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THE YUKON COUNTRY.

Prospects of Its Being Opened Up to British Columbia and Canadian Trade.

Importance as a Market-Looking to the Dominion for Means of Development.

(From the Alaska News.) With bright winter weather and bright prospects, Juneau has the world by the tail, and is wagging the industrial centres until a general rush is made for our growing trade. Wm. Ogilvie and party, sent out by the Dominion government from Ottawa, are at present surveying the route via the Takou river and pass, and will return to Juneau in March or April in time to send their report back before work is resumed on the bound-

Both the Provincial and Dominion governments of Canada have been taking active steps of late towards perfecting plans looking to the establishment of a route or road connecting the seaboard with the vast area in the Northwest Territory which embraces the northeastern part of the Yukon basin. Gus. Olsen, James Curnow, Henry Jones and Con. Smith have taken a contract from the Nowell Gold Mining Company to extend a tunnel on the Ground Hog mine 300 feet north of the boarding house. It is now in 70 feet and will be pushed shead until it taps a ledge of ore up the hill. The snow is not deep in the Basin, and has not drifted much, and the snowfall is below the average of other years up to date.

The far-seeing merchants and business men of Juneau already realize that Juneau's supremacy as the metropolis, mining centre and principal trading mart of Alaska, depends in a great measure upon the estab-lishment of the Takou route. So far the Canadian government solely has shown a dis- Bellinger walked out of the court a free position to build a road by this route, and hence it is natural that the people of Juneau are favorably disposed towards the project. If a route should be constructed across the range, via Chilkoot or White Pass, there is Drake. The prisoner was defended by Mr. a great possibility of the steamers going direct to Dyea, and in that event the trade and travel would be deflected from Juneau. In our dire extremity this community has laid under section 264 of the Criminal Code, In our dire extremity this community has to look to the Canadian government for aid, a contingency which makes all American residents dissatisfied and ashamed of the fact the government's indifference to its territory continues from year to year.

leaving put into effect a tariff reduction on the freight and passenger traffic between Juneau and the other ports. The fares between Juneau and Sound ports are : Cabin, \$40; steerage, \$20. To San Francisco— Cabin, \$55; steerage, \$27.50. To Sitka— Cabin, \$12; steerage, \$7 50. To Wrangel-Cabin, \$10; steerage, \$7 50. The tariff rate on freight from the Sound ports and San Francisco has been reduced 20 per cent, for those signing a contract to ship all their freight over the line. Besides this there is a rebate of a certain per cent, regulated by the amount of freight shipped during a year. The lowest rebate is 7 per cent. for \$250 of

Matinat, were also present. He saw first before and his wife, the determined to do something in the direction of building a trail from the coast of the Yukon river is demonstrated by the surveying expedition which is now pushing its way up the valley of the Taktou over the Chilikoto pass, and the way in the sancther trip will be made going in by the valley of the Chilikat and returning over Moore's pass or, as it is otherwise known, the White pass. The British government widently intends to make itself familiar with each and all of them before any trial building is undertaken. Outd the British government establish its claim to that such a trail would start from Chilicat or save vidence as to Bellinger of Alasks terrifory the Chilikot, but in case the United Goute that the did was being sold.

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It is very probable that a new town will spring up on Canadian soil if a trail should be built by them. There are many rescone for such a conclusion; suppose the Takon should be decided upon, vessels could land should be decided upon, vessels could land freight and passengers at a point beyond the boundary line, which they cannot now ap-proach within forty-five miles, thus saving time and expense for the miner; British vessels would do the carrying trade and land British goods at a British custom house. There would be more sensible liquor regula-tions and goods desirable for the interior trade could be taken in without duty. It is only a question of a short time, if a good trail be opened, when there must be business enough to support a good sized town. The merchants of Victoria understand this matter thoroughly, as they have had years of experience with similar business enterprises, and will urge upon their legislature the necessity of opening up the interior so that they may control its trade in supplies and transportation, receiving in return Yukon gold and the furs of the interior.

No matter where nor by whom the trail is built, the residents of the valley of the upper Yukon will be materially benefited.

