

## Rich Placers At Atlin

Encouraging News From Gold  
Fields-The Sale of Town  
Lots.

Particulars of a Brutal Murder  
at Dawson-Other North-  
ern News.

The heaviest find made in the Atlin district during the winter is said to have been made by a man named McKay on claim No. 22 below discovery on Pine creek. He had eight men working five days and took out ten pounds of gold, giving him from \$1,500 to \$2,000. Dr. Mitchell, on 3 and 4 above discovery, on the same creek, is reported to have found a nugget weighing a pound.

Willow creek is turning out well. Spruce creek is promising below 90, but above there bedrock is too deep to be reached profitably. Otter creek is said to be almost worthless. Boulder is panning out well for a short distance above discovery and Wright creek shows some good nuggets for five or six claims above and below discovery. Ruby creek has one or two claims near discovery. There was too much snow on Dixie creek a week ago to make a forecast possible. The general impression is that the Atlin will have to be hydraulicked to bring out all that there is in it, and that ordinary sluicing will give out in a season or two.

Prices in Atlin City of ordinary commodities are in some instances cheaper than at Skagway. Flour, which was quoted at \$9 and \$10 for a 50lb sack in March, sells for \$8.50 to \$9. St. Charles cream has dropped from 50 cents a can to 25; fresh meat is sold for 25 cents a pound, and porthouse steaks for 40 cents; rice is 20 cents a pound; corn meal 15 cents, and ham and bacon 30 cents. Meats in the hotels have been reduced to 50 cents each, and single rooms for \$1 a night, while in one of Skagway's hotels \$1.50 a night is still charged for rooms. Wood is comparatively high, bringing from \$8 to \$10 a cord.

An auction sale of the lots at Atlin City in May resulted in nearly all being sold at prices ranging from \$175 to \$500 each.

The ice in Atlin Lake broke June 1, and in surprise-like a week later. The first boat of the season to arrive at Atlin was the steamer Glenier, which arrived here on June 6, with Captain John Irving in command. The steamer, whose skipper, Captain W. E. Spencer, was taken to Atlin on the Glenier to ply on the Atlin river.

Mr. E. Maitland, of Vancouver, who has returned from Atlin, says that big gold is being taken in the Atlin district. He saw a nugget lifted from a claim close to where he was working which was worth \$30. The premier nugget came from Pine creek No. 5 above discovery. It weighed 14 ounces 3 pennyweights. McDonald, on 21 below took out \$1,200 in three days. On Birch above discovery, many pans run \$10 and \$12. Charlie Lambert, of Vancouver, cleaned up \$300 on his claim in three days.

"French Joe," Blanchette, a well known prospector in the Atlin district, had a narrow escape from accidental suicide about two weeks ago. He was pulling a title from behind the bars in his cabin, when in some way it discharged, the ball entering his arm at the wrist and coming out above the elbow. The bullet narrowly missed his heart. A week ago, when the lady people to the left, Atlin, Blanchette was recovering, and it was not believed that he would lose the use of his arm.

Willow creek, in the Atlin district, has a vigilance committee to get rid of claim jumpers. One man was driven from that district for attempting to work a claim he had jumped, and it is said that others have been ordered out of the country.

Brutal Murder at Dawson.

Particulars of the killing of James P. Prater at Dawson on the 31st of May are to hand. Arthur Goddard, of Seattle, coolly admitted his responsibility for Prater's death, remarking, "I was his partner, and he was a traitor to me." Prater was found in his cabin with his head crushed by a blow from a hatchet and his throat cut with a razor from ear to ear. Goddard remained in the room after killing his companion, and greeted George Hill, a friend of both, who called at the cabin, with the announcement, "Jimmy's throat is cut. I want you to take care of the case."

Hill hurriedly took in the situation and notified Police Captain Harper. The officer found Prater curled up in his bunk, unconscious and breathing heavily. Goddard stood near the bedside, and when asked why he had committed the crime simply said: "I don't know," though he had previously talked otherwise.

"What did you strike Prater with?" asked Captain Harper. "A hatchet," Goddard answered mechanically. The implement, blood-stained and with evidence of the truth of the assassin's words, was found in the room, as also the razor. Goddard telling where he had secreted both. The murderer was then lodged in jail.

Further than his claim that Prater had shown himself a traitor, he would give no explanation of why he had taken his friend's life.

