Local News.

GLEANINGS OF CITY & PROVINCIAL NEWS IN A COMPRESSED FORM.

—The French cruiser Protet is not expected until about the 14th of next month. The ship will only spend a few days here, and then proceed south.

—The announcement that the visiting British journalists were coming to this province is premature. Mayor McCandless wired to Ottawa Friday, and the reply to his telegram indicated that nothing had been decided regarding this part of their tour.

—The ward room officers of H. M. S. Amphion desire to announce that the entertainment they were to give on Thursday evening next has been postponed until Wednesday, the 5th of August, at the same hour and place as at present arranged.

—The executive of the Liberal Association have arranged for a meeting of the party in Labor hall on Wednesday evening next, commencing at 8 o'clock. A good programme has been prepared, which will include speeches by leading Liberals.

—A garden fete will be held at the residence of Mrs. J. Dalby, North Chatham street, on Wednesday, July 29th, under the auspices of St. Barnabas's church Ladies' Aid. There will be archery, music, tea and refreshments; also a stall of plants and fancy goods. It will commence at 3 p.m.

—Thursday evening a meeting of the Vancouver Island Building Society was held. Drawings for appropriations took place, resulting in C. O. Magneson, holding share number 230 A and B, and J. M. Reid, with share 15 A and B, being successful. Donald M. McLean was elected a director to fill the place of G. A. Carleton, who has resigned.

—Thursday afternoon the funeral of the late John H. Jones took place at 1.30 o'clock from the residence of James Pin, Glenfield avenue, Lake district, and at 2.30 at St. John's church. Services were conducted by Rev. P. Jenns. The following acted as pall-bearers: J. Nicholson, G. Hicks, J. Grundy, H. Mycock, E. H. Linaken and Mr. Perkins.

—On Tuesday the annual general meeting of Messrs. Henderson Bros., Ltd., which firm has a branch in this city, was held, when the old board was re-elected. H. H. Watson was added to the directorate. The following officers of the company were elected: President, Mr. T. M. Henderson; vice-president, Mr. H. McDowell; secretary-treasurer, Mr. W. Henderson; directors, Messrs. J. M. Henderson, J. M. Atkins and H. H. Watson.

—There is every likelihood of a substantial hotel and trading store being erected at Hardy Bay in the near future. Messrs. Wm. Jensen, Capt. Meyer, and Henry Saunders are interesting themselves in the formation of a syndicate for this purpose. They recognize that the development of that part of the Island means a great deal for the future of Hardy Bay, and the enterprise proposed will be an evidence of their faith in its future.

—A few days ago a respectably dressed man under the influence of liquor had a narrow escape from drowning off Finlayson's wharf. He had been noticed sitting on the edge of the wharf resting his head on his hands, when suddenly he fell backward into the water. Fortunately, one of Contractor Catterall's men, who are making some repairs to the wharf, was working beneath on a raft, and at once went to his assistance. When rescued the man was clinging to a pile, and was as mute as the timber that supported him.

—Col. P. Russ, of Hamburg, Pa., S. Prasser and Benjamin C. Warnick, of Philadelphia, are in Seattle on their way north to Atlin to investigate mining properties in which they are interested. They represent a powerful syndicate of Eastern capitalists who have acquired large interests in that part of British Columbia, both in placer and quartz mines, and their present trip is for the purpose of examining their mines and deciding what measures to take for their development.

—During the past few days a well known Parisian newspaper man has been visiting the city in the person of Andre Cheradame, travelling correspondent of the Paris L'Eclair, one of the most influential journals of the French capital. He arrived on Thursday evening after an extensive tour of the United States and registered at the Driard. M. Cheradame is touring the world writing at frequent intervals to his paper. His impressions of this city are contained in a letter which, it is understood, he dispatched a day or so ago. He resumes his journey to-night.

