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THE CITY.

A. R. MARSHALL and Donald McCallum, of Thurlow Island, have been gazetted as justices of the peace.

STILL another up-country company, the Kootenay Brewing, Malting & Distilling Co., is to be officially wound up.

LAST evening's Gazette announces the appointment of J. D. Sibbald to all the public offices heretofore held by J. D. Graham.

HON. F. PETERS, Q.C., and Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, K.C.M.G., Q.C., are in this week's Gazette giving formal notice of application for call to the bar of this province.

THE Christmas vacation in the provincial offices and departments is to extend this year only to the Fridays and Saturdays—the 24th and 25th instant, the 31st instant and the 1st January.

THE Mountain Tramway and Electric Company will seek incorporation by private bill at the approaching session of the legislature, at which also amendment will be sought in the B. C. Electric Co's Act of 1890.

AMONG the latest appointees as notaries public in British Columbia are: G. W. A. Rankin, of Grand Forks; Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, K.C.M.G., Q.C., and Frederick Peters, Q.C., of Victoria, and W. F. Brougham, of Nelson.

THE cantata "The Maid of Lorne," given by the choir of the First Presbyterian church on Wednesday was a rare treat. All the parts were well sustained, and showed thorough work in the training, which reflects much credit on Mr. Brown, the instructor, as well as on the choir and on the outside talent that assisted them. The second part of the programme after the cantata, was equally well carried out, and much enjoyed by the large audience which filled the hall.

THE Japan Daily Advertiser is not one of those papers taking it for granted that because the Klondyke is on the Yukon river it must be in Alaska. In a recent issue the Advertiser sharply calls to account the London and Colonial Express, for publishing under the headline of "United States" the following: "Reports still continue to be circulated as to the fabulous wealth and magnificent prospects of Klondyke." Peradventure—says the Japanese Daily—the London paper had mislaid its atlas.

THE saying that there's luck in odd numbers has not proved true in the case of Jimmy White, the Indian whose fad it is when full to seize on the first man he can find, clap a pair of handcuffs on him and haul him to the lock-up. Twice before Jimmy himself got locked up and a short term for being drunk, but yesterday the charge against him was assault for his last break. Consequently Jimmy will do a month and his handcuffs have been confiscated and handed over to the provincial police.

THOSE who have imagined that the provincial departments would have space to spare as soon as the new buildings were taken possession of, now realize that the machinery of the province is more extensive than they had anticipated. As a matter of fact the usefulness of two or more of the old buildings is not yet a thing of the past, and carrying out the original plan, the old legislative hall will shortly become the permanent home of the department of mines. Tenders are now being invited, receivable until the evening of Monday next, for raising the building three feet and adapting it to the purposes of Mr. Carlyle's department.

THE Trail Creek News of the 10th says: "Mrs. D. Goldberg, who has been ill for some time, died suddenly Sunday morning. She has been a sufferer with bronchitis, but no uneasiness was felt as to her recovery. She aroused her husband at about 2 a.m., Sunday morning, who gave her some medicine. At 5 o'clock he awakened again and spoke to his wife, but gaining no response, took hold of her only to find her cold in death. The remains were taken to Victoria Sunday night for burial. Mrs. Goldberg leaves a husband and three children to mourn her loss. She was an estimable lady and had many friends in Trail. The family have the sympathy of the whole community in their affliction."

MR. JAMES KING, who has large mining interests at Lockbury inlet twenty-five miles northwest of Shoal bay, arrived in the city yesterday. He speaks in glowing terms of the prospects in that district, and says that capital is slowly but surely coming in which will soon bring the camp into prominence. Mr. King has interests in ten claims and while he has done little but the assessment work on these he feels confident that when they are developed they will prove payers. Work on the Victoria mine is progressing favorably. This is the mine the ore of which, five feet below the surface, assayed $112 gold. Many claims, Mr. King says, have been located in the Shoal Bay district lately and the population of the camp is increasing weekly.

