

FLOURISHING ALBERNI.

Valley and the Town Both Happy
in the Prospect of Solid
Improvement.

Business and Industry on a Good
Footing—Prosperity Earned
and Enjoyed.

Alberni, Aug. 31.—Owing to its proximity to the gold mines Alberni is sure to become in the near future a place of importance. It is situated on the Somas river, which is about 35 miles from the ocean. The harbor is an excellent one and the largest vessels find sufficient depth of water. The C. P. N. Co. steamer Maude, Captain Roberts, arrives here every ten days, and as the C. P. N. Co. have been the past given the people of the town a more frequent service when the trade demanded it, in all probability Alberni will have at least a weekly steamer service in the near future.

There is also a stage running twice a week between Alberni and Nanaimo, of which William Armstrong is manager. Mr. Armstrong also carries Her Majesty's mails. A branch of the Dominion telegraph line extends to Alberni. The office is in charge of Mr. P. Haslam, the pioneer merchant, and is also a notable landmark. A little town has sprung up around it known as Milltown. The situation is delightful and has the additional advantages of being dry and healthy.

The Alberni valley is about 25 miles long and 10 wide. The soil is rich and produces fruits, vegetables and grain in abundance. Hereafter a considerable quantity of farm produce had to be imported, but unless there is a large influx to the mines the farmers this year will be able to produce sufficient to supply the demands. The majority of the farmers have small but well kept holdings. There are two schools in the settlement. One is at Alberni, having an average attendance of 32, is in charge of Mr. J. Howitt, and the other at Beaver Creek, the teacher of which is Miss Dunkeley.

There is in Alberni district a quantity of excellent land belonging to the E. & N. railway company, which, if opened up for settlement, would provide comfortable homes for those who would work the land. There is an almost unlimited quantity of excellent timber in the vicinity of the Alberni Canal and Somas river, which, with the revival of the lumber trade, will prove a source of wealth. Alberni, rich in mining, lumbering and agricultural resources, possesses an excellent harbor and a delightful climate, offering every inducement to the miner and the disciple of Isaac Walton, has every promise of a bright future.

MR. MCCARTHY'S MANIFESTO

Its Effect Looks Like the Break-
Up of the Home Rule
Party.

The Sedan Celebrations—The Globe
Fears for the Peace of
Europe.

London, Sept. 2.—Justin McCarthy, M. P., leader of the Home Rule party, has issued a manifesto denouncing the nomination of the Healeyite candidate for parliament in Kerry, in opposition to the McCarthyite candidate, which is causing much sensation in the lobby of the House of Commons. Mr. McCarthy says the course of the Healeyites is to incite treason and revolt. The manifesto was issued without consultation with other members of the Home Rule party, or with the consultative committee. It is thought that Mr. John Dillon and T. P. O'Connor alone were consulted by McCarthy.

The Pall Mall Gazette asserts that one of the most respected members of the Irish Home Rule party, who has not been mixed up with any of the party's personal disputes, says the McCarthy manifesto looks like the final breaking up of the party.

London, Sept. 2.—In a leading article published to-day, the Globe expresses the opinion that the German celebrations endanger the peace of Europe. The tone of the Berlin papers says the Globe has been offensive, and such as to needlessly wound the feelings of the French people. The Emperor, the Globe further says, has allowed himself on more than one occasion recently to use language which is at least capable of being misunderstood. While the Globe says the Emperor desires war, his utterances, it is said, are assuredly not such as to further the cause of peace.

Berlin, Sept. 2.—Emperor William was astir early to-day and inaugurated the second day of the festivities in connection with the celebration of the battle of Sedan by personally decorating with branches of oak leaves four corps standards. The first regiment of guards was drawn up in front of the castle to witness the ceremony. At 8.30 o'clock the Emperor set out for the parade grounds to review the German-American veterans. The weather was beautiful and the city had put on its gayest attire. Crowds thronged the streets which were most elaborately decorated with flags and bunting.