—Success has crowned the efforts of the members of the Chamber of Commerce in the matter of securing an annual guarantee of $1,250 for three years for the proposed service on the East Coast of Vancouver Island. The amount has practically all been subscribed on conditions that the service to be undertaken is of a satisfactory character. It is, therefore, a matter now for the steamship company to submit their proposal in detail and to demonstrate to the merchants that they mean business. Definite results are expected to be forthcoming in the very near future.

—The city council Friday held a conference with the water commissioner regarding the purchase of water pipe for next year. At the meeting last Monday night Mr. Raymur recommended that tenders be invited for five thousand feet of six-inch and ten thousand feet of four-inch pipe, the whole cost of which would be about $8,000. He convinced the council that it would be a good plan to order in advance, so that the very best pipe could be secured, and it was decided to discuss the matter with him. Yesterday the city fathers determined to call for tenders for five thousand dollars' worth of pipe, to be delivered in about seven months. Mr. Raymur is at work on the specifications, and tenders will be called for shortly.

—On Friday afternoon the funeral of the late Henry T. Ford took place from the family residence, Cedar Hill road. There was a large attendance, and many beautiful floral tributes. The following acted as pallbearers: J. Tingley, R. Chapman, E. Lane and D. P. Pickard.

—Supt. Marpole, of the Western division of the C. P. R., is inviting tenders for the construction of a six-stall engine shed at North Bend. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of the divisional engineer, Vancouver. Tenders will be received up till noon on Friday next.

—Seattle parties are here for the purpose of opening the new saw mill at Sidney within the next week or ten days. It is intended to increase the capacity of the mill from about 35,000 feet a day, which is its present size, to 75,000 feet a day. The mill will be run night and day, and it is intended to market the product in the East.

—Fire completely destroyed the Pacific Packing & Navigation Company's salmon cannery at Kenai, on Cook Inlet, on the night of July 19th, according to advices from the north. The cannery contained about 30,000 cases of this year's salmon pack, which were totally destroyed. The loss approximates about $100,000 and is completely covered by insurance.

—J. H. Little, who has been appointed to the position of secretary of the local Y. M. C. A., arrived from the East Friday to take over the duties of that office. To-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock a meeting welcoming the new official will be held at the Young Men's Christian Association rooms. Invitations have been extended to all local clergy and five minutes' platform speeches will be delivered.

—Two ladies have been canvassing the city for the past few days selling tickets for a "recital by Mr. Wm. Lee Greenleaf, of Boston," to be given under the auspices of the Williard Young Women's Christian Temperance Union Mission. Tickets are being sold in a manner similar to those for a recital by a gentleman of the same name nearly two years ago, which was ostensibly for the benefit of the Orphanage, but which the promoters were obliged to abandon. Mayor McCandless's name is being used in connection with the concert without his knowledge or consent, and he wishes it understood that he is not favorably disposed towards the scheme. The Johnson street mission, it is reported, is to receive only $50 from the proceeds, although the Y. M. C. A. hall is being given free of charge.

—The semi-annual general meeting of the Victoria No. 2 Building Society will be held at the society's office, 15 Trounce avenue, on Friday next at 8 p. m., to receive the secretary's half-yearly financial statement and balance sheet, and such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

—The case against Martin and McKay, accused in Vancouver of assisting a sailor to desert from H. M. S. Grafton, was tried before Judge Bole on Saturday. His Honor, after hearing the evidence, remarked that he could not find that the charge was proven, beyond reasonable doubt, and acquitted the accused.

—Members of the boating crews which did such admirable work in Saturday's regatta at Vancouver, have nothing but good words for the treatment which they received aboard the Charmer at the hands of the veteran skipper, Capt. Rudlin. They state that that officer did everything in his power to make the voyage a pleasant and memorable one.

—The intermediate match which was played on Saturday afternoon between the Hillside and Capital teams at Oak Bay was won by the former, the score being 13 to 6. J. Lorimer pitched and W. Northcott caught for the Capitals, while for the winners H. McConnell twirled and H. Northcott was behind the bat.

