

THE CITY.

Mr. WILLIAM G. McMYN, of Midway, has been gazetted deputy registrar of the County court of Yale.

KASLO City has now a regularly appointed police magistrate in the person of Mr. Ebon E. Chipman.

The capital stock of the Lanark Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. has been increased from \$200,000 to \$375,000.

The Liberal association have decided to entertain Hon. Mr. Tarte at a banquet during his approaching visit to this city.

The Nip & Tuck Gold Hydraulic Mining Co. hold a special general meeting at Vancouver on the 9th prox., to consider proposals for the disposal of the company's property.

MESSRS. J. R. GRANT and E. C. Senkler, the latter a brother of Barrister J. H. Senkler, of Vancouver, have made application to be called to the bar of the B. C. Supreme court.

Mr. J. D. GRAHAM, the government agent at Revelstoke, has been appointed stipendiary magistrate for the Revelstoke, Illecillewaet, Lardeau and Trout Lake mining divisions of West Kootenay.

The British Columbia Electric Co., of Tacoma, was last Monday formally registered to do business in this city. The company is capitalized at \$10,000, and has been organized for the purpose of equipping fire and burglar alarm systems, etc., in this province and in the State of Washington.

BARRISTERS Yarwood & Young, of Nanaimo, give notice in the Gazette of yesterday of an application shortly to be made to the provincial house for the incorporation of a railway company to build from Nanaimo to Alberni, with the usual supplementary and incidental powers and privileges.

The Grand Forks Gold Mining Co., which has just been granted incorporation with capital stock of \$1,500,000, has been formed by Messrs. H. A. Hendrickson, J. A. Elliott, W. K. White, L. R. Perrine and J. K. Johnson, for the purpose primarily of acquiring and developing the "Little Volcanic," "Mascott," and "Indian Queen" claims at Brown's camp, on the north fork of the Kettle river.

The Cascade Water, Power and Light Co. will seek incorporation by private act at the next session of the provincial legislature, with power to take so much of the water of Boundary and Kettle creeks as may be necessary for the purposes of the company. It is proposed to supply water, light and power to Midway, Anacoda, Greenwood, Grand Forks and Cascade City, as well as to the smelters and mines in the neighborhood.

MESSRS. George Turner, Patrick Clark, J. A. Finch, E. C. Loring and W. S. Norman have given notice of an application for a private bill for the incorporation of the British Columbia Power & Light Co.; their object is to develop and utilize a water power on the "Pend Oreille" and to supply light and power to the mines, towns, cities and villages of West Kootenay—more particularly Rossland and Trail.

Hon. Mr. JUSTICE McCOLL was yesterday sworn in by Hon. Mr. Justice Walkem, and having taken the usual oaths of office will, it is understood, be prepared to enter upon his duties at once, although three months' leave is usually given to a judge on appointment. Mr. Justice McColl has been appointed for the New Westminster district, but has the same power as other members of the British Columbia Supreme court bench of presiding in any court in the province.

MESSRS. Isaac Churchill, Robt. Hampton, Thomas Hood, H. Stead, and W. J. Spracklin, all of New Westminster, have taken the preliminary steps towards the establishment of one of the three new canneries to be erected next spring on the Fraser river. In the development of their plans they have organized an incorporated the Colonial Canning Co., Ltd., of which they are the provisional trustees. The capital stock is \$30,000 in \$100 shares; the head offices will be at New Westminster; and the manufacture of fish manures, etc., as well as salmon canning is contemplated.

The new mining companies incorporated in British Columbia during the week just passed are somewhat less numerous than usual, Rossland supplying the majority. Here is the list with the amount at which each is capitalized: Bonanza Mountain Gold Mining Co., of Grand Forks; with capital stock of \$1,500,000. Ethel Group Gold Mining Co., of Rossland; \$1,500,000. Grand Forks Gold Mining Co., of Grand Forks; \$1,500,000. Montezuma Gold Mining Co., of Rossland; \$1,000,000. Two Friends Mine, of Vancouver; \$240,000.

An important court-martial over the conduct of stoker Davis, of H.M.S. Imperieuse, was held on board the flagship yesterday, resulting in Davis being sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment. The charge against the accused has been pending for a long time, and although amounting to the serious one of stabbing one of his shipmates, his brother sailors have had much sympathy for Davis and think his act was largely provoked. The row in which the assault was committed occurred with a man named Foley, but as to how it was brought about there seems to be a diversity of opinion. In the conflict, however, Foley was badly cut and has since been confined to the naval hospital. Another sailor, on board H.M.S. Icarus, was also ordered to be incarcerated yesterday, receiving a sentence of something like 42 days for misbehavior.

