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TO RAISE THE CORONA.

A Wrecking Expedition Leaves Victoria on Sunday to Float the Steamer.

The Maitland-Kersey Company Add More Steamers to Their Fleet.

There being no alternative, the law requiring that only Canadian vessels be employed as wreckers in connection with the saving of the partially submerged Corona, preparations towards complying with the law in this respect are now being made. Capt. Charles Goodall, the managing owner of the stranded ship, will arrive here from the Sound on the City of Kingston in furtherance of these propositions, and it is expected, although not positively certain, that Captain Metcalf is also on his way here from San Francisco to superintend the wrecking operations to be commenced in the course of a week. The Corona's underwriters are the parties who will stand the expense of salving the ship, and it is understood Captain Metcalf, who, it will be remembered had charge of the removal of the Cleveland from the rocks where she struck on the West Coast, has been appointed to float the Corona if possible and take her either to Esquimalt or Tacoma for repairs. In anticipation of all this, the Maude was busy yesterday loading machinery for the work, and on leaving here for the North on Sunday will carry upwards of 100 tons of this cargo, including some very powerful pumps belonging to the C.P.N. company and other steam appliances of the most modern kind used in such work. The position as well as the condition of the Corona to-day is indeed peculiar, lying at the entrance to channel with her bow hard on a reef a little to the southward of Lewis island, she is exposed to any southerly gale. Her decks have already been swept clear of all housework, and while at low water her keel is dry to the forward mast, her stern is totally submerged and weighted down with tons of cargo in her hold. There is such a slope to her decks that one can hardly walk them. Under these circumstances one of the first considerations in the raising of the ship will be to strengthen her decks with timbers placed just within the after hatch, for, notwithstanding the ship being an iron one, it is claimed that no deck will support more than seven feet of water. This done, an effort will be made to patch up the hold. All cargo will then be removed, and by this time when the pumps are put to work, it is believed that pretty nearly all the buoyancy required to float the steamer will be obtained. The undertaking, though an extremely difficult one, is confidently looked forward to as being feasible and likely to prove successful. A ship of the Corona's dimensions, namely 220x35x9½ feet, is worth to her owner considerable more now than she would have been a year ago, in view of the great demand for vessels, and to save her is a matter worth doing at almost any cost. The Corona's accident, local underwriters say, is sure to increase insurance rates on all vessels plying in northern waters, and as a matter of fact insurance companies are now awaiting the arrival of instructions from head offices advising them accordingly. In regard to the Corona's cargo, it is not known yet whether it will be sent back to the Sound or not, but it is expected it will be shipped, as was the Cleveland's, to Victoria in bond for one of the cities of the Sound.

BUILDING MORE STEAMERS.

The Maitland-Kersey Transportation Company through their energetic manager, Frank M. Yorke, are rapidly advancing their preparations to participate in the Northern trade. There arrived in Cadboro bay for the company yesterday the 90-foot steam launch Monte Cristo of Mt. Vernon, Wash., which the campany recently purchased. This steamer is to run between Wrangel and the mouth of the Stikine, and when navigation opens on the river will work up stream. From Wrangel to the Stikine there is intericate navigation at certain stages of the tide, but over this the Monte Cristo can run with upwards of 100 passengers with comparative safety, as may be judged from the following dimensions. Keel, 90 feet; beam, 22 feet; draft, 13 inches. Plans for a very fast twin-screw launch were yesterday received by Mr. Yorke. This vessel will be 70 feet long and will be used principally for the accommodation of the members of the company in addition to doing some towing on the upper Stikine. If not used for this she will be built on Teslin Lake, the company having not yet full decided which of the two plans they will pursue. The keels for the new steamers building on the Star ways have already been laid and work is progressing very favorably. Mr. Maitland-Kersey, one of the promoters of the company, is expected to arrive from the East to-morrow and will here open offices and make other arrangements for the coming season's business.

A SERVICE OF DELAYS.

It was not until late yesterday evening that the carpenters completed their work on the steamer Thistle, and in consequence it will not be until this morning sometime when the steamer sails for the North. The Richard III, which is to go up in tow of the Lorne, was also delayed, and she too will sail to-day. The third steamer that was to have left yesterday, the Queen, will according to information at hand last evening, be taking her departure early this morning. In the appearance of the Thistle a great change has been wrough, but the change has been chiefly in the addition of nearly sixty berths. Among the passengers booked all with the exception of some three or four are from Seattle, and have outfitted here. Among them are Wm. Moran, G. L. Wearn, Andrew Jackman, L. A. Sloan, D. K. Glass, J. T. McGinnity, Mrs. McGinnity, R. W. Lefarqay, W. J. Crossman, H. J. Davys, Lewis Davys, Lowena Davys, Joe Johnson, J. D. Bryant, Ed. Wait, G. W. Ladd, D. R. Reid, Amos C. Clanse, R. Cunningham, W. Cavil, J. R. Fraust, Chas. Murphy and W. Bryan. The passenger lists for the Thistle and Richard III have not yet been completed. The latter is principally a freight carrier, but the passengers who embark on her will have more room to themselves, owing to the immense size of the vessel, than falls to the lot of most travellers bound North.