MR. JUSTICE WALKEM yesterday reserved his decision on the application for an interpleader by Mr. Herbert E. A. Robertson, who is acting on behalf of Mr. M. Powers in the suit of Hayes v. Powers, by which plaintiff wishes to secure possession of $100, staked on the Baxter-Kid Williams fight that never came off. As already published, Baxter claims the money, as Williams failed to show up in the scrap, but Hayes declares he told Powers before the time set for the fight that the bet was off. Plaintiff claims that he had a right to revoke his bet, and besides it was a gaming transaction. Mr. Herbert E. A. Robertson appeared for Powers; Mr. Geo. E. Powell for Hayes, and Messrs. Drake, Jackson & Helmcken for Baxter.

IN view of the many important discoveries of minerals recently made and likely to be made in the upper Cassiar country, the government has deemed it wise to establish a new mining district, to be known as Bennet Lake division, the boundaries of which are thus defined: "Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of British Columbia intersects the height of land between Lake Teslin and Lake Atlin; thence southwesterly, following the height of land to the watershed between Pike lake and Kateene river; thence southwesterly to a point on the boundary between Alaska and British Columbia, midway between Taku inlet and Lynn canal; thence following the said boundary north and west to its intersection with the northern boundary of British Columbia; thence east along the said boundary to the point of commencement."

AMONG the extra provincial companies licensed or registered during the week just past are: The B. C. Agency Ltd., The B. C. Development Co., Ltd., The B. C. (Rossland and Slocan) Syndicate Ltd., and the Klondyke Mining, Trading and Transport Corporation, Ltd.

THAT unfortunate Chinaman discovered partially naked, unconscious and lying in a gutter on Fisgard street a few evenings ago by Constable Carson has taken the secret of his identity with him to the grave, for he did not recover complete consciousness before casting off this mortal coil. Kidney troubles were the cause of his demise.

YESTERDAY morning, at the residence of the bride's parents, Craigflower road, Mr. John Dunlop Reid, of Glenrosa Farm, Metchosin, was married to Roberta, daughter of Mr. Thomas Reid. Rev. D. MacRae conducted the ceremony. Among the many beautiful presents were some from Scotland and Kentucky, as well as a large number from Victoria friends.

GOLDSTREAM QUARTZ.

It May Yet Make Fortunes for Those Who Have Been Faithful to It.

"Every foot of ground in the vicinity of Goldstream has, within the past few weeks, been taken up by enthusiastic prospectors, stakes running like a low gear picket fence all along the base of the mountain—while even on Mount Finlayson, some distance away, numerous locations have been made. The present excitement is based almost entirely upon the results following the persistent work of Mr. James Phair and his three associates. They have steadily refrained from talking of their discoveries, and still are reticent, although Mr. Phair admits that his brightest dreams of the mineral wealth of his district appear on the eve of realization.

"It will be time enough to speak," he says, "when we have proved the worth of our property and commence to develope it on a large scale."

In the meantime, it is known that Mr. Phair and his associates are working hard, and believe they have a continuous vein of splendid quartz, which at a depth of 15 feet shows 18 inches in width. Recent assays show the ore to be of a value of $70 or $80 a ton, running about 33½ per cent. in copper pyrites. The fortune there is in ore of this quality so advantageously situated, on a railway line and within twelve miles of Victoria, should the ore body prove substantial can only be imagined.

Mr. Phair and his people last week received a handsome cash offer for their claim, but declined to sell. If it is good they will reap the reward of their patient industry. If not, they alone will be the losers. At present operations are at a standstill pending the arrival of machinery.

BETTER TO MAKE A FIGHT.

When the good knight, Don Quixote, hung by his wrist from the stable window, he imagined that a tremendous abyss yawned beneath his feet. Presently the thong was cut, and the gallant adventurer fell *four inches*. Many others, before and since his day, have had similar experiences. Black clouds, seemingly full of concealed lightnings and heavy with yet unuttered thunder, have slowly drifted over our heads without making a single hostile demonstration. Calamities, when they are really come, are often found much more bearable than we fancied they would be as we looked helplessly on their dreaded approach.

May not this possibly be true also in respect of that event which excites in us the most serious apprehension, namely, death? After much observation, Pliny avowed his opinion that the moment of dissolution was the most exquisite instant of life. And multitudes who have been swallowed up by the Dark Archway have, in the very fact and article of their going, testified to the soundness of his judgement.