The case of Cowan v. Carthew occupied the attention of Mr. Justice Walkem all day yesterday. Plaintiff, under an assignment from her husband, M. H. Cowan, of an alleged claim, brought action for \$1,250 for commission in procuring for Carthew an investment of \$5,000 by Messrs. Munn & Holland in the shares of the Carlisle canneries, managed by defendant at Carlisle, on the Skeena. The evidence for plaintiff was that given by Mr. Cowan, and that for the defence by Messrs. Carthew, Shaw and Joshua Holland. A non-suit was moved for by the defendant, but not granted, as the court decided that the evidence in behalf of plaintiff was insufficient, in view of the statements made

on the part of the defence, to enable the court to give judgment for plaintiff. The action was therefore dismissed with costs. Mr. A. Martin for plaintiff; Mr. A. L. Belyea for the defendant.

The Trail Creek News has recently undergone considerable enlargement and improvement. It is now an eight page six column paper and having within a year had three enlargements, may be considered as very much alive.

The date for the completion of the provincial assessment rolls has been extended until the 31st of December. The duties of the courts of revision and appeal are to be completed and the rolls finally revised by the 15th of January.

The annual general meeting of the Y.W.C.A. will be held at the rooms of the Y.M.C.A. on Wednesday evening next, when the reports of the last year's work will be presented and addresses delivered by members of the city clergy.

At the residence of Mrs. Noah Shakespeare yesterday afternoon the members of the W. C. T. U. attended a pleasant parlor social. There was not a very large attendance, but this was hardly expected in view of the stormy and disagreeable day.

The Mining News is the name of a new journalistic venture in Montreal. It is a large quarto of eight pages and contains a large variety of interesting matter, much of it relating to British Columbia, which has manifestly caught on in Canada's commercial capital.

At a meeting of the directors of the Silver Band Mining Co., Ltd., on Saturday last the first issue of 20,000 shares was closed, all these shares having been taken up by the directors and their friends. A further issue of shares at 25 cents was made, and prospectuses with applications for these shares, and any other information, can be obtained at the offices, 74 Wharf street.

Rev. G. H. RALEY, of Kitimaat, who has been making an extended visit to the East accompanied by Mrs. Raley and their baby boy, has arrived here on his way back to his Northern home. During his absence Mr. Raley visited friends in England and also spent some time in Ontario addressing missionary meetings. Miss Long of Toronto accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Raley west, and will act as a missionary teacher at Kitimaat.

PRIVATE letters from Colorado Springs announce the death there on the 1st instant, of Thomas D. Lindsey, for several years a member of the city police force here and Chinook interpreter in the Victoria criminal courts. The deceased was a comparatively young man—still in his thirties—but consumption and years ago laid his relentless hold upon him. He leaves a widow and several children, besides a number of brothers who reside in the Saanich and Lulu Island farming districts.

MR. ROBERT LANSING, one of the counsel appointed to represent the United States at the coming Behring Sea commission, arrived in town last night accompanied by Mrs. and Miss Lansing. The party is from the Driard. Mr. Lansing is from Water town, New York, and is one of the most prominent members of the bar of his state. He was one of the United States counsel at the Paris arbitration, and his present appointment shows that his services have been appreciated by his government.

At the A.O.U.W. hall on Wednesday evening the Companions of the Forest entertained a large number of friends who had gathered by invitation. Mrs. Lang had charge of the programme, in itself a guarantee of enjoyment. Mrs. Dudgeon opened the proceedings with a vocal solo, which was followed by a very cleverly rendered serio-comic song by Miss May King. Mr. T. Dooley, who never fails to provoke laughter, succeeded in his role three times consecutively. Miss Dora Wolf recited with pleasing dramatic effect, and Miss Annie Carter gave a charming little vocal solo in which Mr. James Pilling took the part of the rear assisted with his sweet tenor. Mr. Pilling, who is always a welcome performer, also contributed a couple of solos; and dancing to music provided by Messrs. A. Wolf and F. Sehl closed the proceedings.

