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ANOTHER IMMENSE FIND OF COPPER

Ledge Behind the Britannia Discovered Carrying High Values.

A discovery of an immense copper-gold deposit, which with development may eclipse the famous Britannia property, has just been made by Joseph Saulter, a prospector well known in Kootenay and Similkameen, who came down from Howe Sound last night, says the Vancouver Province. Beyond stating that the find is situated some three or four miles to the northeast of the Britannia, the discoverer will not at present make known the exact location of it.

According to statements made by Saulter, he has really discovered and located two distinct ore bodies. One of these consists of a mammoth deposit exposed in the form of a great bluff. This is three hundred feet in width, and one six-inch lense of ore in it has given assays of $100 in copper, gold and silver. The remainder of the deposit on the surface appears from assays to consist of low-grade ore which will pay well when mined in quantity.

Other Discoveries Reported

Not very far from the large ledge there is a vein twenty feet in width, which from samples taken clear across its face gave assays of $16 in gold, silver and copper. These assays were on samples taken directly from the surface just beneath the capping.

Early in the present spring Mr. Saulter located some very promising copper-gold deposits on the west side of Howe Sound, and one of these is at present under option by local capitalists. Some development work is to be done on it in the near future.

Reports of discoveries of some very good copper-gold prospects close to the headwaters of the Capilano River have been received in the city from prospectors now working through that locality. Apparently as that district is being more thoroughly gone over the fact is gradually developing that to the north of Burrard Inlet there exists an immense area of mineral which will ultimately be thoroughly exploited.

THE SHEARWATER RETURNS.

H.M.S. Shearwater, which left port on Saturday last for Behring Sea on her annual pelagic sealing patrol cruise, returned to port yesterday morning, with her commander, Capt. Hunt, seriously ill. It was found upon arrival at Comox that Capt. Hunt was too ill to proceed on the voyage north, and the sloop-of-war was returned to Victoria. Capt. Hunt was removed to the hospital. It is not expected that he will recover in time to permit of his going north with the vessel, and a new start will probably be made on Monday next with the Shearwater in command of her navigating lieutenant, Lieut. Kerwin.

ESTIMATES OF WHEAT YIELD.

Winnipeg, July 18.—During the next few days harvesting the wheat crop of the Canadian Northwest will begin, although cutting will not be general before the end of the month. Never before in the history of the country have conditions been more ideal and carefully compiled reports from various portions of the wheat belt have led to a number of estimates which range from 110,000,000 to 150,000,000 bushels of wheat.

From the day the seed was planted the weather could not have been more suitable for heavy crops even had the farmers ordered the weather themselves. Dry weather for the seeding was followed by warm rains and hot days, while the seed was maturing and since then the rain has fallen in plenty during the nights, while the days have been excessively hot until the crops have grown as though they were in some huge hotbed. In some localities the wheat has already begun to color and is exceptionally heavy and strong.

Last year a field that threshed 60 bushels to the acre was an exception, but this year such fields will be plentiful and the general average of the Canadian West will be over 25 bushels to the acre. In certain districts cut worms have appeared, but the damage done is so slight that it will not amount to more than 1 per cent in the worst cases.

C. E. McPherson, of the C.P.R., states that over a million acres of breaking has been done this summer already, so the acreage under crop next year will be double that of 1905.

MAYOR MORLEY IS "CALLED DOWN"

Trades and Labor Council Take Umbrage at Position on Half-Holiday Question.

INTERFERENCE CONSIDERED ILL-ADVISED

President Gray Delivers Address Which Is Full of Encouragement.

At a largely attended meeting of the Trades and Labor Council held last evening, a discussion arose over the statements of the mayor as published in the press in regard to the Wednesday afternoon holiday, and the following resolution was unanimously carried:

"That while this council fully recognizes the importance of the tourist traffic to Victoria, they are of the opinion that the first duty of the mayor as principal citizen of the city is to give his attention to the comfort and well-being of his own citizens; and seeing that the employers almost unanimously had generously acceded to the request of their employees for a Wednesday half-holiday, the interference of the mayor in the matter is ill-advised and uncalled for."

Credentials were received from W. J. Grigsby, representing the Barbers' Union.

Address by President

The newly elected president, G. F. Gray, addressed the council at some length, expressing the hope that the delegates would work with him in an endeavor to advance the interests of labor in Victoria. Mr. Gray having had large experience in labor matters in Australia and New Zealand, having been a personal friend of the late Sir Richard Seddon, gave a very interesting address, which was received with applause.