It can at least do no harm to uphold that theory of the nature of our making pro whether it be true or not. None of us will be in any greater hurry to leave the world on that account. Whatever she may mean to do to render our final exit easy and pleasant, Nature certainly endows us with an imperative instinct *against* surrendering existence a fraction of a second before we are obliged to.

All there is of death, says somebody, is the willingness to die. But we are *not* willing. Poor and mean as our lives may be in the opinion of certain bilious pessimists, the majority find life eminently worth living, and make a fight for it accordingly.

This was what a man did, whose brief account of his struggles I now submit to you. And I am glad to say he came out of it a clear winner.

"In the autumn of 1890," he says, "my health began to give way. I felt low and weak, a feeling of giddiness coming over me. My appetite was bad, and when food was placed before me I had no relish for it. After eating, I had weight and pain at the chest. I had excruciating pain and stiffness in the back, which I was told was lumbago.

"I got little sleep at night, and in the morning was worn out. I soon began to loose flesh, and was so weak I could scarcely get about. Time after time I had to give up my work, and was confined to the house for a week or two.

"My suffering continued for two and one half years, during which time I lost *over two stone weight*. I consulted three doctors, but their medicines did not help me.

"I continued with it, and soon my appetite returned and I gained strength. By and by I felt as well and strong as ever I was in my life; and have since that time kept in good health. You can make any use you like of this statement and refer any to me. (signed) William Hine, Inglethorpe, Newtown, Trowbridge, February 10th 1897."

How I should enjoy standing before an audiende of as many people as could hear my voice and, with Mr. Hine's letter as a text, preach a lay sermon on the facts mentioned in it. It ought to be gone over sentence by sentence, point by point. I should take up his case at the time his health began to give way, follow him down the steps into the valley of disease and weakness, and emerge with him en the Delectable Mountains of renewed life and strength.

But the absence of such a comment, I ask you, I *urge* you, to re-read this letter; once, twice, half a dozen times. For here we have a typical instance of what is happening to the people, and a proof of what can be done to save them. We see that a victorious battle can be made for life and health in the face of doubt and discouragement, and after the failure of approved medical treatment.

Behind all the thick-coming troubles which afflicted our friend, Mr. Hine (and the cause of them all), was the prevailing, dangerous, and deadly disease, dyspepsia. How he was delivered he tells us. Remember it when you come to have to make *your* fight.

Disease is always a calamity. Thank Heaven, we can often crush it with Mother Seigel's Syrup as St. George slew the dragon with his club.

WILL BE NO HUNGER.

Latest Messengers from Dawson Deny That the Miners Are Stampeding Coastwards.

The First Party to Make an All-Overland Trip from Klondyke to the Seaboard.

There is not and will not be any stampede out of Dawson, nor will any of the miners who are there suffer from hunger during the winter that is now upon them. Such is the welcome message that is brought to civilization by the very last parties to leave the Klondyke, and who found themselves in Victoria as passengers on the steamship Corona last evening. As to the alarmist report brought to Juneau by Auk, the Indian mail carrier, they have only this to say—that Auk is like all other Indians, a lover of the story-teller's art, and about as unreliable, too, as the majority of his race. He has n the case in point related as his own observations the conjectures and gloomy prophecies of disappointed miners whom he met on the trail during his trip out—not as the regular government courier, but as a special messenger from Major Walsh, with letters to the coast from the Salmon river.

The Dawsonians who came in yesterday evening are J. Kastner and George McLaughlin, both of Helena, Mont. They made their way along the banks of the Yukon river—being the first probably, who have ever reached the Coast from Dawson, by all land travel—and in relating their experience last night, Kasener said that owing to the float ice it would have been utterly impossible to have made the trip by water on the Yukon. As it was, the men though they started out with two hundred pounds each, discarded everything possible on the way, and so made a quick trip—Dawson having said good bye to them on the 3rd ultimo. Three other miners accompanied Kastner and McLaughlin down to Dyea, these being George Ruth of Thompson Falls, Mont.; J. P. Holland of Butte; and William King, a Californian. Thirty-seven days were occupied in reaching Dyea, where the Corona received them as passengers on the 11th instant.