THE LAWRENCE CASE

The extended preliminary hearing of the J.A. Lawrence false pretences charge was concluded in the city police court yesterday, the case being sent for trial to the higher court. For the accused, Mr. E. E. Bowell made an exhaustive address lasting over an hour. Reviewing the evidence at length, he claimed that it had not been shown by the prosecution that the accused had made any false pretences. He also endeavored to bring about the sale of the quarter interest in the Goldstream claims. Touching on the contradictory evidence given by Capt. McCallum and Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Bowell argued that Capt. McCallum's account was not supported by any other evidence, and that no jury would convict upon the evidence presented.

Mr. H. Dallas Helmcken, Q. C., followed on the same side, taking similar ground to Mr. Bowell, and arguing that in any event the case should never have come into the criminal courts, for if Captain McCallum had felt himself aggrieved his remedy was by a civil action. Magistrate Macrae in announcing that he would send the case to a higher court for trial, remarked that the direct contradiction of the evidence made the case eminently one that should go before a jury, instead of being decided by him. He would refrain, however, from using the word "commit," as if he did so the judge of the Supreme court, he would, therefore, in sending the case up for trial, bind the accused over in the sum of \$5,000 personally, and one surety of \$5,000, to appear for trial. Mr. M. King, who has been Mr. Lawrence's bondsman since the beginning of the case, again became security for him. Mr. Lawrence against Captain McCallum were called before the police court yesterday morning, but were again adjourned until November 19.

OGALLALA, Neb., Nov. 11.—The Union Pacific passenger, eastbound from Denver, struck a broken rail here to-day. One tourist, two chair cars and one Pullman were turned over in the ditch. A number of passengers were injured, but none were seriously hurt.

MORE WARSHIPS.

North Pacific Fleet to Be Strengthened in the Immediate Future.

A Guardship to Be Stationed at Esquimalt as Auxiliary to the Forts.

From a reliable source it is learned that in accordance with the intention of the Imperial government to strengthen the naval force of the Empire at the principal stations throughout the world, the North Pacific fleet is to be materially added to in the number of vessels and their efficiency also. The present fleet at Esquimalt, with the exception of the flagship Imperieuse, which is a first-class armored twin screw cruiser of 5,400 tons, is in these days somewhat behind the times when compared with the magnificent fighting machines which Great Britain has been turning out of late at a rate that has astonished the world and which other nations cannot hope to emulate. Now before many months, Esquimalt will have a fleet of effective up-to-date warships that will be fit to sweep the seas any force that can be placed in the Pacific by any other power.

The North Pacific fleet at present consists, besides the flagship, of five vessels: the Satellite, third class, screw cruiser, 1,130 tons; the Ionian, screw sloop, 970 tons; the Wild Swan, screw gunboat, 755 tons; and the Comus, third class screw cruiser, 2,350 tons. The first move towards strengthening the fleet has already been decided upon, for in a few weeks the Satellite will be relieved by a vessel three times her size, the Phaeton, a twin-screw second-class cruiser of 4,320 tons. Among the changes, too, will be the stationing of a guardship at Esquimalt as an auxiliary of protection auxiliary to the fortifications, and steel vessels of the latest pattern, speedier, larger and more heavily armed than those now composing the fleet, will be stationed here. How many vessels are to be sent has not been learned, but that the fleet will be made much larger than at present is certain.

All these changes are not made with a view to menacing other nations, but with the intention of guarding Canada's western shores; also to be able to send warships to the East in case of the Suez canal route being closed in the event of a war with European power, and so that on the Pacific there may be a fleet that can co-operate with the North Atlantic fleet if necessary. It may be noted that the British fleet on the North Atlantic is being enormously strengthened, the practice being to station the North Atlantic fleet to make the summer headquarters at Halifax and to winter in the West Indies. The intention is for the future to have two fleets, one at Halifax and the other at St. John's.

The Powerful or Terrible, enormous first class cruisers of 14,200 tons, it is thought, will be sent to Halifax, and there will be gathered together such a huge fleet of warships that the Iike has never been seen before in the history of this continent. The intention is to have the Pacific and Atlantic fleets under such conditions that they can co-operate, and besides this the South African fleet will be in a position to act with the West Indian fleet if necessary.

A recent order-in-council has been passed by the Imperial authorities to the effect that in future three torpedo boat destroyers are to be attached to each flagship. Admiral Palliser could not be seen yesterday in regard to the coming changes in the Pacific fleet, but that changes will be made as indicated is plain enough, although perhaps the details are not yet arranged. The strengthening of the Esquimalt station is decidedly important and pleasant news for Victoria, for apart from all other considerations the trade brought to the city by having a large naval force stationed here is not to be lightly appreciated.

