

ALL OVER THE PROVINCE.

Talk of Erecting a Smelter at Nakusp Revived—Several Mining Deals.

Grand Prairieites Talk of Incorporation—Work on River Bank at Revelstoke.

REVELSTOKE.

Kootenay Mall.
A masquerade carnival will be held to-night on the rink below the Columbia bridge.

There are six buyers in the Kootenay district buying ore for smelters in Tacoma, San Francisco, Helena, Butte and Swansea.

Johnny Neilson left with his dog train on Thursday morning carrying a large mail for Big Bend. He is accompanied by E. Kinman and is running four dogs on this trip. The snow is in fine condition this morning and the bright moonlight renders the night almost equal to the day in brilliancy.

Fred Allen, who has been training a team of dogs to run in harness for some time past, has obtained the government subsidy for carrying the monthly mail to Trout Lake, and left here this week for his first round trip with the dog train. The road from the northeast arm to the Trout lake is said to be in excellent condition for dog travel.

In the Trail Creek district the Campbell-Payne placer mines are being vigorously worked, and a number of claims near by have been located lately. These mines are located ten miles east of Boundary City. The company has just completed a lease from the British Columbia government for 130 acres for a term of years. The first clean-up is said to have netted four dollars a day of six hours to the man.

During the soft weather in the early part of the week snowslides at Channaham delayed trains on the C. P. R. Tuesday morning's mail arriving here on Wednesday morning. A great number of men were employed in clearing the track, some accounts stating as many as one thousand, some of them being drawn from the logging camps near by. The men worked day and night and were paid 50 cents an hour. Trains from the east have also been delayed several hours every day during the week, in some instances by snow on the plains.

Mr. S. Smith, who is to be foreman of the work for the protection of the river bank, arrived here on Wednesday. He found more snow lying than he expected, and is accordingly waiting for Mr. Gamble, the engineer, who will arrive tomorrow morning, before starting operations. The method to be employed is that the mattress will be made of brush, secured together by wire, and when laid on the bank will be kept in place with rocks and gravel. They will extend 50 feet up the bank from the bed of the river, and will be about two feet thick. It is expected that about 1800 feet will be laid, beginning at the Columbia bridge. A little crib work will be required at two places. The work will be done by day labor, about 40 men being employed, and will last about two months. The gravel and brush will be obtained from the nearest possible points, so as to keep down the cost of hauling. The wire for the mattresses will arrive from Montreal in a day or two.

KOOTENAY.

Nakusp Ledger.
J. W. Thompson recently disposed of a twelfth interest in the Antelope to W. J. Tretheway for \$1000. Tretheway subsequently disposed of a half of his interest to A. Smith for \$500.

C. Tensdale has secured the fortieth interest in the Fennell group, paying therefor \$500. The group consists of the Comstock, Silver Cup, the Silver Chief, Kentucky Girl and Ruby Trust.

News of a strike on the Currie, one of the claims on the Galena farm, reached town last week, and on Sunday Messrs. Shannon, Currie and Kenney went down to have a look at it. A shaft has been sunk about thirty feet through the wash and then a tunnel sunk for a few feet. A side cut was next made heading for the shaft, and three feet in on this solid rock was struck and also the mineral. The width of the ledge has not yet been determined, but it is several feet. This fortunate strike has made the Currie a valuable property and its owners are elated.

The Sunshine Mining company, of Duluth, Minn., will commence work at once on their claims at Ainsworth, the Sunshine and Free Silver. W. W. Warner, superintendent for the company, arrived at Ainsworth on Sunday to take charge of the work. He is confident that silver must rise before long, and his company are desirous of pushing matters in order to be in readiness when the white metal holds its head up again.

The conviction is steadily gaining way that the proposition of Montreal parties to establish a smelter at Nakusp is something more than idle talk. From various sources it has been learned that \$2,000,000 has been subscribed for the purpose, but much more is wanted. The C. P. R. are using their influence to further the scheme. It is supposed to draw motor power from Kooz-koo-nax creek.

Five hundred tons of ore have been taken from the Blue Bell and shipped to the Pilot Bay smelter.

MIDWAY.

Mr. Spraggett of Grand Prairie was a visitor in town on Friday last. In conversation he intimated a growing desire among the residents of Grand Prairie for the formation of the valley into a district municipality. Whatever might be their lot under local self-government, it could not be much worse than at present, for except at stated intervals of four years they were apparently as far

distant from the seat of government as to be virtually forgotten.

