

THE C.F.R. TELEGRAPH AT THE ASSIZE COURT.

Important Reduction in Rates Announced From Victoria to United States Points.

A Short History of the Service Since It Was Inaugurated Here.

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A brief resume of the telegraphic history of the line since the C. P. R. took over the British Columbia telegraph system from the Dominion government in 1882 is given.

The rates for the various states of the union which have been \$3.25 and \$1.00 night will from June 1 be \$1 both day and night for a message of 10 words.

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Barratta Found Guilty of Attempted Murder but the Jury Recommend Mercy.

Grand Jury Bring in a True Bill in the Nichol Label Case.

At the assizes yesterday the docket was cleared with the exception of the Wolf murder case and the criminal libel suits. The grand jury had the indictment for libel against Mr. Nichol, editor of the Province, handed to them for consideration and late in the afternoon brought in a true bill.

The trial of Martha Wolf for the murder of Mrs. C. Marsden opens this morning at 10 o'clock.

The charge against Joseph Barratta, accused of attempting to murder Joseph Grosse, did not take long, all the evidence being in in less than an hour.

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Henry, in cross-examination by Mr. Robertson, said he had lived 18 years on a Manitoba farm and had never before in his life nor shaken dice. Several other witnesses were called by the prosecution, which was conducted by Mr. Smith for the crown.

Mr. Justice McColl in summing up charged strongly against the prisoner and said from the arguments for and against the two cases before him that day there seemed to be something peculiar about the way a spoonful of beer seemed to affect a man in Victoria.

The jury after five minutes' absence brought in a verdict of guilty and the court adjourned till this morning at 10 o'clock.

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TWO JUNE WEDDINGS.

Mr. Crickmay of Vancouver and Miss Agnes Dawson Married at St. Barnabas.

The Former Pastor of James Bay Methodist Church Wedded to Miss Spencer.

A wedding that attracted more than usual interest was that of Mr. Alfred Crickmay, Vancouver, and Miss Agnes Dawson (L.R.A.M., London) of Victoria, which was solemnized yesterday afternoon at St. Barnabas church.

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PROPOSITION MEMBERS BEFORE THE PUBLIC-ASPIRANTS FOR THE COALITION NOMINATIONS.

Westminster's Prospect of Further Railway Connection—Feature of the Show.

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DOCTRINE OF ABSORPTION.

Living Nations to Emerge Upon Territory of Decadents.

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LEATHER COATS WITH SHEEP-SKIN LINING, MADE SPECIALLY FOR THE YUKON COUNTRY.

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