A communication from the city clerk notifying the council that their protest re the release of prisoners from the city lockup to act as strikebreakers, was referred to the police commissioners, was ordered filed.

A. Johnson of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress reception committee, reported that the general committee had held a meeting and taken preliminary steps towards giving the delegates to the congress a first-class reception.

Standing Committees

The following standing committees were appointed by the chair:

Legislative and Civic—Messrs. Clayton, McNiven, Watters, Sivertz, Williams, Noury and Shopland.

Organizing—Messrs. Johnson, Carter and Elliot.

Label—Messrs. Goldstraw, Fraser and Lewy.

Press—Messrs. Ryan, McNiven and Gilligan.

Finance—Messrs. Ryan, Elliott and Penketh.

The following committee was struck off to take initial steps towards the celebration of Labor Day: Messrs. Wilby, Carter and Gilligan.

COMPLETING INSURANCE PLAN.

Mutual Scheme Is Fathered by Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

The project by which the manufacturers of Canada will be able to insure their plants in mutual companies, patterned after the mutuals of New England, is materializing.

The project was taken up originally by the Canadian Manufacturers' association, the idea being to organize three companies, the Eastern Manufacturers' Mutual Fire Insurance company, with headquarters in Montreal; the Industrial Mutual Fire Insurance company, with headquarters in Toronto, and the Manufacturers' Mutual Fire Insurance company of Canada.

The plan is that the last-named corporation take the standard risks of the very highest class throughout Canada, the preferred insurance, as it were, while the two first-named corporations will write other and less high class risks in their own respective neighborhoods.

Some time since a circular was sent out to the members of the Canadian Manufacturers' association, throughout Canada asking what the various members would be willing to insure in these mutuals if organized. Up to the present time replies have been received pledging $1,686,000, and two hundred members of the Canadian Manufacturers' association have signed agreements pledging to go into the concerns.

It is expected now that a circular will be issued calling together those who have so pledged themselves and it will be left for them to perfect the organization, it being part of the idea that the Canadian Manufacturers' association, after the preliminary work ceases to be interested in the companies. The pledged members will therefore elect their own officers and perfect their organization as they see fit. It is expected that within a few weeks' time the companies will be in full working order.

FOR LIFE-SAVING.

United States Officials Go to Neah Bay to Select a Station.

Yesterday the U.S.S. Grant left Seattle for Neah Bay with officials of the U.S. life-saving and revenue services to select a site for a life-saving station at Neah Bay. A sea-going tug being built will be established at this station. The officials, Mr. Kimball, superintendent of the life-saving service, and Capt. McClelland, of the U.S. revenue service, will return to Seattle on Saturday and will hold a meeting at the Sound city next Monday with persons familiar with the Washington coast to receive suggestions for the establishment of stations between Cape Flattery and Gray's Harbor.

"The station at Neah Bay," said Mr. Kimball, "will be the best equipped station in the United States, if not in the world. Two life-saving boats, one, and perhaps both, operated with gasoline, will be placed there, besides the sea-going tug. Without the tug the station at Neah Bay would be practically useless.

"Much depends on the securing of an experienced keeper for the station. But we have as good men on the Pacific coast as any in the service."

Speaking of the conditions on the Pacific, from the standpoint of the life saving service, Mr. Kimball said:

"This is a difficult coast. At San Francisco the entrance is deep, and south of Golden Gate, where there is a beach, the surf is tremendous, and to launch a boat through it is a difficult undertaking.

"The shifting sands at the mouth of the Columbia make it exceedingly dangerous.

"Then again, owing to the few harbors along the Pacific coast, wrecks are not concentrated. On the Atlantic coast we know the directions in which vessels generally head, and therefore we are provided with an abundance of stations at these places."

BUTCHERIES IN NATAL.

Official Reply to the British Government's Enquiry in the Matter.

London, July 18.—Under Colonial Secretary Churchill imparted to the house of commons this afternoon the official reply to the government's inquiries into the alleged atrocities perpetrated on the wounded Zulus in Natal during the operations against the rebel chief Bambaata.

According to a telegram from the governor of Natal, three thousand natives were killed throughout the operations and 2,000 were made prisoners, including the wounded. The Natal government had no information of wounded natives being killed by the native levies.

