov. 20.—The city council, after adjourning on Tuesday morning, sat again at 7.30, and continued until nearly one o'clock on Wednesday morning, discussing the lighting of the city. When the agreement with the Western Electric company had been accepted clause by clause, Mr. G. de Wolf asked permission to address the council. He did so, and offered to contribute the city for 20 cents for the present number of lights, a cent and a half cheaper than the Western Electric company, and presented a cheque for \$1,000 as a token of good faith. Mr. De Wolf's proposition will be considered at the next regular meeting.

NANAIMO.

(From our own correspondent.) Nanaimo, Nov. 19.—Now that a portion of Wellington is about to be incorporated, it is quite a common expression in opposition to the election taking place. So far there is only one name mentioned for mayor, and it will be a matter of time to get a second.

Last night there was another meeting of the municipal council; this marks a third in succession. The mayor thinks it is about time the election of a new council should take place. There will be a meeting of citizens on Saturday evening in Davison's hall, when a ballot will be taken on two candidates for the mayoralty. The candidates for nomination are Ald. Davison and A. Wilson.

Much dissatisfaction is felt in respect to the interior of the new court house, as the size of the main hall is considered far too small to meet the growing needs of the city. It is claimed that it is due to the work of the architect. Dr. O'Brien, umpire in the Jordan-Dumont case, has awarded the latter \$150 for Mr. Jordan's right of way through his property. Coal will probably be shipped from West Wellington next.

Nanaimo, Nov. 20.—Mr. D. Wilson, inspector of schools, is holding an examination of those children who failed in one subject only at the summer examinations for the high school. Mr. Jordan, owner of the West Wellington mines, is having his coal cars built in this city, and as soon as a number of them are completed he will commence the shipment of coal.

Boring operations were commenced on the Victoria Island yesterday. The prospect of Michael McFarland was admitted to the hospital yesterday, suffering from paralysis, the effects of an accident at the East Wellington mines. Last evening a grand banquet was given in the Palace hotel by the Knights of Pythias.

An Indian was brought from Alberni to be tried at the assizes next week on a charge of seriously wounding another Indian named Willson, on the reserve. Free Press.

The death of Captain Charles Honeyman, from heart weakness, took place at his residence, The Esplanade, at 1.30 o'clock this afternoon. The deceased was taken ill on Sunday night, and it was assumed a most critical character. He was a native of Alloa, Scotland, aged 68 years, and leaves a wife and daughter to mourn his demise. He held the position of Lloyd's agent for Nanaimo, and was the stevedore of the ships visiting that port. The news of his death will come as a sudden blow to his many friends, for Captain Honeyman was a man of kindly and genial disposition, winning the respect and esteem of all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

The funeral will take place on Monday afternoon at three o'clock, under the auspices of Doric Lodge No. 15, A. F. & A. M., of which lodge the deceased captain was a member. The bereaved widow and daughter have the sympathy of the general community in affliction that have deprived them of their affectionate father.

A. Haslam, M. P., expresses himself as sceptical of the actual existence of the reported gigantic lumber combine, with headquarters at San Francisco. He is disposed to believe that it is merely a scheme of the newspapers are actually trying to encourage such a combine. Personally, he has not been communicated with on the subject, and Vancouver, he thinks, is equally in the

building the smelter at Trail, have purchased rails, engines, coaches, and flat and box cars for a narrow gauge railway from Trail to Rossland. The material is said to be on the way in, and the work of constructing the road will be commenced at once. The road will be eighteen miles long, and is to be a trestle. This does not suit the Canadian Pacific, and General Superintendent Abbott, of the Pacific division, passed south yesterday on his way to Spokane to learn what Mr. Heinze means.

A change of managers has been made at the No. 1 mine at Ainsworth, Mr. McVicar being succeeded by Mr. Moshier. The force at the mine has been reduced about one-half and the concentrator closed down until spring. The mine is reported as looking well, and no fear is entertained of its not being a paying concern. The Skyline is also reported to be in good shape. The working force is only thirteen men, three of whom knock down all the ore three four-horse teams can haul to the wharf at Ainsworth. The vein is from ten to fifteen feet wide, and a streak of considerable width carries ore that runs between 600 and 700 ounces silver to the ton. The output of both No. 1 and the Skyline goes to the smelter at Pilot Bay.

