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Local and Provincial News.

From the Daily Colonist, Nov. 17.

Personal.

Geo. F. Kyle arrived down on the Rithet yesterday, and is at the Clarence.

A. Nelson, A. Gimore, J. Hartney, and P. Gannon arrived down on the Louise last evening.

Jas. Boultbee, Vancouver city magistrate, arrived down on the Louise last evening.

W. J. McFarland came down from Vancouver yesterday, and leaves for the Sound this morning.

At the Clarence: A. A. Debels, Madame DeRose, San Francisco; W. D. C. Spike, New Westminster.

Mr. T. R. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. Rand, Mrs. M. Ward and Mr. J. A. Laidlaw came over from the mainland yesterday.

J. L. Crimp, gold commissioner for Cassiar, left by this morning's steamer *en route* to England on a visit to friends there.

W. T. Thompson, Granite Creek; Adam Ferguson, Savona Ferry; and James Leamy, New Westminster, are registered at the Oriental.

At the Occidental: Geo. Hollis Kershaw, Sydney; W. H. Vianen, Owen Dolan, W. Cassidy, New Westminster; W. L. Lenard, Tacoma.

At the Driard: Lee Hoffman and wife, Portland; C. Wensheuk, Victoria; Lieut. H. M. Globinsky, St. Eustache; J. F. Pellant, Fraserville; J. O. Lebay, Winnipeg; D. Ross, San Francisco; J. A. Laidlaw, New Westminster.

J. C. Mann, mayor of Tacoma, arrived on the C. P. R. yesterday from a visit to his old home in Illinois. He took the round trip from Tacoma, and is delighted with the road and the scenery along its line. He leaves by the Sound steamer this morning.

Dr. Matthews and Sir A. Musgrave returned by the Louise last evening from a hunting expedition in the Okanagan country, in company with Mr. Forbes Vernon. The doctor was laid up for several weeks with rheumatism, but the party succeeded in killing fourteen fine deer and ten cariboo. They report prairie chickens as very scarce, but grouse plentiful.

At the Oriental: Mrs. Jones, Mrs Mills, Seattle; A. Vipond, Tacoma; Mrs. S. M. Wilson, Jas. A. Robinson, New Westminster; D. W. McGillivery, New Westminster; J. A. Gillis, Vancouver; H. G. Leaycraft, Nanaimo; Henry McLeod, New Westminster; T. G. Mason, wife and children, Montreal; Geo. W. Weeks, H. B. Co., Yale, B. C.; A. Parker, wife and child, Sheffield, Eng.; Wm Munroe, Cache Creek.

Reformed Episcopal Church.

Last Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock a very interesting service was held in the R. E. church, when the Rev. John Reid, D.D., was duly recognized as co pastor of the congregation with Bishop Cridge. The opening service was conducted by Bishop Cridge, assisted by Revs. Messrs. Ladner and Reid. Rev. Donald Fraser, M. A., preached an eloquent and interesting sermon from the text "The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence and the violent take it by force." After the sermon, Rev. D. Fraser formally introduced Dr. Reid. The bishop then gave the right hand of fellowship to Dr. Reid, cordially receiving him as co-pastor of the church. The Rev. Robert Stevens lead in the prayer of recognition, after which the Rev. W. W. Percival addressed the new pastor in a pleasing and felicitous manner. Rev. Mr. Baras then offered a very touching prayer for the pastor of the congregation, and for the church universal. There were also present the venerable Rev. W. Pollard, Rev. Mr. Duncan and D. H. Reid, licentiate of the Congregational church, Oregon.

The DeRose Case.

Yesterday Madame E. De Rose arrived in the city from New Westminster, where she has been for several weeks past endeavoring to secure a respite for De Rose, sentenced to be hanged for murder on the 21st inst. She has certificates from the insane asylum at Beauport stating that De Rose was recently set at liberty from that institution and was there pronounced an incurable. His mother caused his removal from the asylum for representation that she would take care of him. Madame De Rose hopes to secure a reprieve for a month, so that another examination may be made. She has been untiring in her unaided efforts, and it is understood has succeeded in having the matter brought before the supreme court, and to the attention of the authorities at Ottawa.

The Caledonia Market.

