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CASCADE CITY.

The foundation or site work for the power house of the Cascade Water Power and Light Company will be completed in a few days.

SANDON.

Alex. McLaughlin was admitted to the Miners' hospital last week suffering from a broken leg.

John Pratt, who has been working at the Rambler, was admitted to the hospital on Thursday with a serious case of pneumonia.

REVELSTOKE.

"Pay, pay, pay," was what the bard sang, and Revelstoke made a record to be proud of when its patriotic people paid to the tune of $500, which was contributed to the fund, the proceeds of the concert given by the Revelstoke Rifles with the assistance of other local talent.

MIDWAY.

The tracklayers are now at work completing the Robson-Midway extension of the Columbia & Western railway. Owing to a shortage of rails, tracklaying was stopped two or three months since at a point about a mile below Greenwood. Last week work was resumed here, and on Tuesday morning, the 9th inst., the rails were laid beyond Boundary Falls, and to within four miles of Midway.

FERNIE.

The Free Press gives a list of buildings erected in the town during the past 18 months. Nearly $400,000 has been spent on them. The list does not included a hundred and twenty-five houses of different kinds.

Miss Fernie, the new teacher for the public school, from Victoria, took charge of the junior department on Monday last.

FORT STEELE.

The members of the Fort Steele brass band have decided to erect a new building which will answer the purpose of theatre, practice and dance hall. The building will be thirty by seventy feet. The construction of the building has been commenced.

The members of the Kootenay club are agitating the subject of a new club building to be erected on Riverside avenue, between Mrs. Levett's and the office of J. A. Harvey.

There is a strong probability that the secret orders, of which there are many members in Fort Steele, will jointly build a hall suitable for their meetings.

CRESTON.

A C. P. R. train was wrecked on the Crow's Nest road about noon on Sunday. By a miracle no lives were lost, but three men were more or less injured. The loss to the company will be heavy. The accident happened at a point one mile east of Creston. The train comprised a locomotive and tender, baggage car, colonist car, first-class coach and Pullman car. The train was running at an ordinary rate of speed and was rounding a curve when the crash came. The locomotive kept the rails, and the tender, baggage car, colonist and first-class coaches were hurled some distance from the track.

SPUZZUM.

A serious landslide took place on the line of the Canadian Pacific railway near Spuzzum on Sunday afternoon. The watchman on his regular rounds found that about 1,000 feet of track, just this side of Spuzzum, which is about three hours run up the line from Vanvouver, had been covered by a slide of earth, rocks and trees from the side of the steep hill above. He immediately notified the nearest telegraph station. A large gang was sent out and a temporary track was constructed around the break. Later on another slide occurred, effectually covering both tracks, and it was decided then to excavate the track right through. This work was going ahead all day Monday, and on Tuesday night was far enough advanced to allow of the east-bound train going out.

GRAND FORKS.

For some time there has been much complaint because of a lack of certain conveniences at the public school building. David Woodhead having become interested in the matter took a subscription paper this week and raised $184 with which the necessary repairs were made.

Very good progress is being made on the smelter. The grading of the railroad through the grounds and out to the main line has been almost completed. There remains nothing to do but to finish some rock work on each side of the river near the dam. However, it will probably be sixty days before the road is ready for traffic. The foundations of the power house are now all in and the walls are now going up. The building will be up in a short time ready to receive the machinery. Everything else about the smelter is well advanced.

NELSON.

A quiet wedding took place on Wednesday morning at the residence of W. A. Martyn, Victoria street, when Miss Jessie Jamieson of Nelson was united to James C. Tuttle, of Salubria, Idaho. Rev. John Robson, pastor of the Methodist church, officiated.

Rev. W. C. Hedley, curate of Grace church, Brantford, is shortly to remove to Rossland. Rev. Mr. Hedley is a brother of R. R. Hedley, manager of the Hall Mines smelter, and of Mrs. Rex Macdonald.

The last meeting of the members of the council who were elected in January last was held on Wednesday. The business which came before the council was chiefly of a routine nature. The most important was the consideration of the financial statement for the financial year ending December 31st, 1899, which upon its face showed an overdraft at the Bank of Montreal of $10,829.62 up till the end of December, payments made since that date not coming within the period covered by the report.

