

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Westminster Waterworks Agitation—An Apology to Chief Huston—The Foresters.

Business Changes at Nanaimo—Pythian Grand Officers—Vancouver Coal Discovery.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Oct. 6.—A preliminary meeting has been held at the Homer street church for the purpose of arranging for a grand re-union to be held shortly. The officers of the Empress of India have been requested to attend. The date set is this month.

A Philharmonic society, under the leadership of Prof. Trendell, will no doubt be formed here.

The Empress of India takes a large number of Chinese back to China with her. Coal has been discovered in large quantities on the north side of the Inlet, about six miles from Vancouver, by a local mining man. Property in the vicinity will boom because the local prospector makes the locality of his find known.

The old rumor has been revived that P. O. Inspector Fletcher will move his headquarters to the new Post Office.

Although Mr. Dupont thinks he is offering his land for the extension of Westminster avenue dirt cheap, the city think the price high. The Mayor will be here to-day, when arrangements will likely be made for an arbitration.

The expected injunction against the Northern Pacific branch railroad by law has not arrived. Those having the matter in hand no doubt realize that no good point could be made, as if the by-law were defeated on legal grounds it would be again carried by our people by an overwhelming majority.

The market price of East End property is strong, at the usual figures, owing to the passage of the railroad by-law.

The Edison Co. have moved to the Donald Smith block.

Rev. J. A. Logan, of Acadia Mines, N. S., has arrived to take over the pastorate of Centerville.

The roof is being put on the new post office. It is reckoned one of the handsomest structures in Western Canada.

The members of Granville Lodge, Knights of Pythias, will celebrate their anniversary this month.

Zion Church will give a social at Market Hall on the 13th inst.

The charity ball at Hotel Vancouver, this evening, is very largely attended, "Vancouver, Victoria, Westminster and Nanaimo" being largely represented. Manager Virtue is being congratulated on all sides. The committee of ladies have arranged the following menu:—

FISH.
Salmon Mayonnaise.
BOASTS.
Chicken. Beef. Mutton.
GAMES.
Duck. Veal. Game. Venison.
BOILED.
Ham. Tongue. Corned Beef.
SALADS.
Chicken. Lobster. Lettuce. Beet Root.
DESSERTS.
Truffles. Wine Jelly. Maraschino Jelly.
Pine Apple and Lemon Jelly.
Whipped Cream. Assorted Cakes.
Charlotte Russe. Vanilla Ice Cream.
GRAPES.
Grapes. Peaches. Pears.
Claret Cup. Tea. Coffee. Lemonade.
Apple Cider.

The At Home of the Court Mountain View, No. 369, C. O. E., at Mt. Pleasant, was a success.

The concert in Homer-street Methodist Church, this evening, was well attended and very enjoyable.

At a meeting of city bakers it has been decided to increase the price of bread to 15 leaves for \$1. The bakers claim there was no money in bread heretofore.

The Metropolitan Club officers are: President, J. B. Buscombe, Vice-President, S. J. Rimmels, Secretary-Treasurer, Committee, C. W. Robinson, J. W. Weeks, J. Boulton, J. Huntley, F. X. Martin, J. O. Townley, W. Downie, A. J. Holmes, C. W. Eaton, J. G. Woods, C. D. Rand.

Messrs. Costello and Munro have given up the contract on the extension of the water works by permission of the Council. The contract will be continued by day labor.

William McCallan was struck by a street car of the Vancouver Tramway, while crossing the Westminster Avenue bridge, this morning. He was thrown clear of the track, receiving painful cuts about the face and head. His injuries were not, however, serious.

The Haytlen Republic sailed last night with a heavy cargo of Oriental freight and four car-loads of iron from the Glen mine, near Kamloops.

In addition to the ship Morayshire, which the British Columbia Sugar Refining Company has in the berth, loading raw sugar at Java, the British ship Blair Athole, 1,697 tons, Captain Taylor, has been chartered.

The American steamer J. R. McDonald, which was in Vancouver, 4,500 barrels of cement for Evans, Coleman & Evans, left last evening with 25 tons of slate from the Westminster company's quarry at Jarvis Inlet.

