

THE CITY.

The finding of an old bayonet in the ashes of the Colwood hotel, destroyed by fire one day last week, has been taken up as a clue which possibly may lead to the identification of the incendiary.

It is now quite likely that all proceedings in the Landsberg case will be abandoned, as it is understood that the original proposition will be carried out, for the payment to the creditors of forty per cent. cash instead of by instalments.

Mrs. Agnes Porter, relict of the late Joseph Porter, died yesterday at the home of Mr. J. W. Mackay on Cariboo Bay road. The deceased lady was a native of Wigan, Lancashire, and 78 years of age. The funeral has been arranged to take place on Friday.

The Liberals have decided to oppose Hon. E. G. Prior's election. At a meeting of the executive of the Liberal Associations last night Mr. William Templeman was chosen to stand as the candidate for that party, and he promised to give his decision to-day. There does not seem to be any doubt that he will accept. A meeting of Liberals will, it is understood, be called to-morrow evening to ratify the nomination.

The preparation of the municipal voters' list for use at the approaching election of mayor and alderman has just been completed, and shows a substantial growth in every ward, as the figures given below will indicate:

Table with 4 columns: Ward Name, 1895, 1896, 1897. Rows include North, Central, South, and Total.

Who can forget the poor at this time of the year and be happy? To provide funds for Christmas distribution by the B. C. Benevolent Society, the ladies of the Triumph Lodge, Degree of Honor, A. O. U. W., will give the proceeds of a ball to be held Friday at the A.O.U.W. hall.

Mr. John Finlayson, superintendent of the provincial reformatory for boys, died yesterday at the Jubilee hospital, where, during several weeks past, he has been battling bravely with a complication of disorders. He was 62 years of age, and for many years conducted a grocery business in this city until appointed by the late premier, Hon. John Robson, to the position which he occupied at the time of his demise.

The municipal health board have complied with the provisions of section 45 of the health act, and yesterday transmitted to the provincial health board the report of the secretary of the city board, Mr. W. J. Dowler, on Victoria's health. This will be followed by the report of the city medical health officer, as soon as it is completed.

In the full court yesterday, argument was heard in Hudson's Bay Co. vs. Kearns and Rowling. Rowling purchased certain property from a Miss Kearns, but though the property was registered in her name the title deeds could not be found.

The farmers of the Delta now having a creamery to utilize their dairy products, and Victoria district determined to follow the good example set, the residents of Cowichan have decided that they will not be left behind.

SEMPLE'S hall on the Craigflower road was yesterday afternoon converted into a sale room, with a very heavy and attractive stock, gathered by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Victoria West Methodist church for the annual bazaar.

The Prince Albert has arrived to load lumber at Hastings mill.

JONES MOUNT.

The quaint little Church of Our Lord, on Hastings street, at 5 o'clock yesterday evening the scene of a wedding in which an unusually large proportion of Victorians feel especially interested, for the reason that both of the contracting parties are prominent members of a large social circle.

The important ceremony, which was full choral, was solemnized by Right Rev. Bishop Cridge, the bride, who was given away by Dr. J. D. Helmecken, being attired in cream silk crepon; her little bridesmaids were Miss Dorothy McTavish, the Misses Helmecken and Miss Margery Rome, each gowned in white and carrying a magnificent shower bouquet.

After the ceremony the wedding party gathered at the home of the bride's mother on Belleville street, where a reception was held. Mr. Jones and his bride in a shower. The honeymoon will be spent in sunny California.

SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

Strong Demand for Grain and Lumber Carriers—The Steamer "Edith"

Cargo of the Inbound "Victoria"—The "Oiga" Arrives for Overhauling.

In their monthly freight and shipping report for November, R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., say: "Throughout the great part of the month wheat freights have been purely nominal, arrivals at all coast ports being very free. Still rates have not reacted to any extent, a result to which the rather unlooked for demand from South Africa and Australia has contributed not a little.

The steamer Edith which, according to present expectations, is to take the Selkome's place on the Sound route, is a smaller craft than the latter and fairly compares in size with the Rosalie. She was originally a pleasure yacht, having been built in San Francisco, but recently has been running on the Port Townsend-Port Gamble route.