BOOKED IN ADVANCE.

It is an easy matter with steamboat companies now to get either passengers or freight for Northern ports, as records for the past month will show. The regularity and frequency with which vessels are despatched seems in no way to reduce the traffic, and steamers listed to sail several days hence have booked for them almost full loads. The first of these, locally, is the Danube, scheduled to sail to-morrow. As freight this steamer has 500 tons of coal for the Treadwell mines, 300 tons of general merchandise, principally groceries and miners' supplies, 45 horses and 50 dogs.

A FAVORABLE YEAR.

Statement of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Fifth Regiment Band for 1897.

An interesting statement of the revenue, payments to bandsmen and expenses of the band of the Fifth Regiment for the year ending December 31, 1897, has just been prepared. It shows the band's total earnings for the year $4,644.08, made up as follows: Receipts for outside engagements, $2,472.03; receipts from drill hall concerts, $2,023.55; receipts for guard of honor, February 8, $6.25, and for May 8, $10.25; and drill pay per service roll, $132. Appearing on the other side of the band's account are expenses for drill hall concerts, amounting to $514.55; fees for bandsmen while at outside engagements, $2,388.50; for drill hall concerts, $1,352.45; for guard of honor, $16.50; and for drill pay, $132. Standing to the credit of the band's fund as a result of the year's work is $240.30. The earnings divided average $160.

During the year the band gave 33 drill hall concerts, with an average return of $41. They gave 15 concerts at Beacon Hill, for which they received a $500 grant from the city council, and 21 concerts at Mount Baker hotel. In the band's charitable and complimentary performances were the following: A concert at the residence of Mrs. A. J. Smith for the benefit of the Jubilee hospital, a concert for the passengers of the steamship Empress of China at William Head; a concert at the drill hall for the benefit of the "Victoria advertising fund"; three concerts for the benefit of the "new instrument fund": and a concert for a lacrosse match given at Caledonia park for the benefit of the P. O. Home.

VOLKERT VEDDER DEAD.

Tidings of the sudden death of Volkert Vedder at the residence of his son, A. S. Vedder, M.P.P., were received on Monday evening and spread rapidly through the community. Shortly before 6 o'clock, on going to call him to supper, he was found sitting in his chair, as if asleep, but no response was made to the call. His easy posture and peaceful face clearly indicated death without a struggle. Mr. A. S. Veddar was absent at Matsqui inspecting work on the dyke, but was at once communicated with.

Mr. Vedder was born in Schnectady, N.Y., on November 3, 1808, and was therefore in his ninetieth year. About 1848 he made his home in Chicago, but came to California in 1850, and returning to his old home the next year brought his three sons back with him to the Coast. Of the little family party only one, Mr. A. S. Vedder, now survives. In 1859 he came to B.C., settling at Sumas the following year, and he has lived ever since in the valley, coming to live with his son at Sardis in 1882, having lost his wife in the early fifties. Few men were better known or more universally respected than Mr. Vedder. For nearly sixty years he was a member of the Methodist church, and for over thirty has been known as one of the old guard of that denomination in the valley. An extreme old age crept upon him he retained to a wonderful degree his cheerfulness and brightness of spirit. He has for years been the life and inspiration of every religious gathering which he has attended.

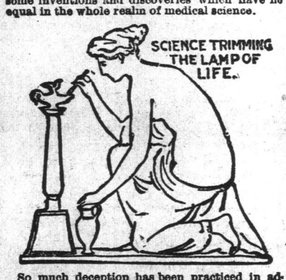
Free Trial To Any Honest Man

The Foremost Medical Company in the World in the Cure of Weak Men Makes this Offer.

HEALTH AND ENERGY ASSURED. HAPPY MARRIAGE, GOOD TEMPER, LONG LIFE.

In all the world to-day—in all the history of the world—no doctor nor institution has treated and restored so many men as has this famed ERIE MEDICAL CO. of Buffalo, N. Y.

This is due to the fact that the company controls some inventions and discoveries which have no equal in the whole realm of medical science.



So much deception has been practiced in advertising that this grand old company now for the first time makes this startling offer:—

They will send their costly and magically effective appliance and a whole month's course of restorative remedies, positively on trial without expense to any honest and reliable man!

Not a dollar need be advanced—not a penny paid—till results are known to and acknowledged by the patient.

The Erie Medical Company's appliance and remedies have been talked about and written about all over the world, till every man has heard of them.