—The cable repairing steamer Iris is laying the submarine wire in Alberni canal to-day. A message to the Times over the Pacific cable received shortly after noon Monday, is dated: "On board H. M. S. cable ship Iris, Alberni canal. Two miles out from Bamfield, B. C., 11.30 a. m. This dispatch is sent over the C. P. R. telegraph cable which is now being laid between Bamfield and Alberni. It is expected to reach Alberni this evening."

—The Invertavish Nurseries on Park road, with store at 41 Fort street, have been taken over by Mr. P. T. James, late gardener for the Douglas estate, and are now under his capable management. A choice selection of cut flowers, plants, etc., are in stock, to which your attention and patronage is solicited. Decorative work, floral wreaths and wedding bouquets a specialty.

—Mr. Justice Martin on Saturday handed down judgment in the will case of McHugh vs. Dooley. The will was admitted to probate, but the codicil was disallowed probate. This includes the three daughters, Mrs. Steinberger, Mrs. Dooley and Mrs. Wales as beneficiaries. The codicil made Wm. McHugh the sole beneficiary. The circumstances of this interesting case have already been published in the Times.

—Campers on Saanich Inlet were Sunday treated to a somewhat unusual entertainment. A school of about six whales found their way to the head of the Inlet, and judging from their antics, they spent a most enjoyable day in those placid waters. Evidently they were in a remarkably sportive mood, for at times they threw their entire bodies out of the water. This, however, interfered considerably with other sport, for fishermen after salmon having little luck from the time they made their appearance.

—On Saturday a meeting of the mineral committee of the B. C. Agriculture Association was held at the offices of Swinerton & Oody. H. Mortimer Lamb was present and in a few words announced that the Mining Association was prepared to take over the preparation and management of an exhibit at the forthcoming fair. Messrs. Lamb and Sutton were appointed a committee to work with the association. Another committee of one was appointed to meet the local Mining Association and ascertain how much space will be needed for the proposed exhibit.

—One of the Chinese aboard the Indrasamha when she was at the outer wharf last week has not been allowed to land at Portland. He speaks English fluently, and claims to have lived in Seattle until a few months ago, when he paid a visit to his relatives in the Flowery Kingdom. His case is being investigated, but in the meanwhile he has to stay aboard the ship.

—About noon on Saturday the breaking of a neck yoke started a team driven by Lee Ging on Johnson street, they dashed down the thoroughfare at a great pace. There were a couple of obstacles to their progress in the shape of a light waggon and a brewery waggon, but these didn't bother the runaways, who smashed into them, damaging each to some extent. The equines got loose from the waggon, but were caught before they had gone far. The way in which they went into the brewery conveyance would indicate that their temperance proclivities were somewhat pronounced.

—The Dominion Bridge Co., of Montreal, have commenced the work of laying the steel girders upon piers No. 10 and 11 of the new Fraser river bridge. The masonry contractor is now engaged upon pier No. 4, working 70 feet below the level of the water. Piers from 5 to 11, the latter on the south side of the river, are completed, but two of the smaller ones in the path of the north shore currents have yet to be commenced. Nevertheless, it will be impossible for the steel workers to overtake the masons. From all appearances the big Fraser bridge will be ready for opening even before the calculated time.

—The annual hunters' picnic was held Sunday at Langford Plains, there being an attendance of about one hundred. Sports of different kinds had been prepared for the occasion, and the day passed very pleasantly. In the morning there was a baseball game between nines selected by Mansell and Wrigglesworth. The latter was victorious, the score being 19 to 10. A programme of races was held under the management of G. Keithley, and were carried through most successfully. Several shooting contests took place during the day. Messrs. Weiler, Sewell, Fletcher and Mansell made excellent scores. The picnickers returned early in the evening.

