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UNCLAIMED LETTERS.

List of Those at the Victoria Post Office on the Evening of December 5.

A—Edward Adams (5), Holly Alvin, C. Allen, Mrs. Andrews, ...

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Growth of the Mining Business Responsible for Many Notices in the British Columbia Gazette.

This Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has pleasure to appoint Captain James Bay, John Rant, of this city, to the undermen-

THE CITY.

As a token of respect to the deceased wife of Lieut.-Col. Prior the Drill hall will be closed all to-day and there will be no concert in the evening.

SPECIAL services of intercession for the local Council of Women, whose annual meeting is set for next Monday, were held yesterday at Christ Church cathedral and at the Church of Our Lord.

HELD FOR HOMICIDE.

Principals and One Witness in the Quatsino Murder Case Arrive.

How Officer McKenna and His Companions Accomplished Their Mission. "Old Teeter" and his grand nephew Luey, the sole survivors of the famous hunting tribe of Pacific Indians known as the Klaskanians were brought prisoners to Victoria yesterday morning...

DRIVEN CLOSE TO SHORE.

W. G. Hendron Loses His Life Through a Capsize in the Straits.

A foolhardy duck-shooting expedition in a flat-bottomed boat resulted yesterday afternoon in the drowning of W. G. Hendron and the narrow escape from death of his companion, Edward Noury.

THE BARON IS VICTOR.

Swordsmen de Malchin Defeats Professor Anderson, the Coast Champion.

Of the numerous audience present at the market hall last evening to witness the championship broadsword contest between Baron Ivan de Malchin, instructor of the Seattle Athletic Club, and one-time holder of world's honors, and Professor Anderson, who claim the Coast supremacy, very few indeed departed unsatisfied with the contest that had brought them together.

THE YUKON GOLD FIELDS.

TO THE EDITOR OF "PUBLIC OPINION."

Sir,—There was in your issue of September 24, which recently reached me, a portion of an article by Mr. Brenton on the extremely rough and tumble of the Yukon fields, which states that "Seattle is the headquarters of the migration in the search of the 'root of all evil.'"

PROSPECTIVE RAILWAYS.

Five More Projects Proposed to Be Brought Before the Legislature.

Railway bills promise to occupy a very considerable portion of the time of the legislature at its next session, about twenty projects having already published notices of their applications. As would naturally be expected, the golden northland is the scene of operations selected by several of these companies, to which several additions have been made this week.

SHOCKING INHUMANITY.

Pennsylvania Manic Chained Like a Wild Beast for Years.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 8.—Agent O'Brien of the Humane Society, has just unearthed one of the most shocking cases of mistreatment of the insane ever recorded in Western Pennsylvania, at Clinton's Hollow, Westmoreland County, this state.

NEWS OF WINNIPEG.

Mr. Ives Travelling Westward—A Crack Oarsman for Vancouver.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 9.—Hon. W. B. Ives arrived here last night en route to British Columbia. Capt. Albert H. Vanetten, an old resident of this city, died suddenly at the Clarendon hotel to-day. He was a leading Mason.

ONTARIO'S EASY PATH.

The Dominion Treasury and Crown Lands Farash Two-Thirds of the Provincial Revenue.

TORONTO, Dec. 8.—[Special]—The public accounts of the province, which were laid on the table of the house to-day, show an excess of receipts over expenditures for the year of \$592,500. Crown land receipts for ten months of the year are \$1,277,477, or \$170,000 in excess of the same period in 1896.

BASKET BALL.

SUITABLE QUARTERS SECURED. The Y.M.C.A. have completed arrangements for playing basket ball in their new hall, No. 90 Fort street, the scene of the bazaar given recently by the Y.M.C.A. There will be an exhibition game on Monday night, commencing at 8 o'clock, between "Wasps" and "Swifits," both teams being entered in the league.

THE LEAGUE TO MEET. The Victoria Basket Ball League will meet in the J.B.A.A. rooms on Tuesday night, at 8 o'clock. All clubs in the league should be sure to send delegates.

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