The Highland Light has been towed to Evans, Coleman & Evans' wharf, and the British Columbia Pioneer Stevedoring Co. has commenced discharging her cargo. The ship is in sacks, 14,790 in number, each containing 220 pounds of rice.

The Mainland lumber combine went out of existence to-day.

VANCOUVER, Oct. 7.—G. R. Shaw has been elected Mayor of the municipality of Burnaby. The nominations for councillors are: L. C. Hill, W. E. Breckenley, John Woodard, William McDermott, A. Dew Hazard. The election takes place on Oct. 15.

Chang Lung was today sentenced to four months for "stealing plucking" for Chinese houses of prostitution.

The Empress of India sails on Sunday week.

The British ship Abasco, 870 tons, Capt. Black, has been chartered to load lumber at the Hastings Mill for Port Pirie, Australia.

The Y.M.C.A. will open evening classes in book-keeping, arithmetic, French and shorthand. An ambulance class will also be formed by Dr. Brydson-Jack.

The Columbia Institute have decided to advance Mr. Jas. Deans \$300, for the purpose of procuring for the Institute a collection of Indian curios from the Queen Charlotte Islands. They will occupy the room at present tenanted by the Art Association.

Ald. Scoullar is in Victoria, investigating the delay in the delivery of sewer-pipes. Some of our roads are in a wretched state.

A large funeral was delayed yesterday on the cemetery road, by the horse sticking in the mud. Extra horses had to be hitched to the vehicle to extricate it.

Mr. H. A. Jones' new block on the cor-

ner of Hastings and Columbia streets, is under construction.

The work of erecting the new freight sheds on Abbott street, has commenced.

The Walls Vails is in with 53 tons of freight, loads, and for transshipment to Portland.

Steamer Wilmington arrived at midnight from Portland with 6,000 sacks of flour for transshipment to China.

The Byrne block, corner of Carrol and W. streets, is being increased in size and accommodation.

Vancouver is very gay at present. There are four church concerts, two private parties and a charity ball.

Mr. C. Sweeney has just returned from a trip to the Kootenay country. He is enthusiastic in his praise of the Kootenay district mines, particularly the Thunder Hill mine, which has been greatly developed for the past few months.

There was more genuine merit in most of the numbers on the Epworth League concert programme last night than in most of the travelling shows that perform here.

Miss Orell, late of London, now of Vancouver, possesses a pure sweet soprano voice, and handles it with great skill. Miss Orell is a great acquisition to Vancouver's vocalists.

The Misses Nicolla, pianists, are young ladies of great musical ability and very capable training. Mrs. Benoit, wife of Mr. J. J. Benoit, also captivated the audience by her musical instrumentation.

The greatest surprise, however, to those who were not in the charmed circle of Miss McCrany's acquaintance, was that young lady's performance as an amateur elocutionist. The subject chosen, "Miss at play," was perhaps unworthy of the great talents Miss McCrany evidently possesses.

The consensus of opinion was that professional success was simply a matter of choice with the talented young lady elocutionist.

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Oct. 6.—Robert Maloney has been sent up for trial, on a charge of conspiring to rob Thomas McNeely's safe at Ladner's Landing. Maloney is a professional burglar in a small way, and carried the necessary tools to crack safes. He got a job during the breaking on Calhoun's farm and suggested to a fellow laborer William Rae, that McNeely's safe could easily be cracked. Rae pretended to be in with him, learned all the burglar's plans, and then gave the whole scheme away to the authorities. Maloney was arrested yesterday at Steveston. Nothing can be learned of his antecedents.

A brutal assault is reported from Port Kells, and the arrest of the offender is this month.

A petition is being circulated asking the Mayor to call a public meeting to discuss water works matters. The council and the commissioners are at loggerheads, and it is feared the loan by-law will be extended and the appropriation forfeited.

Hon. A. N. Richards is paying the city a visit.

The tug Velos, of Vancouver, has been seized by the sheriff at the instance of John Hendry, and will be sold here by the sheriff to-morrow.

Mr. James Cunningham, this morning, sent Chief Huston a written apology for the charges made against the Chief at a meeting of the Licensing Board yesterday. Chief Huston has handed the letter to his lawyers, and will hear from them having nothing to say about the matter. The apology will also be published in the Colonist.