The large display of game and produce at the Caledonia market, corner of Cormorant and Store streets, is attracting considerable attention and Messrs. Reed & Co., the enterprising proprietors, appear to be doing a very thriving business. This firm does a strictly cash business and consequently their prices are exceedingly low. They claim to sell eggs and farm produce at prices not to be obtained at any other establishment in Victoria, and are constantly buying large consignments of game, with the intention of supplying the entire market. Over one hundred turkeys are on hand for Thanksgiving and all who intend purchasing should call to-day and secure them. Messrs. Reed & Co. have taken hold of the market business in the right manner, and by fair dealing and low rates are fast securing the large trade their enterprise deserves. A call of inspection is invited at the new Caledonia market, corner of Cormorant and Store streets.

C. P. R. Overland Passengers.

ROGERS' PASS, Nov. 16.—The following are amongst the west-bound passengers on board the Pacific express, which will arrive at noon to-day at Port Moody and this evening in Victoria: H. V. Rudd, T. G. Mason, wife and family, Martha Bigger and Annie Beaten, for Victoria; C. F. Peterson, R. T. Jones, Seattle; Mrs. Hyde, Vancouver; Mrs. Burke, Port Moody; J. C. Monsck, Tacoma; J. Triskin, wife and son, San Francisco.

THE INDIAN TROUBLES.—We are informed by the Rev. Wm. Duncan that he is deputed by the Tsimsheah Indians to proceed to Washington and interview President Cleaveland and his cabinet with a view to removing the entire nation to Alaska, just beyond the border. If his mission meets with success the Indians will remove "bag and baggage" to the land of "the midnight sun," and luxuriate in Uncle Sam's territory. Mr. Duncan goes east to-morrow morning, and hopes to make the necessary arrangements. The loss would be a serious one to the province.

THE IRREPRESSIBLE INTERVIEWER.

Again Makes a Successful Attack Upon Mayor Fell.

Mayor Fell, of Victoria, B. C., arrived in the city this morning on his way back to his Pacific home. Being asked his impressions regarding the east, Mr. Fell said they were fine; he had received an ovation wherever he had gone, and been treated with the greatest kindness and courtesy. He was much surprised with Montreal as a city. It reminded him greatly of London, England, and he felt quite sure it was destined to retain the position of supremacy in the future that it now held. It could not help going along when it had such magnificent Scotchmen as Col. A. A. Stevenson and Andrew Robertson in it. From these gentlemen he had received the greatest kindness and attention. He was also much impressed with Toronto, but did not believe it would ever be as fine a city as Montreal. He was quite disgusted with Quebec, whose streets were so muddy that he could not walk out for five minutes without getting his bosom shirt front bespattered with mud, and he had to send his trousers to the wash before he was there two days. He told the mayor it was a disgrace to the city especially as the facilities for draining are so excellent. He liked Ottawa very much, but regretted that the main object of his visit there, viz., to secure the pardon of Sproule, had not been successful. He believed an innocent man had been hanged. While at Ottawa he had heard Rev. Joseph Cook lecture, and of all the claptrap he had ever listened to, he said Mr. Cook's lecture, in which he tried to reconcile science with the Bible, took the cake.

MR. VAN HORNE.

He had had a long interview with Mr. Van Horne regarding rates on fruit, wheat, etc., in order to promote an interchange of commodities between British Columbia, Manitoba, the Territories and Eastern Canada, and Mr. Van Horne had promised to go into the matter fully and rearrange the rates so as to secure what was desired. Mayor Fell said he had picked up a lot of useful information about taxation, sewerage, fire departments, etc. He will be joined here in a day or two by Mr. Higgins, M. P. P. of Victoria, and together will proceed homeward.—*Winnipeg Sun.*

The Indians' Grievances.