Dr. Jakes is at present attending to a patient on the reserve who, about a month ago, having a difference with an Indian, had occasion to make use of his fists. One of the patient's hands, coming into contact with the Indian's teeth, received a cut, and the result was blood poisoning, and so serious is the case, owing to the patient's own negligence, that it is feared it will be necessary to remove one or more fingers, if not the whole hand.

Mr. Thomet has resumed operations on the Elkhorn claim, near the mouth of Trout creek. It is his intention to tunnel on the ledge, which tunnel, by being run about two hundred feet, will prove the depth of a vein of about 120 feet, after which it is quite likely a chamber will be blown out in the end of the tunnel so as to give room for a hoist, for the purpose of making a shaft. This chamber carries a vein of very fine ore, rich in silver and gold, and is expected under the work of development to turn out a very valuable property.

The assay obtained by the cyanide process on ore from the Steamwinder, Greenwood camp, gave in gold \$34.00 per ton. When it is known that the ore was taken from one of the large ledges (30 feet wide) that abound in the Greenwood camp, the satisfactory result of the assay will be apparent.

A LADY CANDIDATE NAMED

Women's Council Nominates Mrs. Spofford for the Post of School Trustee.

Scheme of Relief Proposed and the Plan Adopted Old Women's Home.

There was a very interesting meeting of the Victoria and Vancouver Island Council of Women at the city hall yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Baker, president, was in the chair, and one of the most important matters discussed was the matter of representation on the school board. It was decided that as soon as the Lieutenant-Governor gives his assent to the legislation pending before the house, a lady candidate should be brought out. Mrs. Spofford was unanimously agreed upon as the candidate.

The following report on the relief scheme was presented and unanimously adopted:
"To the Executive of the Local Council of Women of Victoria and Vancouver Island:
"Your committee beg to report that they believe the best charity is that which helps the needy to help themselves and in order to give an early one this season, they have by their thorough investigation, (1) Relieve worthy need promptly, fittingly and tenderly, (2) Prevent unwise aims, (3) Raise into independence every needy person, and (4) Make sure that no children grow up to be paupers."

Your committee submit the following scheme for the charitable work of the council: (1) That a committee of management be appointed consisting of one representative from each denomination, to be nominated by the president of the council and sub-executive. Members of the sub-executive of the council to be ex-officio members of this committee; (2) The officers of the committee shall be a president, (the presiding officer of the council) and a secretary and treasurer, to be elected by the committee.

"The committee shall conduct its work upon the fundamental principles of the council which are: (1) That every department of its work shall be independent of questions of religious belief, politics and nationality; (2) No person representing the society in any capacity whatsoever shall use his or her position for the purpose of proselytism. All cases, however, shall be placed under the care of their own religious denomination; (3) The work of the committee shall be: (1) To divide the city into districts, visiting every family in need, supplying those who are in distress with work and relieving with aims only those cases of absolute necessity; (2) To investigate and personally attend cases needing constant advice; (3) To obtain from proper charities and charitable individuals suitable and adequate relief for deserving cases, no aims being dispensed except by permission of the committee of management; (4) To procure work for poor persons who are capable of being partially or wholly self-supporting; (5) To suppress mendacity by the above means and by the reporting of impostors. There shall be a strict registration of all applicants for charity kept as well as of those applying for work, also of what relief has been given.

A report of the work of this department shall be read at each general meeting of the Council of Women, when all who are interested in this branch could be present and take part in the discussion, although not entitled to vote."

The following committee was named to carry out the work outlined in the report: Mesdames Gallin, McNaughton, Adams, Higgins, Burns and McElhiggin.
The matter of a home for old women was brought before the council in the following resolution offered by Mrs. Galletly: "Moved that steps be taken by this council to agitate the formation of a home for helpless and indigent old women, and that the matter be laid before the city council, and also that the hearty co-operation of citizens and charitable societies be solicited."

It was decided to join with the Provincial W. C. T. U. in a petition for legislation providing there was no objections. It would increase the number of petitioners to one thousand.

The council will hold a public meeting on the evening of March 11.

BRIEF LOCALS.

Cleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

From Monday's Daily.

—Charlie Sing, who was assaulted and brutally beaten in Chinatown a few days ago, was discharged from Jubilee hospital yesterday.

—Joseph Martin and Dan Stewart were fined \$5 apiece in the police court today for a breach of the public morals by-law. They were arrested while engaged in a good old-time fight.