—The men's meeting on Sunday in Y. M. C. A. hall took the form of a welcome to the new general secretary, Mr. Jack T. Little. The Ministerial Association was represented on the platform by the Revs. Allen, Clay, Osterhout, Blyth, McEwen and Vichert. The latter occupied the chair. After the opening exercises, including music, Scripture reading and prayer, by Rev. Mr. Blyth, each of the ministers gave five-minute addresses of welcome on behalf of their respective churches. Each in turn expressed his appreciation and interest in the association movement, and heartily guaranteed to support the secretary in his work. Mr. Little spoke most enthusiastically with regard to the work now being done universally, thanking all present for their kindly promises and interest, and adding that the success of the association rested in his ability to use willing helpers.

VICTORIA'S EXHIBITION.

Meetings of Printing and Advertising and Live Stock Committees Yesterday.

Last evening, at the secretary's office, 102 Government street, a meeting of the printing and advertising committee of the B. C. Agricultural Association was held, there being present His Worship the Mayor, Ald. Yates, J. Morris and Dr. Tolmie.

Numerous suggestions were made for the thorough advertising of the forthcoming fair. The question of the printing of posters for outside points was discussed. In this connection it was announced that several offers to distribute advertising matter had been received from people living at neighboring points. Among these were the Mayor of Cumberland, President Rev. G. W. Taylor and the secretary of the Farmers' Institute at Wellington.

Other business was transacted before the meeting adjourned. Members of this committee are confident that there will be many visitors arriving at the time of the exhibition. The attractions offered by the management will be well advertised, and arrangements will be made for excursions from all neighboring points.

Yesterday afternoon a meeting of the live stock committee was held, when the chairman, Ald. Yates, and W. Christie, G. Sangster and G. Dean were present. The matter of appointing judges was discussed at length. Mr. Dean was finally selected as judge in granting the prizes offered for the cow giving the most milk and for the cow giving the greatest proportion of butter fat. Sub-committee were appointed as follows:

Horses—James Bryce, city; Walte. Thompson, Hagan P. O.

Cattle—Alex. Patterson, Ladners; Andrew Munro, Sidney.

Sheep—J. Richardson, Prevost Island; H. Kipp, Chilliwack.

Swine—Messrs. Shannon Bros., Cloverdale; Jos. Thompson, Chilliwack.

Poultry—H. Sturly, Galiano Island; M. Blackstock, city; Mrs. Bradley-Dyne, Saturna Island; H. O. Allen, Salt Spring Island.

The secretary was instructed to write each of the gentlemen mentioned and ascertain if they will act.

The meeting then adjourned.

PILL-OSOPHY.—There are pills and pills—but Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills at 10 cents a vial lead in demand. The sale borders on the phenomenal. Sluggish liver, constipation, or irregular bowels are the precursors of many physical disorders. These little wonders remove the cause. 40 in a vial for 10 cents. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—45.

FIRST OF SALMON COMING UP STRAITS

Indian Canoes Bringing in Large Numbers of Sockeyes—Predictions of Good Season.

Canners of the Mainland and trappers on the Sound who for weeks have been waiting for the advent of the sockeye salmon, will be interested in learning that the first of the run made its appearance in the Straits yesterday. One Indian, who had been out, brought in 40 salmon. Another sold $11.50 worth, the fish being disposed of at the wharf for 25 cents apiece. Altogether there were about ten canoes which brought fish in during the afternoon. Other canoes, of course, are still down the Straits, and there should be a plentiful supply of salmon in the market to-day.

The arrival of the sockeyes in the Straits is good news for a large percentage of the population of the province. The canners have been waiting for them for the last two weeks. Fully a fortnight ago two thousand Indians from down the coast and up the Island have either passed Victoria or stayed over in this city for a few days en route to the Fraser. Hundreds of Chinamen have also been under engagement for some time, and other preparations have long been pending a start.

The salmon always make their appearance off Beechy Bay before they are seen farther up the Straits. In other words they appear to have but one course in reaching the Fraser and Sound, namely, that along the southern end of this Island following the shore line, and finally passing through Rosario Strait. Old Indians who have been waiting for their arrival predict that the run this season will be large, although advancing no particular reason for their opinions, and notwithstanding the fact that the run is fully two weeks or more later than last season.