The party on their coastward journey passed only thirty people also on their way out, these having started before them, but, being impeded by heavier packets, were unable to keep up with Kastner's flying party. The weather all through was fearfully severe, as low as 70 degrees below zero being encountered. Captain Stearns' party was met twelve miles below the Little Salmon, and asked to be reported to their friends. The names of the others met with Kastner does not know.

Thirty-five miles below Rink rapids a party of five men endeavoring to travel down the river towards Dawson attempted to cross on the ice, but were unsuccessful in reaching the opposite shore, when the ice gave way, and the open water separated them from their three comrades, with whom were all the provisions. There was no possible way of reaching the unfortunate two, and though Kastner does not know their fate, the outlook for their rescue he considered was very gloomy. This was on November 14.

Twelve miles below the Big Salmon, Major Walsh's party was fallen in with, and Kastner confirms the report brought by explorer Saint Cyr as to the loss of the provisions and two boats, also as to the accidental death of the man Freeman, a miner, this fatality having occurred between the Little and Big Salmon rivers. Major Walsh was awaiting dog trains with fresh stocks of provisions, but Kastner feels quite sure that the administrator will not advance further than Selkirk this winter.

Kastner had only reached Dawson on the 22nd of December, and he and his partners had taken a lease on Nos. 20 and 45 below, on Bonanza creek. They had just time to sink two holes to see the character of their ground before they came away, leaving however two of their partners behind, who will continue operations throughout the winter. While Kastner does not share the belief of starvation staring the Dawsonians in the face, still he says the stores are closed, and selling no more food. At the same time he feels confident that if the entire population pool their provisions there will assuredly be sufficient for all throughout the winter. The great difficulty appears to be in finding out the exact stocks of provisions people have, many men with large supplies having cached them for safety's sake and carefully concealed the fact. One very serious difficulty that the miners will have to face this winter is the want of candles, which will materially retard operations in the mines.

Joe Brant, of Dawson, announced his intention lately of coming out with the first ice and two dog trains, his purpose being to convey passengers at $1,000 for the trip to the coast, he undertaking to look after the boat only having as yet been safely landed:

Captain's Boat—Captain Hall, Purser Whitbeck, Chief Engineer Husar, Fireman James Fern, Seamen Hansen and Costa, Watchman Leach, and Passenger James Lathbury.

First Officer's Boat—Chief Officer Durfee, Assistant Engineer O'Neill, Firemen Harmon and Crawley, Carpenter Istuster, Seamen Falkner, McColl and Danielson, and Passenger W. L. Dietrick.

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A private telegram from Nanaimo of last evening says that the Alberni stage had just arrived, but brought no intelligence of the wreck, none of the Cleveland's passengers or crew having been seen or heard from up to the time the stage left. In fact Purser Whitbeck was the only one of the Cleveland who had been seen at Alberni. Just before the stage left for Nanaimo, Armstrong's steam launch had started for Shelter Island with the intention of cruising in the adjacent bays and inlets for some signs of the missing boats or their occupants. The intention was to return to Alberni today and report any developments by wire.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

AN INTERNATIONAL GIFT.

Presentation to Lieutenant Peary by the Proprietor of the London Daily Mail.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Mr. Alfred Harmsworth, proprietor of the Daily Mail, has presented the Windward to Lieutenant Peary. He will bear the expense of overhauling her and send her to the United States. The gift is actuated by a desire to continue the international courtesies associated with the gifts of the Resolute to England and of the Alert to America.

STILL ARE MISSING.

No Sign Has Been Had of the Three Boats from the Wrecked "Cleveland."

Shipping Men Count Their Occupants as Lost—Division of the Company.

Purser Whitbeck of the lost steamer Cleveland has a good fairy—if not, he is luckiest man who ever went to sea. He was in luck to be in the skipper's boat when she alone passed safely through Alpha Channel and a landing was made on Shelter Island. The luck held with him when he was overturned by his drunken Indian boatmen, and saved his life by swimming. Again he was in luck to have fair weather for his hard ride from Alberni to Nanaimo. But the greatest luck of all was his accidental meeting with Captain James Gaudin, resident agent of the Marine Department, as a result of which the Quadra was yesterday despatched on her relief expedition.

