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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Miner Crushed to Death at Comox and a Chinaman Drowned at Nanaimo.

Coal Miners to Hold a Mass Meeting at A. Gray's.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Nov. 4.—Magistrate Jordan had the biggest docket to dispose of yesterday.

At the instigation of the Pharmaceutical Society, Charles Mee, private detective, has laid charges against several druggists for selling poisons without registering them.

VANCOUVER, Nov. 7.—Jack Allan, the driver of the Dominion Express wagon, was thrown from his wagon and badly injured yesterday.

The quarterly meeting of the B. C. Fruit Growers' Association was held this afternoon.

James Wright, vice president of the International Typographical Union, is in the city.

W. H. Cope, of the Hudson Bay, Winnipeg, has been transferred to the Vancouver branch.

The new Court House will be ready for occupation about December 15.

Contractor James Cartney is shipping poles to the copper mines in Santa Rosalia.

Z. G. Goudy has returned from the World's Fair.

The annual ball of the St. Andrew's and Caledonia Societies will be held on November 20.

A petition is being widely circulated to Hon. F. G. Vernon, Chief Commissioner Lands & Works, asking for the construction of a trail through the Seamounts.

Evidence was taken in the cases yesterday brought against Druggists Rolfe and McAlpine by the Pharmaceutical Society, who employed Detective Mee to conduct it.

Dr. Rolfe was charged with selling arsenic to a person sent to his store by Mee and failing to register it. The charge of employing an apprentice to sell poisons was also made. Mr. J. A. McAlpine was charged with selling arsenic to one Ferguson without registering it, for procuring without a certificate, and employing an unregistered apprentice to dispense drugs. Magistrate Mellon, Solicitor General and McLean reserved judgment until 10th inst.

At the council meeting Mayor Cope said a number of citizens had spoken to him in reference to having the police force increased in number at a slight cost, and the number of tough characters in town. The police committee will hold a special meeting to consider the matter. One alderman attributed the weak delivery in Vancouver to the convenient "fences" in the city.

The case of McCraney v. Keefe, alleged breach of agreement involving \$10,000 in money is in progress in the Supreme Court before Justice Gies.

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Nov. 4.—City Treasurer Cookley reports that up to the 31st ult, this year's taxes to the amount of \$66,000 had been paid into the treasury. All things considered, the hard times, scarcity of cash, etc., the taxpayers have "come up to the mark."

Westminster is afflicted with some miserable creature who has made a business of robbing the graves for several months past. Beautiful bouquets, laid by loving hands on the graves of departed friends and relatives have disappeared within a few hours, and even plants have been dug up and carried away. During the past few days a number of wreaths and other floral designs have been removed from newly-made graves, and there is no clue to the perpetrator.

Two hard-core firms and gunsmiths have been summoned in the Police court to answer to the charge of having stored on their premises more powder than the law allows.

The four-masted American schooner Salva, 440 tons, Capt. Wells, cleared to-day for Port Pirie, Australia, with 520,000 feet of lumber from the Brunette sawmill.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Nov. 6.—E. H. Hatcher, inspector of fruit pests, returned last night from Washington and Oregon, where he has been inspecting nurseries. He found them all more or less troubled with pests, particularly in Oregon, and a strict inspection will be necessary of all imported fruit.

Sixty pests and twenty-four grasshoppers have been summoned for the autumn, the greatest number in the history of the Westminster pest court.

McCreigh taking the most important cases in the courthouse, and Judge McLean, on the smaller cases in the County court room.

Victoria's footpads seem to have got over their bad luck and are making a few more. One attempted to go in on Monday last night, but failed. If any more is heard of them a force of specials is to be sworn in and will endeavor to effect some captures.

WESTMINSTER, Nov. 7.—Gill, alias Butler, the dead forget, was brought up in the Police court this morning and remanded for another three days. The bank was not ready to proceed.

The Delta people are beginning to complain of the invasion of potatoes from south of the boundary.

The Western Fishermen Co. shipped a car of salt salmon to Montreal to-day. Since August they have shipped 1,000 barrels to Australia, the East and Great Britain.

A great gale prevailed last night, the heaviest in several years. No serious damage resulted.

The clerk of the Municipality of Maple Ridge has been instructed to communicate with Premier the Hon. Theodore Davis, stating that the Council desires to interview him on important matters, and would be pleased if he would find it convenient to name a day on which he could meet the ratepayers and discuss matters.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Nov. 4.—A Chinaman employed on the Northfield wharf was accidentally drowned last night. He slipped through the coal chute into the water and sank immediately. The body has not been recovered yet.

The annual general meeting of the Nanaimo Telephone Company was held last evening. The Secretary's report showed the company to be in a strong financial position, a dividend of 10 per cent being declared upon the capital stock. Last year's directors were unanimously re-elected.

A dancing class, conducted by Mrs. Keer

of Sonoma, has been organized here. The Chemaino hotel has been secured as a dancing hall, where they meet every Friday evening.

Mrs. D. B. Pottinger, who has been spending a few weeks in Victoria, is expected to return to her home in the next week.

Hunters report deer to be very scarce. The slight fall of snow has entirely disappeared after the recent heavy rains, the only record left being the snow-tipped mountains.

DUNCAN.