Mr. J. N. Hill, president of the Spokane Falls & Northern railway and third vice-president of the Great Northern, and party, arrived here on Wednesday. Mr. Hill has recently become president of the Spokane Falls & Northern road, and is making his first tour of inspection over the line. It is understood that one of the principal reasons for Mr. Hill's visit was the proposition for joining the tracks of his road with those of the C. P. R., and that the project is reasonably sure of materializing.

Fifteen patients are undergoing treatment at the general hospital. The house physician has been compelled to refuse several cases during the past week through lack of accommodation.

The project of establishing a high school in Nelson will have a strong supporter in the person of Inspector Wm. Burns, who has returned from a lengthy trip through his northern district. Mr. Burns says: "I shall be very much please to see a high school in Nelson, and one in Rossland as well."

PHOENIX.

Miss Minnie B. Smith, of Foxwarden, Manitoba, has been engaged to teach the Phoenix school, and takes the place vacated by Mr. D. J. Matheson, recently appointed postmaster of Phoenix.

It is understood that the Nelson & Vernon Telephone Co. are arranging to put a switchboard in Phoenix some time in the course of a month.

Last week bold, bad burglars walked into the Phoenix hotel bar, sampled the choicest wines and went off with $15 in change. Through an inadvertence the front door and cash register had both been left unlocked.

Little eight year old Elmer Stover, who was seriously hurt four weeks ago, while playing with a dynamite cap, and who was taken to Spokane for treatment by his mother, returned last week. It seems doubtful if his eyesight can be saved.

The work of excavating for the cold storage warehouse to be erected by Vaughin & McInnes, was started last week. It will be located on Knob Hill avenue, and will be 28x70 feet in size, three stories in height.

For some time work on the interior of the immense new bunk house of the Old Ironsides Co. was delayed by non-arrival of material. Last week, however, Jones & Jones, of Greenwood, who have the contract for plastering the huge structure, began, and are now pushing it with all speed.

CHILLIWACK.

Polling for four wards took place here on Thursday, viz., Nos. II., III., IV. and VI., the results being as follows: Ward II., Peter Crankshaw, 21 votes, his opponent only receiving 16. In Ward III. the contest was between Jonathan Reece and C. B. Reeves, Mr. Reeves receiving 65 and Mr. Reece 54. In Ward IV. Jas. Bailey received 35 and A. Kipp 11. In Ward VI. James McConnell polled 28 votes to H. Proctor's 12.

C. Creamer, of East Chilliwack, died on Thursday after a painful illness lasting several years.

A successful patriotic concert took place here on Saturday night.

The second annual meeting of the Farmers' Institute took place last Saturday afternoon in the court house. The president, C. F. Higginson, gave a detailed statement of the working of the institute for the past year, and spoke of the benefits derived from such institutions throughout the province and elsewhere. He also spoke for some length on the proper mode of fruit packing, and gave some wholesome advice to those present. The following were elected to fill the offices for the ensuing year: C. F. Higginson, re-elected president for the third term; G. R. Ashwell, re-elected vice-president for the second term; G. W. Chadsey, secretary and treasurer, re-elected for the third term. Messrs. H. Webb, M. F. Gillanders, A. C. Wells, D. McGillivray and A. J. Evans were the choice for directors for the year, and Joseph Arnould, auditor.

ROSSLAND.

The polling on Thursday resulted in the re-election of A. S. Goodeve for mayor, defeating Hector McPherson by a majority of 43. There were 559 votes cast, and of these Goodeve received 306 and McPherson 263. The council elected is as follows: First Ward—C. R. Hamilton and Jno. Deane, who defeated Alexander Dunlop and J. H. Robinson. Second Ward—Hector McRae and Alex. A. Mackenzie, who defeated Ross Thompson. Third Ward—Jno. S. Clute, jr., and G. Talbot, who defeated John Edgern and M. W. Simpson.

At 9.20 on Wednesday night fire was seen bursting through the roof of the McMillan building on Columbia avenue. An alarm was turned in and the firemen reached the scene about half a minute later. When the firemen got to work the furnishing goods and tailor shop of Jones & Kimball was all ablaze, and the flames had penetrated through the ceiling, and were bursting through the roof in the nonthwest corner of the building. The fire had gained such headway that it looked like a difficult one to suppress. The department worked energetically, and in about 15 minutes after it arrived on the scene the fire was out. The store of Jones & Kimball was completely gutted, and the stock of furnishing goods and cloth is practically a complete loss. The firm valued its stock at $10,000, and says it was only partially covered by insurance. The store of Crow & Morris was damaged by water and smoke to the extent of $200. The building, which is owned by Mr. A. F. McMillan, was damaged to the extent of $250, which is fully covered by insurance. The Bank of British North America building was damaged to the extent of about $100. This would make the total loss $10,500. The cause of the fire is unknown.