It was then the train stopped at Chemainus that the good fairy appeared. From the car window the disheartened purser saw the trim little government steamer lying at anchor in the harbor.

"What man-of-war is that?" he inquired eagerly.

"Why that's not a warship," some one volunteered to reply—"that's the lighthouse and coast patrol steamer, the Quadra. She's just starting out on a ten-day cruise."

"If I could only see her captain or agent for a minute," groaned Whitbeck, as the conductor called out "all aboard.

A gentleman standing within earshot smiled affably.

"That won't be difficult," he observed, "for I'm going to Victoria by this train, too."

Then he was introduced to the shipwrecked officer as Captain Gaudin, the agent of marine. It took but a few words to make clear the situation, Captain Gaudin pencilling a hasty note and pressing it into the hand of the station master as the train began to move, with the word "take that to Captain Walbran and tell him not to move till he hears from me."

At the next station the order was telegraphed back for the Quadra to fly back to Victoria, and by midnight she was ready for the rescue trip.

In addition to the agent of marine, the purser of the Cleveland, and the representatives of the underwriters who are looking after the salving of cargo, the Quadra has as guests on the trip U. S. Vice-Consul Sidney W. Smith, Captain R. Collister, the provincial inspector of hulls, Captain John Irving, commodore of the C. P. N. Company, and the well known diver McHardie. The steamer's equipment includes a very good launch which will no doubt prove serviceable in running up the inlets and around the many islands of Barclay sound—exploring every nook and corner in which the three missing boats might have landed, if it should be that they have survived the hurricane.

The Willapa, which left for all West Coast ports at about the same time as the Quadra, will probably arrive at Shelter island very little behind the government boat, landing there such wrecking apparatus as may be of use to the commodore.

Captain Collister, with the assistance of the diver accompanying the relief party, purposes making a thorough examination of the wreck, the possibility remaining that steps to pull her off may prove effectual. Something would no doubt have been practicable in this direction had the wreck been reported when it first occurred; indeed, it is a strange thing that it was not, for the Tees it now appears passed close to the disabled steamer on her way back from Quatsiuo, and could only have missed seeing her by purest chance. At last reports, when Purser Whitbeck left the vessel, she was lying in a fairly sheltered position, so long as the wind remained in the quarter from which it has been blowing during the past week.

As to the missing men, there is little hope entertained here that they will ever be seen again in life. Captain Hall ascribes his successful passage through Alpha gate chiefly to the liberal use of oil upon the water. Each of the boats were provided with a large can of oil, but there is no indication anywhere that it had been used except by the skipper. The weather was fair and mild in the extreme for days after the striking of the ship, and under these conditions landing through the surf on the rocky coast would be a work fraught with the utmost danger. Shipping men here look upon the "missing" as practically entered already upon the roll of death.

As remembered by Purser Whitbeck the division of the crew and passengers in the several boats was as hereunder, the first boat only having as yet been safely landed:

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FAVOR THE STICKEEN ROUTE.

Many Inquiries from Prospective Americans Regarding It—Will Outfit in Victoria.

Mr. John Callbreath, one of the pioneer traders of the Stickeen River district, arrived in the city last evening by the steamer Corona from Fort Wrangel. He reports that preparations are being made on an extensive scale all along the route for the expected big rush to the Klondyke in the spring. He has received hundreds of inquiries regarding the trail to Teslin Lake, cost of transportation, etc. The majority of these inquiries, strange to say, have come from Americans in many States of the Union. The latter, it would appear from their letters, have received favorable reports of the Stickeen river route and wrote Mr. Callbreath merely for a corroboration of these. In reply to queries as to the best place to do their outfitting Mr. Callbreath has written that, from his experience in the matter he would advise prospective gold hunters to get their supplies in Victoria. The cost of transporting freight across the portage to Teslin lake will, he says, be about 20c. this season, at least at the commencement when the rush will be at its height. Many people he thinks will go up before the river opens.