They restore or create strength, vigor, healthy tissue and new life.

They quickly stop drains on the system that sap the energy.

They cure nervousness, despondency and all the effects of evil habits, excesses, overwork, etc.

They give full strength, development and tone to every portion and organ of the body.

Failure is impossible and age is no barrier.

This "Trial without Expense" offer is limited by the company to a short time, and application must be made at once.

No C. O. D. scheme, no bogus philanthropy nor deception, no exposure—a clean business proposition by a company of high financial and professional standing.

Write to the ERIE MEDICAL COMPANY, BUFFALO, N.Y., and refer to seeing the account of their offer in this paper.

FLOODED WITH ORDERS

Local Outfitters Supply Scores of American Nugget Seekers During the Week.

Why Victoria Is Favored by People From the States as an Outfitting Place.

The past week with local outfitters has, without doubt, been the best they ever experienced. When it is considered that up to the present time the majority of customers have come here from the Coast states, and that the rush from Eastern Canada has not yet set in, some idea of the magnitude of the business that will be done here in connection with outfitting prospective miners may be arrived at.

Many of the Americans who left thousands of dollars with Victoria merchants during the past week were, according to statements made to the Colonist and published, simply compelled to come here to outfit, owing to the favorable conditions that exist here. In the first place they wanted to avoid any trouble in regard to obtaining mining licenses. Then, too, they were anxious to save the duty of about 30 per cent. charged on American goods; and above all, they knew by careful investigation that they could get a better class of goods at lower prices here than in any other Coast city.

Many Americans who outfitted here openly stated that they were led to visit Victoria by information furnished them in Seattle from the "Bureau of Information" established there by British Columbia cities. In obtaining this information they say there was no attempt made by the people in charge of the bureau to mislead, for a subsequent visit to this city proved all the statements made in regard to outfitting and transportation to be absolutely correct. Seattle's effort to shut off this method of conveying information to prospective miners who visit the city, by the imposition of an absurdly high license, is characterized by the Americans who have favored Victoria with their patronage as a high-handed piece of business which will in the end work the city more harm than good.

Of the many statements made by Americans in regard to Victoria's advantages as an outfitting point, it is interesting at the present time to publish a few samples.

The following high testimonial from Harry Phillips and party of Fruita, Colorado, was given after the party visited Seattle and finally coming here purchased their supplies:

Victoria, Jan. 22, 1898.

Messrs. Gilmore & McCandless, Victoria:

Dear Sirs,—Before leaving for the Yukon we desire to thank you for the very satisfactory manner in which our outfits were put up, consisting of clothing, shoes, etc. We are convinced, after examining the prices in Seattle, that we have saved considerable money besides the duty, which on our outfits of clothing, shoes, etc., alone would amount to about $40 per man.

Harry Phillips and Party.
Fruita, Col.

Perhaps the best object lesson furnished to prospetive miners yet was the purchase here last week by Mr. S. A. Wiltsie, of the customs department at Seattle, of several outfits for miners he is grab-staking.

"We are saving at least 15 to 20 per cent., outside of the duty of 30 per cent., by purchasing our outfits here, and we have nothing but words of praise for the thoroughly businesslike way in which your merchants attended to our wants here."

The above statement was made at the beginning of the week by the head of a party of nugget seekers composed of W. H. Bailey, A. McConnell and Geo. McVey, of San Francisco, and Ben. Hill, of Philadelphia. They took into the Northern country outfits for two years. "Although we are all Americans we have passed Seattle by to outfit here. We were in that town and carefully looked into prices, but are convinced that we save over $100 on each of our outfits purchased here."

Mr. T. M. Qualls, one of a large party from Los Angeles, added the above evidence as to Victoria's advantages, to the mass which is daily accumulating. His party left several thousand dollars here, having purchased two years' supplies.

Statements similar to the above sufficient to fill several columns could be given, but these are strong enough in themselves to show that Victoria is rapidly forcing to the front as an outfitting point.

From many points in the Southern and Western States Mr. W. G. Cameron, the Johnson street outfitter, has this week received inquiries as to prices of outfits, and the accommodation furnished prospective miners here.

From Germantown, Marshall county, Minnesota, he has been asked to state his figures for outfitting a party of thirty to forty men. Still another inquiry comes from Huntsville, Alabama, from a doctor who expects to go North with a party, and wishes to know if he can get a good outfit at reasonable prices in Victoria.

The remainder of the Everett, Washington state, party who are registered at the Dominion, arrived yesterday, and will proceed north on Sunday. In the party, which numbers thirteen, are Mr. and Mrs. Backman, Laplanders, who are determined to seek their fortune in the frozen north. The party obtained their complete outfit here, after looking carefully into prices at Seattle.