The telegram confirmed the official version of Bataatas' head being cut off for identification, and owing to the decomposition of the rest of the body, of its being subsequently buried with the latter.

In reply to further questions asking what steps the government proposed to take in view of the practical admission of the charges in connection with the treatment of wounded Zulus. Premier Campbell-Bannerman said there was no disposition either to excuse or to admit such butcheries. The Natal government had no knowledge of the killing of wounded natives, and was greatly surprised at the extraordinary telegrams sent out from Johannesburg imputing a wholesale massacre or ill-treatment of the native wounded.

COLD STORAGE CAR SERVICE

Ottawa Government to Provide for Proper Handling of Fruit.

QUEBEC JUDICIARY CHANGES

Bye-Elections in North Renfrew and East Elgin in September.

OTTAWA, July 18.—(Special).—The department of agriculture is making arrangements for a cold storage car service for the carriage of fruit, similar to what has proven such an advantage in the delivery of dairy produce. Last year an average of 10 cold storage cars a day were used in the distribution of butter and cheese.

Quebec Judiciary

Several changes in the Quebec judiciary are to take place shortly, Judges Doherty, Matsin and Loraigner contemplating retirement. Demers, M. P. for St. Johns Iberville, E. Geuron, of Montreal and P. E. Lafontaine, crown prosecutor for Montreal district, will be the choice of the government for the vacancies.

To Be Superannuated

David Liard, Indian commissioner, will shortly be superannuated and it is said his successor will be S. T. Jackson, M. P., for Selkirk.

Mr. Lamout, attorney-general for Saskatchewan, is in the city and rumor persistently connects his name with the vacant judgeships.

The general impression here is that the pending bye-elections in North Renfrew and East Elgin will take place in September.

Mr. Templeman's Duties

Hon. W. Templeman today assumed control of the Geographical department in addition to his duties as minister of inland revenue, an order-in-council having been passed transferring that department to him. It was understood when Mr. Templeman was given the inland revenue department in February last that he would be given control of a mining department. It is understood an act for this purpose will be passed at the next session of the house.

Petition Dismissed

The election petitions against W. Roche and Michael Carney, Liberal members for Halifax, were dismissed this afternoon.

STRIKE AT SAN FRANCISCO.

San Francisco, July 18.—The members of the Electrical Workers' Union who are in the employ of the United Railroads decided this morning to go on strike after receiving an ultimatum from the company in reply to their demand that, while willing to grant an increase of wages from $3.50 to $3.75 for ten hours' work, it would not grant the eight-hour day.

It is possible that the street car system will be tied up if the strike is made effective. The power houses cannot operate without shop men.

The United Railroads announced that they would fill the strikers' places with non-union men.

'FRISCO RELIEF WORK.

San Francisco, July 18.—Dr. E. T. Devine announced yesterday that he would leave the city for the East on August 1 and that he would resign from the chairmanship of the relief committee and the rehabilitation committee at that time.

"I shall have to be in New York on September 1," he said, "to take up my work in Columbia College and with the New York Associated Charities, and although San Francisco is the most interesting place in the world for me at the present time, I feel that it is as well for me to go."

C. H. DICKIE'S TRIP TO STEWART RIVER

Mining Prospects Very Bright in the Portland Canal District.

MANY CLAIMS ARE TAKEN UP

A Bridge Is Very Badly Needed Across the Bear River.

"The mining outlook in the Portland Canal and Stewart River district is very bright," was the remark to a Colonist reporter by C. H. Dickie, of Duncans, who returned from a trip to that section last evening.

When seen at the King Edward, Mr. Dickie said that at present there are about 150 prospectors in the hills and practically everyone has a claim, and on the whole there is a very good feeling throughout the entire camp. The prospectors are for the most part experienced men, having been in Mexico, Arizona, Kootenay and Slocan; and they say that the surface showings are better than any they have ever seen. The ore is mainly galena, showing very rich in

Native Silver and Copper

Mr. Dickie states that he saw some very good samples and was well pleased with the rock.

The mineral belt is about 4 miles wide by 20 miles long and takes in the valleys of Salmon and Bear rivers, the international boundary running between the Salmon and Bear valley.

Mr. Dickie is interested with a party of Mount Sicker men in a group of seven claims, which is known as the Gypsy Mining company. Although very little development work has been done his company are arranging to run a shaft about 100 feet and tunnel about 250 feet and in this manner test the value of their property.