The valley of the Yukon may be reached from Juneau by four different routes, crossmany passes—the Dyea or Chilkeot pass, the Chilkat, Moore's or the White pass, and Takon. As the Chilkoot is the only pass used to any extent it is this route the miner will select. From Juneau to the summit of the Chilkoot pass is a distance of 115 miles. Small steamers ply irregularly between here and Dyes, the head of navigation, a hundred miles northwest of Juneau During the early spring these boats usually sail a day or two after the arrival of the mail steamers from the Sound. The trip in good weather is made in twelve hours if with a look of fear the poor child stared for a moment at the man, then looked help-furnishing his own blankets and provisions. If the party is a large one with considerable baggage a scow is loaded with the miners' outfits'; if the tides are high the boat sometimes goes over the bar at the head of Douglas island thus saving nearly twenty miles of travel besides avoiding the rough waters of the Takou. If the tides are not high the scow may be towed over the bar by the little tug Julia, and the steamboat will take its covers a second the steamboat will take its covers a second the regular to the man, then looked help-flessly around and bursting into tears obeyed. Constable Hutchison intercepted Bellinger before he could leave the court room, and the judge's attention was called to the matter. The spectators, who had watched Bellinger with indignation strongly depicted by the rough waters of the Takou. If the stides are not high the scow may be towed over the bar by the little tug Julia, and the steamboat will take its covers a second the steamboat will take its covers a second the regular to the man, then looked help-flessly around and bursting into tears obeyed. Constable Hutchison intercepted Bellinger before he could leave the court room, and the judge's attention was called to the matter. The spectators, who had watched Bellinger with indignation strongly depicted by the regular to the man, then looked help-flessly around and bursting into tears obeyed. Constable Hutchison intercepted Bellinger before he could leave the court room, and the judge's attention was called to the matter. The spectators, who had watched Bellinger with indignation strongly depicted by the provided by the provided here. miners' outfits'; if the tides are high the boat sometimes goes over the bar at the head of Douglas island thus saving nearly twenty miles of travel besides avoiding the rough waters of the Takou. If the tides are not high the soow may be towed over the bar by the little tug Julia, and the steamboat will take its course around the lower end of Douglas. In rounding the point of the island the vessel is often subjected to the fierce winds which sweep the valley of the Takou rivar. If there is a strong north or northwest wind, like a demon it comes roaring out from the Takou, lashing the waters into foam in its rage and tossing volumes of spray clear over the top of Grand island. When the steamer has come around to the

head of the island it takes the soow in low and in about twenty hours from the time of leaving it enters the mouth of the Dyea river near Chilkoot, the salt water journey is ended.

MURDEROUS ASSAULT.

Charlie Sing, a fairly well-educated Chinaman, was attacked about 12:30 this morning, when leaving the Chinese theatre between Cormorant and Figuard streets, by six Chinamen, receiving severe injuries. His assailants used iron bars and knuckles, and in addition to beating his face into a jelly, one of them struck him on the back of the head with a heavy weapon almost fracturing his skull. The police

were soon on the spot and took the injured man to the station, where Dr. Geo. Duncan did everything possible for him. The Doctor could not by a chesory examination say how serious were the injuries received, and the wounded man was taken to the hospital. It is alleged that heattack was instigated by the Highbinders' society, who suspect Ling of interfering with their plans. Sergeant Hawton and a equad of police offipers were searching for the assailants at the time of going to press and expected before daylight to locate some of them.

BELLINGER GOES FREE.

The Charge Against Him of Selling Little Arthur Into Slavery Falls Through.

He Tries to Regain Possession of the Terror Stricken Child. But Fails

Peter Bellinger is not to be punished after all on the charge of selling little Arthur Lamour into slavery, as for want of evidence the case fell through yesterday and

Bellinger, having chosen a speedy trial, was brought yesterday before Mr. Justice represented the Crown. The charge was

Mr. Edwin Goodall, secretary of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, before such other person to be sold or captured_as a slave or in any way held in service against his will."

In addition to this the Crown laid a charge of assault against the prisoner. He pleaded not guilty.

Hon. Mr. Richards explained in opening the case that the authorities had written to

Michigan to try and get some further evidence, but had been unsuccessful.

The evidence in the case was very short and only occupied a couple of hours. Bishop Lemmens acted as interpreter for the Indians.

The lowest rebate is 7 per cent. for \$250 of freight for a year, or \$62 50 or over for the quarter; and the highest 20 per cent. for \$6,000 or over of freight for a year, or \$6,000 or over of freight for a year, or \$1,500 for the quarter. The rate increases per centum proportionately with the increases amount of freight shipped.

(From the Alaska Searchlight)

That the British (Canadian) government has determined to do something in the

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force or duress was proved to make it appear that force had been used.

Mr. Richards then wanted to call the boy, but Mr. Powell objected that as the case was closed this could not be done.