Mr. P. D. Whitehead and Mr. W. W. Winward, of the Gypsy Queen Gold Mining Co., Chicago, and who represent a large number of miners who will leave Tacoma shortly for the Northern gold fields, are guests at the Driard. The party, which is composed of practical men, will probably start from Victoria early next week, taking a steamer to the mouth of the Stikine, thence up the river to Telegraph creek. Nearly all the members of the party are Americans, and many of them will outfit here.

Mr. Winward was formerly general manager of "The Fair" at Chicago, one of the largest departmental stores on the continent. Mr. Whitehead was formerly in the mining and coal business in Chicago.

A party of Virginians, compased of W. H., W. M. and J. M. Gregory, arrived in the city yesterday for the purpose of obtaining their outfits for the North, and are registered at the Victoria hotel. They visited San Francisco and carefully looked into prices in that city before deciding to outfit in Victoria.

LEAD SHIPPERS SQUEEZED.

One Uncomfortable Result of Having to Use United States Smelters.

J. M. Harris, of the Reco mine, says the Kaslo News, favors an intelligent organization on the part of Northwestern mining men. "Among other matters requiring adjustment," said he, "is the injustice inflicted upon shipping mines in the matter of duties charged by the United States government upon lead ores imported from British Columbia. The smelter makes a reduction of 10 per cent. upon all lead received, on account of waste and shrinkage, so that the shipper only receives 90 per cent. of the lead in each consignment, but in spite of this fact the government charges full duty on the entire amount. In all the published statements and comparative estimates of the past and prices of lead which I have seen, the new import duty of $1.50 per hundred has been figured with no mention of the added loss resulting from the government's charge for the full amount. So that with lead at $4 it has been stated that the net returns would be $2.50. These figures are misleading, as a reduction of 40 cents should first be made from the quoted price of $4, after which the tariff of $1.50 reduces the net proceeds to $2.10 per hundred.

"On shipments of lead ores to Swansea smelters we receive credit for the full amount, so that it would seem that either the Swansea people are genuine philanthrophists, or we are paying too much tribute to the American smelters. The deduction for moisture supposed to be contained in our ores is often excessive. These matters might properly be brought within the province of the Northwest Mining Association, and if no relief can be had at this time from the smelters we should at least secure a reduction of the government tariff so that the payment of duties will be decreased to correspond with the smelter returns."

ARE ROBBING PEOPLE.

A Wail Comes From Those Who Bought Supplies in Seattle.

Seattle is winning unenviable notoriety. It is reported by people who have gone there to purchase supplies that merchants are resorting to the most unscrupulous methods to defraud strangers. And the merchants who gain the advantage of the customer do not hesitate to brag about it. The motto seems to be, get all you can, no matter what the means.

As a result of the avariciousness of these dishonest mercantile sharks, people are being defrauded in the most flagrant manner. All the merchants in Seattle are by no means dishonest, but there are so many who take advantage of the people who do their trading there that it is becoming impossible to sift the good from the bad. People are being charged exorbitant prices for inferior goods, and short-weight is being given. Some of the goods sold to the miners have been found to be utterly worthless when they were opened at the point of destination.

Some of the shops which have sprung up there are mushroom stores, which have a temporary location until after the rush is over, and the angry miner when he returns to settle accounts with the man who has cheated him, will find him gone. The miner who goes in to buy a stock of supplies is not apt to see what the merchant has sold to him until he gets across Chilcoot, and then it is too late.

Some of the goods which have been sold to the unsuspecting miners have been found utterly worthless for the trip. It is this policy which is bringing the Seattle merchants into unfavorable repute, and several letters have been received in this city calling attention to the swindling methods which are being practiced, and some of these letters are finding their way East, and the result cannot be gratifying.

Portland people are wasting no sympathy on those who have allowed themselves to become the dupes of these merchants, but the lesson which is being learned over in Seattle will have its effect sooner or later.—Portland, Or., Tribune.

General Weyler's Troubles.

Madrid, Feb. 5.—Don Fernando Weyler, General Weyler's son, is seriously ill with gastric fever. The General is in constant attendance on his son and has received several telegrams from the Queen Regent asking for particulars as to the course of his illness. The General has replied expressing his gratitude for the interest her Majesty has taken in the case.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS.

CURE

Sick Headache and relieve all the troubles incident to a bilious state of the system, such as Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Distress after eating, Pain in the Side, &c. While their most remarkable success has been shown in curing

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Headache, yet Carter's Little Liver Pills are equally valuable in Constipation, curing and preventing this annoying complaint, while they also correct all disorders of the stomach, stimulate the liver and regulate the bowels. Even if they only cured

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Ache they would be almost priceless to those who suffer from this distressing complaint, but fortunately their goodness does not end here, and those who once try them will find these little pills valuable in so many ways that they will not be willing to do without them. But after all sick head

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is the bane of so many lives that here is where we make our great boast. Our pills cure it while others do not.