"The country," said Mr. Dickie, is very hard to get into, a glacier at the head of the streams blocking the progress of the prospectors. In most cases the claims are owned by parties of two prospectors, and as yet very few large companies have entered the field.

At the Maple Bay camp which is about 30 miles from the head of the canal

Work Is Being Pushed

to a good extent and the owners have satisfied themselves that they have a mine. After considerable work they have located the main ledge which runs about 5 per cent. in copper and from $2 to $5 in gold. This property is owned by the Brown Alaska Co., who are also the owners of the Hedley smelter. The claims are situated about 1 1-2 miles from deep water and it is the intention of the company to install an aerial tramway to carry the ore to the vessels, that will transport it to the smelter. The members of the company are very sanguine at the outlook and they are looking forward to the time when they will commence to ship."

Mr. Dickie said that this property was examined by Eastern experts who reported unfavorably but since the company has taken hold of the work, the value of the ore has increased, and it continues to increase with depth, which is very gratifying to the other property holders.

Mr. Dickie reported that the

Stewart Boys, of Saanich

have erected a fine hotel and are doing a good business. Besides this they have several claims, but they are giving their attention to the hotel business.

The best showing in the camp is on the property owned by the American Stewarts, or as they are better known the "Missouri" Stewarts. There is an immense showing on this property and native silver is easily seen. The owners are doing some work on the claims and it is their intention to ship the ore on pack horses a distance of 20 miles. To do this it will cost $40 per ton, so that the ore will have to be exceedingly rich to stand such an expense of shipping.

Mr. Dickie says that the prospectors are expecting the provincial mineralogist to make a trip into the camp in a short time and are looking to him to make recommendations to the government that will cause them to open up the country. What is needed most is a

Bridge Across the Bear River

This is a very treacherous stream and the only way it can be crossed is by a wire cable with a chair attached, and over this the prospectors have to pull themselves for a distance of 800 feet. The performance is not only tiresome but unsafe and last summer the cable sagged so much that the chair was in the stream for a time when near the centre.

To illustrate the difficulties with which the properties have to contend with, Mr. Dickie said that the day before he left for Victoria a party of seven tried to cross. They managed to get as far as a log jam and then tried to ford the remainder of the river Indian fashion. Two were swept off their feet and it was only by chance that they all got back to the jam. Another attempt was made and this time successfully. Shortly after they got across the jam broke, and if this had happened while the men were on it they would all have been lost.

The miners are expecting the government to

Bridge This River

and the prospects of the camp demand it. The season for prospecting is very short extending from June 1st to September 30th, when it becomes necessary to abandon the work on account of the snow. On May 20th the snow was still down to the coast but it is now back to the glaciers.

It is anticipated in the camp that if the properties turn out as are expected, a railway will be constructed up the Bear River valley for about 20 miles, from which it will be possible to tap into all the claims.

Mr. Dickie reports that it is not only in this section that the outlook is promising. Ike Thompson, who owns several claims

On Queen Charlotte Island

has bonded his property to a Seattle syndicate and the first payment has been made. He also states that a number of Japs who were working on Queen Charlotte have located a copper property and are doing some work.

From Wink river good reports have also been received. At present a 40-mile wagon road is being made on which considerable money has been expended and when completed it is expected that it will be the main road for supplies going into the country.

Mr. Brightwell, of Ward, Brightwell & Co., along with two companions crossed the mountains on snow shoes in a quest for a placer diggings which were said to exist. The party had not returned before Mr. Dickie left, but from the length of time that they have been away it is anticipated that they have struck something.

Mr. Dickie also reports game to be very plentiful, especially grizzly bears, which are now coming in from the mountains and are quite bold.

Mr. Dickie intends to return north before the close of the season, concluding his remarks he said that the prospectors are confident that they have secured big paying claims and general prosperity prevails throughout the camp.

TOOLS FOR GRAND TRUNK.

Heavy Train for Construction Arrives at Fort William.

A Fort William, Ont., despatch dated July 13th says: A train comprising sixty cars of tools and other materials for construction work on the G. T. P. arrived tonight. The implements generally are for track laying purposes and a greater share of them will be shipped to points west of Winnipeg.

The steamer Jessie Spalding with about 200 tons of steel rails from Buffalo arrived today. So far the G. T. P. has received and unloaded at their docks here 31,000 tons of ties, 604 cars of which have been sent west. There is still to come before the close of navigation 4,400 tons of steel, about one-half of which is the product of the Algoma Steel company, of Sault Ste Marie. A number of construction engines and cars will also be brought west in the near future.