At the celebration yesterday of the battle of Sedan, Prince Leopold, second son of Lothold, prince regent of Bavaria, delivered a speech, in the course of which he thanked his hearers in the name of his father for the patriotic feelings which they had evinced. Prince Leopold said that in every town and village throughout the empire German hearts were filled with joy at the remembrance of the great and memorable period in the history of the nation which was commemorated on the battle of Sedan. This celebration, the prince continued, was unparalleled in the military history of Germany. If God so willed it, he said, the army would again, as it was a quarter of a century ago, be prepared to wage war until the last breath in the combat of life and death against any who dare lay hands upon the most sacred possessions of the fatherland.

Madrid, Sept. 2.—The Polish Count Hobkirk, whose statement regarding the action of the American steamship in Cuban waters some months ago created considerable excitement here, declares that Captain Crossman of the Alliance, confessed to him that his vessel carried contraband of war, and that he was in Cuban waters to assist the rebels. Hobkirk said that he must depend upon the superior speed of his steamer to avoid being overtaken.

THE PEARY RELIEF PARTY.

Heard from—They Are Safe and Making Good Progress.

St. Johns, Nfld., Sept. 2.—The first news from the Peary relief expedition since its departure was received here to-day. It came by the American schooner John E. Mackenzie, sailing from the Greenland halibut fisheries. The Mackenzie met the Kite with the expedition at Holstenburg on Aug. 25. At Holstenburg the Kite took aboard Prof. Dyche, one of the members of the expedition, and sailed again the same evening. Very little ice is reported south of Greenland waters. The Mackenzie fished in latitude 68° and was in sufficient quantity to cause the steamer inconvenience. The crew of the Mackenzie think the Kite will have no difficulty in reaching Wales Sound, where the Peary headquarters are located. The return of the relief party is expected about the end of this month.

LATEST NEWS FROM ALBERNI.

Mining Matters Brisk—Rich Finds, and Everyone Hopeful.

Alberni, B. C., Sept. 2.—Mostly all the prospectors who gathered here over night left for the hills after an early breakfast this morning.

A man came in from Mineral Creek last night and reported that he had discovered an eight-foot ledge of blue quartz cutting through the Missing Link ledge at right angles and running due east and west. The existence of this ledge was not previously known to the owners of the Missing Link. It may have no value, but an order has been sent out for specimens. Mr. McCoy reports that the Starlight ledge, which Mr. Sutton supposed had a width of only seven feet, has been ascertained to be at least 500 feet wide, and has been traced three miles. A specimen from the Yellowstone ledge assayed \$1400 yesterday.

The public should accept assays with caution: one piece picked from a ledge may assay high, another piece from the same ledge may assay low, while pieces from across the ledge will assay high and low. All the rock groups have been worked, but the very rich streak may be narrow, and should not be taken as determining the true value of the ledge. The same may be said of low grade rock. A claim that will yield \$100 to the ton in Alberni will yield \$100 to the ton in the rock groups.

Henry and P. P. Saunders returned last night from a visit to the mines, bringing many specimens of quartz rock which will assay high. They say the ledge is traced as far down Mineral Hill to-day.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder
World's Fair Highest Medal and Diploma.

THE BOYCOTT ON PULLMAN.

Major of Chicago Advised Debs and Howard to Put it on.

Chicago, Sept. 2.—The Times-Herald prints interviews with Eugene V. Debs and W. O. Howard, president and vice-president of the A. R. U., in which they assert that they ordered the boycott of the Pullman coaches they counselled with ex-Mayor Hopkins, then the mayor of Chicago, and were advised by him to issue the boycott against the Pullman cars. They assert that Mr. Hopkins advised them to tie up all the railroads which would not agree to refuse to haul Pullman cars. Mr. Hopkins was once an employee of the Pullman company, and was discharged from the company's service.

In the course of the interview Howard said: "I do not care to speak of the effect of the mayor's attitude on the police, or what we learned of the way the department was conducted."

REFORMS ON THE G. T. R.

The Pioneer Road Now Improve Under the New Presidency.