The following petition from the people of Metlakahtla and Fort Simpson, was presented to the captain of H. M. S. Cormorant on her arrival at Metlakahtla:

SIR,—An attempt has been made on behalf of the Dominion and provincial governments to take from us by force part of our patrimony and the inheritance which we received from our fathers. We have reason to believe that this attempt will be renewed and therefore we ask your assistance. We firmly believe that that these lands are ours and that those who would take them are acting illegally. The reasons why we believe this are: That we inherited them; that no surrender of these lands has been made by us to either government, nor has either government made any treaty with us about these lands. Lord Dufferin, when governor general of Canada, told us that in every other province of Canada the Indian title had always been acknowledged and that no government, either provincial or central, had ever claimed a right to deal with an acre until a treaty had been made. We sought for legal advice in the matter from an eminent lawyer in the province. His written opinion, backed by a further legal opinion previously obtained in Canada, bears out in every claims. We have asked both governments to have the matter settled in the law courts and that we are willing to abide by that decision. Instead of doing this they try to frighten us and to force us to give up our rights. Under these circumstances we appeal to you as captain of one of H. M. ships of war to protect us and our property. Though Indians we are and have been for years loyal subjects of Her Majesty. We have no wish to oppose the law or the authorities. We are only anxious to prevent our possessions from being taken from us, and we know that it is to protect the interests of all, even the poorest of Her Majesty's subjects, that ships of war and soldiers are maintained.

PAUL LEGAIC,
ALFRED DUDOWARD,
MATTHIAS HALDANE,
DANIEL AURIOL,
ALBERT SHAKES,
For the people of Metlakahtla and Fort Simpson.

Mainland News.

[Columbian].

A quartz nugget weighing 34 oz. was sold to-day to Mr. I. B. Fisher, of the bank of B. C. The nugget, which was recently dug out at Granite Creek, is valued at $340, which allows 40 per cent. for quartz.

Several anxious enquirers, among whom are his bondsmen, have been about to-day endeavoring to discover the whereabouts of Mr. Austin Brice, contractor. No one, however, seems to know anything about him, except that he made a draft on the bank on Saturday on account of the brick block which he is erecting, but has not paid his hands or been seen since. His sudden disappearance is a mystery which we hope may soon be solved in a way that will be satisfactory to all parties.

Mr. Townsend returned by to-day's train from the Gladys, which is beached on this side of Yale. He reports the steamer not badly injured, and he thinks they will be ready to start her afloat by to-morrow. The hole in the bottom is not large. A large amount of freight was on board at the time of the accident, all of which was saved.

Marine.

Saturday afternoon the steamer Fanny Lake left here for White River, where there was a load of produce awaiting her. Sunday afternoon a deck hand came to Seattle on horseback for a steam pump. He said that the steamer had struck a snag and sunk in about ten feet of water, but as the river is very low they expected to be able to raise her with little difficulty.—*Post-Intelligencer.*

Bark Julia Foard has been chartered by Jones & Co., of San Francisco, to load coal at Departure Bay for the Sandwich Islands.

Steamer Idaho is expected to arrive at noon to-day, and sail for Alaska at 10 o'clock this evening.

KILLED ON DUTY.—In our issue of Friday we announced that brakeman "C. Welman" met with a fatal accident on Friday morning just west of the Field station. While on duty on a freight train coming from the west he lost his footing and fell from the top of the box car between the cars on the track. The rear part of the train passed over his body, killing him instantly, and he was buried on the 7th instant at Golden City. We regret to be obliged to announce that the young man in question was Mr. A. W. Weldon, a brother of Conductor Fred. Weldon of the E. & N. railway. He had quite recently left this city to resume his old position on the Canadian Pacific railway and died "on duty." He was a fine, strapping young fellow, nineteen years of age, of irreproachable character and esteemed by all who knew him. His sudden death is a sad blow to all his friends, and his untimely decease will be deeply mourned by his loving relatives. He leaves behind him a large family circle, including a revered mother, to mourn the loss of a beloved son and brother. He was a native of Bathurst, N. B., but had been for some years resident in the west, and distinguished himself during the Northwest rebellion, receiving a medal in recognition of his heroism.

I.O.O.F.—The Odd Fellows of Victoria intend giving one of their enjoyable socials, at their hall on Douglas street, on Friday the 26th inst. It is intended to have one of these reunions each month during the season.

THANKSGIVING DAY.—Tickets will be issued at a single fare, good for return to and from any point on the Island railway on Thanksgiving Day.

What Some People Say.

That after all it is the bad child that gets the palm.

That the English curate is not ashamed to work for a living.

That Lowell is so explicit about that alleged interview that it must make Hawthorne hedge.

That a learned man must write and speak a long time before he can show his ignorance to the world. A fool can show his ignorance at the first pop.