Concerning the northern pack, definite reports have come to hand. J. D. MacDonald, who has just arrived from the north, says that the season on the Skeena has been poor, but on Rivers Inlet the boats have been taking as many as 400 fish each per night. These are sold to Wadham's cannery. So far the total pack on Rivers Inlet has reached 9,000 cases. Bella Coola, too, is experiencing a prosperous summer.

Newspapers on the other side of the line say "a fish war" is imminent because the British Columbia canners are paying 15 cents a fish instead of 12½ cents. A Vancouver paper says there is more "hot air" than anything else in this talk. One paper in the salmon district remarks that on both sides of the line 15 cents a fish is now generally paid. It adds: "If the present low prices of the canned product keep up there certainly would be no occasion for raising the price of fish, and some are led to believe that the spirited contest in buying indicates that a rise in the price of canned salmon will occur in the near future."

CAPT. HOWARD STAYED AT THE RUSS HOUSE

Left Baggage There When He Crossed to Sausalito—Story of His Movements.

It has been discovered that Captain Howard was a guest at the Russ house from May 23rd to July 11th, when he suddenly dropped from sight, leaving behind him all his baggage, says the San Francisco Call. No importance was attached to his disappearance since he had often said that he had to look after some Berkeley property in the interest of a friend in Canada, and it was thought that he was staying with friends across the bay.

When shown the intelligence from Victoria last night Head Clerk Powell of the Russ house positively confirmed the identification. He confessed that he had failed to associate Captain Howard with the stories that have appeared in the local papers about the unidentified dead man in West Berkeley.

Charles Newman, the proprietor, tells a story of Howard's allegations of unfair dealing on the part of some unknown party in this city which may throw some light on the mysterious end of the man. He said last night:

Captain Howard was an exceeding fine gentleman. He played a good game of billiards and we all liked him. He was always very dignified, courteous and polite. He stated he had a big deal on with parties having offices in the Mills building and he went there every day to see them. He would often say to me "Those scoundrels over there in the Mills building are trying to do me up, but they won't do it. I have a fair proposition in hand and they know it, and they are trying to get the best of me, but I know my rights and I am going to have them."

J. B. Treanor, an insurance adjuster, having an office at 501 Montgomery street, was a chance acquaintance of the dead man. He returned to the city last night after an absence since July 11th, and when notified of the supposed murder in West Berkeley and the identification from Vancouver confirmed the report that the body in the Berkeley morgue is that of Captain Howard.

According to Treanor's story, Captain Howard was in the city trying to dispose of some mining claims in the Klondike. He seemed short of money, and just before leaving for his trip on the 11th Treanor advanced him $175. At the time Captain Howard told Treanor that he had a ticket for Victoria and would shortly leave for that place.

Treanor tells the following story of his knowledge of Captain Howard's movements:

When I returned home to-night from the south I found the following telegram awaiting me: "Reported mishap. Is Captain Howard well and safe?" Signed, Mrs. Howard, Dallas hotel, Victoria.

Knowing nothing to the contrary, I replied to the message: "He left for the north some time ago." You can see how surprised I must be to learn of the present situation of affairs.

I last saw him at 4 o'clock on the afternoon of July 11th. He had with him at that time between $175 and $200, which I had advanced to him, in coin, and he told me he had purchased his ticket for Victoria and was going to leave that night by the Oregon express, at 8 o'clock. We shook hands and he appeared in fine spirits, and said he was going to the Southern Pacific office to secure his berth. That was the last I saw of him, as I went out of town that same evening. He had interests in Alaska, and I was contemplating joining him in some of his business ventures there. He was happily married and devoted to his family.

BUILDING A THEATRE.

A Victoria Chinaman Is Having Large Structure Erected in Vancouver.