His Lordship sustained the objection and ordered the prisoner's discharge. Bellinger walked out of the box and going towards where little Arthur was seated beckoned the boy to follow him.

With a look of fear the poor child stared for a moment at the man, then looked below.

From THE DAILY COLONIST, February 5. THE CITY.

THE funeral of the late Dr. William Renso hour later from St. John's church. AT yesterday's regular meeting

Young Men's Institute of the Church of Our Lord, (R.R.) Rev. G. Clement King read an interesting and instructive paper on the advantages of association.

PREPARATIONS have been made by the Euphonia Orchestral Society to give a con-cert in Institute hall on the 25th instant in aid of the Food and Shelter home. Arrangements for an excellent programme are being perfected, and it is hoped that the public will lend their patronage towards naking the affair a success.

BEFORE Mr. Justice Crease yesterday Mr. Belyes for the defendants, C. C. McKensie and Mesers. McInnes, made application to dissolve the injunction granted restrain-ing defendants from interfering with the Planta estate. The application was refused. Mr. Bodwell appeared for the Crown; Mr. Helmcken for Mr. Planta.

THOMAS ALBERT DUBOIS, accused stealing a specimen gold nugget from the cabinet in the Board of Trade reading room, pleaded guilty when arraigned in the police court yesterday, and threw himself on the mercy of the court. He was sentenced to two months' at hard labor, and created a sensation by fainting in the dock, from which he was speedily removed to the pro-

THE ladies auxiliary committee request all those who can make it convenient to attend their "At Home" in the AOU.W.

ST. COLUMBA church, Oak Bay avenue rejoices in a handsome organ which has been presented to it by Mrs. Mundle, Win-Rev. Mr. Murison's sister in law. It was used for the first time on Sunday and gave great satisfaction, its appearance being pleasing and its tone sweet and clear.
The mission has long been greatly in need of
a suitable instrument to lead the praise, so the congregation appreciate very much Mrs. Mundie's kind gift, which will greatly assist and brighten the services. Its coming will be celebrated by a song service under the leadership of Mr. Jones, the organist, at the close of the regular evening service on the

THE entries for the Nanaimo poultry show close for Victoria to morrow. The prize list is an exceptionally fine one, comprising not only eash prizes ranging from \$5 to \$50, but also many gold medals and silver cups valued at from \$20 to \$120, presented by the New Vancouver Coal Co., the Wellington Coal Co., Mr. Rosenfeld, of San first entries made for the competition were John, a Kyuquot Indian, told how the those of a Gabriola Island farmer, who sent

dence to make an offence under the act.

He would like a ruling from the court.

The court held that it was true the clause was headed kidnapping, but it was not limited to kidnapping. On the other hand Mr. Richards hadnot proved that the prisoner was not the father nor that he did not stand in loco parentis to the child.

Hon. Mr. Richards—But even then he would have no power to sell a child to a tribe of Indians.

The Court held, however, that a parent might sell the services of a child, as in the case of binding an apprentice. He had no right to assume snything. It must be shown that Bellinger had acted without lawful authority, otherwise there was no case, personally the judge might form his own opinion, but was only at liberty to go by the evidence. As to the charge of assault no force or durees was proved to make it appear.

The long pending arson case, in which

The long pending arson case, in which Wm. Sticknorth is accused of having applied the torch to the house on John street, of which he was tenant, passed out of the police court yesterday, the accused being committed for trial at the first court of competent jurisdiction. committed for trial at the first court of competent jurisdiction. There were four witnesses examined at the last day of the preliminary hearing—Chief Deary of the fire department, Constable Gilchrist of the city police, John Coltart, with whom the insurance was carried, and Mary Von Volsen. The last mentioned witness related a conversation between Sticknorsh and herself, which took place the day after the fire. Sticknorth came to her, she said, and sorrowfully informed her that his place had been burned down. Then he assumed an een burned down. Then he assumed an

been burned down. Then he assumed an air of deep dejection, and began to weep.

"O! dry your crocodile tears," she had said, "you know you set fire to it yourself." He had said at first that he didn't know who could have set the place on fire—that there was no fire when he left the house and no lamp lighted. Afterwards he teld her that there was a lamp in the hall when he came home, and he kicked it over, so setting fire to the house. After she had said that he knew very well that he set the place after himself, Sticknorth had said:

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remarked that he had "fixed it all right." but had intended waiting a few nights so that he could have made sure that Mr. Dick, his neighbor, had his insurance all wick is to take place at 2 o'clock from the right. In cross-examination this witness residence of Mr. Edward B. Paul, and half explained that she had lived at accused's

use for about two weeks last summer, an he had made her his confi cused, represented by Mr. Belyes, reserved his defence.