The Scandinavians residing here are organizing a Lutheran church. There are about 400 members of that denomination in this vicinity.

The bark Gleanery has arrived in port, and is loading salmon at the Phoenix cannery for England.

Schooner Lion, from Northern waters is unloading 25,000 pounds of halibut to be shipped to Montreal.

The annual meeting of the district lodge of the Ancient Order of Foresters convenes here to-morrow. Delegates will be present from every lodge in the province.

New Westminster, Oct. 7.—The annual meeting of the District Lodge of Foresters did not convene until this evening, owing to the late arrival of the Victoria delegates, and the session will be carried over till to-morrow. Delegates will be given a grand banquet at the Queen's hotel this evening.

The Municipal Council, of Richmond, is about to make application to the Provincial authorities for a government audit of the books and accounts of the municipality. The object of this application is to have the accounts of the corporation, over which there has been much dispute, straightened up, and break it down to the dead-lock which exists at present in their financial affairs. This will be the first application for a government audit under the act passed last session.

A reception was given the Professors and students of the British Columbia College by the Epworth League, this evening.

The annual class ring of No. 1 Battery takes place to-morrow on the Brownsville Range. More than thirty prizes have been promised by merchants of this city, who have appropriated very liberally to the meeting committee. The Fleming cup will also be sent to the victor. It is expected that a Victoria team will shoot simultaneously for it at their own range.

Three more cars of salmon from the Northern canneries were shipped East to-day.

The tug Velos, belonging to Murray & Co., Vancouver, was sold in this city, to-day, by the Sheriff, under judgment of the Supreme Court. The bidding was quite brisk, and the vessel was finally knocked down to John Hendry for \$4,500.

James Cunningham's apology has been accepted by Chief Huston, who says he is perfectly satisfied with it, and, consequently, has renounced his intention of instituting a libel suit.

The first mattress for channel improvements was towed to the mouth of the river this afternoon.

Roome and Sonner, the defaulting bank clerks, were to-day removed from the Provincial Gaol to the Penitentiary, where they will serve out their term of three years' imprisonment with hard labor.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Oct. 6.—John Decker, proprietor of the Occidental Hotel, assigned, to-day, to J. H. Simpson. Liabilities, about \$11,000.

The funeral of the late Thomas Benson Griffiths took place, this afternoon, from St. Paul's church.

Mr. Sutherland, a mining broker of Washington, and Mr. Raper, of Nanaimo, and others returned last evening from Texada Island, where they report rich finds of copper, silver and gold.

The shaft on this claim is down 28 feet. The ledge is two feet wide and shows gold to the naked eye. Further developments are expected shortly.

John Black, who sold out his restaurant business, on Bastion street, to P. Rowbottom, was Redmond sold a piece of land to Johnson, on which he received a small debt, to the value of \$100. Mr. Johnson, finding out that Redmond did not own the

property, had him locked up. His case comes up in the magistrate's court to-morrow.

The following is the list of Grand officers of the Knights of Pythias, elected to-day: Grand Past Chancellor, J. Crossan, Nanaimo Lodge, No. 4; Grand Chancellor, J. M. Hughes, Far West Lodge, No. 1; Grand Vice Chancellor, H. J. Austin, Rathbone Lodge, No. 7; Grand Prelate, Wm. Keddy, Nanaimo Lodge, No. 4; Grand Master of Exchequer, J. B. Kennedy, Fraser River Lodge, No. 12; Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, W. K. Leighton, Myrtle Lodge, No. 9; Grand Master-at-Arms, J. C. Byrne, Far West Lodge, No. 1; Grand Inner Guard, David Moffat, Mainland Lodge, No. 4; Grand Outer Guard, Neil Nelson, Royal Lodge, No. 8.

According to the report of the Medical Health officer, no sickness prevails among the suspects. The system of inspecting passengers from this district is in full operation.

The two schools now in course of construction will shortly be ready for occupation.

The calico ball in the opera house on Monday evening, was a brilliant affair. The new fan recently erected by the New Vancouver Coal company at No. 2, Esplanade, is doing excellent work. The shaft is the pit-head of the Protection Island shaft in this district.

