

NEWS FROM THE FARAWAY SEAS

R. M. S. Aorangi Brings a Budget of Interesting News From the Islands of the Southern Pacific.

Wreck of La Perouse Found—An Exciting Episode With French Convicts Near New Caledonia.

Kava Drinkers of Tanna. The "Cutting Off" and Massacre of Traders—Ascent of Mount Lammas.

There is ever a halo of romance about the adventurous traders who for a wage risk their lives among the barbarians of the southern seas, and the people of the city can scarce picture the little tragedies which are ever recurring and ringing down the adventurous trader's curtain.

The Lady St. Aubyn, which recently reached Sydney after a protracted cruise through the island group, has returned on an interesting voyage. When passing the Vanikoro islands, or La Perouse islands, her crew called there just to see the remains of the great navigator who was wrecked upon her.

By engaging the natives to fossick near the scene of the wrecks a number of Spanish and French silver coins were found, also other relics of these dates 1727 and 1728. Carver III.

An Exciting Time with French convicts. When near New Caledonia she was called by a boat in which were the number of convicts. Captain Pentecost details the incident as follows: "It was about 11 A.M. that we were told to speak one word of French, or to understand it if asked."

On their coming off the boat passed round our boys, and the first man we saw our name and port of register on stern of vessel. Such a villainous-looking lot never I have seen in my life.

The natives there are notoriously savage cannibals. They are about the largest type of native in the group, delighting in war and in cannibalism. Although many missionaries have labored for over a century, they have made little impression has been made.

The island of Eromanga, where the martyrs John Williams, Harris, the Natives brothers, and the two Gordons perished whilst laboring as missionaries, has changed. They all profess Christianity now, thanks greatly to the great work of the Rev. Mr. Robertson, a Nova Scotian clergyman, who is still amongst them.

At Tanna, in the New Hebrides, the "cutting off" of another cutter and the massacre of her crew near Basilik Harbor, where the crew of the cutter Curlew were murdered.

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These horrid people are a treacherous, but let no redoubt whatever is to be placed in them. While we were there two of our boats went out gathering beche-de-mer along about one foot long and four inches thick, in great demand by Chinese, who pay from 40 to 42.20 per ton for it as a table delicacy.

Depredations by Alligators. "The croaks are infested by alligators of enormous size. We saw several and hunted for them, but they always managed to glide into the water before we came within killing range."

Guadalcanar, which was unsuccessfully attempted by Baron Norbeck and the ill-fated party from the Austrian warship Albatross about two years ago.

The ascent was made from the south side of the island, and the party reached the top within a few hours. They found the bush natives quite friendly, and the party returned without any mishap, bringing with them several new orchids and arrow-woods.

One very interesting discovery was made by the explorers. While ascending the ridge at a height of about 4,000 feet they noted a number of holes going straight down into the earth, which resembled the holes in the Maori paha, shaped like an inverted funnel.

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TO PREPARE ESTIMATES

School Board Wrestle With Financial Problems at Last Night's Meeting in the City Hall.

Important Recommendations Submitted to the Board in a Report From Inspector Frank Eaton.

The School Board met last night in the City Council chamber to prepare the estimates for the year and to transact routine business. There was a full attendance of the members.

Before commencing the other business Chairman McMillan outlined the committee's report on the financial condition of the year's business and the members and the duties of each sub-committee.

Finance—Trustee M. Grant and H. Grant. To supervise fiscal matters, printing, insurance, etc.

Supply and Maintenance—Trustees McCandless, M. Grant and H. Grant. Under authority of the board to purchase all supplies for the school.

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fuel, \$1,000, an increase of \$500; school expenses, \$1,200, a decrease of \$200; printing and advertising, \$200; furniture, \$500; school supplies, \$400; repairs and alterations, \$1,000; fire insurance, \$300; miscellaneous, including telephones and scavenger work, \$500.

Trustee Belyea spoke in favor of incorporating an item in the estimates for \$25,000 for the erection of a new high school building.

Trustee Marchant opposed the idea of a loan and thought that out of a \$35,000 appropriation the council might make an appropriation for the purpose.

Trustee Marchant moved that the chairman's action be approved, which was carried.

Trustee Hall then suggested that the board as a whole constitute the legislative committee. He did so because he understood the City Council was anxious to change the present Municipal Act by the two houses.

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Groceries.

Dargal Brand Pure Ceylon Tea, 50c. lb. M M Tea (5 lb. box), \$1.50. Fine Teas (in bulk), 25c. to 50c. lb. Coffees (whole and ground), 25c. to 50c. lb.