Toronto, Sept. 2.—Sir Charles R. Wilson, president of the Grand Trunk railway company, who is now on a tour of inspection of the road, was tendered a reception by the board of trade on Saturday. Mr. Stapleton Caldecott, one of the members, made the following suggestions: That a local board should be appointed in Canada who could settle important questions without referring to the London board; that there should be a reduction of the rates for passenger traffic, and that the rates should not exceed two cents per mile. He also suggested that the rates for freight traffic should be reduced, and that the rates for mail traffic should be increased. He also suggested that the rates for mail traffic should be increased.

In reply, Sir Charles thought that Mr. Caldecott was a little too severe, and said that as the bulk of the securities of the road are held in London the directors of the road, must, to a great extent, emanate from there. If the Canadian public want to manage the railway, they should exhibit the same confidence in the management of the road as they do in the management of the bank. He said that he, as president, could not personally carry out, they rested with the proprietors of the road. He, however, said that he would be much for charges that could be made in writing, and they would receive the attention of the board of directors. While acting for the shareholders of the Grand Trunk, the grievances of the customers of the road should be considered. He said that the reduction of fares, Sir Charles did not think the present a good time for such a reform, in view of the state of the company's finances. They were, perhaps, higher than they might be, but it could not well be helped till there was an adjustment with the competitors. He said that he would be much for charges that could be made in writing, and they would receive the attention of the board of directors.

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A BRITISH MURDER.

R. H. Straub Killed Leo Lanterman at Blakely Island Friday.

Blakely Island, which is just south of Orcas Island, was the scene of a most brutal murder on Friday evening. Leo Lanterman was shot and instantly killed by R. H. Straub, and Mrs. Burns, a sister of the murdered man, was badly wounded. Mrs. Burns, Lanterman, and their half brother, R. H. Blythe, were at work in a field when Straub and Irving Parberry came up. The former did not show himself until Parberry, by abusive language, provoked an attack upon himself, and then he came from his hiding place and opened fire. Lanterman fell mortally wounded. Blythe escaped several shots as he ran for the woods, and Mrs. Burns was struck at long range. Lanterman was tempted to crawl from where he fell, but Straub followed him and fired two bullets into the prostrate form. There had been disputes between the principals over land and other matters, but the attack was unexpected and most cowardly. Lanterman and Blythe were named. Straub and Parberry went at once to Friday Harbor, the county seat of San Juan county, and gave themselves up. The greatest indignation is expressed at this terrible crime. Straub already bore a hard reputation. Straub is 53 years old, Parberry 17, Mrs. Burns 26, Blythe 16 and Lanterman was 23. All the men were farmers.

CAUSE OF THE MASSACRES.

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Elaborate Preparations for Commemorating This Victory.

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The celebration commenced with a very impressive ceremony, the dedication of Emperor William's memorial church. A platform, capable of seating 5,000 was erected for the accommodation of the favored guests. The Emperor and Empress arrived at the spot at 10 o'clock in a six-horse carriage escorted by a detachment of cuirassiers of the guard and were handed the golden key of the church by the deputation. When their Majesties reached the church, hymns were sung and a patriotic sermon preached, and when the Emperor and Empress left the

THE VEXED LABOR QUESTION

Workmen Will Resist Imported Laborers—Big Carpet Firm Surrenders.

Labor Day in the States Germans Celebrate Sedan—American Matters.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 2.—H. F. Seale, of this city, started from the corner of Washington boulevard and Halsted street at 4.30 o'clock this morning to try for the Chicago-New York bicycle record. To-day being labor day the Chicago socialists had their red flag presentation as arranged, but the presence of the police made it a very tame affair. The flag was presented to the socialists by the daughter of Oscar Neebe, on behalf of the wives and daughters of the radicals in this city. It is blood red in color and one side bears the inscription, "Socialistic labor party of Chicago." The police were informed that it was the intention of the socialists to parade after the presentation ceremonies and that the flag was to be carried at the head of the procession, but the officers informed the committee that no such parade would be permitted and the idea was accordingly given up. The speeches were very tame, having none of the old time radical ring in them. There was considerable disappointment because Keir Hardie failed to put in an appearance, as it had been announced that he would address the assembly.

Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 2.—Thousands of Germans took part in to-day's celebration of the 25th anniversary of the battle of Sedan.

