

Local News.

GLEANNING OF CITY... CLEANING OF CITY... PROVINCIAL NEWS IN A CONDENSED FORM.

—A. P. Baldwin, who... returned late tonight... at nothing can possibly... of the city from burning.

—The annual spring concert of the Arion Club will be given in Institute hall on Thursday evening next.

—A meeting of the South Victoria Liberal Association will be held on Friday next, commencing at 8 p.m.

—The committee of management of the W. C. T. U. Mission, 17 Johnson street, desire to thank the Times and Colonist for daily papers received at the rooms during the last year.

—Smith & Eford, contractors, have commenced work on the two story brick block to be erected for Kestien Brothers on Government street, opposite the post office.

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—Coroner Hart's inquiry into the death of Charles Phillips, the Indian, whose body was found in the water at Rock Bay on Friday morning, resulted in a verdict of found drowned.

—The remains of the late Theophilus Tway were laid at rest on Friday. The funeral took place in the afternoon from his late residence, No. 130 Fort street, at 2.30 o'clock.

—Dawson advises tell of unprecedentedly large receipts of gold in that city on Thursday last.

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ALFRED BEIT, The South African Diamond King.

TO DEVELOP ATLIN. Capitalists Are Turning Their Attention to Northern British Columbia as Mining Country.

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THE BILL EMERGED IN A NEW DRESS

SCOPE MORE GENERAL THAN THE ORIGINAL

No Company or Land is Specified—No Change in Conditions—Bill as Passed.

The bill which was published in last Wednesday's report of the city council proceedings underwent a considerable transformation before it was submitted to the legislature.

The bill as it passed follows: "Whereas the corporation of the city of Victoria desire statutory authority for the granting, conveying or leasing certain lands belonging to them, or to be hereafter acquired, within the city limits, and also for granting exemption from certain taxes and water rates as at present provided in the Municipal Clauses Act, 1873, and amending acts, it shall be lawful for the corporation of the city of Victoria to grant, convey or lease (at such rent, for such term of years and upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon) such portion as may be agreed upon of any lands of the corporation of the city of Victoria, with or without money consideration, as the site of a tourists' hotel, and appurtenances."

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NEW STRIPING SUITS, \$8, 10, 12 and 15. B. WILLIAMS & CO. 200 Pair New Trousers Just in.