Prater was a native of England, 35 years of age, and a printer by trade. From New York he went to Alaska, where he found work as a printer on the Tugson Searchlight. He had been about a year at Dawson.

Goddard is about 21 years old. He went to the Klondike in company with Prater and Hill.

A possible cause of increase of certain intestinal troubles is found by Dr. Sharp in the use of cooking utensils of enameled iron. The enamel is liable to crack and peel off in large flakes, which are very sharp, and are shown to be difficult to pick off of certain vegetables, such as spinach or cabbage, so that many people are less than careful. Care to discard such utensils as soon as defects appear is advised.

## Local News.

CLEANINGS OF CITY AND  
CONDENSED FORM.

(From Friday's Daily.)

—Passengers by the Garland yesterday stated that the railway people in Fort Angeles are pushing construction work on the road, and that they are now driving piles in the harbor preparatory to building a dock for handling their new business.

—Routine business was disposed of at the annual meeting of the Board of Trade Building Society yesterday afternoon. The annual report was considered satisfactory, and the president, the retiring directors, Messrs. Plummer, Renout and Swinerton, were re-elected, as was also the auditor, Mr. A. W. More.

—Recognising the fact that the reduction of the charges at the Esquimalt dock will mean increased business for the fishermen, the ship carpenters are obtaining signatures to a petition calling upon the government to adhere to the new tariff. A large number of signatures are evidencing their support of the fishermen, the ship carpenters will be forwarded to Ottawa in a few days.

—On and after Sunday next, the 18th inst., a fifteen minute service will be given by the tramway company on Esquimalt road. Cars will leave Yates street at the hour and every fifteen minutes thereafter, and will make close connection with the Fort street cars. The first car will leave Victoria at 6 a. m. on week days and at 8 a. m. on Sundays, and the last car will leave at 11:15 p. m. on week days and 10:30 p. m. on Sundays.

The ninth yearly meeting of donors and subscribers to the Provincial Jubilee Hospital will be held on Friday, the 30th inst., at 4 p. m., in the hospital building. Annual reports and statements will be received from the directors and the treasurer up to May 31st, and there will be an election of four directors. Messrs. Helmecken, Joshua Davies, W. J. Dwyer and Alex. Wilson, retiring, but being eligible for re-election. Donors and subscribers can only vote for four members of the directors; the other eleven of the board being appointed by the provincial government, the city council and the French-Benevolent Society. All donors of money, and all subscribers of \$5 or more annually are eligible to vote for the election of directors.

Mrs. Clara Prager, widow of Dr. E. A. Prager, of Nanaimo, has sued the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York for \$11,250. She claims that the company, whose agent, Mr. Campbell, influenced her to believe that her husband had allowed his policy to lapse, and stated that to avoid a lawsuit the company would return to her \$1,300. She claims that the company has not paid in, with interest at 4 per cent. She accepted the statement as true and received the money, but after that later she found out she had been misinformed and deposited the money in a bank to the credit of the company. She now sues for the entire amount, with interest.

—A previously announced funeral of the late Henry Wilson, of Victoria, West, will take place from the residence, Springfield avenue, to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon at 4:30, and later from Carey Baptist church. He ceased as a carpenter and served his apprenticeship with the late Peter Wilson, of Spring Ridge. His death will be keenly felt by his many friends and acquaintances among whom he was always a favorite, and more especially by the members of Victoria West lodge No. 29, I. O. G. T., in which he was an earnest worker. He was for some time in the employ of the Victoria Lumber mill at Chemalans, where he also acted as organist in the Baptist church, but latterly was working in the engine room of the steamer Danube, owned by the C. P. N. Co.

—Despatches from Portland are to the effect that the ceremony of installing the new Archbishop of Oregon, Most Reverend Dr. Christie, was made the occasion of a remarkable demonstration of welcome. Reported from Seattle by a large delegation, the new Archbishop, on his arrival in Portland, was greeted by the ringing of the church bells. He proceeded to the mansion and thence to the cathedral, wearing the pontifical vestments. The ceremony of installation was simple, three bishops and thirty-four priests taking part. In the evening an immense crowd thronged the Marquess Grand Opera. House, where the public reception was held. The mayor of the city was among the speakers and much enthusiasm was displayed. Acknowledging the kind words addressed to him, Archbishop Christie expressed regret at being sent away from Victoria, whose people he loved, but it was a source of satisfaction to be again in his native land.