VERNON.

The death occurred on Saturday last at the hospital of Elijah Hartley, an old timer of about sixty years of age, who came up from Keremeos some three weeks ago. Death was due to valvular disease of the heart.

The waterworks system is not yet in such a perfect state of completion as to be taken over by the city. Contractor McQuarrie has been much bothered with numerous leaks, all of which are not yet stopped; but he expects to have the last of them fixed in a day or two, and a settlement will probably be reached at the next meeting of the council.

A larger crowd probably never assembled under one roof in this city than that which gathered on Wednesday evening of last week, the occasion being a "farewell social" to the Rev. G. A. Wilson, whose pastorate, extending over five years in the Presbyterian church here, has terminated. The chair was occupied by the Rev. Thos. Muir, Rev. E. Robson also occupying a seat on the platform. During the evening both gentlemen, in the course of speeches, bore strong testimony to the esteem in which Mr. Wilson was held by all classes, and the sorrow felt upon all sides at his departure. An address was presented to the departing clergyman.

Monday was nomination day in connection with the municipal government, and the result was the return of the mayor and aldermen who served through 1899 by acclamation. Mayor Megaw will therefore continue to occupy the chief magistrate's chair, with the following board of aldermen: South Ward—J. C. Campbell, W. C. Pound, H. W. Knight. North Ward—S. C. Smith, A. C. Carew.

At a meeting of the directors of the Okanagan and Spallumcheen Agricultural Society the secretary read a statement which showed that if the prize money were paid in full a deficit would occur of $91.69, and for this reason he had only been paying 75 per cent. of the awards. It was the opinion of all present that such action would materially militate against the success of future exhibitions, and it was decided to raise the money on the directors' note at the bank, and pay off all prizes in full.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

The corporation workmen commenced to-day to give the Lulu Island bridge a thorough overhauling. This includes the replacing of the present 5-inch double planking by a single layer of 4x10 planks.

A number of Great Northern railway officials paid the city a flying visit on Saturday, the party including Vice-President Hill, son of President Jim Hill, and General Superintendent Ward. The mayor and several of the aldermen met the gentlemen, but there was not time for much more than an exchange of courtesies. It is quite possible, thinks the Columbian, from some remarks that were dropped, that another effort will be made to extend the company's tracks to South Westminster.

Captain Pittendrigh, county coroner, returned on Saturday from Mount Lehman, where he had gone to hold an inquest on the body of the late Mrs. Mary M. Lehman, wife of Mr. Victor Lehman, who died suddenly at her home on Wednesday evening. The evidence of the husband and a neighbor, Mrs. Joseph A. Wadell, showed that deceased had been unwell for a day or two, and that they had attended to her as well as they could, but the pains continued intermittently till death, which occurred quite unexpectedly. Dr. Boggs, who accompanied the coroner, and made a careful examination, testified that death was due to hemorrhage, brought on by over-exertion. The coroner's jury recorded a verdict of death from natural causes, and not from any violent means whatsoever.

Mr. C. W. Durrant, accountant of the local Bank of British Columbia staff, left by Monday evening's Atlantic express, en route for a three months' visit to his old home in England. Mr. Durrant was accompanied by Mrs. Durrant and the children.

The Columbian Mansion House fund was started on Saturday, and has already made considerable advance, due chiefly to the liberal contribution by Mr. James Cunningham, of this city, and now stands as follows: Kennedy Bros., $10; J. A. Fagan, $1; James Cunningham, $50; John Power, $2. The Columbian will receive and acknowledge all subscriptions, large or small, and, when the fund is closed—which will be within a reasonable interval after subscriptions cease to come in—will forward the full amount realized, with the names of the contributors, to the Lord Mayor of London, the custodian of the Mansion House fund.

It is understood that City Electrician Bowler has handed in his resignation, to take effect on March 1st.

There was a wedding in Chinatown yesterday, when Mr. Wo Sam Young took unto himself a young wife, who had just arrived from the Chinese colony in Victoria.

The fire committee of the city council met on Tuesday afternoon in special session to investigate a little difference which has arisen between the chief and one of the department.