Fans, Ill., Sept. 2.—The old shaft of the Pana coal mine is ablaze, and the lives of three men are in peril. It is possible these men, who are imprisoned in the pit, may escape by shaft No. 2, but this is by no means certain. The fire was first noticed at 8.30 o'clock last night. The shaft of the burning mine is 700 feet deep, and this, with the great amount of gas, made it impossible for the workmen to get at the fire. Late last night the entire force of diggers at the mines were at work in shaft No. 2, in an endeavor to reach the imprisoned men. There are fears that when an entrance to the burning mine shall have been effected it will be found that the three coal diggers have succumbed.

Hickman, Ky., Sept. 2.—At 2 o'clock this morning William Butcher, a desperado, was taken from jail by a mob. His head was shot off and his body riddled with bullets. The masks of some of the crowd were found near the negro's dead body.

Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 2.—Miss Mary Calvert of Youngstown, died yesterday morning from chloroform administered by Dr. W. F. Falkner, to lessen pain in extracting four teeth.

New York, Sept. 2.—Lovely weather attends labor day. Little business was done, the banks and exchanges being closed, and also most mercantile establishments.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Sept. 2.—While endeavoring to prevent Fred Chapman from beating his wife to-day, William Davis was fatally shot by the enraged husband.

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Workmen Will Give Resistance—Big Firm Surrenders.

Ishpeming, Mich., Sept. 2.—The citizens of this iron mining town are full of apprehension of impending trouble to-day. Half a dozen companies of the Michigan National Guard are camped in the vicinity of Lake Umbagog, where steam shovels are to be operated by men brought from Chicago to take the places of the strikers. The mine operators are determined to move their ore, and the strikers, made desperate by their straits, threaten bloodshed if the imported workmen start the shovels.

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hand played "Die Wacht am Rhein."

A cordon of troops and veterans, including the German-American volunteers, who are now visiting this city, surrounded the church and were reviewed by the Emperor. It is noteworthy that not only the Protestant, but the Catholic churches had special Sedan day services.

The fetes were inaugurated by a full parade, held by the Emperor on the Tempelhof Field. There was an unusually large display of troops and the Kings of Saxony and Wurtemberg were present.

During the early morning a patriotic festival was held in the various public schools, a gala performance was given at the Royal Opera on Sunday evening, including a ballet militaire, and the patriotic drama "1812" will be performed this evening at the Schauspielhaus by order of the Emperor.

The Berlin Turner societies arranged a series of games and popular sports for the afternoon of Sunday on the Tempelhof Field. The American colony were present at the parade to-day and there will be illuminations upon a splendid scale this evening. The Emperor has given 5,000 marks out of his own purse for the illumination of the Schloss. Every window of that huge pile will be aglow, in addition to magnificent electrical effects from the cupola, balconies and portals. The city pays for the illumination of the public buildings, parks and squares and every business firm is doing something in the same "big Al." Almost every building will fly flags and all the other big cities will be decorated and illuminated upon a similar scale, especially Dresden, where the main fetes were held on Sunday. A big celebration was also held at the Neiderwald monument. A torpedo boat has ascended the Rhine to the foot of the monument in order to carry the imperial flag there.

Considerable indignation has been felt at the fact that the authorities of Berlin and elsewhere are arranging a Berlin demonstration. Six meetings of socialists have been called for to-day by Herren Bebel, Liebknecht, Singer, Aue, and other leaders in order to protest the commemorations of the victories of 1870. A large force of police and detectives have been ordered to Stettin and its vicinity in anticipation of trouble.

FRUITS OF FOREST FIRES.

Passenger Train Derailed by Fallen Tree—Picky Engineer.

Seattle, Sept. 2.—The engine and baggage car on the Seattle, Lake Shore and Eastern road was derailed last night near this city by a tree which had been buried about the roots and fallen across the rails. The train consisted of eight coaches, several of which were filled with excursionists. Engineer Gabriel did not see the tree until within twenty car lengths, but stood at his post and saved the train. As the engine went over, he jumped, sustaining serious injuries. None of the passengers were injured.