—Harry Kirchbaum, of Wrangell, who killed an Indian named Frank, on Klamook on December 21st in the Standard saloon at Wrangell, has been convicted of manslaughter. A motion for a new trial has been made.

—An intoxicated pedestrian fell into the harbor this morning opposite Bellevue street. The accident was noticed by a young boy who lives with Mr. Beckwith, of the customs, and he set out in a skiff and succeeded in landing the man none the worse for his involuntary bath.

The Humane Society of Canada is being applied to for fitting the crew of the gallant rescue effected by William Cotford during the yacht races. Mr. Cotford jumped overboard at imminent risk of his life and rescued Daniel McKay, whose throat was cut. Cotford's sleep off the outer wharf. Lieut. Col. Prior has been asked to interest himself in the matter.

The following deaths have recently taken place in Dawson City: Chester Hughes, 20, Seattle, consumption; E. A. Simpson, 50, New Brunswick, scurvy; Daniel Nord, 30, Ontario, D. E. Gunner; Mrs. Mary Sweeney, 49, San Francisco, heart disease.

—Among the arrivals by the Islander from Vancouver last evening was Mr. Harry Morton of this city, who came down from Skagway by the Cutch, having left Dawson on May 31st. He is the second out from the Klondike capital this season. Mrs. Morton has been dangerously ill in St. Joseph's Hospital for some time. The news of her illness was received by Mr. Morton at White Horse and he left the steamer Columbia at the head of Lake Le Barge, and made his way out on foot, the boat being delayed for the want of higher water.

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## Along the Waterfront.

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R.M.S. Warrimoo this morning brought the following passengers, about thirty of whom disembarked at Victoria: H. Morrill, Mr. and Mrs. Calkins and child, David Jones, Mr. and Mrs. A. Lisle and child, Misses Lisle (5), T. Lisle, Miss Wynne, Mr. and Mrs. Allen, Mr. A. W. Marshall, A. Malcolmson, Murphy, G. Atkins, W. P. J. Arthur, R. L. Sanford, H. D. Lloyd, W. B. Lloyd, Havlock Smith, G. W. Wood, H. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. J. Skerchey, T. P. Stet, Mr. Wason, J. Burns, Mrs. West and 3 children, S. Kirschberg, D. Levens, T. W. Matthews, J. Andrews, T. Jackson, J. Burke, Dr. and Mrs. Campbell and 2 children, Mrs. A. Cropp, Miss M. Jones, Mrs. J. T. De Bolt, Col. and Mrs. Whyte, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Glade and 3 children, Miss Von Holt, Miss F. Carter, Mr. J. M. Henton, Mrs. J. H. Duff, R. G. Alderman, A. E. Levy, B. Ellerton, A. Parker, Miss A. Wing, D. C. Cameron, Mr. J. Vance and 5 children, M. Coblet, A. G. Ross, E. Thorne, A. Hooper, W. Turnbull, Miss E. Vernon, Mrs. Mayhew and 2 children, Wm. O'Rourke, Miss E. O'Rourke and 1 Chinese.

Contrary to her general rule of punctuality, R.M.S. Warrimoo, which arrived this morning, is more than a day over due. This was accounted for by there being so much shipping in the harbor at Honolulu, the wharves all occupied with cargo, and the mail steamer had to wait in the stream. The Warrimoo carried the following cargo: 70 bags shale, 25 sacks hides, 135 bales skins, 6 cases treacle, 30 packages merchandise, 160 cases preserved meat, 6 cases coffee, 4 bags sugar, 100 cases preserved pineapples, 5 cases frozen rabbits, 2 cases kidneys, 40 bunches bananas, 136 cases pineapples, 65 empty beer kegs, etc.