Ben Thomas, one of the best known miners in Southern Kootenay, arrived in Nelson yesterday from Slocan, where he put in two years' hard work. The best mine he worked in was the Slocan Star, which he worked for a year. It is now open to a depth of nearly five hundred feet. The management expect to ship twenty-five tons a day regularly from this time on, three car loads going out on Thursday by way of the Kaslo & Slocan railway. Mr. Thomas says good minerals are in demand in the Slocan and that there will be a lively winter in that district.

Bonner's Ferry Herald, Oct. 9: "The fine weather this fall has been especially favorable for the reclamation company, which is making work on the dikes so far advanced as to reclaim about 50 square miles. They are now employing about 75 men, which makes a very nice pay roll. The diking scheme is proving a success, of which there is but little doubt, it will bring the Kootenay valley to the front as hardly dreamed of before, because it will mean the reclamation of the entire valley in time.

Smith will finish his contract, amounting to about 15,000 cubic yards of earth, this week, and Albert Johnson is pushing work on his contract to get it completed, if possible, this fall. Real estate is beginning to move in Nelson, J. Johnson, of the Silver King mine, has bought the vacant lot next to him for \$1,300. Woods has bought J. Tolson's house and lot at the corner of Stanley and Victoria streets.

The management of the Silver King have decided to close down the mine on all the 1st of January. The ore bins at the mine are full, and there are 800 tons of ore upon the dump. The management has begun to transfer some of the lower bins, but until the smelter is ready and begins to draw upon these bins it has been thought that it is useless expense to make a further accumulation.

The Fisher Maiden, of Four Mile Creek, Slocan district, is in the law. Web & Popham have brought an action in the supreme court against the parties who had it bonded for an accounting and the payment of alleged proceeds of ore mined and shipped to which they are entitled.

E. W. Ferguson, one of the principal owners of the Surprise mine, with Mrs. Ferguson, arrived in Kaslo on Sunday, and accompanied by Manager Smith, visited the mine on Monday and Tuesday. Work will be pushed at the Surprise vigorously as possible.

John P. McGuigan made a shipment of ore from the mortar Bay on Wednesday. It was the first from the mine and went to Pilot Bay. The sale is reported of the three lots in the corner of Third street and A. Avenue, to a party in Victoria. It is said that a warehouse and store will be built upon them in the early spring for use as a wholesale liquor establishment.

From our own correspondent. E. H. Fletcher, postoffice inspector, was here on Saturday, on official business. S. G. Lewis returned from Victoria on Sunday morning. Rev. E. G. Miller held service at 3 p.m. and Rev. Mr. Winslow at 7 p.m. Sunday.

Mr. D. Gallant, who is on the staff of the Kuper Island industrial school, is going to bring his family up here next Saturday to reside. S. G. Lewis, general merchant, is offering grouse for sale at 10 cents each, as he has a good many on hand when the demand of the Victoria market ceased.

B. C. Mining Journal. It is reported that a valuable mine of asbestos has been discovered about 60 miles south of Ashcroft. About 250 feet of new siding is now being built by the C. P. R. on this side of the railroad. The B. C. X. company will build a warehouse north of Harvey, Bailey & Co's, for the accommodation of their freight receipts.

The Ashcroft-Lillooet telegraph line has been connected with the Ashcroft end. The Lillooet end lacks about a mile of wire, which will be connected on Monday or Tuesday. The poles are set clear through and only the short space

mentioned is to be connected to give telegraphic communication with Lillooet. The railroad work in the vicinity of Ashcroft has gradually been drawing to a close here, one gang, doing rock work below till, is the only one left, and the work may be said to be over for this year.

The forwarding of over 130,000 pounds of freight north the past week shows to what proportions the freight handling at Ashcroft has grown. As a matter of fact from 400,000 to 500,000 pounds a month pass over the big road. A large slice of it goes to ranchers and stockmen up country, but the mining interests absorb a great deal.

James Ker, of Montreal, who has been employed on the Horseshoe mine the past summer, reports the mine as shut down for the season and that a cleanup is being made which will realize \$7000 or \$8000, but it will not be complete. This will bring the output of the mine up to about \$140,000 or \$150,000 for the present year, and an additional cleanup of \$8,000 for last season would aggregate \$55,000 or \$56,000 as the total output of the mine. The running expenses of the mine are about \$7000 a month since its equipment, so that enough has been taken out to pay for one year's work on the mine. When it is considered that only 60 or 70 days' piling all told gave the above output mining men will agree that the Horseshoe is a good producer.

E. Laporte, the Vancouver cattle buyer, shipped Wednesday night three carloads of cattle numbering 60 head and a carload of sheep numbering 196 head. The cattle were in fine condition, while the sheep were fat. Laporte is of the opinion that the fine lot of sheep were ever seen in Vancouver.