That a Chicago paper advises business men not to drink liquor during business hours. This will doubtless cause a great many men to curtail business hours.

That—Doctor—What ails you, madam!

Lady—I've got an in-growing toe-nail.

Doctor—Please let me see your tongue.

That a family of eight persons in Minnesota pay $150 a year for chewing gum. Their name ought to be Chaucer, but it isn't.

That a scientific journal gives an illustration of "weight sustained by vacuum." We can now understand how a dude's head can hold such a big hat.

That the announcement of the date of Thanksgiving has caused an excitement among the pie-makers, and the sound of the mince-meat chopper is heard throughout the land.

That "Ma," said Polly Caution, "the Liberty Statue is that of a woman, isn't it?" "Yes, dear." "Won't she be awful lonely out on that island without a man to look after?"

That—Telephone — Ting-aling-ling. Busy clerk.—Hello! hello! what do you want? Telephone—only trying the line. Busy clerk—Oh, beg pardon; I thought you were trying my patience.

That "Have you license in Pennsylvania?" asked a young lady deeply interested in temperance work, of a Pittsburg visitor "License!" replied the latter, "I should think we had. Why, you can't even get married without one."

That a young gentleman recently solved the conundrum, "What's in a name?" He presented a check with another fellow's name at the bank, and the judge answered the question with five years in State prison.

That "Bailiff," said an Arkansas judge one day last week to the officer in charge of the jury, "Will you please inform the jury that there will be a horse race in Merrick's pasture at 3 o'clock?" The jury had been out for forty-eight hours, but in less than thirty minutes they came into court with a verdict.

That the story is told of a woman in Monmouth, Ill., who went bathing in a brook near the town, and seeing a horse in a pasture alongside, caught him and mounted. Then, to her horror, the steed started on a run for the town, and the inhabitants were shocked when they saw the modern Godiva, riding, without even extra long hair to cover her.

That a Lewiston, Me., man has fixed in his window a wire bird-trap shaped like a half cylinder and delicately hung on its center. When a bird alights on the trap its own weight swings it downward and it is whirled inside of the window into another cage there. Liberally scattered crumbs only sparrows go to the trap, and the Lewiston man says that they are as good eating as reed birds.

That Mrs. Parnell has arrived at the old homestead in Vicklow, Ireland, near the vale of Avoca, immortalized by Moore in the "Meeting of the Waters." She has been received with filial tenderness by her illustrious son and her daughter, Miss Anna Parnell, who has been missing out in the homestead since Mrs. Parnell left for America, many years ago.

That—First tramp—"You're mighty hoarse, Chimmie. Where did yer ketch cold?" Second tramp—"I slept in a stable last night, and it wuz terrible cold. The bugs was awful, too." First tramp—"Well, if you passed the night in the stable that is probably why you are hoarse and buggy." (They no longer drink from the same tomato can.)

McNamee & Co.'s Claims.

It is reported that the Ottawa government will appoint a commission to sit in Victoria and take evidence in the matter of McNamee & Co.'s, drydock claims. The impression obtains at Ottawa that the firm were very badly treated by the Walkem-Beaven government who seized and sold their plant, appropriating the proceeds for the benefit of the revenue of the province. Mr. McNamee has already paid upwards of $40,000 of Victoria claims and the end is not yet.

NO VERDICT.—In the Miller murder case at Port Townsend the jury, which went out before noon on Saturday, remained out all Saturday night and until 6 o'clock Sunday evening, without a change from the first ballot of six for conviction and six for acquittal. At 6 o'clock Sunday evening the jury requested the Judge to repeat that portion of his charge relative to the weight to be given to circumstantial evidence. The Judge, in compliance with the request, read that portion of his charge, after which the jury stood one for conviction and eleven for acquittal. The evidence in the case was all circumstantial. No one, save probably a member of his own family, saw Miller shoot Colman, if he did shoot him, and hence the prosecution had to depend entirely on circumstantial evidence to make out its own case.