Loo Gee Wing, of this city, is building a handsome theatre in Vancouver. It is to be run as a popular priced family house partly by a stock company and partly by Coast circuit attractions, and will keep open all the time. The building will be 50 feet by 122 feet, three stories high, with basement. It will be on Hastings street, between Carrall and Columbia avenues, on the south side. It is arranged with four proscenium boxes, orchestra stalls, dress circle, family circle and gallery, and is so planned that every seat is a good one. It is designed to accommodate 800 people. The stage is 28 feet and 47 feet with 55 feet clear from floor to gridiron. It will be fitted with all the latest appliances and will be cut off from the front of the house by an asbestos curtain. Everything else about the house will also be so arranged as to reduce danger from fire to a minimum. The front will be of pressed brick and cut stone with an arched entrance 17 feet wide. All the necessary toilet and cloak rooms are provided and the actors are well supplied with roomy dressing rooms. It will be lighted by electricity and heated by hot air. Mr. W. T. Whiteway is the architect.

EAGLES IN CONVENTION.

(From Monday's Daily.)

The first convention of the Fraternal Order of Eagles was opened here at 11 o'clock this morning by Provincial Deputy Grand President A. W. Von Rhein. There were present delegates from Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster, Nelson, Phoenix and Revelstoke. About five delegates from the Boundary country who had intended to be present had missed the steamer at Seattle this morning, and in addition there are yet to come two from Revelstoke, two from Vancouver and one from Nanaimo.

On account of the non-arrival of these delegates nothing but routine was disposed of at this morning's meeting. Officers were elected as follows: A. W. Von Rhein, chairman; S. Robb, vice-chairman; Frank Leroy, secretary; and Geo. M. Collier, of New Westminster, guardian.

A credential committee was next appointed, composed of James Marshall, of Phoenix, and A. G. Peters, of New Westminster, and Geo. Phillips, of Vancouver. After the transaction of this business an adjournment was taken until 8 o'clock this evening, when the report of the credential committee will be received. This done, the members will adjourn to the Douglas Gardens where special arrangements for entertainment have been made. This afternoon delegates will assemble at their hall, which has been effectively decorated in honor of their visit to the city, and the visitors will be driven to Esquimalt where an inspection of the ships of war will be made.

Although only in existence about five years, there are already over 450 branches of the Eagles, with a total membership of nearly 50,000. In this province Victoria is the banner lodge, having, at the end of April, 1902, 250 members. Vancouver had 202, New Westminster 141, Rossland 138, and Nanaimo 109. All these have been considerably augmented since then and aeries have been formed in Phoenix, Grand Forks, Nelson, Greenwood, Revelstoke and other places. The grand secretary, in his last report, predicted a doubling of membership this year and he was well within the mark.

The local delegates to the convention are: P. P., J. M. Hughes; P. P., D. T. Barnhardt; P. D. S. P., A. W. Von Rhein; P. P., T. M. Brayshaw; P. P., S. W. Woods; W. P., W. E. Wheeler; H. F. W. Behnson; W. V. P., Jos. Wachter; and Frank Leroy, secretary of convention.

WILL LAY ALBERNI CABLE.

A very complete ship in every respect is the unanimous expression of opinion passed by shipping men who have visited the cable repairing steamer Iris, which on Thursday arrived in Esquimalt, under orders to lay 45 miles of cable in Alberni canal. She is the second cable ship to visit this port. Compared with the Colonia, which was here about a year ago, she is considerably smaller. Just how long the steamer will remain in the Northern Pacific is as yet problematical. She will leave here for Barkley Sound to-morrow, but it is likely that the cable laying operations will not commence until Monday, as before beginning this work a survey, it is understood, will be made of the canal. C. H. Reynolds, manager of the Pacific cable board, and H. Kent, superintendent of the C. P. R. telegraph, will accompany the ship on the expedition, and it is probable that a local navigator will pilot the steamer down the coast. After finishing the undertaking, which will only take a few days, the Iris will return to Esquimalt. Her headquarters is yet a matter to be definitely decided. It is said, however, that it will be either at Auckland or Suva.