Some idea of the amount of material that will be handled at this point may be gleaned from the fact that from now until the close of navigation 75 carloads a day will be shipped west by the company. To facilitate the unloading of tools and supplies for the Lake Superior terminals of the Grand Trunk Pacific, a spur track will be constructed from the C. P. R. yards at West Fort William to the terminal site. Work on the proposed track will be begun at once, that it may be completed before the commencement of the laying of steel.

RUNAWAY BOY IS HIDING FROM POLICE

Escaped by Flight From Launch When Provincial Police Sought Him.

HAD SHIPPED ON PASS OF LENY

Arrested for Forging Cheques—Escapee From Lock-Up Still at Large.

James Chisholm, a boy of fifteen years, who was shipped on board the British ship Pass of Leny by H. Sims, sailors' boarding house master of Esquimalt, who also, strange to say, holds the post of deputy shipping master, is hiding from the provincial police and from his father, caretaker of the Vancouver post office, who came to Victoria to seek his son, after being informed by Supt. F. S. Hussey of the provincial police that the boy was on board the Pass of Leny. The boy would have been in the custody of his parents ere now but for a peculiar disarrangement of the plans of the police.

Supt. F. S. Hussey instructed Constable Huggard to go to the shipping master, Mr. Laird, and get a note to H. Sims, the boarding house master and deputy shipping master, and to Capt. Thomas of the Pass of Leny, authorizing them to give the boy over to the constable. Mr. Hussey instructed the constable to request Mr. Laird not to report the matter to anyone, particularly to those at Esquimalt. Mr. Huggard said the shipping master did so at once, though. He telephoned to Sims before the constable left the office.

Armed with the note from the shipping master, the constable proceeded to Esquimalt. At the landing Constable Huggard met Sims and the mate of the Pass of Leny. Mr. Sims told the constable he had sent off a launch for the boy, and it would not be necessary to go to the ship. The mate of the vessel, however, said he had instructed the second mate not to permit anyone to leave the vessel, and he agreed to go out with the constable and get the boy from the ship. Constable Huggard delivered the letter to the mate, authorizing the release of the boy. On board the Pass of Leny, though, the mate and constable were informed that the boy had gone ashore in the launch sent by the boarding house master. As the launch neared the landing the boy had sprung ashore and ran away, with Sims on his heels. The sailors' boarding house man was seemingly unable to capture the fugitive lad, who is still at large, and his father is waiting until the boy is located.

The official description of the boy follows: Aged, 15 years; height, 4 feet 10 inches; complexion, rather fair; apparel, grey tweed Norfolk jacket with belt.

Charged With Forgery

T. M. Bowerman, formerly a newspaper reporter, who returned to Victoria a few days ago after an absence of some years, and has been drinking heavily, was arrested at the Occidental hotel yesterday by Sergt. Detective Palmer, charged with forging the name of Oscar Lucas to a check purporting to be drawn by Mr. Lucas for ten dollars. This check was passed at the candy store of T. Renfrew on Yates street. The police have been informed that two other checks were uttered, it being stated that the accused gave Wright & Falconer of the Strand hotel a check drawn on the Canadian Bank of Commerce for ten dollars, they advancing him two dollars. It was presented on Tuesday and returned, the teller stating that the maker of the check had no funds there.

Clyde Still at Large

The elusive Clyde, the prisoner who escaped from the lockup on Monday night while under detention pending investigation of a complaint made against him, had not been recaptured up to the time of going to press, although news had been received of him on one or two occasions. He was seen on Pembroke street yesterday morning. The police expect to capture him in a short time.

A Bluejacket Arrested

A bluejacket of U. S. S. Chicago, who had imbibed too freely of the cup that cheers and likewise inebriates, was arrested last night, charged with being drunk and disorderly. According to K. Vasilatos, the proprietor of the fruit stand near the B. C. Market, the seaman was very disorderly. He entered the fruit store and kicked over several boxes of fruit and of candy, trampling peaches, cherries and taffy into a mixture on the floor.

Lady Recovers Purse

A small boy, under fourteen years of age, was arrested yesterday afternoon at the Gorge park by Special Officer Duncalfe, charged with taking a purse belonging to a lady visitor at the park from a tree where it was placed temporarily. The boy revealed the hiding place of the purse to the owner, who did not want to press a charge against him.

