

PROPITIATING THE DEVIL

Natives of Flowery Kingdom Conduct Strange Ceremonies With an Oriental Display of Barbic Splendor.

agan Rites Imbued With Mystery to the People of a Civilized Country Take Place in Chinatown.

The feast of Gin Gu, the triennial ceremony in which the Chinese propitiate the evil spirits of all sorts and kinds, was celebrated yesterday and today around in legions all invisible to the ungodly eye, came to an end about daylight this morning, after four days of "kow towing," sauntering and "kwan" worship of "Guy Fawkes"-like paper gods, and Chinatown again resumed its everyday tranquility.

The East Lillooet Petition. Argument Upon Preliminary Points Before Mr. Justice Martin in Chambers.

This morning the summons to strike out the petition of Stodart v. Prentice came on before Mr. Justice Martin in chambers.

After this ceremony nothing was of interest to the spectator, who saw in all this idolatry nothing more than he would at a circus or a fair, until late in the evening.

The gods they had set up worship in the alley were almost indescribable. One of these was a tall, thin, stick-like figure, from which two paper gods stood out like a Chinese Punch and Judy show.

In the joss house were more gods of a similar character, and on a raised stand in front of them was a table spread with pyramids of sweets, fruits and liquors, all awaiting the consecration of the gods to sample them.

After several hours of worship and chanting before the paper gods the pagan cavalcade and their following of sightseers went to the theatre and there the actors played the dragon.

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LATE NEWS OF THE NORTH

About Thirty Dawsonians Arrive by the Steamer Dirigo - The Sinking of a Scow Costs Two Lives.

Dawson Fire the Result of an Accident - Three People Thought to Have Been Lost in the Flames.

Steamer Dirigo arrived from Lynn Canal about eight o'clock last evening after a very stormy passage. She had about ninety passengers, twenty of whom were from Dawson.

The Dawson fire occurred on the morning of the 19th, and was caused by a small fire in a stove in the kitchen.

The scow was a small vessel which was being used for the purpose of carrying supplies to the mine.

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AN ALASKAN DIVORCE

Finney's Alakask for Whiskey Causes Him the Loss of His Indian Wife.

William C. Attwood, who has returned from the Klondike to spend the winter, has the following story of a divorce proceeding that he witnessed at Circle City.

Ellen, an Indian maiden, was married to a miner named Finney by the United States commissioner at Circle City. They lived in a log cabin, and she was his only wife.

Finney was called to testify on his own behalf, and he said that he had married Ellen away from me.

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SURE CURE FOR COLDS. When the children get their feet wet and take cold give them a hot foot bath, a bowl of hot drink, a dose of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, and put them to bed.

GOOD WORK OF THE POLICE

A Gang of Thieves Captured in a Sloop by the Vigilance and Energy of the Guardians of the Peace.

The Men Believed to Have Committed the Pichon Burglary and Other Thefts Are in the Toils.

At an early hour this morning, before the Victoria generally were astir, three men were arrested by the police.

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WONT VISIT SPAIN. Messina, Island of Sicily, Nov. 19. - The Emperor and Empress of Germany arrived here yesterday. They will remain in Messina for a few days.

COMPANIES ACT, 1897

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, desire to form a company for the purpose of building, equipping and operating a single deck tramway, and a street railway, beginning at a point on the Esplanade, in the City of Victoria, B. C., and terminating at the point of the Province of British Columbia, where the waters of the Pine Creek flow.

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NOTICE. Rectification of Crown Grant. Whereas, on the 3rd day of February, 1888, a Crown grant was issued to William Ross Dick, for Lot 4, being the parcel of land described as follows.

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THE FIELD OF

Enormous Increase in Production - An Official Estimate for 1898.

Washington, November 19. - The director of the Geological Survey has issued a report on the production of gold in the United States during the year 1898.

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