Carter's Little Liver Pills are very small and very easy to take. One or two pills make a dose. They are strictly vegetable and do not gripe or purge, but by their gentle action please all who use them. In vials at 25 cents five for $1. Sold everywhere, or sent by mail

CARTER MEDICINE CO., New York.

Small Pill. Small Dose. Small Price.

A SKAGWAY TRAGEDY.

Double Murder at the Border Town, Followed by a Third Death and a Probable Lynching.

The Exodus From Dawson Has Ceased—Major Walsh Buys Provisions—The Fatal Cold.

Skagway has witnessed a double murder and, if the passengers by the City of Seattle are to be believed in the matter, a lynching. The circumstance of the case are particularly pathetic, and the news, received by the incoming of the fast W. & A. boat early this morning, constitutes the chief item in her budget of Northern intelligence.

MacGrath, a young resident of the town was the first victim of the killing; the second was Marshal Rowan, who since the establishment of Skagway has acted as guardian of law and order in a sometimes troublesome community. The murderer was a bartender, Ed. Fay by name, against whom sentiment ran so high that when he had been arrested by a self-sworn police committee of citizens his fate was apparently sealed. According to their arrangements he was to pay the penalty of his deed on the very day the Seattle pulled out on her southward journey the 1st of this month.

It was not so much the killing itself that kindled the indignation of the rough and populace, but the fact that a third innocent victim was practically s'ain by the same bullet that pierced the heart of her husband, Mrs. MacGrath, who had been confined the morning of the shooting, being at the time of the fatality in so weak a condition that the terrible news was more than her strength was capable of bearing.

MacGrath had been playing cards in the saloon at which Fay acted as bartender, and, according to the stories told by the the Seattle's passengers, became involved in an altercation over a money loss in which he charged the house with being implicated. Fay retorted by evicting the complaining patron of the establishment. He was gone only long enough to interest Marshal Rowan in his story and return in that officer's company.

Fay had prepared for just such a contingency, and as they entered drew his revolver and without words fired first at MacGrath and then at the marshal, with fatal effect in each instance. He was disarmed as soon as the crowd attracted by the shooting had time to realize the situation, and when the death of Mrs. MacGrath was announced the feeling against him became so greatly intensified that the original intention, to send him to Juneau by the first boat, was promptly abandoned in favor of a vigilantes' trial and summary execution. He had not paid the debt of his crime at the time the Seattle sailed, but it was generally understood was to hang on the evening of Tuesday last. MacGrath and his wife were formerly residents of Mount Vernon, Wash., where the latter was well connected, and both were generally esteemed.

Of the Klondike news brought by the just arrived steamer there is little to say. Summarized, it is but confirmation of the former reports that very few Dawsonians are now coming to the coast, and news subjects in the upper Yukon district are generally exhausted. About twenty in all had arrived at the coast during a fortnight, and of these only eight were sufficiently enamoured of the delights of civilization to come further than Skagway. All but one of these left the Seattle here, their names being: Frank Lapierre, C. Ferron, Charles Yeager, John McDonald, J. Bigelow and Charles Harris. Charles Lake, of Reno, Nevada, went on to his home.

The 27th of December is the latest Dawson date brought by any of the returned residents of the golden North, and to quote Mr. Lake, "nothing worth the telling has happened there since Captain Ray wrote his letter to Captain Healey as to the situation down the river." No special new strikes had been reported—no disorders had arisen or serious accidents occurred.

A Canadian mail had on the 26th ultimo reached the Klondike capital to gratify the hope long deferred, and a second consignment of letters was expected to get through before the present time. Major Walsh was passed by the new arrivals still encamped at the Salmon. He had determined not to tempt the river until April, and to meet the necessities of his party had purchased two tons of provisions from parties on the Hootalinqua, paying therefor at the top-line rate of $2 a pound. His own re-stock had got as far only as the foot of Lake Lebarge, to which point is as far as horses can travel.

Aside from the murder and its probable sequel, the chief excitement in Skagway during recent weeks has been that occasioned through the arrival in camp of a couple of men who had been exposed to hard weather while taking a trip up to the summit. One of these had been suffering from pneumonia, which his arduous experience intensified so that he expired as the town was reached. His companion had both feet badly frozen and came down by the Seattle to obtain more efficient treatment than the border town affords.

Among the other passengers by the Seattle were Messrs. Fullerton and Perry, of the C.P.R., who have been visiting Wrangel for the purpose of making arrangements in connection with the plans of the Canadian road for catering for the Northern trade, which preparations they have completed to their apparent satisfaction. The Corona, when the Seattle passed her, was lying in exactly the same position as the morning after she struck—swinging little if any, and seemingly offering no insuperable difficulties to those undertaking the work of wrecking her.