Since the hanging of Sproule, at Victoria, the facts of which are so fresh in the minds of all our people, it is very difficult to find a jury which will convict a man of a capital crime on circumstantial evidence, be it ever so strong. Finding no hope of the jury agreeing, after having been out forty hours, yesterday morning Judge Greene discharged them from further consideration of the case.—*Seattle Post-Intelligencer.*

A WHOPPER OF A BABY.—A Mrs. McCann, of the first ward of Tacoma, has, according to the Ledger, given birth to a baby weighing twenty-one pounds, for which is claimed the honor of being the "biggest baby on the Pacific coast." The Ledger might have included the Atlantic coast and all the other coasts, probably, for the young McCann is a whopper. It is not stated whether the infant is a boy or a girl, or how old it is, but it is probably destined to be the father or mother of a race of gigantic proportions suited for the great city which Tacoma is to become. There is plenty of room in the world for both of them to grow, and as for Mr. and Mrs. McCann, "more power to 'em."

(From the Daily Colonist, Nov 18.)

COMMUTED AND REPRIEVED

Maxwell Gets Imprisonment for Life—Derose and Connolly a Respite for One Month.

The Lytton murderers now in penitentiary at New Westminster have been given grace. Maxwell, who is thought to be less implicated than the others in the affair, has had his sentence commuted to imprisonment for life. The other two, Derose and Connolly, have had a respite of their sentence until the 22d December. The grounds upon which the commutation and respites are granted are not known.

SHOOTING AT OSOOYOOS LAKE.—Guy Waring, who is just in from the Okanogan country, informs us that a shooting affray occurred at a ranch known as Kruger's place, near Osooyoos Lake, just across the line in British Columbia, on Nov. 4th, in which Joe Betrand killed Jerry Gervais. It seems that the two men, who are Americans, went to Kruger's house, and during the visit both became intoxicated. A row occurred between the two men, resulting in Betrand killing Gervais. The shooting is claimed to have been done in self-defense. Betrand at once gave himself up to Judge Haines, of British Columbia, and was admitted to bail in the sum of $1500, which amount he gave.—*Spokane Falls Review.*

RETURN OF MAYOR FELL.

An Interesting Interview by a Colonist Reporter.

What His Worship and Coun. Higgins, M. P. P., Have Accomplished at the East.

Among the passengers by the overland train last night was Mayor Fell, who, having spent a month in Eastern Canada, returns home with an exalted idea of the country and people east of the Rockies. Mr. Higgins, M. P. P., who traveled part of the time with Mr. Fell, got off the train at Ashcroft yesterday morning to visit a mining property near Lillooet in which he is interested. The mayor comes back to the city of his choice greatly improved in health and looking at least five years younger. In a hurried and discursive conversation with a *Colonist* representative Mr. Fell said:

The kindness I received everywhere at the East has given me a high opinion of Canada and Canadians. The people are most hospitable. They went far out of their way to make things pleasant for me and my colleague. At Winnipeg, Toronto and Montreal we enjoyed an ovation. We were not allowed

TO SPEND A CENT.

The citizens just took hold of us and trotted us about in grand style, I can tell you. Another such month and we would have died from a surfeit of good things and our epitaph would have read, "Overwhelmed by Canadian hospitality."

Rep—What do you think of Winnipeg?

Mr. Fell.—It is a thriving city of great promise. There is scarcely an empty store in the place and important public and private improvements are projected. The C. P. Railway is building the country up Not only Western Canada, but Eastern Canada, are flourishing as they never flourished before. There is a perfect network of rails from Toronto eastward to the maritime provinces and the amount of business transacted by the road surprises every one.

Rep—Did you secure much information concerning municipal institutions?

Mr. F.—Oh! yes; a great deal. The FIRE DEPARTMENT AND SEWERAGE SYSTEMS are almost perfect. In two minutes after a general alarm was sounded at Montreal the whole department with the apparatus assembled in Victoria square The cities are generally well drained; but Toronto will have to spend a million dollars to build a larger main sewer than she has at present. The method of keeping accounts is altogether superior to ours. An audit is made daily, and the chances of error or peculation are limited indeed.

Rep.—What about the public markets?

Mr. F.—Winnipeg has a very good one Toronto has three which yield the city a net profit of $9,000; a year. I was not favorably impressed with the market facilities of Montreal. They might be improved. Winnipeg is putting up a city hall which has a fine effect outside; but the council chamber is so small that it will scarcely accommodate twenty councillors.