Workmen are engaged in preparing the cages and conductors for the Protection shaft. In a few weeks' time it is expected the use of the idle men in the city will be able to be put to work.

The intention of the company to open up the lower seam, the coal from which is pronounced the best yet discovered in either city or district.

KAMIKO, Oct. 7.—Malcolm McGibbon, the "Alpo" patient, who came from Victoria and was quarantined outside the city limits last night, Dr. Rice, resident physician at the quarantine station, has been constantly in attendance. The deceased was buried near the post house. McGibbon worked on the construction of the Waterworks here, a few years ago, when the mine being laid out. All the suspects held in the quarantine are well, with no signs of any disease. Mr. Gray, Government agent and health officer, yesterday sent out a full supply of groceries and provisions to the quarantine grounds.

W. Bedman was charged with obtaining money, \$7, from A. R. Johnston, under false pretences, before the Magistrate, Court, to-day, and remanded till Tuesday.

A brutal assault is reported from Port Kells, and the arrest of the offender is this month.

The Palace Hotel last evening, to the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias. The menu provided by the popular host was all that could be desired.

J. May's orchestra was in attendance at the banquet, and songs were given and a most pleasant and enjoyable time was spent. The delegates left for home this morning.

Flooding the shaft at Wellington is still going on in the future.

The quarantine at Wellington has been lifted.

John Harrison has had his arm broken while working in the Wellington Colliery by a falling mine.

The County Court opened this morning. Judge Harrison presiding. There is quite a large number of cases on hand.

J. Decker, proprietor of the Occidental Hotel, is reported to have secured liabilities about \$11,000, assets next to nothing.

The remains of the late Thomas Benson Griffiths, who died at the hospital on Thursday, were laid at rest yesterday. The body was taken to St. Paul's church, where the service was read by Rev. Canon Good.

The licensees to Pilot Marston, Sabiston, Jr., and Bendroth have been renewed for two years, and the harbor license to Pilot Sabiston, Jr., has also been renewed.

The pilotage service is generally in good working order, and will be more effective when the D. W. Gordon is placed in commission.

DUNCAN'S, Oct. 6.—Mr. Elliott, of Victoria, has leased D. Currie's lot near the railway station, and is having the same cleared for the site of a new hotel to contain 16 bedrooms. The architect is Mr. Chances, and the contractor Mr. Jones, of Victoria.

A social entertainment and dance will be held in the school room, Somers, last evening, in aid of the funds of the North Vancouver Cricket Club. Needless to say that the ladies of the Victoria Cricket Club will be the guests of the evening.

The members of the Cowichan Agricultural Society held a bee at their grounds, Duncan, yesterday, to prepare the hall and grounds for the show on Saturday next.

The Cowichan river, which owing to the recent rains rose four feet, continues at that mark, occasioning some difficulty in the construction of the dam being erected to protect the railway bridge.

Charles T. Price is rapidly recovering from his recent carriage accident and expects shortly to be about again.

Miss Pemberton, who has been visiting Mrs. Massey, was down yesterday last.

C. H. Palmer left for Victoria yesterday after a short visit at Corfield.

Mrs. J. Daley is ill at the St. Joseph's hospital, Victoria. Mr. Daley returned from Victoria yesterday.

A. Philip Peacock is prolonging a pleasant visit at this point.

Judge E. Harrison will hold a County Court at the Court House, Duncan's, on Monday next.

ALBERNI.

ALBERNI, Oct. 6.—The rain has come again and the Sumas river has risen considerably.

Rev. W. S. Smith has left for Northfield and Rev. Mr. Adamson, late of that place, now has charge of the Alberni mission field.

Mrs. Cameron, of Beaver Creek, and her husband, died on Friday last and were buried Sunday. Deep sympathy is expressed for Mr. Cameron, who has four little children left in his care. The funeral was largely attended.

Halfpenny and Orr have their sawmill running and will help to supply the demand for rough lumber.

NEILSON.

(From the Miner.)

J. A. Mara, M.P., made a flying visit to Nelson Friday evening last, leaving again Saturday.

Charles P. Oudin and C. D. Hampton, of the Washington Powder Co., have gone in to the Skeena country to see what there is to be seen.

