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THE KLONDYKE. It would be like gilding gold to attempt to add anything to the bare recital of the facts about the Klondyke placers. The story reads like a fairy tale; but there is something very substantial about bags of nuggets and gold dust.

THE TIMES AND THE PENTAGON RAILWAY. It is quite true that the Colonist's argument in regard to the Pentagon Boundary railway applies both to the Provincial and Federal governments, as the Times alleges. A government in any of British country may during the parliamentary recess undertake to legislate to a certain line of policy subject to ratification by parliament.

THE BEGINNING OF HISTORY. The process of deciphering the 26,000 tablets, discovered in the ruins of the ancient city lying below the remains of Babylon, is proceeding very satisfactorily, and with such results that the London Times calls the find "the greatest discovery of modern times."

that knowing how a civilization had perished and left no record, the rulers had resolved that they, at least should not be entirely forgotten. At many points in the American continent inscriptions have been discovered amid surroundings implying very great antiquity.

tion, but has succeeded in giving additional proof that what it seeks to promote is not the public welfare, but the interests of a single corporation. ANDRE started for the North Pole in his balloon last Sunday. It may be interesting to mention that the venture some aeronaut is not taking as great risks as some persons might suppose. He has not left his balloon go high into the air and trust to chances, but will keep within a comparatively short distance of the earth by means of drag ropes, which will be trailed from the car. These ropes will prevent the balloon from going very high. As a part of their weight will rest upon the ground they will afford a means of bringing the balloon down at any point, but will differ from anchor ropes in that an anchor rope is thrown out, while the drag ropes will be hauled in. If Andre wishes to descend he will haul in the ropes so that the balloon will carry the whole weight, which will cause it to descend. If he wishes to go up again he will throw out the ropes, so that they will rest on the ground, and the balloon thus lightened will rise in the air. He is, therefore, about as safe from accident as he would be in any sort of conveyance. His risk results from trusting to the wind as a motive power, because he may thereby be carried into a place from which he will be unable to retreat.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE. Ben Wrede's Remains Found Bleaching in the Omineca and Another Mystery Cleared Up. Orphan Boy Troubles Revived by Arrest of Former Secretary—Death of Barrister Campbell. VANCOUVER. VANCOUVER, July 15.—Ben Wrede's fate at last known. He died in the far away Omineca country. His skeleton was found by Indians, papers beside the remains proving his identity. Mr. Wrede went to Victoria from San Francisco 15 years ago and made money in the hotel business. He moved to Vancouver and built the Stag and Pheasant hotel, adding material to its rapidly growing fortune. He afterwards moved to Ladangau City. For the past few years, however, misfortunes have overtaken him, and two years ago he decided to try to retrieve his lost fortune by mining in the scarcely known Omineca country. Since then no trace of him could be found. This year when C. M. Black headed a party for the same country, he discovered the skeleton of a man who interested himself in his friend's disappearance, asked Mr. Black to do his best to learn the fate of Ben Wrede. The following letter tells the story: "Your letter of the 22nd reached me in due time, and I am sorry to say I have news for you regarding Ben Wrede. He left Fort Graham, on the Humberley river, proceeding on March 10, 1896, and never seen afterwards. About the end of February some roaming Sticksies found his camp and lots of provisions reached there, but everything looked so they examined around the spot and at last found his remains. He had been cutting wood and cut his foot on the stump, and had evidently bled to death before getting back to his tent. They buried him and brought a few papers found near his body to McLeod's Lake. Friends they have been sent here and will be forwarded to you by Mr. Camsell at once. From these letters and papers there is no doubt as to his identification. Hoping you will get this safely and convey my deep sympathy to Mrs. Wrede, I am, yours very truly, (signed) C. M. Black."

Some of the Victoria business men think of offering the Dominion government a fixed sum per year for the right to collect duties on foreign goods going into the British Yukon; others think it would be better to offer to guarantee the salary of an officer. Something ought to be done without an hour's delay. Hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of goods will go into the Yukon this year, and most of them will go from the United States unless an officer is put on at once. If word were sent to Seattle that an officer would go up on the next steamer, the hundreds of persons who will go North this year would come over here to outfit. A correspondent, referring to the reported intention of the Bank of British Columbia, the Bank of Nova Scotia and the Merchants Bank of Canada to consolidate, asks what the capital of these banks is. The last Canada Gazette gives the following statement: Bank of British Columbia, authorized capital, \$9,733,332; paid up capital, \$2,919,996; Bank of Nova Scotia, authorized capital, \$1,500,000, all paid up; Merchants Bank of Canada, authorized capital, \$6,000,000, all paid up. We do not know what truth there is in the report. The Midway Advance makes a very forcible plea for roads. Without having had any opportunity for consulting the Public Works department on the subject, we feel safe in saying that the government appreciates the needs of the Boundary Creek district in this respect, and will do everything in its power to satisfy them. BUTLER, the Australian multi-murderer, has been hanged. As there is not in the annals of crime a more atrocious record than his, so there has not been an instance where justice got in its work with greater expedition under as difficult circumstances. The arm of British law encircles the world. Mr. OLIVE PHILLIPS-WOLLEY is in receipt of a very warm letter of commendation on his latest poem from the Marquis of Lorne, whose opinion is all the more valuable because he himself is a man of high literary culture. BY WAY OF VARIETY. "You don't mean to say that you wish you would turn into a pillar of salt?" "No, not exactly, but—"

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THE GOVERNOR. Mr. Mackintosh Thinks Be Hard to Exaggerate Wealth of Our Eldo. But Warns Against an D Rush and Measur Fields at Home. SEATTLE, July 20.—Lieut. C. H. Mackintosh, of the Territories, who has been in the past couple of days, living the Bachelor Club, came here on, who is going North to Portland, and whose daughter son City. The Governor was to meet Inspector Strickland turned from the Yukon of last Governor Mackintosh might that the information the officers of the mounted such a nature as to fully comprehend the marvelous revelation related. The Lieutenant-Governor interesting particulars in the government of the Territory, claiming that his prerogative from the east boundary of the Hudson Bay and North of the Arctic ocean to a national boundary line, and its southern portion the two districts, Alberta, Saskatchewan. In 1894, and the Yukon was explored by the eminent explorer, W. Ogilvie son, director-general of geological survey, and Mr. Bishop Bampos, of the of England, having his see a by, represented to the Hon. John Thompson, premier, highly important that the claim and name the district Rocky mountains and Alaska as customs' collection, and time the amount has been created. In speaking of American the Yukon and through the territory, Gov. Mackintosh those who have made discoveries in British-subject, of same rights, privileges and this, according to Gov. M. in line with the policy of government in its desire of the best of American mind considered the best miners to go to the Northwest to assist in its development. Gov. Mackintosh then unwritten laws of the district honor that prevail men who have gone into miners. Inspector Strick him that he had walked in more than a quarter dollars lay unexplored. W was recognized on all side was made at any time to that is each along the Ex SHIP BAL 60 bbls. English 65C. PER C 1N-4 GAL Elephant White \$5.50 PE Pure White Lead \$6.00 PE Pure Mixed Paint \$1.50 PE Roof Paint \$1.00 PE 5 Tons Barbed 4 1-2 Mellor's Ready Ca REQUIRES NO VARNISH Sashes and Do FROM J. W. MELLO 76-78 Fort Street, WALL PAPERS, GLASS, PA 1897