Rep.—Did you go to Quebec?

Mr. F.—Yes; and I don't think much of it. The streets are narrow and dirty, the houses old and squatty. There are no large stores. The people seem to be a drowsy lot. I visited the

PLAINS OF ABRAHAM,

where Wolf thrashed Montcalm and completed the conquest of Canada, and saw the monuments. Ottawa is a lovely city, but slow. It has nothing of the activity of Montreal and Toronto, which are growing very fast, and are model cities, indeed.

Rep.—What impressed you most while at the east?

Mr. F.—That great triumph of engineering skill and statesmanlike ability,

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

The trials and difficulties the government and company have surmounted are marvelous. The road is a wonder. The mere fact that you can travel from Port Moody to Montreal without changing cars speaks volumes in favor of the superiority of our route as a transcontinental thoroughfare. The cars are most comfortable—the sleepers are appearing like luxurious drawingrooms in the day and sumptuous sleeping apartments at night. The officials, too, are polite and attentive. During the entire 6,000 miles of travel there was not the slightest detention or accident of any kind or a single unpleasant incident.

FREIGHT RATES.

Mr. Higgins and I on arriving at Montreal, saw Mr. Olds immediately. He received us cordially. We told him that unless rates on lumber, fruits and fish were reduced, British Columbia could not progress and the railway would be of little use to her. Mr. Olds took note of all that we said, and promised a remedial scale. Afterwards we saw Mr. Van Horne and repeated what we had said to Mr. Olds. I then saw Hon. J. J. C. Abbott. He in common with Mr. Van Horne and Mr. Olds, took an enlightened view of the matter. The result of the three interviews is that freights have been reduced, and British Columbia will capture and hold the Winnipeg lumber market from this on. Upon fruits and fish an exceptionally low rate will also be given. Mr. Ogilvie, the great miller, told me that he would henceforth use nothing but British Columbia lumber for his elevators, it being better and cheaper than the eastern product. At Montreal I saw several carloads of our cedar. It is highly esteemed there.

Rep.—What about freights on Manitoba flour?

Mr. F.—Oh! I forgot to mention that we succeeded in getting an important concession on that class of freight so that the provinces of Manitoba and British Columbia may now exchange their products and keep many thousands of dollars annually from going abroad.

FRESH FISH.

Rep.—How are our fresh salmon liked?

Mr. F.—Not at all. Exhausted fish caught at Farwell and sent to Winnipeg and Toronto have given us a bad name. That class of fish is despised. It is not fit for food. Our fishermen must send only salmon that is in good condition or they will inflict an irreparable injury on one of our most important resources.

POLITICS.

Rep.—What is the state of the political pulse at the east?

Mr. F.—I believe the government of Sir John will be sustained at the elections which will probably come off in January. It ought to be sustained. It has made mistakes, to be sure; but on the whole the country has prospered and is prospering under its go-ahead policy. British Columbia, at any rate, should not throw the first stone at a ministry that has done so much for it.

Rep.—I see that Mr. Blake is trying to wriggle out of his statement that British Columbia is "a sea of mountains."

Mr. F. (laughing heartily)—Oh! that don't take at all at the east. Even the grits are amused at his clumsiness. Suppose that he did find the expression first in Principal Grant's book, did he not adopt and father it—steal it, in fact, and use it as his own? He can't escape from the responsibility in that way. Whatever may be your opinion, young man, put this down for a fact: The grits are no friends of British Columbia.

Rep.—How has Mr. Higgins stood the trip?

Mr. F.—He has been troubled with bronchitis on the home journey and when he left at Ashcroft could not speak above a whisper. Nothing serious, I am glad to say, and he'll be all right in a day or two.

NET RESULTS.

In conclusion, Mr. Fell said that the net results of the trip which he and Mr. Higgins had taken were most important. They had secured valuable concessions from the railway and were in possession of a mass of information concerning municipal institutions which would be placed in the possession of the council at an early date.

Carve Dat Turkey.

Now den, Cæsar, carve dat turkey,
Full den frumstocks from de breast;
Give dose ribs a 'mendous jerk—oh!
What's dat 'bout de Lor' ain't blessed!