In her testing room of the ship there are some beautifully constructed and extremely delicate instruments, amongst them are one or two which are used for the first time on shipboard. One instrument, known as the mirror, receives signals by a bar of light thrown on to a small mirror which reflects it on a scale placed in position in front. This process requires that the room be darkened while the electrician is at work, making it rather uncomfortable. The mirror system of the Iris is on an entirely new plan, a powerful though small electric light, actuated by a storage battery and a transparant scale being used. The instrument can be read in the broad glare of daylight.

A beautiful little Kelvin siphon recorder is also installed. This instrument records the message on a slip of paper tape in the form of a crooked line. Many other delicate instruments to be used in the destiny of cables are to be seen. The ordinary machinery scattered around the ship, and which is used in the laying, underrunning or picking up of cables, is a duplicate of that on board the Colonia which laid the Vancouver Island-Fanning Island section, the longest cable in the world.

The officers' quarters aboard the Iris are very comfortably fitted up, being roomy and handsome. Each officer has his own stateroom. The dining saloon is large and airy, and is located well forward, where a plentiful supply of air is always had. One of the officials stated yesterday that this room was always cool and comfortable, even on the warmest days. Mr. John Milward, chief electrician of the Pacific cable board, accompanied the Iris. Mr. Milward was here a few months ago making an inspection of the Bamfield station.

PASSENGERS FROM SKEENA.

Out of a total of 75 passengers brought south on the voyage twenty were landed here by the steamer Princess May last evening, the major number having debarked at Vancouver to take the train there for Seattle and other points. Six men who had lost their reason in the north and who were being taken to the New Westminster asylum landed at Vancouver. Among this number was Harry Price, formerly of this city, and who lately was steward on the steamer Gleaner. The unfortunate fellow caused less trouble to the police than any in their charge. Harry told the officer in charge of the Northwest Mounted Police at White Horse that he was going to make a trip to England to get married. The officer at once volunteered to escort, and the idea met with favor. When the time came along Corpl. McClelland approached the demented man and told him that he had five crazy men whom he had first to take to New Westminster. Harry did not mind this, but said that he would like to visit New Westminster, and that after the prisoners were safely under lock and key he would have a good time with the officer. Believing this subterfuge, Harry came along of his own account, and conversed with passengers, read the newspapers and enjoyed every liberty aboard the steamer.

Among the arrivals by the Princess May was Prof. David Starr Jordan, who went north on the United States fishery steamer Albatross. He boarded the steamer at Skagway and debarked at Vancouver. Among other arrivals were Max Leiser and Mrs. S. Leiser, who came on to Victoria.

Officers of the Princess May state that Skagway has been pretty much deserted, every teamster in the place and all who could laying gone to the gold fields in the Arkel district. Considerable gold was brought south by the steamer.

A LUMBER DEAL.

E. H. Harriman, J. J. Hill and Others Join Forces to Control the Coast Production.

San Francisco, July 25.—A colossal deal which is of the greatest importance to the Pacific coast in general and of the Northwest in particular, is announced today.

At last a gigantic deal has been consummated by Frederick Weyerhauser, E. H. Harriman, T. B. Walker and Jacob Blodgett, who have joined forces with James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern, and through this combination these persons will practically control the entire production of coast lumber.

E. W. Eberlin, their agent, took the government figures for all timber now standing on the Pacific Slope and bought through agents until now these five men with minor associates hold the vast Western lumber market in their hands. Weyerhauser was the means of getting Harriman and Hill together on the deal.

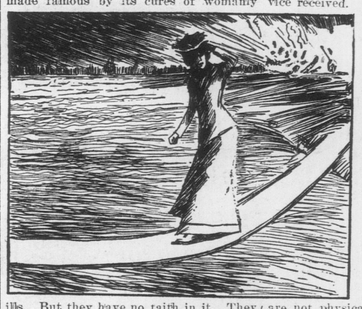
E. H. Harriman's lands go into the combine with the provision to protect the company's creditors which are pledged as Southern Pacific creditors.