The exhibition buildings, grounds, stables, etc., have been offered to the government as accommodation in mobolizing British Columbia's contingent of mounted scouts.

There is no doubt now as to the identity of the man found by the railway track near Westminster Junction. A letter has been received from L. H. Hinkel of Denver enclosing a photograph of Robert Porter of that place, which shows him to have been the suicide.

KAMLOOPS.

Monday being the day appointed for that purpose, nominations were made for mayor and aldermen. The following gentlemen were elected by acclamation: Mayor, D. H. Campbell; Ward 2, Ald. James McIntosh and Ald. D. C. McLaren; Ward 3, Ald. James Munro and Dunc Brown. In Ward 1 there were three candidates: Ald. James Michell, Ald. W. H. Brown and Tom Roadley. Messrs. Michell and Brown were elected.

The Inland Sentinel acknowledges the receipt of $334 to the Mansion House Fund. Of this amount Barkerville has contributed $187 and Princeton $25.50.

Miss Norris and the Rev. J. C. Stewart and wife returned from the Coast on Thursday.

About 3 o'clock on Wednesday morning Mrs. Karacher was awakened up by hearing the side door broken open and someone going through the house. The would be thief, however, was frightened away, as the screams of Mrs. McKaracher attracted the attention of two passers-by, who ran to her assistance.

During 1899 ninety-one cases were disposed of in the police court. There were 85 convictions, six of the accused being discharged.

The marriage of Joe Pitcher and Miss Sadie McCurdy, both of Keremeos, took place on Monday night at the Methodist parsonage, the Rev. C. Ladner performing the ceremony.

Joseph Evans, a native of Newfoundland, died at the Home on Saturday evening, 13th. Deceased was 66 years of age. He came to the Home from Victoria on December 9th, 1899.

The marriage of Walter Campbell and Miss Lizzie Martin, the youngest daughter of Mr. G. B. Martin, of Ducks, took place at the residence of Lew Campbell, on the South Thompson, on Wednesday last.

At the annual meeting of the K. M. & A. A., Angus McLean, who has acted as vice-president for the past 12 months, was nominated and elected president for the coming year. The position of vice-president was balloted for, there being two nominations, viz., Dr. M. S. Wade and W. F. Wood. The former was elected by a majority of three votes. T. H. Leeming was unanimously re-elected secretary, and J. N. Moore treasurer.

Ed. Dupont appeared before J. P.'s R. H. Lee and D. H. Campbell on Tuesday to answer to the charge of making an assault upon J. H. Russell, occasioning him bodily harm, at the Montreal house yesterday afternoon. F. J. Fulton appeared for the defendant and W. H. Whittaker for the plaintiff. At the request of the former the case was adjourned till 2 o'clock. The court was crowded. Mr. Whittaker informed the court that the plaintiff had decided to change the charge to one of common assault. The defendant pleaded guilty and was fined $10 and costs, and bound over in three sureties of $100 each to keep the peace for 12 months.

ALBERNI.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)

Several gentlemen who accompanied Mr. Hayes from Victoria are down the canal inspecting various properties. As soon as the weather permits several mining gentlemen are going to Sproat Lake to look at some of the properties on the Taylor Arm and elsewhere. A rush of prospectors into that district is expected as soon as the snow clears.

A permanent exhibition of mineral exhibits is to be established here for the benefit of visiting mining men. Mr. Selz has kindly offered a building in the centre of the town for the purpose. This will fill a long felt want.

Mr. W. B. Ganard, wife and child, have gone out to Nanaimo on a visit. They may go on to Vancouver.

A dance was given at New Alberni on Friday night by Mr. A. Watson, the proprietor of the New Alberni hotel.

Some of the patriotic citizens of Alberni have clubbed together and established a war club. The result is we get daily bulletins of the progress of the war.

The Golden Eagle, at the head of China creek, has been temporarily shut down on account of the snow. Work will be commenced again in the early spring. The men all went over the road last Saturday. The manager, Mr. S. Toy, is in Victoria.

A gang has gone to start work on the claim recently sold by McConnel at Hell's Gate. The gang will be increased shortly.

Mr. T. Bayne is working steadily at the Ambrosial group, in Snug basin, Uchuclesit. He has been down there for over two months. Mr. Brewer is expected in on the first boat. He is bound for Anderson lake, where he will look over some recent strikes.

Beaver Creek is as yet without a school teacher.

The Alberni school, which by the way is over a mile away from Alberni, was reopened on Monday.