Sure 'nough, honey, my dat blessin',
Praise de Lor' in love an' song,
Oh! my goodness, see dat dressin',
Jes' say de grace day, Brudder Strong.

O! Lor', we's t'ankful fo' dis lay-out,
Deed we is, an' hungry too;
Lor', sl'ough dis gobbler play out
We'll save de carcass all fo' you.

Now, we's free, come grind yo' molars,
Heap my plate dar, Dinah Strong,
Hush! chil'en wait fo' ole folks allers,
Yo's you turn to pass along.

Look 'yar, chile, dray dat dumplin',
Dem's to eat de lar' ob all!
Lor', Jonah! how my collar's rumplin',
If I'm dat bread an' one fish ball.

Hit yi! honey, dis am 'licious,
We's in de ole Kaintuck once mo'e,
Gee whiz! I'se got de bone dat wishes,
What's de banjo! cl'ar 'de floe'.

Look 'yar, Jackson, wipe yo' mou'l, dar,
Leave dat bone fo' Tower's grub;
Chil'en, move on to de sou'ern,
My eyes! but dat's de tune I lub.

Soon the table, spoiled of all its beauty,
Passed from sight, and on the cabin floor
The duty-vowed commenced a hoe-down duty
To "Ole Virginny," as in days of yore.

Shouts of joy and loud guffaws of laughter
Awoke the mountain echoes far and near,
Shook the antique cabin floor to rafter
With many a gay and loud resounding cheer.

Then arose a voice commanding,
Stop de music! cl'ar de floe'!
Let dose sittin' now rise standin'
Dose as danced mus' dance no mo'.

Guess yo'er fader an' der deacon
Ain't so bad as he behind,
D'you t'ink de ole man's gwine to weaken
An' 'low you coons to take de shine!

Now, den, Pompey, pick dat banjo,
Watch me shake myself alone;
Keep de juba wid him, Sambo,
Dar, play de ole man "Sweet Ham Bone."

One by one the dancers lost their footing,
Onward still the old man held his own,
He was a boy again, and saw forgetting,
Threw himself in tune with "Sweet Ham Bone."

A pigeon-wing he cut in quadrant angle,
Balanced clear across the cabin floor,
Until at length his feet began to tangle,
He fell exhausted near the kitchen door.

The scene of joy was turned to one of sorrow,
They gathered weeping round the prostrate form;
Ah! poor old man, he'd never dance to-morrow,
For death would claim him ere the breaking morn.

Chil'en, see de ole man weakens,
I'm gwine away to dance no mo'e,
I'se gwine to j'ine dose good old Deacons,
Who lef' de chu'ch to go befo'e.

Brudder, wher's dat turkey carcass,
De one we saved up fo' de Lord;
I won't be dar to see de circus,
If de ole man fails to keep his word.

Hark! Dis am my las' Thanksgivin',
O! t'ank de Lor' I'se gwine home,
To meet him at de gates ob Heaben,
An' live wid angels 'roun' de throne.

KOOTENAY RAILWAY.

The Line to be Built from Revelstoke to the Head of Kootenay Lake.

Clarence W. Moberly, C. E., arrived down by the Louise on Tuesday evening and is registered at the Driard. It being understood that he comes to British Columbia in the interests of the men who have secured a charter from the federal government to build a road from Revelstoke (Farwell) on the line of the C.P.R., south to the head of Kootenay lake, a representative of *The Colonist* called on Mr. Moberly concerning the matter.

He said that this was his first visit to the coast, though for many years he had been working in the Rocky mountains. Having came, he was so charmed with all that he saw, he was loth to think of going back. The delightful weather here in comparison with the frigid east was of such a nature that no one could but be charmed with it and the lovely surroundings.

Spreading out maps and tracings, Mr. Moberly pointed out the route that his railway would follow. Beginning at Revelstoke it took a slightly south-easterly direction past Trout lake to the head of Kootenay lake, in all a distance of 100 miles. The line passes through a country of mineral wealth, well timbered, and in the whole length only fifteen miles of heavy work exists, and no grade would exceed sixty feet to the mile. It would probably cost $20,000 per mile for its construction.

In conjunction with the railway it is the intention of the company to place a line of steamers on Kootenay lake. This would enable a most valuable portion of Kootenay district to be opened up, and would bring business to the trunk line and prosperity to the country.