Sixty Shorthorn Durham bulls were recently purchased in Ontario and are now on their way to British Columbia. Nearly all of them are from B. C. cattle companies, but ten are from Mr. Howitt Bostock. Those for the cattle company will be wintered at the Perry ranch and in the spring will be distributed among the various ranches of the company.

REVELSTOCK. Kootenay Mail. The gold commissioner announces that mining leaseholds and placer claims, legally held, may be laid over from Nov. 15, 1895, to June 1st, 1896. The assessors at Trout Lake has attracted considerable attention from outside, and several letters of inquiry have been received from parties desirous of investigating its possibilities. The discovery was made too late in the season to permit of being done on it this year, but the owners, Messrs. Abrahamson Bros., intend opening it up as soon as possible next year, when a trial shipment will be made. Expert opinion has been obtained on several samples and it is pronounced to be of a very good quality.

E. L. Kinman, of the American, returned to Trout Lake this week. Before his departure he succeeded in inducing the owners of the Trout Lake townsite to donate a site for an ore assay office, which will be built immediately. The ore from the American will have to be transported about 30 miles before it can be placed on the cars at Arrowhead—four miles rawhiding, twelve miles on Trout Lake, twelve miles over the wagon road to the mill, and eight miles across the northeast angle. This will be a rather expensive handling, but the owners have figured out sufficient profit to induce them to ship ore as soon as rawhiding can be commenced.

TO WORK IN ALBERA. The Islander Gold Quartz Mining and Milling Company. In the advertising columns will be found the prospectus of the Islander Gold Quartz Mining and Milling Company, Ltd. This company has been organized for the purpose of taking over and working the Islander mineral claim, situate on a branch of Granite creek, Alberni district, and for the purpose of purchasing and working such other mineral claims as the company may determine. The Islander mineral claim is within two and a half miles of the navigable waters of Alberni Canal. It is outside the land grant of the E. & N. railway company. A good trail is built direct to the mine. There can thus be no dispute as to title, and transportation and from the mine will be at low rates. Returns from assays made of the surface ore have varied from \$2 to \$15 per ton in gold and copper. The character of the ore is similar to those produced by the Le Roi and other mines at Trail creek in West Kootenay. It is believed that as depth is attained the value of the ore will greatly increase, as was the case with the Trail creek ore. Assays have been made by Price, of San Francisco; Tacoma Smelting and Refining Company, Tacoma; W. Pellow-Harvey, Vancouver; Government Assay Office, Victoria. Only surface work has so far been done on the claim, which is from four to eight feet in width. It is proposed to sink shafts and otherwise prospect the mine, so as to thoroughly prove its extent and value.

John Irving, M. P. E., William Munzie and W. M. Mackenzie, of the provisional directors, Thomas H. Prosser, of Flint & Prosser, brokers, is secretary.

LAW INTELLIGENCE. On Friday last the divisional court, consisting of the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Crease, decided an important point of practice in directing that the appeal from the order of Mr. Justice Drake in the case of Hudson's Bay Co. v. Hazlett should be referred back to that judge to be dealt with under rule of court 577. The defendant had appealed from an order of Mr. Justice Drake, made ex parte, directing defendant to give security for an appeal from the judgment of the Chief Justice holding that book debts were not exemptions under the homestead act. In referring the matter back to the county court the divisional court expressed itself as of the opinion that appeals from ex parte orders should not be taken to divisional court in future, unless the application has been just made to the judge to reconsider his order. Though according to Vane back to the county court, 3 B. C. 145, the appeal was justified in appealing as he did, yet the practice hereafter to be followed should be as directed in Black v. Dawson, 14 R. April, 310. Mr. Archer Martin for defendant-appellant, Mr. J. A. Aikman for plaintiffs-respondents.

THE OCCIDENTAL HOTEL, COR. WHARF AND JOHNSON STS., VICTORIA, B. C.

This popular and well known Hotel will re-open about November 15th under the management of W. JENSEN, its founder, with everything new and bright. It will be conducted as in former years, aiming to make it homelike for its guests.

HE FOOLED HIS PARTNER

Capt. Peterson Coming North With His Ship Despite His Partner's Protests. The bark McNear, Captain Peterson, is on her way from San Francisco to Departure Bay for a load of coal. The voyage is an unusual one, from the fact that one of the owners, Hans Thompson, said that the vessel should not come north. Captain Peterson, who also owns a share in the vessel, said he would come and she is coming.