Leather coats with sheepskin lining, heavy Rigby waterproof suits and pants. B. Williams & Co. x

Official Mining Maps at THE COLONIST

THE BATTALION BALL.

The Citizen Soldiers Entertain Their Friends Handsomely at the Drill Hall.

A Gathering of Over Eight Hundred Guests Enjoy the Fifth's Hospitality.

The Battalion ball was a real surprise to people last night. Of course everybody looked for success when the Fifth promised it, but the results were even better than the promises. It showed what combined energy and unbounded hospitality could accomplish, and the members of the Battalion seemed amply repaid for their trouble by the unstinted praise and the evident pleasure of their guests. The ball in its decorations and general appearance quite put in the shade anything hitherto given at the drill hall. The great, bare hall had disappeared and in its place a magnificent ballroom. The military character of the hall, however, still remained, for in each of the four corners stood the long, black nine-pounders, ornamental as well as useful, as the saying goes. Flags, above and around draped the plain woodwork and the bricks of the building, and on the walls here and there a star of sword bayonets made a much nicer effect in general than if the same pretty bits of steel were jabbing holes in humanity, the particular trade for which they owe their origin. One particular trophy in front of the bunting-covered band stand was a real curiosity. This was a collection of fire arms, ancient and modern from an old Brown Bess and a blunderbuss with bayonet attachment down to the newest six shooter. There was the good long bow which the English archers were so famous at handling; there was an ancient cross bow, and there were cutlasses, Japanese swords and other blood letting instruments of the profession of arms, and these all surrounded the fine general efficiency shield held at present by No. 3 Company of the Fifth. All the collection of arms in the trophy belong to Captain Lawrie who has collected them at different times, and they made really a very effective showing. It was indeed well that the drill hall had been chosen for the ball, as it needed use of whole of the spacious building to accommodate the immense crowd of guests, which numbered fully eight hundred. When the dancers were in motion to the music of the full band of the Battalion the sight was indeed a brilliant one. The non coms and men of the Fifth by special permission had their tunics turned open at the front, the edges faced with red silk, so as to show snowy shirt fronts and collars and ties. It gave a very natty look to the uniforms and added to the general gala appearance. Every comfort had been arranged by the hospitable Battalion for the guests. The officers' and sergeants' rooms were turned into sitting-out rooms, the men's rooms being set up for the ladies' dressing rooms, while the band room was used for a card and smoking room. A portion of the hall had been curtained off by flags to form a very fine supper room, and the supper itself was not only good, but laid out with tasteful effect, the lady friends of the Battalion giving their assistance in this. Off the gunroom was rigged up a temporary kitchen, and the culinary arrangements were supervised very successfully by Gr. Stevenson, Sergt. Major Mulcahy, the president, Gr. W. F. Grime, secretary, and the members of the committee were indefatigable in their efforts to make their guests feel at home and enjoy themselves.

Bomb, Bradbury acted as master of ceremonies assisted by Sergt. McConnan, Corp. Dickinson, Gr. Grime, Gr. Vigor, Gr. Winsby and Gr. Boorman.

The music of the band was capital for dancing and the floor itself was so perfect that it did not seem to have been just newly put down,

The set of honor was composed of:

Sergt.-Major Mulcahy and Lady Tupper.
Sir C. H. Tupper and Mrs. Mulcahy.
Hon. C. E. Pooley and Mrs. Peters.
Lieut.-Col. Gregory and Miss Redfern.
Mayor Redfern and Mrs. [Capt.] Smith.
Major Williams and Mrs. Barnes.
Major Trotter and Miss Pooley.
Capt. Barnes and Miss Williams.

One of the happy features of the evening was the singing of Canada's national song, "The Maple Leaf Forever," Mr. Pilling taking the solo in his fine tenor voice and the great gathering of ladies and gentlemen joining in the chorus heartily.

That the ball could not have been more successfully managed, was the general verdict, and what higher compliment could anyone have.

The tramway company, it may be mentioned, gave a special service during the evening, and ran cars late enough to take the guests home after the ball.