AT a meeting of Segher's Council No. 85, Y.M.I., held last evening, a literary and debating society was organized with the following officers: President, W. H. Harris; secretary-treasurer, Wm. Mulcahy; managing committee, Rev. J. A. Van Nevel, J. Reid, C. Roarke. As this council possesses excellent facilities for such a society it will no doubt be a brilliant spacess.

Ah Hong and Ah Hon were on Sunday arrested by Sergeant Hawton in connection with the murderons assault upon Charlie Sing late Saturday night. Their cases were called in the police court yesterday, but remanded, as the victim of the assault cannot leave the hospital for some days at the earliest. In the meantime the police are working hard on the case, though with rather dim prospect of success. It is be-lieved that the plan of the assailants was to put Charlie out of the way for his supposed giving away of certain information oncerning the gambling houses.

Mr. Emers' game bill now before the legislature amends and consolidates the acts at present in force, as well as making some new provisions. It prohibits the hunting at any time of the cow wapiti (commonly wardens.

Opinion.

The Point Eilice Iron Works asked for a fire hydrant for better protection of their premises from fire. Referred to fire over till the estimates came down, the rest of the report being adopted. known as elk), cow moose, fawn, English blackbird, chaffinch, hen pheasant, skylark, thrash, robin, Virginia quall, English par-tridge and gull, except that "robins" may all those who can make it convenient to attend their "At Home" in the A O U.W. hall on Thursday, the 7th instant. Richardson's orohestra has been engaged for the occasion, and the low price at which tickets has been placed will enable all those to attend who wish to have a pleasant evening and at the same time to assist a worthy object. Tickets can be had from any of the committee, at Challoner & Mitchell's, Government street, or at the door on the evenuse or employ any net, seine, drag net or wagon and chemical engine. The

SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

British Columbia Sealers and Their Work for the Season-New Alaska Line.

Sailing Vessels to Ply Between Vancouver and San Francisco-Waterfront Notes.

With the exception of two or three schooners the vessels of the sealing fleet are Francisco, and many of the citizens. The now all away. Four cleared yesterday, and within a very few days all will have sailed. Of the 52 vessels which have sailed, 26 have of the 52 vessels which have sailed, 26 have gone to Japan, leaving one half the fleet to hunt in British Columbia and Pacific coast waters. Of course where the gun is used instead of spears the white man's services are most needed, and as this is the case on the Japan coast, out of a total of 605 hunters who have cone there all but leave the coase of the services are who have cone there all but leave the case of the city and coast, out of a total of 605 hunters who have cone there all but leave the case of the city and coast, out of a total of 605 hunters who have cone there all but leave the case of the city and coast, out of a total of 605 hunters who have cone there all but leave the case of the city and complete the case of the city and ca

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A SAN FRANCISCO-VANCOUVER LINE. Messrs. Keen & Company of Vancouver, have made arrangements with some San Francisco shipping men for a fortnightly sailing vessel service between the Golden Gate and the Terminal City. The barkentine Portland will be phased on the new line to inangurate the service on Thursday next, and will be followed by other vessels. It is not known yet whether or not Victoria will be included in the points of call of the new line, but as she has already a good five day steamship service with San Francisco it is believed she will not be placed on the route.

MARINE NOTES.

Awaiting the sailing of the steamer Mischief for West Coast points on Thursday evening are a large number of passengers, including eight of the Norwegians who a short time ago went North to colonize at Bella Coola, and who, with other late arrivals from North Dakots, are going to Quatsino Sound. Besides these passengers, Messrs. Keen & Company of Vancouver,

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Not having made connections yesterday not make pets of certain inmates they would get along very well.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Old Men's Home Committee Make a Number of Recommendations to the Council.

Chief Deasy Gives Ideas on Improving the Fire Department-Other Business.

The city council met last night, all the members being present.

The Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works wrote that as the city had ceased to use lots 932 and 933 for school purposes the sites revert to the Crown, and the governsites revert to the Crown, and the govern- already referred to, in order that the work Filed.

The school board estimates were referred to the finance committee, with a petition of the ratepayers asking a school on the Oakland estate.