Captain Peterson formerly commanded the bark Lady Lamson, which he lost near Honolulu. He and the crew drifted about on the ocean in small boats for a number of days, until they were finally picked up and landed at Honolulu. Peterson showed himself to be a man of good business sense, and to be possessed of thrift. Instead of waiting to secure another command he bought Captain Swan's interest in the McNear. It was a small interest—only a one-eighth—but he quietly bought up other interests until he now owns a little more than one-half. Thompson has always acted as managing owner, although owning but three-eighths of the vessel. He secured a charter recently from Chandler & Co., to carry coal from Nanaimo to San Francisco, and the ship was ready to sail Wednesday morning, the tug Vigilant having been ordered to tow her to sea.

On Tuesday afternoon, according to Peterson's story, Thompson asked him for his power of attorney for three years, during which time Thompson would act as managing owner. Peterson refused to sign such a paper, whereat the other told him he could not take the bark to sea. Peterson went to daybreak to see his attorney, but he was not there, and explained the situation to him, and he was told by them that the vessel would be filled with coal if she went to Nanaimo. He thought that he had everything all fixed, but when he went to board the Vigilant he was informed that the order to go to sea had been countermanded. The captain jumped into a buggy and drove to the Red-Stack Towboat Company, but he was refused a tug, as orders had been left not to tow the McNear to sea.

Peterson was dazed for a moment at this unexpected turn of affairs, but he had a good counselor with him. The tug Alice was lying at Mission street wharf with steam up all ready to do anybody's towing business. It took about two minutes to arrange a price for a tow and five minutes later the captain was on his way to the McNear. No time was lost in weighing anchor, and when the United States district attorney's office opened the gallant bark was speeding through the Golden Gate in tow of the Alice, far beyond the reach of writs and Mr. Thompson.

The McNear achieved considerable notoriety in the past when Captain Swan had an interest in her. The captain had trouble with Thompson, the principal owner. Thompson, hired another captain instead of Swan, when the latter had already cleared the vessel for sea. A personal altercation followed, which resulted in Swan's arrest. Thompson claiming that the captain had drawn a pistol on him. Swan never sailed in the McNear again and finally had to sell his interest in the vessel.

A NEW ROUTE. The Island Belle Connecting Whatcom and Sidney, Makes Her First Trip. The steamer Island Belle arrived at Sidney yesterday afternoon—a day earlier than was expected. She had on board about 25 passengers, who were quickly conveyed to the city by the Victoria & Sidney railway. The Island Belle is a 105-ton steamer, with accommodation for about 200 passengers. She will run three times a week between Whatcom and Sidney, calling at all the islands in the San Juan archipelago. J. L. Dancher, traffic agent for the Bellingham Bay Steamboat and Transportation Company, is in the city to-day interviewing business men in the interests of his company. The company offers the same rates by the Island Belle for freight from the east and from Seattle as those levied by the Seattle boats. Passengers can also come by this route from Seattle, as the company have a boat running between Seattle and Whatcom, which makes close connections both ways with the Island Belle. The route being among the islands of the gulf is a most picturesque one in summer, and is free from rough weather in the winter. The farmers of San Juan and other islands in the gulf are pleased that they can send their product direct to Victoria by this route, and intend working up a considerable trade in farm produce here.

Lowell, Mass., Nov. 20.—A large brick building on Middle street was destroyed by fire this morning. The fire started in the basement of the building, and spread rapidly aided by repeated explosions of whiskey in barrels. About 1.30, and the city were illuminated by hard work the flames were confined to the building. There was no loss of life; the property loss is between \$350,000 and \$400,000.

San Francisco, Nov. 20.—Particulars of the loss of the Italian bark Brom Carlo of the Ho. on, were received here to-day. The bark collided with the British bark Can-Can, and the latter was sunk, but only the Carlo sunk, but only four of her nineteen men were saved.

PROV. N. Y. Nov. 20.—The bareless cargo left here at 7.45 this morning on the journey to Chicago. The Canadian schooner Danless is at anchor seven miles above Fort Grant Light on the Canadian shore. The crew were taken off to-day by a tug. The sea is breaking over the rocks, and the schooner is being driven ashore about two miles up on the Canadian side.

CASUALTIES AND CRIMES

Fire in a New York Sweating Shop—A Triple Murder at Brownsville.

A Colored Teacher Turns Butcher—Perry, Oklahoma, Reduced to Ashes.