Charles C. Yeager and J. J. MacDonald, of Dawson, who arrived here by the Seattle, are at the New England. They left on the 23rd and arrived on the seaboard in twenty-eight days, having stopped over several days on the way out. Mr. Yeager has been four years in the Yukon country. He was in Circle City when the first news of the Klondike discoveries reached there, but he did not arrive at the new gold fields until both Bonanza and Eldorado creeks were nearly all staked. He was fortunate enough, however, to be able to buy into several good claims which he has been working ever since and in which he is still interested.

The object of his trip out is for the purchase of supplies. He says he thinks that he can buy cheaper here than in any American city, and when the duty is taken into consideration, there is no doubt remaining in his mind that this city is the proper place in which to outfit. The Canadian customs officials according to his testimony are extremely strict and thorough in their inspections, and it is simply an impossibility to pass them, as many Americans have found out who have gone through recently.

With reference to the food supply of the Klondike, Mr. Yeager says that while he does not think there will be any starvation, there will on the other hand be no surplus when spring arrives. Wages have not been reduced in Dawson, and any good strong man can command a dollar and a half an hour.

The trail on the journey out was found in good condition, and when Yeager and MacDonald reached the head of Long lake, about eight miles the other side of the summit of the White pass, they found that a miner named Jackson had been brought in a few days before badly frozen.

When the company awoke in the morning and prepared to break camp, it was found that he had died as a result of the exposure. Jackson was from Washington state, and being an Odd Fellow, several members of that order had his body carried to Skagway, from which point it came down by the Seattle for burial. At the same camping place another poor fellow, who had some days before had his feet severely frozen, expired after three days' suffering.

The City of Seattle is understood to have had about $200,000 on board in gold dust and drafts.

THE CITY.

Juneau jail was a week or so ago destroyed by fire, the records going up in the smoke and flames, and the fourteen prisoners prematurely regaining their liberty. Several of the number are still breathing the air of freedom.

There was a large and appreciative gathering at the drill hall yesterday evening for the weekly promenade concert by the band of the Fifth Regiment. Vocal solos by the favorite tenor, Mr. James Pilling, constituted the extra attraction of the night.

A special sitting of the Full court has been convened for to-morrow to hear the appeal taken from Mr. Justice Walkem's decision in the case of E. & N. Railway Co. vs. New Vancouver Coal Co. The appeal is set for 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

Mr. G. J. Burnett, organist of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, announces his third organ recital of this season, to take place in two weeks, when an entire new programme will be rendered, including new vocal numbers by singers new to Victoria audiences.

On and after Monday the Beacon Hill and Pandora street cars of the street railway line will run every twenty minutes, leaving the termini at 5 minutes, 25 minutes and 45 minutes past the hour. This with the Douglas street cars will give a ten minute service between the city hall and Menzies street.

A most enjoyable concert and dance was held in South Saanich on Friday evening, by the North and South Saanich Agricultural Society. Supper was served after an excellent programme made up of tableaux, songs, recitations and instrumental solos was presented. Dancing filled in the remainder of the evening very pleasantly.

A Party, which will include Chet. Cunningham and Sam. Hutcheson, the electricians, and probably A. E. Belfry, is being organized here to carry on dredging operations on the Hootalinqua river. They will take in a large steel cyclinder and will work the bars of the river. A specially built sleigh will be used to carry the cyclinder over the snow.

Following is the programme for the entertainment to be given in A.O.U.W. Hall on Monday evening by the Knights and Ladies of the Maccabees: Miss Ross, piano solo; Mr. J.G. Brown, vocal solo. Farce, "Electric Episode (by special request); Mr. Fitzigig, E. E. Polglaize, Miss Deborah Mayflower, Miss Lillian Thompson, Miss Nellie Mayflower, Miss Eva Thorn, Mr. Richard Omonro, M. M. Jack, Miss Brown: Violin solo: Miss Telfor, dance Espagnole, Miss G. King. Vocal solo: Mr. Cordery, comic song, Messrs. Wilson and Steigner; selections on mandolin and guitar, Miss Corinne Telfor; vocal solo. First appearance in Victoria of "The Backwoods Amazons," with orchestral accompaniment. x

The members of Fernwood lodge of the C.O.O.F. at their meeting of last week, after the usual business of the lodge, held a concert at which the following programme was effectively carried out: Song, J. R. Wescott; song, Mr. Dewar; duet, Messrs. Dewar and Wescott; violin solo, Mr. G. E. Wilkinson; harmonica solo, Mr. Wescott; song, Mr. Dewar: song, Mr. Wilkinson; and instrumental duet, Messrs. Giles and Wilkinson. Next Tuesday evening Dauntless lodge of this flourishing order will meet to receive the report of the committee appointed to discuss the formation of a juvenile lodge and for the consideration of other important business. Ivy lodge of the order will meet to-morrow evening to further arrangements for the ball next Thursday evening.