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33 FORT ST., VICTORIA, B.C.

AUCTION

I am instructed by Mr. A. Rose, Stelly Park, South Saanich, to sell by public auction of Saturday, Jan. 28, 1899, at 12 O'CLOCK NOON, Farm Stock, Implements and Household Furniture.

without reserve. W. T. HARDAKER, Auctioneer.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at the next session, to amend the British Columbia-Yukon Railway Company Act, and to amend the "British Columbia-Yukon Railway Act, 1887," in respect of the said company to "buy out, construct, acquire, equip, maintain and operate a branch line of railway with one or more tracks of a standard or narrow gauge from a point on the main line of the British Columbia-Yukon Railway in British Columbia, and thence by the most feasible route to Atlin City, together with all the powers in respect of the said branch line which are granted to the said company by the said act in respect of the main line for the construction and use of telegraph and telephone lines, steamers, docks, depots, and other necessary works, and all other powers therein set forth, with power to construct trails and wagon roads along and in connection with the branch line and to carry and convey all other necessary or incidental rights, franchises and powers therein set forth." Dated at Victoria, B.C., this 26th day of November, A.D. 1898. ROBERT CASSIDY, Solicitor for the British Columbia-Yukon Railway Company, the applicants.

FIGHTING IN THE CONGO.

Belgian Troops Defeated With Heavy Losses. Brussels, Jan. 22.—There has been fresh fighting in the Congo estate between the Belgian troops and the rebels, the former having sustained heavy losses, including some white officers killed.

La Patrie says: "The real truth as to the situation in the Congo state is being hidden. The whole country is in ferment and the rebellion appears to be spreading. The government troops appear to fear the rebels, and the prestige of the whites has been much impaired."

WHEN HEART FAILS.

Life's Charm Vanishes—No. Cause of Heart Disease Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart Will Not Fail in 30 Minutes, and Permanently Cures.

Thos. Peery, of Aylmer, Quebec, says that for about five years he has been a constant sufferer from acute heart dejections—endured untold pain, was unable to attend to his daily work, and had caused great fatigue. He was recommended by Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart. One bottle was used, and he felt four bottles drove every symptom of the trouble away from him.

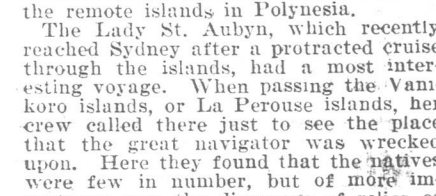
WHOLE FAMILY DROWNED.

Rome, Jan. 22.—A steamer, just arriving at Genoa from Buenos Ayres, reports that on January 14 a peasant woman named Ferrarini, in a fit of insanity, threw her three little sons into the sea and then leaped overboard. All four were drowned. Two days later her husband and daughter jumped into the sea and were lost. The remaining son has made a fortune in La Plata, landed at Genoa.

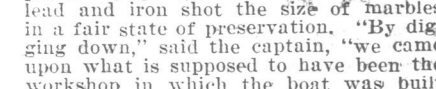
CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS.

CURE FOR SICK HEADACHE. Sick Headache and relieve all the troubles that result from a bilious state of the system, such as Indigestion, Nausea, Drowsiness, Distress after eating, Pain in the Side, &c. While their mode of action is not understood, they are a cure.

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ARE YOU DOWN ON YOUR LUCK? Some people are born lucky. Others have to keep at it all the time for fear they will miss the lucky turn.

THE PEACE TREATY. Vote to be Taken in the Senate on February 6.

125 MEN ENTRENCHED. From the Ironsides of Dreaded Catarrh—What Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder Did For Mr. LeBlanc He Proves Will Do For Others.

A LIGHTER WRECKED. Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 25.—A severe gale is reported along the Gulf coast. The steamer Morgan, from New Orleans and Galveston, which was unable to get inside the bar, was carried to sea by the gales.

Weak Men Restored Or No Expense for Treatment. A course of remedial—the marvel of medical science—and Apparatus indorsed by physicians will be sent ON TRIAL WITHOUT ADVANCE PAYMENT.

Advertisement for 'Weak Men Restored' treatment, featuring a large illustration of a man and text describing the benefits of the apparatus.

Advertisement for 'Carter's Little Liver Pills' for curing sick headache, featuring a large illustration of a bottle and text describing the medicine's effectiveness.

Advertisement for 'Burdock Blood Bitters', featuring a large illustration of a bottle and text describing its benefits for various ailments.