DUNCAN, Nov. 6.—Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Wicks and family, of Sonoma Lake, left for Victoria on Thursday last to take up their residence in the city.

The Cowichan Pleasant Evening's Society held an entertainment in the Agricultural hall on Thursday evening last consisting of readings and recitations by the members.

The annual general meeting of the Cowichan and Salt Spring Island Agricultural Society was held on Saturday last. About thirty members were present. The prizes taken at the late show were paid, after which the following were elected officers of the society for the ensuing year: President, Major J. M. Mutter; vice-presidents, W. C. Duncan and Walter Ford; treasurer, G. T. Corfield; secretary, G. H. Hadwin; committee, F. H. Mallard-Dugall, W. B. Bantz, R. Mangrove, C. A. Wood, W. H. Lomas, C. Livingston, W. C. Brown, Jas. Evans, H. T. Casley and John McPhee. After making a few unimportant alterations the meeting was closed, after passing unanimous votes of thanks to the retiring officers.

The first annual general meeting of the Vancouver Island Flockmasters' Association was held in the Agricultural hall on Saturday last, Captain E. Barkley, president of the society, in the chair. The constitution and rules of the society were finally settled and adopted. Shortly, the objects of the association are: To protect and encourage the sheep farming industry. Each member is to report in the month of June on the condition of his flock, showing details of breeds, lambs, deaths, etc., during the year, to report any outbreak of disease and to report losses by wild beasts and dogs. The report losses by wild beasts and dogs. The yearly subscription is \$1, and any sheep owner residing on Vancouver Island, or the adjacent islands, may become a member. The following are the officers of the society: Captain Edward Barkley, president; T. A. Wood, honorary secretary-treasurer, and committee, comprising the president, secretary and Major J. M. Mutter, Messrs. W. Drinkwater, W. R. Robertson, E. H. Forrest, J. W. Edgson and Donald Stewart.

REVELSTOCK.

(From the Kootenay Star.)

Revelstock post office has handled more mail matter during the past summer and fall than any other office in the interior.

This, of course, is on account of Revelstock being the chief entrepot to West Kootenay.

The number of bags sent from this office averages 50 weekly.

The citizens of Revelstock have contributed to open up a street leading direct to the cemetery, as the present route is circuitous and dangerous. Mr. Marple has indicated that he will be here on Monday to inspect the street and the proposed crossing of the C.P.R. track.

A large boat, carrying 35 tons of supplies for Big Bend, left here on Tuesday morning. Four men will work her up as far as Downie creek, from which place George Laforme's pack train will carry the supplies to Gold River.

The steamer Illecillewaet brought up the mails and passengers on Wednesday, the Lytton being compelled by the low water to stop at the six-mile bar, where she remained until the Illecillewaet returned with the down mail and passengers the next day.

Burns & McInnes, who have two carloads of cattle here waiting shipment, killed ten and sent the meat down by the Illecillewaet. It is said that they will take the cattle down the new railway and endeavor to ship them on the Lytton at the Green Slide.

Track laying on the Revelstock and Arrow lake road is progressing satisfactorily, the work being done in a permanent, substantial manner.

By this time the rails must be laid for at least five miles from the Revelstock station, and the portion intended to use this winter (twelve miles if possible) must be completed by the end of this month.

STONEY CREEK.

(From the Sentinel.)

STONEY CREEK, Nov. 6.—H. Bawler, employed by the Hamilton Bridge Co. at the Stoney Creek bridge, fell 100 feet from the bridge and was instantly killed.

KAMLOOPS.

(From the Sentinel.)

Mr. Branch has started line burning at the North Thompson.

On Thursday morning the surroundings were covered with a light coating of snow. R. E. Smith, who was accidentally shot in the leg by a companion while hunting, will recover.

Mr. McCarty has leased the Oriental Hotel.

GOLDEN.

(From the Era.)

Winfield Park has been sold by the Messrs. Browning to a Mr. Bulman, of Canada, England.

The Golden Sawmill Company have been very busy of late.

John Henderson came in from his gold mine on Tuesday, and reports everything looking more than ordinarily well there. Several feet has set in, accompanied by clear, hard weather.

SILVER AGAIN.

WASHINGTON CITY, Nov. 7.—There are rumors that Voorhees will introduce a free coinage silver bill at the opening of the regular session. Mr. Voorhees declines to talk about the matter, but it is pointed out he has always been a silver man, and declared during the debate on the repeal bill he was no less a friend of silver than always. At any rate it is thoroughly understood that the silver question is not shelved by the passage of the repeal bill. On the contrary, the silver men say the fight has only begun.

New York, Nov. 7.—Secretary of the Treasury Carlisle, who is here, declined to say anything in relation to the financial and business situation or express any opinion as to the outlook. In reply to a question he said he had not issued any order directing the mints to coin the silver dollar in the treasury or any part of it. "What I have done is just this," said Carlisle, "We could use a few more silver dollars and I therefore directed the mints to get ready to coin bullion when it is deemed advisable to do so. With the certainty that purchases of silver bullion are stopped we can probably use silver to advantage. If I should proceed to coin some of the bullion now on hand it would give us about \$1,000,000 a month in coinage, and I think in the present condition of the treasury I could use it with advantage. I do not want to have a misrepresentation or misunderstanding of my movements by the country."

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