—A very successful meeting of those interested in the lined oil mill to be erected at Sidney was held at Saanich on Saturday. A committee was appointed and a prospectus will be issued shortly giving an outline of the reasons for starting the company.

—James Morrison declared insane by Drs. George Duncan and Lang, has been turned over to the care of Captain Hatt, of Mud bay, a friend of the unfortunate fellow, who has agreed to look after him and have him cured if possible, and the Morrison's family are friends of long standing.

—A meeting was held at Saanich agricultural hall on Saturday evening to consider the proposal relating to the flax industry. The farmers expressed themselves as ready to go into the business if the flax it will furnish the mill and machinery to treat the products.

—There is a big potlach in progress on the South Saanich Indian reserve. The Songhees, Cowichan and Nanaimo natives, as well as the Indians of Saanich, are by special R. S. V. P. invitations participating in the affair. There will very likely be many white visitors to the camp during the five days the festivities are kept up.

—Inspector Hoper claims that there are many diseased cattle on the Cloverdale farm, of the Tolmie estate. Summons were issued this morning and the case will come up for hearing in the provincial police court on Thursday. The summonses are to show cause why the cattle should not be destroyed, as provided by the contagious diseases animals act.

—The fire alarm from box 63 for a fire in a one and a half story frame building on Humboldt street, was by George Byrnes and occupied by D. Cameron and J. Rolley. It was caused by a gentleman who was intoxicated upsetting a lamp. Neighbors had the blaze almost quenched when the fire laddies arrived. The damage was very slight.

The steamer City of Kingston had a party of eight tourists on board from St. Louis yesterday afternoon. They are the first who have made the trip this season, which Purser Fred Thorndyke said yesterday afternoon would not be repeated until an early one this season.

The east has had a terrible winter, which is not over yet, and the prospects of bright skies, warm sunshine and blooming flowers will very likely draw tourists this year even before the snow has melted in the east.
—Rev. Dr. Robertson, superintendent of missions for the western division of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, occupied the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church on Sunday morning and that of St. Andrew's church on Sunday evening. He reversed the work being done by this denomination in the west and impressed upon his hearers the necessity of doing all in their power to assist in carrying it on. The services were well attended and his remarks were listened to with avid interest and pleasure.

—More than five hundred people went to the drill hall on Saturday night to hear the concert by the B. C. B. G. A. band and see Alfred Duguay perform on the tight rope. The latter gave a very creditable exhibition, showing himself to be much at home high up in the air on the slender rope. He was frequently applauded. It reminded one of Oak Bay in summer to see and hear the band. The "Col. Prior" march was a success, being encored and the leader, Prof. Finn, congratulated as its composer. The rest of the numbers were very well selected and were well rendered.

The Hawaiian Star of January 21 says: "The schooner Norma arrived this morning, 55 days from Claxton, B. C. Mr. Claxton, owner, was a passenger. The vessel brought a full cargo of salmon. Captain Swensen disclaims all knowledge of any guns or opium. He shows a schedule which denies any stops in the islands other than at Honolulu." This is another scam on spoiled. When the news of the Hawaiian rebellion came and all eyes were turned to the land of the hula-hula, a story appeared in the San Francisco Examiner bearing a Victoria date, in which it was asserted that the Norma had carried the arms to Honolulu. It was a circumstantial story, and one of the circumstances was the visit to Hawaii of a prominent officer in the B. C. B. G. A., which trip was made into a war cloud on the tropical sky.

—The ladies' committee of the late ball in aid of the Protestant Orphan's Home announce that the gross proceeds of the concert were \$552. The expenses were \$40. The net result is \$512, which handsome sum was to-day paid over by Mr. D. W. Higgins to the officers of the orphan's home. The ladies wish to thank all friends who so kindly contributed articles and money to insure a successful issue. Below will be found a list of the principal donors: Mrs. Dunsen, Mrs. O'Reilly, Turner, Beaton & Co., Leiser & Co., Fell & Co., Hudson Bay Co., F. C. Davidge, J. Sehl, Weller Bros., Erskine & Wall, A. Phillips, Thorpe & Co., C. Morley, J. H. Falconer, Henry Clay, New Zealand Bakery, Dixie Ross, F. Name, Hibben & Co., Robert Jamieson, C. Braund, the Colonist, the Times, the Province, Victoria Transfer Co., J. Hutchison, Her Majesty's Dockyard, electric light works, Sir William Wallace society, James Bay Athletic as-

sociation, C. Holland, Mr. Golpin, A. W. Jones, Jos. Wilson and John Smith for his services.