BRITISH COLUMBIA has never before produced so thoroughly representative a newspaper, or so interesting and instructive a one, as the issue of the COLONIST of the 1st January will be. Of course it will contain the customary important statistical information of all existent provincial industries. But this will not be all by any means. There will be a full and comprehensive description of the Yukon gold fields by Mr. William Ogilvie, D.L.S., F.R.G.S., and personal experiences told by miners who have been through it themselves and now write that others may know what to expect. Not only personal experiences in Klondyke—but personal experiences describing the conditions of mining in all sections of the province. The various mining sections will be dealt with separately, and the progress made in each during the year fully entered into. Then there will be articles by the mayors of the several cities of the province telling how their municipalities have grown and thriven during 1897, and what they hope to see accomplished during the year now opening. Captain Clive Phillipps-Wolley contributes a new poem which will rouse the enthusiasm of his many admirers; and Olaf Jeldness tells of the thrilling sport of ski running as enjoyed in the Canadian Kootenay—a sport fit for kings, which by the way has its advantage of enabling the prospector to get to and from his mine during the heart of winter. A neat storiette, the scene of which is laid in Vancouver, and the writer a well known Vancouver lady, further aids to brighten the holiday number—while all through it will be embellished with numerous half-tone illustrations of places and scenes, or giving additional interest to the letterpress. The special features of the HOLIDAY COLONIST are this year so many that to enumerate them is a long task. No one should miss reserving extra copies in advance. The issue will go like claims on Bonanza or El Dorado.

A Kansas Freak.

TOPEKA, Dec. 15.—Byron Gilbert, the 7 year old son of Judge Gilbert, of Atchison, has been granted a license to practice before the supreme court of Kansas, to take effect when he shall become of lawful age. This lad is well versed on all law points, and passed the examination.

Mr. Tarte Explaining.

MONTREAL, Dec. 16.—(Special)—Mr. Tarte will speak to-morrow at Levis and is expected to refer to the Langelier matter.

FROM COPPER RIVER.

The Cutter "Wolcott" Returns, Having Landed Her Passengers —No News from Whalers.

That Mysterious Rock in Mid-Atlantic—The Barkentine "Wrestler" Again in Port.

Still another attempt has been made to locate the rock which six months or more ago was reported in mid-Atlantic, the captain of the well remembered Strathnevis reporting as follows, from the log of a recent voyage from New York to Hamburg: September 18, at 8 a.m., being in the vicinity of the rock reported by the master of the Crompton (in lat. 47 N., long. 37:20 W., and expecting to pass about four miles to the southward of, as a good look-out was kept from the bridge and masthead, but no indications of any rocks were visible. Weather fine, slight ground sea from westward, and very clear on the horizon. Any object a foot above the water could have been easily distinguished within a radius of five or six miles. The latitude by observation at noon, gives the position of the steamer four miles to the N. of dead reckoning, therefore we must have actually sailed over the supposed rock, and if this rock does exist, it is not in the position reported. Our observations were carefully taken, and position can be relied upon; our chronometers giving accurate results; at the same time there was a brigantine about five or six miles to the northward of us, the hull of which vessel could be easily discerned.

THE "WOLCOTT" COMES SOUTH.

The United States revenue cutter Wolcott was among the arrivals from the north yesterday, calling at Union for steam coal en route down from Copper river to Seattle. She had landed all her passengers at the canneries, where the majority are going into winter quarters, although forty have made their way up the river a distance of fifty miles, where they propose engaging in winter prospecting. Some others are looking for a pass across to the headwaters of the Copper. No news was obtained by the Wolcott of the ice-bound whaling fleet, nor did she meet the U.S.S. Bear on her way to render relief. The weather is very mild in the vicinity of the Copper, nor is there any snow at the mouth of the river.

THE "WRESTLER'S" ROUGH VOYAGE.

The barkentine Wrestler, about whose safety some anxiety was felt, arrived late Wednesday evening from Caleta Buena with 800 tons of nitrate, 500 for the Hamilton Powder Company, and 300 for the Victoria chemical works. The Wrestler left Caleta Buena on October 17, and after making a fair run was becalmed north of Santiago for twenty-two days. Six days out from Caleta Buena a series of heavy gales struck the vessel, and Captain Neilson was ten days without sleep looking after his vessel. After entering the straits the barkentine was becalmed three days at Race Rocks.