The first lamp post has appeared in Alberni, it being fixed outside St. Andrew's Presbyterian church.

The Bishop of Columbia is coming in at the end of the month to consecrate the English church and hold confirmation.

Quite a little curiosity is evinced as to who will stand against Mr. Neill in event of another election.

The weather here continues wet and cold.

GREENWOOD.

Mr. J. J. Akitt, who came recently from Victoria, has joined the Greenwood staff of the Bank of British North America.

In the absence of the police magistrate, A. M. Whiteside was appointed as judge of the court of revision.

The Greenwood public school opened Monday morning with Principal File and his assistant, Miss Mary Laird, in charge. Arthur File, the principal, was married during his absence, and a residence is being erected for him near the school house.

The annual meeeting of the Greenwood Club was held on Friday evening. The following officers were elected: President, F. J. Finucane; vice-president, Thos. Hardy; committee, C. S. Galloway, G. A. Guess, Clive Pringle, Duncan Ross, L. S. Moulton Barrett, Dr. Schon, A. K. Stuart. The treasurer's statement showed the club to be in a good financial position.

W. F. Tye, general superintendent Columbia & Western; J. G. Sullivan, assistant engineer; M. Sullivan and A. W. Stewart, all of Trail, arrived in the city Wednesday on business in connection with the railway. Mr. Tye was interviewed as to the completion of the various spur lines. He said the traffic returns would not justify the great expense of completing and keeping open the line to Phoenix, and he said it was not the intention of the company to do so until spring. There is some bridging to do on the spur to the Mother Lode to complete it, which will be operated if there is sufficient ore to ship, not otherwise.

The Miner will publish a list of buildings this week for 1899, prepared by a local architect. There were 130 buildings erected at an actual cost of $320,000 last year.

A man was found dead near Boundary Falls on Tuesday with bruises on his face and head. He was brought to Greenwood and identified as Thomas Lewis, or Ellis, recently released from jail here, where he spent thirty days for petty larceny. He left last week to go to Camp McKinney. Dr. Jakes thinks death was caused by exhaustion. Lewis was formerly a member of the N.W.M. Police, and worked on the C. & W. construction.

The laying of steel has been completed to Midway, and the first locomotive steamed in there on Tuesday. It will be some days before the regular service is inaugurated, as surfacing has to be completed.

The Mendelssohn Male Chorus Club is the name of a musical society that has been formed in this city. The club has rented a house at the head of Greenwood street, which has been suitably furnished for the use of its members. A piano has been purchased and the singing members are now rehearsing for the first concert to be given some time in February. It is proposed to hold a concert once a month. The officers of the club are: President, H. J. Strong; first vice-president, D. A. Cameron; second vice-president, F. H. McKenzie; secretary and treasurer, B. F. Petch; musical instructor and director, A. W. Bennett; assistant, Mr. Maynard, and advance agent, F. R. Ekles. The executive committee is composed of T. B. Winnett and C. H. Archibald. Other members of the club are: W. H. Lasell, R. N. L. Brown, Rev. Duncan Campbell, Frank A. Mellis, George S. McKenzie, Rev. R. W. Trotter, Percy Biggart and Rev. B. H. Balderston.

VANCOUVER.

Medical Health Officer MacLean, in his annual report, says: The death roll of 1899 numbered 314; that of 1898 was 267; of 1897, 220. As usual, tuberculosis (phthisis, consumption) heads the list with the number of 47, about 63 per cent. of the whole mortality from infectious diseases, and 11.7 per cent. of the total number of deaths from all causes. These per centages in 1898 were respectively fifty-one and four; in 1897, about eighty and eleven, corresponding to the respective annual numbers of 25 and 23. The yearly total of deaths from tuberculosis is in reality much higher than that credited to it. There were 219 cases of infectious disease reported during the last year. The majority of the typhoid fever cases reported came in or were brought from outside the city limits; a few from up North; a considerable number from Stevenston and other fish-canning localities, including several Chinese and Japanese; one or two from neighboring cities; some from logging camps, etc., along the Fraser river, etc., Very few cases were reported as having begun their illness or having had their origin in the city proper. The mortality of the year from the reported infectious diseases has been small. Excluding typhoid fever, which numbered in deaths 18, it has amounted to seven. In 1898 it was seven also, and the same number gave also the typhoid fever mortality for that year.

The Vancouver Poultry and Pet Stock Association has fixed the dates for its annual exhibition for February 5th to 10th.