DANGER DROVE HER

How a Timid Woman Found Courage.

She was by nature a timid woman. Nothing had been able to induce her to cross the narrow, swaying plank which bridged the creek. Sooner than take this short cut she would go a mile above where there was a substantial wagon bridge. But now when the fire was sweeping across the prairie, consuming houses and crops, she was driven to the plank over the creek as the only hope of escape. Danger drove her. Fear flogged her. And tottering and trembling she made the passage in safety.

There are a great many sick women who have heard for years of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, the medicine made famous by its cures of womanly



ills. But they have no faith in it. They go the long way round to seek health, and use the services of a local practitioner. Perhaps when the fails they try patent medicines. It is only when they realize there is danger in disease; that doctors can't help and patent medicines don't cure—that they are driven to try Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, and find it is the short road to health.

The Bridge That Carried Them Over.

Thousands of women unite in praise of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription as the bridge that carried them to safety, put them out of power of disease, and gave them perfect and permanent health. They put themselves on record for the benefit of others who suffer and have exhausted all other means used for effecting a cure.

"In April, 1900, my strength gave out and I was obliged to go to bed, suffering with female weakness, also had ulcers and inflammation," writes Mrs. Ellen D. Rollin, of Pierceville, Ripley Co., Ind. "I tried a physician's remedy for a month, but got no better—only weaker. Tried another medicine six weeks, but got no better, was quite discouraged. I read Dr. Pierce's Memorandum Book, telling of the cures Dr. Pierce's medicines had performed. My husband said he would have more faith in Dr. Pierce's medicine than in any other, and he got me a bottle of the 'Favorite Prescription' at once. I began taking it, and wrote to Dr. Pierce. I received several letters of advice, also a small book treating on Women and Her Diseases. I followed the directions given as closely as I could. Began taking Dr. Pierce's medicines in July, and in two months I was able to do my housework. Took twelve bottles of 'Favorite Prescription,' also four of 'Golden Medical Discovery.' Had a severe case of inflammation and suffered a great deal, but by persevering I regained my strength. Weigh twenty-five pounds more than I ever did before. I think Dr. Pierce's medicines far excel all others, and hope those who are suffering will turn to him for aid. I thank him for his advice and kindness, and can heartily recommend his treatment to all who may be suffering as I was."

The cures effected by Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription are not temporary, but permanent. They are perfect cures. It is not uncommon for women to say that they never knew the meaning of perfect health, even in their best days, until they had used "Favorite Prescription." And this is because the medicine is more than a mere cure for female troubles. It not only puts out the fire of disease, but it rebuilds what the fire has destroyed, and often on a finer scale, as in Mrs. Rollin's case, who, after the cure, weighed twenty-five pounds more than she ever weighed before.

"Favorite Prescription" is a superior tonic and nervine. It feeds the nerves and cures nervousness. It restores the appetite and gives natural, refreshing sleep. It builds up the body, restores lost flesh and gives back the clearness of girlhood to the complexion sallowed by disease.

A Physician's Offer.

Reference is made by Mrs. Rollin and Miss Johnson to correspondence with Dr. Pierce. They took advantage of the offer of free consultation by letter, and acknowledge their gratitude for the advice received.

The same offer is open to all. Every sick woman is urged to write to Dr. Pierce, and so secure the opinion of a specialist in the treatment and cure of diseases peculiar to women. All correspondence is held as strictly private and sacredly confidential. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

This offer of free consultation by letter, made by Dr. R. V. Pierce, is not to be confused with the spurious offers of "free medical advice" made by men or women who having no medical knowledge or training, are not physicans, are not permitted by law to practice medicine, and cannot therefore give genuine medical advice. Of course anyone competent or incompetent can give advice on any subject, but the advice of unskilled persons in medical matters is not merely valueless, but dangerous.

Dr. R. V. Pierce, as chief consulting physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N.Y., assisted by his staff of nearly a score of skilled physicians, has in a little more than thirty years treated and cured hundreds of thousands of weak and sick women.

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