Sent to the Asylum

An unfortunate man who became insane and was annoying people on the Saanich road, was arrested on Tuesday night at the request of the provincial police by the city police, who went to the scene with the patrol wagon. The man will be sent to the asylum.

One Lone Drunk

One lone drunk faced the police magistrate yesterday morning. He pleaded guilty and was fined $3.50, with the option of five days in the lockup.

WEDDED IN ENGLAND.

London, July 18.—Kate Millett, the daughter of Frances D. Millett, the American artist, was married today at the parish church, Broadway, Worcestershire, to Frank Wilard, son of a Worcestershire landowner.

BIG STRIKE THREATENED.

New York July 18.—According to the World, an ultimatum embodying a threat to order a general strike among more than 50,000 members of the building trades was delivered yesterday by the Associated Building Trades to employers in this city. On receipt of the ultimatum the Master Plumbers' Association, which is the employers' organization, called a conference in Terrace Garden. The association states that 800 strikebreakers have been secured and are now on their way to New York.

The situation developed yesterday from a strike among 1500 plumbers, members of Local No. 2, which began about two weeks ago.

SCORES AT BISLEY.

Completion of the First Stage of the King's Prize Match.

Bisley Camp, July 18.—The first stage of the King's prize match at 500 yards was shot for this morning in very tricky wind and hot weather conditions. The Canadian scores were: Allen 31, Blackburn 29, Caven 30, Drysdale 33, Dillon 31, Forrest 32, Gilchrist 29, Huggins 30, Hayhurst 30, Kerr 29, Private Leask 33, Piper Leask 28, Sergeant Mortimer 31, Nichols 27, Pinard 31, Semple 31, Smith 33, Skedden 31, Whitley 31, Bayles 34, Stuart 31.

In the Duke of Cambridge match, 900 yards, 10 shots, each open to all-comers, the first prize for which is £20, the following Canadians scored: Allen 36, Blackburn 37, Caven 38, Dillon 38, Forrest 35, Hayhurst 34, Private Leask 42, Piper Leask 42, Nichols 34, Pinard 36, Smith 35, Skedden 27.

The scores of the Canadians, with two exceptions were all under 40 in the Duke of Cambridge match at 900 yards ten shots each. The first prize in this competition is £20. There are fifty in all. The scores are as follows: Pte. Allen, 36; Pte. Blackburn, 37; Major Caven, 38; Major Dillon, 38; Capt. Forrest, 33; Pte. Huggins, 35; Pte. Leask, 24; Sergt. Mortimer, 42; Sergt. Nichols, 42; Semple, 34; Pte. Smith, 36; Sergt. Whiteley, 35; Corp. Youhill, 27; Drysdale, 28; Gilchrist, 37; Hayhurst, 38; Kerr, 32; Piper Leask, 39; Pinard, 32; Skeddon, 36.

Excessive heat conditions and wind blowing straight across the range, prevented high scores at the 600 yard range in the first stage of the King's prize match today. The scores follow: Pte. Allen, 24; Blackburn, 25; Caven, 27; Drysdale, 27; Dillon, 31; Forrest, 28; Gilchrist, 30; Hayhurst, 33; Kerr, 30; Piper Leask, 21; Nichols, 28; Pinard, 28; Smith, 31; Skeddon, 31; Youhill, 24; Bayles, 27.

Scores of ninety-two in the first stage are likely to qualify for the second stage which takes place on Friday, the final stage being shot on Saturday.

DISCUSS TREATY OF PEACE.

San Salvador, July 18.—The armistice between Salvador and Honduras on one side and Guatemala on the other began today. A treaty of peace is to be discussed in neutral waters on board the United States cruiser Marblehead.

GRAND LODGE K. OF P.

Winnipeg, July 18.—The grand lodge of the Knights of Pythias for Manitoba and the Northwest meet in their fifteenth annual session here on July 23 and 24. J. G. Carter, grand chancellor, and F. J. G. McArthur, grand K. of R. and S., are in charge of all arrangements and predict that the most successful meeting in the history of the organization will take place.

WIRELESS STATION IN PACIFIC.

Washington, D.C., July 18.—Soon the United States navy will have the Pacific Coast equipped with the wireless telegraph system. Stations have been completed and equipped at San Diego, Arquelle, Faralona and Mare Island. Faralona is just outside of San Francisco harbor, and the station is located there in order to have the communication over sea as much as possible from one station to the other. Stations are now being constructed at Table Bluff, Cape Blanco, North Head and Cape Flattery. Any ship sailing along the Pacific Coast and equipped with wireless will be able to communicate with the land at all times from the northern to the southern boundary of the country.