Over $500 was raised by the passengers, officers and crew of the steamship Empress of Japan, which arrived in port on Thursday morning, at a concert held on board on the way across, in aid of the Mansion House fund.

H. H. Watson has been presented with a gold watch and chain at a meeting of Vancouver Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, as an appreciation of the valuable services rendered to the chapter. The following officers were installed: H. K. Brown, Z.; F. M. Cowperthwaite, second P. H.; J. W. Morrison, third P. H.; J. W. Brown, S.; J. Sharp, S. S.; J. F. Schofield, J. S.; H. Brooks, S. E. S. N. Jarrett, S. N.; W. Downie, treas.; E. H. Hosker, tyler.

The senate of St. John's College, Winnipeg, has conferred the degree of D.D. upon Ven. Archdeacon Pentreath, B.D., in consideration of great services rendered to the church in the diocese and ecclesiastical province of Ruperts' Land, and in his present sphere.

Police Detective Harris on Friday caught a man whom the police have been wanting for several days. He was Harry Speed, and from the way he kept out of the way it seemed that he really did a very speedy act. He was charged with having stolen a pair of boots and, second, several charts from the steamer Vera. He pleaded guilty to both charges and was sentenced to six months in jail on each.

A very serious accident occurred on Saturday at Squamish. The victim was a young man named John Young, a well-known employee of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. The young fellow was out shooting and in some unexplained manner his gun discharged. He received the contents of a shot cartridge in the chest, a little above the heart. He was brought down by the steamer Defiance and taken to St. Paul's Hospital.

People interested among those prominent in upholding the Deadman's Island matter as a political issue have decided to form themselves into the Vancouver Industrial and Commercial Association, whose special object it will be to induce manufacturers to locate in Vancouver. It was considered that the Deadman's Island movement, as far as political issue was concerned, was now at an end.

A man named King was brought in to the New Westminster asylum on Saturday's train from Port Hammond. He had been working on the road-gang there, and on the night before last he had the peculiar hallucination that it was necessary that the whole woods in that section should at once be cut down. He suited the action to the word and started out in the middle of the night at hacking the big stumps in the vicinity.

On Friday the police paid their periodical visit to all the bakeries in the city and weighed all the bread they could find. Very little under weight was found, a fact that is decidedly to the credit of the bakers of the city. Two proprietors were, however, summoned on Saturday to the police court. One man explained that some of his were over weight and the magistrate warned him that the scaling of bread had been allowed and baker said that he had been ill to even them up in the future. The second to be done by a junior. Both proprietors were let go on suspended sentence.

The death is announced of Miss Christina Stewart, sister of Mr. D. M. Stewart, of the Pioneer Steam Laundry. The deceased lady has been in poor health for some time. She was well known in Vancouver, as well as in Moxville, Ont., where she was born.

The following officers have been elected for the ensuing year by the Street Railway Men's Union: President, James Barton; vice-president, D. V. McLeod; secretary, H. O. Thomas; treasurer, J. Jenkinson; conductor, J. B. McCann; warden, Arch. Russell; sentinel, John Manning; auditors, J. Cozens, R. Brunt and A. Davies.

At Monday's meeting of the new council the mayor handed down the draft of committees for the year. The draft was as follows, the first named being chairmen: Board of Works—Ald. Grant, Neelands, McPhaiden, Foreman and Wood. Water and Market—Ald. Foreman, Shaw, McQueen, McGuigan, Baxter. Finance—Ald. McQueen, Shaw, McGuigan, Barker, Baxter. Fire and Police—Ald. Wood, Shaw, Neelands, McPhaiden, Barker. Health—Ald. McGuigan, Grant, McQueen, Foreman, Wood. Railway and Light—Ald. McPhaiden, Grant, Neelands, Barker, Baxter.

A very representative meeting of former supporters of Mr. Joseph Martin, M.P.P. for Vancouver city, took place on Monday evening, at the office of the secretary, Mr. Thomas Mathews. Colonel Falk, Warren occupied the chair, the business transacted being very much to the point, as may be judged from the following resolution passed, which, significant as it is in its verbiage, is understood to be a good indication of the sentiment that is more or less general throughout the constituency and province: "We, the undersigned, who were supporters of the Hon. Joseph Martin, at the last provincial election, desire to express our disapprobation of his present conduct. We desire to direct his attention to the fact that he was elected to oppose the late Turner government, and that, in allying himself with the Turner party, he has betrayed the trust reposed in him by the electors of Vancouver. Further, we earnestly protest against his present course in the Legislative Assembly, as being a deliberate attempt to destroy the party whom he was elected to support, and we can no longer recognize him as the representative of our political opinion." Copies of the above resolution will be left at the offices of the city newspapers for signature by all who are in accord with its sentiments.—News Advertiser.