VICTORIA MARKETS.

Retail Quotations for Farmers' Produce Carefully Corrected.

There is an excellent trade being done in fruits at present, and the fact that home grown fruits have sold more largely than ever before is one of general congratulation. It has taken time to accomplish this, but it is now being done. The B. C. grower to learn to do. The high inspection of fruits entering this port from the south is given as the direct cause for a very heavy falling off in the importations of fruit. One big dealer said that he had sustained some losses, found it too expensive to keep at and simply let the trade alone. The fruit is coming in and will sell well. They are retailing well at 4 cents per pound, and if anything the August is stronger than supply at present. Plums are a hopeless drag. They are retailing at 1 1/2 to 2¢ per pound and may be had in any amounts up to tons. Apples are quoted lower, being now at 3 to 4¢ per pound. The supply of apples is not so good as it was a few weeks ago. They are high, being held at 10¢ per pound. There are a few blackberries to be seen here and there in the market. California oranges have just about disappeared.

Potatoes are down to a cent a pound, with an ever increasing supply. B. C. potatoes reaching this market are rather more probably on account of the dry summer. Fresh ranch eggs are more plentiful than they were a week ago, but the price remains fixed. There is no change as to butter. The cuts in flour are still being adhered to.

A gentleman from Puget Sound, who was in the city yesterday said that it was quite probable that some of the home grown in the State of Washington would not even be picked this year. The loss have made terribly ravages in places and then the market is dead.

The general volume of business shows no change of late. Trade with the Alberni district is growing, owing to mining developments. Collections are fair. Retail values are below:

Ogilvie's Hungarian Flour	5 to 5 35
Lake of the Woods Flour	5 to 5 35
Rainier	5 to 5 35
Super	4 to 4 25
Standard	4 to 4 25
Snow Flake	4 to 4 25
Olympic	4 to 4 25
X X X	4 to 4 25
Wheat, per ton	30 00 to 35 00
Oats, per ton	25 00 to 27 00
Barley, per ton	25 00 to 27 00
Midway, per ton	25 00 to 27 00
Bran, per ton	20 00 to 25 00
Ground feed, per ton	25 00 to 27 00
Corn, whole	45 00
Cracked	50 00
Cornmeal, per 10 lb.	50
Roller oats, per lb.	6
Potatoes, local	3 to 4
Potatoes, sweet	3 to 4
Cabbage	12 00
Hay, baled, per ton	12 00
Straw, per bale	1 00
Peppers, per doz.	2 25
Onions, per lb.	1 1/2
Cucumbers, per doz.	25
Spinach, per lb.	5 to 6
Green Corn, per doz.	20
Oranges, Riverside, per doz.	20 to 25
Lemons (California)	35 to 40
Bananas	20 to 25
Pineapples	25 to 30
Apples, Island	10 to 12
Crabapples, Island	10 to 12
Apricots, per lb.	10 to 12
Peaches, per lb.	10 to 12
Plums, Island	10 to 12
Tomatoes, California, per lb.	5
Grapes, per lb.	5
Nectarines, per lb.	8
Pine Apples	25 to 30
Fish, Salmon, per lb.	10
Smoked Salmon	12 to 15
Eggs, Island, per doz.	30
Eggs, Manitoba	30
Butter, Island	30
Butter, Manitoba	30
Butter, Delta Creamery, per lb.	30
Hams, American, per lb.	14 to 15
Hams, Canadian, per lb.	15 to 16
Hams, Boneless, per lb.	20
Bacon, American, per lb.	14 to 15
Bacon, Boneless, per lb.	12 to 14
Bacon, Long clear, per lb.	12
Bacon, Canadian	10 to 12
Shoulders	15 to 18
Lard	15 to 18
Sides, per lb.	7 to 7 1/2
Meats—Beef, per lb.	12 to 14
Veal	10 to 15
Mutton, per lb.	10 to 12 1/2
Chicken, per lb.	10 to 12 1/2
Pork, fresh, per lb.	10 to 12 1/2
Chickens, per pair	1 00 to 1 50
Turkeys, per lb.	15 to 20