New York, Nov. 20.—Two hundred and forty people were hemmed in by flames this morning when fire broke out in the six-story building, 98 Clinton street, on the upper floor, occupied as sweating shops. An unknown man was suffocated on the second floor. Meyer Lipitz, 29 years old, jumped from the fourth floor to the pavement, and was seriously injured. An unknown man jumped from the roof to the three-story building adjoining and was taken unconscious to the hospital. The fire spread so rapidly that all escape was cut off through the narrow stairways. No one can estimate how many dead are still in the building.

Braxtonville, Ore., Nov. 20.—John Montgomery, his wife and B. McKorcher, were found murdered at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon on the farm of O. Templeton, three miles east of here. All three of the victims had been shot with rifles. The murderers made good their escape.

No motive at present is known for the crime. Montgomery was found lying on his back in the yard about twenty feet from the house with the top of his head blown off and his brains scattered over the fence. McKorcher was found lying on his face in the sitting room, a bullet wound in the left side of his head and part of the skull gone. Montgomery's wife was lying across his legs. Mrs. Montgomery was found in the dining room lying on her face, shot in the back.

From their positions it would seem that the victims were all fleeing from the murderers. The excitement here is intense, and if the murderers are caught they will be lynched. No one but the murdered people are known to have been on the premises at the time of the tragedy.

Emporia, Kan., Nov. 20.—The citizens of Dunlap a little village thirty miles north of here, are wildly excited over a series of crimes committed by a negro, and all the able bodied male inhabitants are armed hunting him down. It is found he will be lynched, if not caught.

He is a negro school teacher, who not long ago assaulted one of his pupils, Doris Ray, about 14 years of age. He was tried to appear before the board of education. He did so, accompanied by his lawyer. At the hearing evidence was not only produced proving the attempted assault, but testimony adduced charging him with renewing the attempt. Notwithstanding all this the board wished to settle the matter so that Henderson would not have a criminal record in court to answer to a criminal charge. This exasperated the father of the little girl, Samuel Ray, who insisted that he be arrested and tried. A quarrel ensued and Henderson struck Ray over the head with a hatchet, splitting his skull. He then rushed for the door and was met in the aisle by Mrs. Ray, who attempted to stop him; she, too, fell before the murderer's weapon, being struck on the head with the sharp edge. Next in his path was Mrs. McFall, daughter of Mrs. Ray and sister of Doris. She, also was felled to the floor. He then turned aside and struck Thos. Starkey over the head and escaped, leaving his victims writhing in blood.

Butte, Mont., Nov. 20.—Pettinell, the wild man of Wise River Mountains, has been found dead in his mountain retreat. Pettinell came to Montana during the early period of the war and ever since has lived close among the wild animals of Wise River Mountains. Nothing has ever been learned regarding his life before coming to Montana, though several stories are told concerning his reasons for retiring from civilization. Pettinell had knowledge of a fabulously rich gold vein, but never disclosed the location, though he gave to a party of hunters some quartz that assayed \$50,000.

Perry, Okla., Nov. 20.—The north side of the city of Purcell, I. T., caught fire this morning and three-fourths of the town is in ashes. Very little of the town can be saved. It is reported that several persons were burned.

Minnesota, Minn., Nov. 20.—The last hope that remained to Harry Hayward for his life was wrested from him when the Supreme Court this morning handed down a long opinion affirming the action of the lower court in denying him a new trial. The court was unanimous in their opinion, save in one finding, as to the admissibility of Mrs. Hazlett's evidence, to which Chief Justice Start dissents. The court finds no error in the conduct of the trial and declares the trial judge justified in excluding the testimony as to the sanity of Harry Hayward, as, while on the stand, no question had been raised to his previous mental condition. It was also proper to exclude the evidence as to insanity in the family under the circumstances, as there is a distinction between insanity as a direct issue and as a collateral one affecting the competency of a witness.

Harry Hayward turned pale when the decision was announced, but said nothing more than: "It was just what I expected." He is apparently without hope. County Attorney Nye, to whom Governor Olough has referred the fixing of the date of execution, will name December 6th as the day.

Hudson, N. Y., Nov. 20.—The horseless carriage, bound from New York for Chicago, left here at 9 a.m. It is expected to reach Albany early this afternoon.

Rome, N. Y., Nov. 20.—The district attorney this afternoon said all the boys arrested for the train wrecking, except Brice, had made full confession. The charges against Brice are the most serious. Two arrested in all important details. The charge preferred is murder in the first degree.