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Contribute the Annual Entertainment of the Knights of Pythias at Duncan.

DUNCAN, Dec. 16.—(Special)—The Duncan encampment of Knights of Pythias held their annual entertainment at the Agricultural hall yesterday evening, when a crowded house was present to enjoy the favorite old opera bouffe of "Les Cloches de Corneville," well given by the Nanaimo Amateur Operatic Society. After the opera and supper were over the customary dance took place, with a well filled floor. The caste of the opera was as under:

Serpolette [the good-for-nothing].....Mrs. L. T. Davis
Germaine [the lost Marchioness].....Miss Allen
Gertrude [a village maiden].....Mrs. Peto
Henri [Marquis of Corneville].....Mr. A. Planta
Jean Grenicheux [a fisherman].....Mr. Gus Bate
Gaspard [a miser].....Mr. A. A. Davis
The Bailli.....Dr. W. F. Drysdale
Registrar.....Mr. Geo. D. Barlow
Assessor.....Mr. Geo. Rowlands
Notary.....Mr. G. H. Cross

Chorus—Mesdames Heyland, Honeyman, Moseley, Peto, Rogers. Misses McKinnell, Stetan, Mebius, A. and E. Booth, J. and E. Teague, McNair. Messrs. Smith, Rowland, Cross, Jones, Rogers, Parks, Hockman, Priestley, Allen, Dunn, Wilson, Dempster, Teague, Dykes, Gibbs.

STORMS ON IRISH COAST.

The Great Atlantic Liners Report Terrific Weather Causing General Delays.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 16.—The violent weather which has prevailed for several days along the Irish coast continues without abatement. The Majestic, carrying 1,700 sacks of mail, sailed from this port today in the face of the gale. The Pennland, bound from Liverpool for Philadelphia, arrived here several hours late and reported terrific weather. She will remain over night. The British bark Sita, from Cardinal for Talcahuano, put in here to-day, having been seriously damaged by seas breaking over her. The Campania and Canada, which are due, will probably not stop.

GERMAN ARMY REFORMS.

Bill to Remodel the Procedure at Military Trials Now Under Discussion.

BERLIN, Dec. 16.—In the reichstag to-day the debate over the bill for the reform of the military judicial procedure was commenced. The imperial chancellor, Prince Hohenlohe, declared that the measure introduced the system of oral direct procedure, and while separating the duties of the judge, prosecutor, and defining counsel, it afforded means of redress by way of complaint, appeal or revision. The final decision would rest with tribunals and actual trial would be public, except when public interests or the military service would suffer thereby. Any further assimilation to the civil code was precluded by military considerations.

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Argument That the Be Coerced Throu ing Privi

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 representatives this aft chairman of the commi fairs, secured unanimou consideration of the bil Senate yesterday to pro ing by citizens of the U explained its scope an necessity for its enactme (Ills.) thought that a tim placed on the operation in case the negotiation American citizens would vantage.

Mr. Hitt said the Unit ment did not admit th was a right. It was a ba pressing upon Great Br for protection of the seal ments had already agree sincere we would pass th

Mr. Johnson, (N.D.) speech of an hour in opp He said he had been shamed by the comp American rights and h tribunal. He was partic his reference to Hon. Jo termed the "great surre was his reputation in thi had paid him $100,000 fo Japan. He created mu enumerating some of th Paris tribunal, and said that the experts, who ha much out of the governm to keep up an agitation them to draw big sala world at the expen lic. Mr. Johnson, as ano question, described the d fish by the seals. The the catch at the fisheri coast and Alaska he diminution of the seal wolves of the sea had b he said, we would not be the miners in Alaska. ten pounds of fish a d Alaska would become fishery in the world if the fish were destroyed.

Mr. Hepburn, Iowa, ex ion that the United Stat at any time to compel this whole question as to sealing was not worth per annum. The bonding to Canadian roads, over solute control, is worth much to Canada as the ri ing. He advocated weapon to be used to terms, and said he coul why it had not already b

Mr. Loud, California, in bill, argued that if Amer to be bound, it was adv should be bound jointly of Great Britain.

Mr. H