Passengers who came in on Tuesday's train from the East say that the mudslide on the line near Agassiz is nearly all cleared away, and in a couple of days there will not be enough of it left to catch the notice of passers-by.

A new fire alarm was put in yesterday at the police station, so that in future alarms will be sounded there as soon as they are in the fire halls themselves.

Mr. Shiles, formerly traffic manager in Vancouver for the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, having been removed to New Westminster, his place is taken in this city by Mr. J. J. Franklin, a popular official of the company in Vancouver.

A very quiet wedding took place on Saturday evening, the contracting parties being Mr. Steve Madison, the well-known water-works foreman, and one of the most popular young men in the employ of the city, and Miss M. C. Saint. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Prof. Whittington.

Among the arrivals in the city on Tuesday from the North was Mr. Thos. Lilly, formerly captain of the brigade at No. 1 fire hall. Mr. Lilly has been in Atlin ever since that place was known to be anything, and has altogether been in the North for a couple of years, having gone in in the first place by the Stikine trail. Mr. Lilly is looking well, and will return to the North after a few days in the city.

Thos. Wheelock, just arrived from White Horse, says that the suffering of those working on the White Pass railway has been terrible. They have been coming into Bennett and White Horse every day with frozen feet and hands. He had been assured on the way out, on the very best authority, that the Dyea railway to Bennett would be completed next summer.

A GRIZZLY AT BAY.

One of Seton-Thompson's Anecdotes of a Wild Animal He Has Known.

In the November Century Mr. Ernest Seton-Thompson began "The Biography of a Grizzly," telling of the days of the monster's cubhood. In the December number he tells of the days of his strength. The story opens with this anecdote—which is grizzly in more senses than one:

Wahb's third summer had brought him the stature of a large-sized bear, though not nearly the bulk and power that in time were his. He was very light-colored now, and this was why Spahwat, a Shoshone Indian who more than once hunted him, called him the Whitebear, or Wahb.

Spahwat was a good hunter, and as soon as he saw the rubbing-tree on the Upper Metcetsee he knew that he was on the range of a big grizzly. He bushwhacked the whole valley, and spent many days before he found a chance to shoot; then Wahb got a stinging flesh-wound in the shoulder. He growled horribly, but it seemed to take the fight out of him; he scrambled up the valley and over the lower hills till he reached a quiet haunt, where he lay down.

His knowledge of healing was wholly instinctive. He licked the wound and all around it, and sought to be quiet. The licking removed the dirt, and by massage reduced the inflammation, and it plastered the hair down as a sort of dressing over the wound to keep out the air, dirt and microbes. There could be no better treatment.

But the Indian was on his trail. Before long the smell warned Wahb that a foe was coming, so he quietly climbed farther up the mountain to another resting-place. But again he sensed the Indian's approach and made off. Several times this happened, and at length there was a second shot and another galling wound. Wahb was furious now. There was nothing that really frightened him but that horrible odor of man, iron, and guns, that he remembered from the day when he lost his mother; but now all fear of these left him. He heaved painfully up the mountain again, and along under a six-foot ledge, then up and back to the top of the bank, where he lay flat. On came the Indian, armed with knife and gun; deftly, swiftly keeping on the trail; gloating joyfully over each bloody print that meant such anguish to the hunted bear. Straight up the slide of broken rock he came, where Wahb, ferocious now with pain, was waiting on the ledge. On sneaked the dogged hunter; his eye still scanned the bloody slots or swept the woods ahead, but never was raised to glance above the ledge. And Wahb, as he saw this shape of Death relentless on his track, and smelled the fearful smell, poised his bulk at heavy cost upon his quivering, mangled arm, there held until the proper instant came, then to his sound arm's matchless native force he added all the weight of desperate hate as down he struck one fearful, crushing blow. The Indian sank without a sound, and then dropped out of sight. Wahb rose, and sought again a quiet nook where he might nurse his wounds. Thus he learned that one must fight for peace; for he never saw that Indian again, and he had time to rest and recover.