THE WELLMAN EXPEDITION.

Steamer Frithjof Reached Danes Island on July 9th.

Digermulen, Lofoden Isles, Norway, July 17.—The steamer Frithjof, having on board the Wellman, Chicago-Record-Herald Arctic expedition, reached Danes island, July 9th and found the shore of Virgo bay already dotted with structures, including machine shops ready for work and the material in readiness to begin the construction of the giant baloon house. All the twenty-four members of the expedition are well.

Mr. Wellman hopes to establish wireless communication with Hammerfest before the end of July.

EGGS A HUNDRED YEARS OLD.

London Daily Mail.

In felling a large tree some days ago in Cirencester, Gloucestershire, a bird's nest containing four eggs was discovered inclosed in a hollow near the heart of the trunk. The sap rings showed that nearly a century has elapsed since the eggs were laid, and it was obvious that the hollow had closed automatically. The eggs were intact, but slightly faded.

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AGAIN SHY AT GOLDST

City Council Rejects to Find Out Purc Price.

AVOIDING ESQUIMA

Mayor Declares Highlan Is Good Enough City.

(From Tuesday's Da

THE city council last fused to pass a repor by the water comm mending that the Esquim Works company be asked ures concerning the sale of ings. The report caused discussion and it was pointed members of the water com they had no intention what tirely forgetting the other pr report was as follows:

Dear Sirs—Your water con to make the following recom That the water commission structed to communicate with malt Water Works company, a without prejudice:

(a) At what figure the compa to the corporation of the city the whole of their holdings an ings, both at Goldstream and

(b) At what figure the compa to the city of Victoria the w below the power house, now waste?

(c) In the event of the wate figure being considered too h city, will the company be wil mit to arbitration in the usu question of the price to be pa pany; the city on its part agre mit to the ratepayers a by-l chase, at the price fixed by trators?

That the commissioner also water company to state the l at which they will sell water stream to the city:

1. The company putting down main?

2. The city putting down main?

Debate on Report

Ald. Stewart moved the a the report and in doing so water committee had decide would be wise to find out whe stood with the Esquimalt W company. The company ha million and a quarter and the wished to know if they still w amount, and if so would they to submit that figure as a ba bitration. The company had n offers and he wished to know w were at. Several citizens ask ship why the city did not purc from the company and the decided that they should hea the company and when the re other systems were received be able to place them all befo izens.

Ald. Hall seconded the m said the idea of the commit find out definitely what was was aware that some of the ers were willing to sell wat was desirous that they sho exactly what the company wa fore the other projects were r

Ald. Yates thought the would be anxious to sell t water, but it was

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to buy water from the comp would allow them to ascer amount of water was req wished to know why the com not considered the advisabil pealing the decision in the w case.

Ald. Vincent said if the co fered to sell water at a would place the city in a we position.

Ald. Fell said that if th offered to sell water at a lo would say "buy it" and won favor of it. The company leges from the legislature and were decided to appeal it wo great deal. If the decision versed it would be allright were upheld, the city would worse position than ever, pointed out that if it was expropriate, once they sta was no turning back. He also tention to the fact that might refuse to pass a bylaw of the members of the com willing to sell water at a great rate, and as they were citize toria he did not think the wh company were intending to the city. He suggested then "unprejudiced" should be add report. He thought it was shame that millions of gallons were going to waste every d

Ald. Fullerton said that h think the company would property at any reasonable figu the decision of the court he w opinion that they would as outrageous price than last was opposed to purchasing any company.

Ald. Yates moved that the

Laid Over for Discuss

He was of the opinion that was not far distant when it impossible for any company to a municipality. He stated Esquimalt Water Works com better "friends" to Victoria majority of the citizens gave t for. They were stirring up that legislation would be int prevent a municipality being

His Worship was sorry was brought forward, as it assist in a settlement. He w opinion that if the Esquim company had been ignored tha have been better, and they di to go to the company and ask ure as it was the place for th to come to the city. He p that already the property wa duced in value and referred motive power that would lessen the value of the compa ings. He suggested that the be left alone and told to go way. The reports from the district were very favorab necting the district with Elk would secure sufficient wa time to come. It was imp present the report for a few