A CLOUD OF WITNESSES.

Proclaim in no Uncertain Sound the Pain Annihilating Properties of South American Rheumatic Cure.

Here's evidence enough to convince the most skeptical that South American Rheumatic Cure does all that is claimed for it. Mrs. Parkin, of Binbrook, completely cured of sciatica with four bottles. W. Farlane, of Hamilton, laid up several weeks with acute rheumatism. Three bottles cured him. Mr. Sinclair, of Hamilton, over 70 years old, could not raise his hand to his head from rheumatism. Three bottles cured him. Mr. Adams, of Hamilton—sciatica so bad could not walk—cured in four days—and thousands more.

For sale by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.

If you once try Carter's Little Liver Pills for sick headache, billiousness or constipation you will never be without them. They are purely vegetable, small and easy to take. Don't forget this.

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ARE KEPT VERY BUSY.

Local Outfitters Again Increase Their Staffs in Order to Keep Pace With Orders.

More Strong Testimony From American Gold Hunters Who Obtained Outfits in Victoria.

"If the people of California were properly informed as to outfitting and transportation conditions in Victoria, your city could not, I believe, accommodate the crowds who would purchase their supplies for the North here. Before coming here I carefully inquired about the prices of outfits in San Francisco, and am convinced that I am saving from 15 to 20 per cent. exclusive of duty on dry goods, and am at least saving the 30 per cent. duty on provisions by purchasing in Victoria."

Mr. J. M. Phillips, of Stockton, Cala., who is a guest at the Dominion, and who is preceding a party of twelve from his town, made the above statement to a Colonist representative yesterday. He will go into the North by way of the Stikine river, and his party, who intend to prospect in the vicinity of the Hootalinqua river, will pack in two years' supplies for each man.

"Hundreds of people," said Mr. Phillips, "will leave Stockton and vicinity for the north during the next three weeks. Before I left home our party decided to send me to 'Frisco and Victoria to ascertain where we could outfit to the best advantage. I have already written back telling them to come here, as I find that not only in the matter of outfitting, but also as regards transportation and the obtaining of miner's licenses, the advantages are all with your city. As the result of my decision I have no doubt that many from Stockton will come to Victoria to outfit."

Mr. Phillips, who will go north with his party on the 15th inst., further said that the goods he had inspected here were of a better quality than any he could find in 'Frisco, besides being cheaper. He is of the opinion that Victoria outfitters are thoroughly up to their business, and predicts for them a tremendous business this spring. On the journey up Mr. Phillips met a prospective miner from Central America who stated that thousands were leaving that country for the north this spring.

Mr. John Gray, of Pacific Grove, Cal., and four others bound for the Yukon country, are also guests at the Dominion. They visited Seattle before coming here, being induced to visit Victoria on account of having to procure their mining licenses here, a fact they were unaware of until informed through the British Columbia bureau of information at Seattle. After obtaining their licenses they visited several outfitting establishments and were so favorably impressed with their treatment and the prices submitted that they decided to get all their supplies in Victoria. In the matter of dry goods in particular they say they are saving a nice little sum without taking into consideration the duty of 30 per cent. The party will go in by way of Skagway.

While a number of Seattle firms have been compelled to acknowledge, with the greatest reluctance, however, that perhaps Victoria could compete with them in several of the more important lines of dry goods, they have throughout the Klondike excitement spread broadcast the report that groceries and provisions in Canada were so much higher that even when the duty of 30 per cent. was taken into consideration they could undersell them.

In view of this argument it is interesting to note that one grocery and provision firm alone in Victoria has during the past week outfitted so many American parties that they have been compelled to double their staff of employees. Messrs. Simon Leiser & Co. at present have a small army of employees working night and day to fill orders, the majority of which are for Americans. The most partial and patriotic of the latter have candidly confessed that while the groceries and provisions used in the Northern trade were no cheaper than in American cities, they were, by purchasing here, saving the duty, no inconsiderable amount when the supplies of a large party were taken into consideration.

The following Americans have outfitted with Messrs. S. Leiser & Co. within the past few days: Sankey and Newmann, Minneapolis; E. M. Jocom and party, Colorado; Meiser, Buchholz and party, of Port Angeles; George Wolfert and son, from San Francisco; Crossman, Lefuge and party, Arizona. No less than twenty-six orders from Americans who are going North on the Islander on the 15th inst. have already been received by the same firm.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

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

CALIFORNIA FRUIT PEST.

Text of the German Government Precautionary Regulations.