F. S. Barnard, M.P., Mrs. Barnard and Miss Loewen, Captain John and Mrs. Irving, arrived in Nelson on Tuesday, visited Bonner's Ferry on Wednesday, and returned to the Coast yesterday.

W. T. Sullivan, renowned as a killer of bears, has gone down the Columbia on a fortnight's hunting trip.

After October 1st regarding the compulsory attendance of children at school will be strictly enforced.

A specimen of float tin has been brought into Pendleton from the John Day country.

It is supposed that the mother ledge is in close proximity.

Mr. Perry reports that the initial post of the Skeena River has been found.

James Durkin, owner of the Cobanah interest in the Silver King, was in town this week. Two months ago he gave the Kootenay Bonanza Company a deed of this interest, which was in error with the Bank of British North America in Victoria, to be taken up before the last of October. The deed was sent to Scotland by the bank for inspection, but it has not yet been taken out of custody, the time having been extended. The latest reports from Scotland leave no room for doubt that the sale will be satisfactorily concluded.

C. E. Perry, C.E., has been in the Skeena country for the past two months, surveying claims and townships. He has been working hard and has got through an immense amount of work.

On the waste where there are an insufficient number of lots on the market there is every excuse for building on Government property and trusting to buy it in at the next sale; and those who have already done so, New Denver and Nelson have been allowed to liberally discount the value of their property. But there must be a limit to this sort of thing, and this limit has been reached in Nelson.

Captain McConeck, who is interested in the Royal Group of placer mines on the Salmon river, British Columbia, is in Spokane for the purpose of purchasing the necessary machinery for the development of the mines.

The difficulties with the boiler inspector, which the owners of the steamer Alnaworth experienced with regard to the pressure that the boiler could stand, seem to have been smoothed out by work done recently.

News has been received that the O. K. gold mine, owned by C. P. Oudin of Spokane, has been discovered, and the largest and richest body of free gold ore yet found in the Trail creek district.

WHERE IS MURPHY?

He is said to be wanted in Seattle to square up his accounts.

Enquiries have been made in this city during the last two or three days as to the whereabouts of Joseph L. Murphy, a printer, who was out on one time at Victoria, and has lately been living in Seattle. The cause of the anxiety of the Seattle people to ascertain his location is the following article from the Seattle Telegraph:

"Joseph L. Murphy, late president of the Western Central labor union, has departed for parts unknown, being an embezzler, so it is alleged, of the union's funds to the extent of about \$250.

A gring the council at rather short notice, and no conclusion was arrived at, the Council being left to deliberate upon the matter. The result of this was to be embodied in a report which is yet to come.

During the discussion with the Council the question was asked if the directors would sell to the city any portion of their grounds? Also if the hospital directors would erect suitable buildings and take such cases in hand in future.

This was discussed at length. Mr. Davies thought that with proper arrangements the hospital board could take charge of infectious cases in future in a more satisfactory manner than could be secured in any other way. The adjoining grounds could be obtained for the proper buildings.

Mr. Hayward—Some steps should be taken to have a thorough understanding with the Council about the matter.

Mr. Wilson—The committee appointed by the Board have met with the committee from the Council and with the Council as a whole. They asked some questions and were answered them, and also gave them our ideas as to the feelings of the Board. They took time to reply to this and their report is still to reach us.

Further discussion followed, and the old committee, with the addition of Mr. Hayward and Mr. Gordon, was instructed to meet the Council committee on Monday next for further conference.

The Treasurer's report was then read. This set forth the various items of running expenses and the salary lists. The report was approved and the amounts ordered paid.

A letter from Mrs. McTavish regarding the proposed Charity Ball on the 26th inst. was read and filed.

An offer was received from Mr. F. Victor Austin to arrange for a concert to be given for the benefit of the hospital, in connection with the Ladies' Auxiliary, or in any way satisfactory to the directors. On motion this was referred to the Ladies' Auxiliary, with power to act as they think best.

The resignation of Miss Mount was then taken up and discussed.

Mr. Wilson—The matron has worked almost double time until she is about run down; some steps should be taken to see that she is duly remunerated for her extra labor.

Mr. Gordon—This resignation should take the same course as the others, and the amount which will be satisfactory to Miss Mount should be referred to the committee of the month, to report.

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