J. Boscowitz & Sop asked for a refund of their \$100 trade license owing to the deci-

sion of the courts that a buyer of furs who

small engine with shaft and pullies now running in the city plant. Referred to the

may not be hunted with dogs. Any person not domiciled in the province will be required to take out a license (fee \$50) before hunting any of the game mentioned in the bill. It is provided that "No person shall the present apparatus of a fire engine, hose the present apparatus of a fire engine. other engine, nor use salmon roe as bait for engine and chemical engine would, with the the purpose of capturing fish in any lake, present apparatus, protect the business portion of the city; the combined chemical engine and hose wagon to be placed in Vic-toria West; the Deluge steam engine and hose in the Eastern section; a one horse hose wagon in the Northern district.
James Bay would remain as at present. The estimated cost of the whole extension would be \$20,000. Laid over till the esti-

> The tenders for the Old Men's home supplies were at Ald. Wilson's suggestion or-dered to be handed back to the tenderers, as some additions had been made to the list of requisites and new tenders will be needed.
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> ALD HUMPHREY asked that the tenders for sidewalks be also laid over and the time for receiving them extended for a week.
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> The deposit of \$25 had not been called for,

> a fire hydrant at the corner of Toronto and

August 5. The company has made arrangements whereby tourists will have an opportunity of vieiting the Arctic seas, the Yukon river, Behring strait, Diomede islands in the Behring sea, the volcances of the Aleutian islands, and the Alaska peninsula. The steam schooner Mischief, which made a special trip to the Yukon river last year for this company. Arrec's the special trip to the Yukon river last year for this company. have something to do. A veranda be built; several acres of land should be en-closed and such of the inmates as were able closed and such of the inmates as were able should cultivate potatoes and other produce for the home. Other changes were recommended; the regulations were described as inadequate, and some proper system of bookkeping was strongly advised.

ALD. BRAGE complained that when he visited the house last Sunday he found the investee until an and direct more discipline.

there is a further extension of the sewer on ent street north of Pandor paving of the street can only be carried out within the limits indicated. There are still some connections to be made with the present sewer on Government street between Fort and Hamboldt streets, and there are also two sections of surface drain to be made as shewn on the Engineer's plans of Government street between Humboldt and Pandora, the cost of which is approximately estimated by Mr. Wilman at 2000. mated by Mr. Wilmot at \$2,000. To prevent delay, should it be decided to pave

ment has assumed control of the same. may be gone on with at once and finished in time to permit of paving this part of Government street during the present year."

ALD. CAMERON explained that the com-

committee, said that they were moving so as to get the 12 inch main laid on Government sion of the courts that a puyer of furs who does not also sell in the manicipality is not a trader under the meaning of the law. Referred to the city barristers for their opinion.

The Point Ellies From Works asked for a light street as soon as possible. The idea was to get the opening up of streets done early in the season and during the dry weather.

Ald. McLenian supported Ald. Will.

The legislative committee reported recommending an amendment to the municipal act so that each ratepayer's tax account should set out the percentage of tax required for the expenses of the municipal government for the current year; for edupational purposes; to keep in repair, for municipal works already constructed; in new improvements, and for payment of in-terest and sinking fund on municipal debt. Carried.

ALD. WILLIAMS, seconded by Ald. Bragg, moved to define the city's position as to Trounce avenue, so that either the city or property owners shall clean the same, and it be swept at least twice a week. Carried. ALD: WILLIAMS moved that tenders be called for removing the city garbage for six months or until other arrangements are

ALD. HUMPEREY moved an amendment that the city should have the privilege of

extending the work to a year.

ALD. WILLIAMS said he moved this because he hoped that within six months the cause he hoped that within six months the city might own its own steamer for bringing coal for the electric plant and other purposes. The city could save \$250 a month that way. The motion was carried with Ald. Humphrey's amendment added.

ALD. Wilson moved that tenders be reselved for forage for the corporation horses.

Carried. ALD. WILLIAMS moved, seconded by Ald. Partridge, that arrangements be made for street sprinkling, so that on the first ap-pearance of dust the principal streets be sprinkled

consequently it would be only proper to lay the matter over. Agreed to.

Residents of James Bay district asked for but after some discussion the motion was

city named one engineer in the province and the competitors another, the two to choose a third if necessary.

ALD. PARTRIDGE did not favor the Mayor's change; he believed it would give more satisfaction to send the plans East as already

ALD. MACMILLAN was of opinion that the city engineer was not in a position to give an independent opinion. The council should not act the weathercock and change its ideas every meeting. The aldermen had decided to send the plans East, they should abide by that decision.

ALD, MCLELLAN said if they wanted a

first class system they had to get first class men to give them the plans. He advocated sticking to the action already taken.



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