The steamship Victoria, of the Northern Pacific line is due from China and Japan on the 28th inst., having sailed from Yokohama last Saturday morning. Her cargo is as usual very large, amounting to over 4,000 tons, divided as follows: 800 tons for Victoria, inclusive of San Francisco freight; 500 tons for Portland and the Sound, and 3,000 tons for overland points, including 1,500 bales of silk.

TORONTO, Dec. 18.—(Special)—The nominations for Cardwell were held at Mono Mills and were followed by a lively public meeting. Up to the last many had held that there was the possibility of the Liberal candidate, Mr. Henry, dropping out of the contest, but all doubts were dispelled by his acceptance of the nomination and giving a definite promise to remain in the field.

WINNIPEG WIRINGS. WINNIPEG, Dec. 18.—(Special)—The Winnipeg district Orange lodge has passed a resolution approving the course adopted by Hon. Clarke Wallace in resigning, and pledging him his support.

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o'clock. In the afternoon the Boys' Central school closes at 2 o'clock. The principal and teachers of the High school extend a cordial invitation to all interested in the school to attend the closing exercises which will be held to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Girls' Central school.

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IN commemoration of the closing of the gates of Derry, Lady True Blue lodge, No. 37, gave a fairly successful dance in the A.O.U.W. hall last night. The attendance was limited, owing no doubt to the bad state of the weather, but notwithstanding this the amusement was most enjoyed. Richardson's orchestra furnished the music, and at midnight an appetizing supper was given.

DR. J. K. GARROW, now held at city police headquarters on the charge of murder, has retained Messrs. Bodwell & Irving as counsel in the defence, and will be represented by one of the members of that firm at the opening of the police court inquiry to-morrow. Mr. S. Perry Mills has been engaged to defend Harry Creech, who is charged as an accessory before the fact. The doctor made application to be released on bail Tuesday morning, but without success.

ADDITIONAL news received yesterday of the railway probably at Sandhead to the effect, that the Nakusp & Slocan railway depot was among the buildings demolished by the men who tore up the tracks and telegraph poles and made things generally lively on the previous day. However, the prompt course of Premier Turner in having action taken to preserve the peace has no doubt prevented any further outbreak. Yesterday Mr. H. Dallas Helmecken, acting for the Nakusp & Slocan railway, obtained an order from Mr. Justice Walkem restraining the Kaslo & Slocan railway from interfering with the replacing by the Nakusp & Slocan railway of the tracks, telegraph line and buildings demolished in the row.

LETTERS from Mr. A. R. Langley of this city, who left here more than two months ago for Guatemala, have just been received announcing his safe arrival at the coffee plantation which was to be his destination. The letters are dated November 24 from "Finca la Vina, Colombo Costa Guca, Guatemala"—an address which for safe keeping should be better secured than in the memory box. He reports himself comfortably settled, after a varied experience of travelling on muleback over a decidedly mountainous country. The plantation is at an elevation of 4,000 feet, and commands a view of the sea fifty miles distant. Up to the time of writing Mr. Langley has had no news from Victoria since leaving San Francisco, as the mail service to the interior is very irregular and uncertain.

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THE CITY MARKETS. The provisioning of sealing schooners for cruises of long duration is a feature of business this week that is demanding much attention. But this trade almost exclusively affects the wholesale merchant. The retailer, on the other hand, is now reaping the benefits of Christmas trade. His stocks are being augmented almost daily and they will continue to increase throughout the remainder of this week. Frozen turkeys from the East are in transit here and may arrive to-day. Prices will, it is expected, be governed considerably by the weather, but according to present calculations last year's quotations will again hold good and the provident housekeeper will have her choice of paying in the neighborhood of sixteen cents per pound for the frozen article or from two to three cents more for that produced here. A slight downward tendency in Hungarian flour and the reverse in wheat are features of the market which are not well accounted for. Considerable frozen fish is being sold, but the only change in quotations is an advance of five cents per pound on smoked salmon. There is also an increase of a half cent per pound on mutton and of five cents per dozen on imported eggs. Current retail quotations:

Table listing market prices for various goods including flour, sugar, butter, and other commodities with prices per unit.

The M. M. Morrill and the Anderson are the only two Seattle sealers that have not yet started for the hunting grounds. Steamer Rapid Transit arrived from the Sound yesterday with a load of coal. The R.M.S. Warrimoo left Sydney, N. S. W., for Victoria yesterday afternoon.

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