R.M.S. Warrimoo, 3235 tons, Capt. Wm. Hay, commander, arrived at Victoria at 7 a. m. to-day. Pursing Belmonte says that she left Sydney, N.S.W., at 2 p. m. on the 22nd May, and experienced a fresh SW gale on the 23rd, which was very strong, reaching Brisbane at daylight on May 25th. Left again at 3 p. m. the same day and anchored in Brisbane Roads, awaiting the mails, which were received on board at 3:30 a. m. the following day. She at once departed and strong head winds with heavy head sea, and bad weather were met with until passing New Caledonia, causing the speed of engines to be reduced and great loss of time. In consequence, Thence favorable weather was met with, which lasted until the arrival at Suva at noon, 31st May. Proceeded on voyage at 4 p. m. same day, cleared the Fiji group at 5 a. m. next day, met with moderate trade winds with heavy sea, which were carried to arrival at Honolulu at 8 p. m. 5th June, owing to there being no wharf accommodation the vessel had to anchor outside until the following morning, when she proceeded alongside and continued her voyage to Victoria, arriving at 4 p. m. 20th June. Experienced strong trade winds and considerable head sea, to latitude 22 degs. N. thence fine light winds with smooth sea and fine weather to Cape Elatery.

In order to ascertain if possible the truth in regard to the reported loss of the Columbia, the Canadian Development Company here wired their agent at Seattle to check all possible information with the result that the following telegram was received at 3 o'clock this afternoon: "Columbia arrived White Horse on June 8th and started back on the 10th. She was reached Seattle June 15th that accident occurred. Have interviewed six City of Seattle passengers just four say she repaired and went on and two say she sank. Nothing definitely known by any one. All hearsay. Steamer Canadian arrived at White Horse on June 9th. Steamer Victorian and Dawson billed to sail to White Horse June 7th."

Steamer Danube of the C.P.N. fleet came off the ways yesterday and will set away to-night again on her regular Northern run. Yesterday she loaded four and feed at Brickman & Ker's wharf and then proceeded to the upper harbor, where she took on 20,000 feet of lumber at Sayward's mill for the Canadian Development Co. The lumber is consigned to Bennett.

Those already booked to sail by the Danube to-night from this port are: His Honor Lieut.-Governor McInnes, H. McLean, Rev. J. Field, E. N. Field, Jno. and Mrs. Morrison, Mr. Moray, J. P. R. Grant, W. H. Armstrong, Mr. O'Connor, J. G. Spruce, D. B. Hall, Jno. Plant, A. Brownlee, J. Cogan, Mr. Hogan, W. A. Robertson, Mr. Ross and Mr. Tutors.

(From Monday's Daily.)

The alleged persistence of the United States government in patronizing the coal mines of British Columbia in preference to the product of Washington, when there is said to be only a slight and immaterial difference in quality, although the price is much higher in the Comox district, says the P.I., has focused much criticism that has been dormant for the last several months. The fact that the McCulloch, which is conveying a party to Alaska to arrive at greater knowledge concerning the boundary question, took her fuel supply at Comox, the country with which Uncle Sam is disputing over territorial rights, has aroused an opposition that is expected to break out in the near future. A series of resolutions, this brings up again the entire question of the relative merits of the two different kinds of coal, which has been talked of time and again, but which has never attained any definite result. If none of the commercial bodies of this state will take up the matter, there is a sentiment among the coal dealers themselves to take determined steps to convince the government that when the coal here is practically as good for steaming purposes as that across the water, it should be used, rather than go to a foreign port.

The C.P.N. Co. last night inaugurated their daily service to Vancouver, the Yosemite leaving at 11 o'clock. It is the intention to keep the Yosemite on the Monday trips to the Terminal City and on the New Westminster run during the week.

Hawaii has 4880 Mormons, of whom 4363 are natives of the Islands.

## KRUGER IS BRAVE.

Stranger's Father to Save His Little Sister's Life.

President Kruger is to-day the soul of the Boer republic. This remarkable man was born October 10, 1825. His parents were Boer farmers, residing in Cape Colony, but poor and unable to provide for the future ruler of the South African Republic, had to struggle over the African veldt in his bare feet. He was christened K. J. Paul Kruger, but the two initials were dropped, though President Kruger uses them in signing state papers.

Fear was unknown to Kruger from boyhood. When he was in his seventh year his father asked him to take home his span of oxen and an empty wagon. He was accompanied by his little sister.

"Paul," said his father, "take care of your sister."

"I will," he said, simply.

In those days travelling in Cape Colony was anything but a picnic. Wild animals were plentiful, and many a traveller became a prey to these beasts. Everything went well until Paul and his sister were within about five miles of home, when a large panther made his appearance. The oxen took fright and bolted. The jostling of the wagon threw the little girl to the ground, where she was at the mercy of the ferocious animal. Kruger jumped from the wagon and ran to his sister's assistance. The panther stood with gleaming eyes over the prostrate child.