From Tuesday's Daily.

—A Broad street merchant mourns the loss of a ton of coal. The coal was spirited away the other night. But the merchant thinks he has a clue, and has "put on" the police.

—The members of Acme lodge, No. 14, I. O. O. F., after business had been dispatched last evening, enjoyed a "stag party" under the head of "Good of the order." The affair proved a very pleasant one.

—Mr. Siddall, teacher of the Bible class at Metropolitan Methodist church, was on Sunday presented with a gold-headed ebony cane by the class. Subj Barker made the presentation speech and Mr. Siddall made a suitable reply.

—Copies of the history of the Hawaiian rebellion of 1895 published by the Star Publishing company of Honolulu have been received from that city. It gives a detailed description of events from the first gun fired Sunday January 6 up to the abdication of Queen Liliuokalani. It should be read by everyone.

—Archibald Carlisle, who assaulted a Chinaman on Government street last evening and then smashed his window, was before Magistrate Macrae this morning. He was convicted both of assault and malicious destruction of property, and for the former was fined \$10 or a month and for the latter \$5 and \$2 costs or 14 days.

—The Star lacrosse club reorganized last night and elected the following officers: President, Thomas H. Alice; vice-president, W. J. Smith; secretary-treasurer, J. T. Braden; field captain, George Rite; captain, R. Campbell; executives, J. E. Thoburn; J. G. Brown, George Partridge, George Smith and L. Tait. A meeting to organize a junior team will be held on Friday evening.

—The Sydney Mail says: "The new Zealand government wishes to take part in the Vancouver mail contract, and proposes that another boat should be put on, so as to enable the service to be run monthly, alternating with the San Francisco service, and calling at Auckland. New Zealand offers a substantial subsidy to bring this into effect, and the Vancouver company is willing to put on an additional boat if it gets an additional subsidy."

—The congregational social at Central church last night was very well attended and proved quite enjoyable. Rev. Dr. Robertson delivered a short but interesting address, after which the following programme was rendered: Piano duet, Misses Ross; song, with violin obligato, Miss Macleod; song, Mr. Cornwall; song, Mrs. Macleod; selections, Miss Carr; song Mrs. McGraw; song, Mr. Gordon; song, Mrs. Macleod; song, Mr. Simpson. At the intermission refreshments were served.

—The legislature will probably be prorogued on Friday. Most of the bills on the orders have been advanced to the last stage and there are very few to be introduced. The bill to extend the time for building the Canadian Western Central railway, the municipal bill and the bill relating to the lands in the railway belt have yet to be introduced and will all cause some debate. There are a large number of important proposed amendments to the Vancouver city charter, which will also tend to lengthen the session.

—John Murphy, one of the trio arrested for robbing the bonded warehouse at the outer wharf, has another charge against him. The power house of the tramway company was broken into on Sunday and a "well dog" revolver stolen, there being nothing else of value accessible. The revolver found on Murphy and the one with which he threatened to shoot Indian Mary was shown to Superintendent McCrady to-day, and he really identified it as the one stolen from the power house. Murphy has only been here since the 8th instant but he has been busy ever since and may not be able to leave until the 8th of next February.

—Captain Swain, of the bark Ophir, sent at Fiji, was a passenger on the steamship Warrimoo, and does not believe Messrs. Muller, Cranston & Johnston have been as harshly treated as they claim. He says that had the consuls kept to their protest at the wharf they would have been put ashore. But that after they had a conference with the Attorney-General of Hawaii they seemed willing to let the men be deported. He says that there is little doubt that if the three men had been kept at Honolulu, and been tried, that they would have been found guilty. He believes that the official reports from the consuls will put a different complexion on the matter.

—Alexander McGillivray is an unfortunate man. He looks like Alexander Wilson, a Nanaimo sharper, and made the mistake of getting off the Nanaimo train at Russell station. For all that McGillivray spent 24 hours in the city lockup, and would very likely have had a free trip to Nanaimo if the real Alexander Wilson had not been apprehended at Duncan's. A telegram was received today from Nanaimo to that effect, and Chief Sheppard immediately released the prisoner. Mr. McGillivray naturally did not catch the thing at all, and while he admitted that the description fitted him to a nicety, he still felt very much like an aggrieved man. He is employed at the Tolmie farm, and his friends say that he is a first-class fellow.