The charter secured also permits the company to build a line of railway north from Revelstoke through the Big Bend country, and then continuing in a north-easterly direction through either Athabasca or Canoe Passes into the Athabasca and Peace River District, with a terminus at Dunvegan. This would tap a magnificent stock and agricultural country, and instead of taking the trade east, which is the intention of the several railways heading from Winnipeg to Dunvegan and to Fort Simpson, it would bring trade westward, an important consideration to British Columbia.

The company had considerable difficulty in securing the charter, owing to absurd provisions in the C. P. R. charter, which certainly were never intended to apply to British Columbia. These provide that branches to the south of the line of railway are to be built in a direction south-westerly, or west of south-west. It would be almost impossible to thus build a railway line in this province, which virtually excluded the building of railways. However, after the bill had been thrown out twice, the third time the C. P. R. and government assented, and the charter was granted.

The gentlemen who compose the company are wealthy men, and there is plenty of funds at its back. Mr. Moberly will remain in the province during the winter in order to perfect arrangements for the construction of the line, which he states can be in operation in two years from its commencement

FROM BARKERVILLE.

The Cariboo Railway—A Dynamite Plot Kills one and Wounds Another Chinaman.

(Occasional Correspondence.)

Your editorial on "a railway to Cariboo" has been read with a great deal of pleasure throughout this district. The government could do nothing more wisely for the interests of the district than to push forward such a railway with all possible speed. It will more than anything else aid in and ensure the development of the enormous quartz wealth of the district.

On the 2nd inst. an explosion of dynamite took place in a China cabin here by which two Chinamen were severely wounded—one of them indeed terribly so. This latter one, Ah Lung by name, has since died, and a coroner's inquest was held on the remains—but no evidence was obtained sufficient to prove who the perpetrators of the dastardly crime were; for the affair was no accident. The dynamite had evidently been dropped down the stovepipe from outside, and when a fire was lit the result was a terrific explosion. The cabin had been for about two weeks unoccupied. The two victims had only come in from Antler creek where they had been at work and were unsuspicious of the diabolical plot laid for them—or for one of them at least, the deceased, who has had a long standing quarrel with the Chinaman who is suspected of the crime.

IMPROVEMENTS TO NAVIGATION.—The Sir James Douglas returned on the 13th, having erected a beacon, (which is painted black) on the extreme end of the North West Spit, Sydney island. She left this morning for Burrard Inlet, via Nanaimo; at Departure Bay she will lay down three new wooden buoys in the channel inside of Jesse island. The buoys were made in Qualicum river. At the Inlet she will place in position again the spar buoy that has lately got adrift. On account of the tides at this season of the year being so high, the erection of the beacon on Zero rock is postponed.

A DARING ESCAPE.

Capture of the "Arctic" With a Defaulting U. S. Paymaster Aboard.

Since the arrival of the schooner Penelope from Japan, there has been a number of rumors relative to this trim little craft in connection with the escape of the paymaster of the U. S. Ship Ossipee at Yokohama a few weeks ago. It has been said that the captain of the Penelope was responsible for the escape, and that the Penelope was the vessel used for that purpose. From reliable authority it has been ascertained that it was not the Penelope or her captain that carried away the

PECULIATING PAYMASTER,

but the schooner Arctic, of which the captain of the Penelope is part owner, hence the connection of his name with the escape. It appears that Merrit, the paymaster of the U. S. navy at Yokohama, became an embezzler for over $20,000 by means of forged receipts, and his shortage being discovered he was arrested on a warrant by the U. S. government. He was taken aboard the Ossipee, a prisoner at large on the decks of the man-of-war. For a time a careful guard was kept on his movements, but he finally managed to send notice to his brother in the United States. The latter immediately made arrangements for his brother's escape and to that end sent a large sum of money to a well-known commercial house, in Yokohama, with the understanding that it should be used in the liberation of the prisoner. It is not definitely known whether the money was used or not, the fact remains however, that one foggy evening while the officers of the Ossipee were at supper, the paymaster

DELIBERATELY JUMPED OVERBOARD

and disappeared. An alarm was sounded, and search was made for the missing prisoner, though no trace of him could be found. The next day the bay was dragged for his body as it was believed that in the depth of his remorse