Berlin, Feb. 5.—The Reichsanzeiger this evening publishes the text of an imperial ordinance dated to-day and worded as follows: "In order to prevent the introduction of the San Jose shield louse, the importation of living plants and fresh plant refuse from America, also barrels and boxes and other objects used in the packing thereof, is prohibited until further notice. The same prohibition applies to the despatch of fresh fruit and fresh fruit refuse from America, whenever the examination made at the place of entry may establish the presence of the San Jose louse. This prohibition does not apply in the case of goods which enter by ships and remain on the ships." The imperial chancellor has been empowered to grant exceptions and to make the necessary precautionary measures.

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THE REVIVAL SE

To Be Instituted This Eminent Eastern gelists.

Services for To-Day in th of Victoria and I trict.

The present week witness tion of the series of special services arranged by the Mi sociation and to be conduct L. W. Munhall of Philadelp by Professor Birch. The fo eloquent and impressive sp during several years of activ in his chosen field has been successful, not only in the Ea on the Mainland of this prov he has been quite recentl His companion, Professor Bir part of Sankey to Dr. Munhal being a sweet singer of sacred also an instrumentalist o ability, with a particular pa the cornet. Their united lab city will commence at the Fi terian church on Tuesday, an cording to expectations be i for some time.

At Christ church cathed there are to be the customary arranged for the day—Se Sunday—the preacher being deacon. The arrangements fo are as hereunder:

MORNING.

Matins and Holy Communion.
Hymns 83,

EVENING.

Anthem—"Seek Ye the Lord".
Hymns.....270, 238,

At St. John's, the rector, Rev Jenns, will preach at each sess ship, morning prayer being fo a celebration of holy commun the hymns to be sung are: In ing, 215, 254 and 317; and eve 83 and 23. The organ volun be:

MORNING.

"In the Beginning".....

EVENING.

"Now Heaven in Fullest Splend .....

"Achieved in Glorious Work"...

The following is the order of s St. Barnabas' church, the servi day commencing with holy euc 8 a. m., followed by litany at 1 holy eucharist at 11, and chor song with processions at seven- B. Haslam officiating at all se the day. The music is chosen under:

MORNING.

Simper's communion service in E
Hymns.....107, 32
Organ voluntaries:
Pastorale in G.....Bod
Minuet.....B
Ave Maria in D minor.....Poola

EVENING.

Hymns.....297, 53
Organ voluntaries:
The Star of Bethlehem.....
Violin concerto in G.....Men
Grand offertoire in G.....

At St. James' there will be r prayer and sermon at 11, ho munion at noon; Sunday school and children's service and baptis the rector preaching at all servic evening prayer with sermon at There are no special announc made for the Church of the Ho our, at Victoria West, where Rev. Beanlands preaches; for St. Cedar Hill; or for St. Paul's, malt.

Rev. Dr. Campbell will preach services in the First Presbyterian giving in the evening a special di on the theme, "Revival—wha What is the agent to produce a sc revival?" At St. Andrew's churc will be all the customary service Lord's day, the pastor, Rev. W Clay, officiating, and the session Y.P.S.C.E. being held on the co of the evening church exercises D. MacRae is to be at home congregation in St. Paul's, West, dispensing the Lord's Supp morning service; and Rev. J. C. takes the usual services in the churches.

For the Metropolitan M Church, Pandora avenue, the f announcements are made: Te church classes meet as usual; church service, with sermon by tor; 2:30 p. m., Sunday school a class, and 7 p. m., sermon by th upon "Lessons from the Upper In the Centennial Church Re Betts preaches both morning a ing, while the choir will presen gramme of sacred music especi tractive. At Victoria West both will be conducted by the pastor, P. Hicks, who will in the even liver his tenth sermon on "Pic the Kingdom," the special subje "The Marriage of the King's Son Sunday school hour is 2:30 and service at 6:30 precedes the even ship. At the Bay Church the p both morning and evening will George F. Swinnerton, who an for his morning subject "Agnos preaching in the evening a first on "Daniel," illustrated with views.

In Calvary Baptist church the Rev. Ralph W. Trotter, will p both services. It is Home Miss and after a 10-minute sermon children in the morning, the r gentleman will speak on "The of the Baptist Cause in Brit umbia." In the evening the will be "Reasons Why British C Should Be Evangelized," the o of baptism being subsequently istered. Home mission offering taken at all services. Mr. O. dall, of Emmanuel church, wil preacher of the day, "My So Me Thine Heart" being his su the morning, and "Isaac, the Promise" the evening theme. Mission, on Burnside road, also tomary service will be held this at 7 o'clock.

The Congregationalists meet ship in the Temperance hall, avenue, at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m pastor, Rev. P. C. L. Harris, p at the morning service from t Matt. ix., 13; and in the evenin as his subject "Helping the Lor

At the Church of Our Lord, R Episcopal, Rev. Dr. Wilson occu