—George Brown, formerly of this city, but now of Alberni, is in this city on business connected with mining properties in which he is interested. He has with him some very rich specimens of free milling ore from the Missing Link and Alberni claims. These properties are owned by Darr, Simpson & Co. and Darr, Brown & Commerford. Development work has been carried forward on both and the prospects are very bright. The specimens shown by Mr. Brown are collected from the Missing Link and Alberni claims. These claims are located on Mineral creek. Mr. Brown worked a placer claim with very fair success last year and has found some new placer ground which he intends to work this coming year. He says that

Alberni is in a very prosperous condition. There is a movement in land and business is good. There is a great deal of development in a mining way going forward. At Bainbridge hydraulic chain lumber is being sawed out for use on the property.

—John Murphy, Peter Nelson and J. Simpson were this morning committed for trial for breaking into the bonded warehouse at the outer wharf and stealing a lot of liquor and a case of salmon by Magistrate Macrae. The liquors, which included brandy, whisky and stout, and the case of salmon, made the court look like a sample room. There were a few dozen empty bottles, so the prisoners enjoyed part of the spoils. E. Seabrooke identified the property and Constables McDonald and Mout told of the finding of it in the cabin of the three men when they went to arrest Murphy and Nelson for threatening Indian Mary and Caretaker Andrew Miller of the Fox cabins with revolvers. None of the accused had much to say except that they knew nothing of the robbery. They each made short statements to that effect and were then formally committed for trial.

—Nelson Murphy entered pleas of not guilty and was remanded until tomorrow.

A SHOCKING ACCIDENT.

George Smith Loses His Arm Through an Accidental Shot.

George Smith was the victim of a shocking gunning accident yesterday afternoon, in which he lost his left arm. He was at Sidney for a little shooting and was getting out of a row boat when the accident happened. His shot gun lay on one of the seats in the boat, and after he got out he reached down to pick it up. It must have caught on one of the seats in some way, for it was suddenly discharged, and Smith received the contents of the barrels in his left arm just above the elbow. The shot made a terrible wound, cutting the veins, arteries, muscles, shattering the bone and lacerating the flesh in a terrible manner. Mr. Lenfesty and others did everything for the wounded man. The arm was bound up to stop the flow of blood and Smith was brought to the city on a special train very kindly given by the men of the Victoria & Sidney railway.

It was shortly after 2 o'clock when the accident happened, and in two hours Smith was on the operating table at the Jubilee hospital. Dr. Richardson made an examination of the arm and decided that it could not be saved. It was useless to even attempt to do so, and he therefore after the usual preparations amputated the arm. This was done at a point about five inches below the shoulder. Smith was very weak from the loss of blood and the shock, and was quite feeble last night.

Mr. Smith as lived here all his life, and is very well known, particularly among the young men. He caught last season for the Victoria baseball club, and was a very promising player. He was about 22 years old and is employed by Summers & Co.

Late this afternoon the hospital authorities reported that the youth was doing very well.

A gentleman who was at Sidney yesterday says that Smith displayed iron nerves after being wounded. He also spoke highly of the assistance given by Sergeant Langley and Constable Hutchinson, who were present and temporarily dressed the wound.

ARRESTED FOR FRAUD.

A. McGillivray in Custody on a Nanaimo Warrant—May Be a Mistake.

Alexander McGillivray, a young man residing here, was arrested at Russell station, Victoria, West, on the arrival of the Nanaimo train today on a warrant which charges "Alexander Wilson" with obtaining \$45 under false pretences from the New Vancouver Coal and Land Co., Ltd.

McGillivray laughed at the idea of being arrested on the charge, and said he was not in Nanaimo on Saturday when the crime was committed, but on the way there on the afternoon train. The warrant upon which he was arrested was sworn to before Mark Bate, J. P., on Saturday and was received here yesterday by Chief Sheppard. Although McGillivray answers the description of Wilson it is just possible that it may be a case of mistaken identity. McGillivray says that he went to Nanaimo for a vacation and when he left the morning there was no one at the depot to attempt to stop him.

Sergeant Walker was the officer who made the arrest.

Chief Sheppard wired to Nanaimo this afternoon, and it is quite likely that there will be someone here tomorrow who can identify "Mr. Wilson."

Ward McAllister is no more. Peace to his ashes! He is gone where there are no Four Hundred.

WARNING

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