THE "FLYING DUTCHMAN."

Captain Gustav Hansen, commonly known as "The Flying Dutchman," a private collector of seal and rookeries, etc., is on his way to Victoria. He arrived in Portland some days ago on the steamer Mount Lebanon, having left his schooner, the Josephine, at Yokohama, that he might proceed to Victoria and collect \$12,350 which he claims to be due him under the modus vivendi for constructive damages for having been driven out of Behring sea and thus prevented from sealing. "It is now eighteen years since I first came on the Pacific," the captain in a recent interview remarked, "and during the great part of that time I have been engaged in sealing. I have been kept a prisoner in Siberia for six months, with my crew, without being given a hearing, and escaping from the Russians have on my very next voyage been taken to Sitka as a prisoner on board an American man of war. It was in 1890-91, with the schooner Idalia, sailing out of Victoria, under the British flag, that I and my vessel first gained the "Flying Dutchman" notoriety. One night I slipped out from between the cutters Iran and Bear, which were watching me, and by morning had taken 491 skins and was well on my way toward the Japan coast.

In 1893, with the schooner Emma, I was seized by the Russians off Saghalien island and with my crew and ten men taken to Vladivostok. Here we were kept prisoners for six months without being given a hearing. At the end of that time we were all suffering from scurvy. When I was released, it was to be sentenced to four months' additional imprisonment. I knew I could not stand any more of the Russian grip, and when I was released, I bribed the guards and allowed us to reach the steamer. Five of the men stowed away on the English steamer while myself and five others were secreted on board the Japanese ship, all hands being safely landed in Yokohama.

SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

The Kinshui Maru, one of the regular liners of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, arrived on the Sonnd Wednesday after discharging her foreign cargo of tea, silk and curios comes to Esquimalt dry dock for a cleaning up, after which she will return to the Sound and load one of the most important cargoes ever sent out of Seattle. She will take out nearly 1,000,000 pounds of Texas cotton, the first shipment of the kind ever sent from Seattle, and the cargo will also include one thousand tons of steel rails from Eastern rolling mills for Japan and China, and 2,000 tons of flour. The Kinshui Maru is a big vessel, 362 feet long and has a tonnage of 5,400, and will probably have not less than 5,000 tons out.

At 5 o'clock last evening the O. R. & N. liner Mount Lebanon, bound for Hong Port and the Orient, tied up to the outer wharf and will discharge before leaving for Comox this morning nearly 200 tons of freight for Victoria. She also has many passengers, including several Asiatic passengers. After receiving her cargo, coal at Comox, she returns to Victoria, contrary to expectation, and will take on some very heavy shipments for Honolulu and Oriental ports.

SALE OF WRECKAGE. Nine hundred cases of canned fruits, which were submerged beneath the waters of the Sound in the Victoria wreck, were sold in Tacoma on Wednesday. The goods were little damaged, although the cans were quite rusty. They sold for an average of \$1 a case, bidding at times being spirited.

Tug Lornet took the bark Malrose to Port Angeles yesterday morning after towing the City of Glasgow to sea the previous night. Capt. Langley, of the Lorne, prescribes Callam Bay and Port Angeles full of storm-bound vessels, the weather of late having been extremely unfavorable to outbound craft. The British ship Yoeman is under charter to load general cargo at Liverpool for British Columbia.

BRIDGE LEGISLATION.

The bridge loan by-law was taken up again, in committee of the whole, when the council met last evening, Mayor Beaven presiding, and Ald. Cameron, Wilson, Sparks, Partridge, Williams and Macmillan, also present. The Mayor called attention to the fact that if the loan is made for twenty-five years, as decided last meeting, instead of for forty-nine years as first proposed, the annual charge for interest and sinking fund will be increased from \$5,500 to \$8,000. He thought this added burden upon the revenue of next year would not be popular and might make it more difficult to pass the by-law, and he therefore suggested that this section be reconsidered so as to make the loan for forty-nine years. This was agreed to. It is provided that the city shall have the right to purchase any of the debentures after twenty-five years. The by-law was reported complete with amendments, read a third time and passed. It was decided that the voting on the by-law by the electors shall take place on Saturday, November 28, Mr. W. K. Bull to be as usual the returning officer.

The regulations to govern tramway traffic on the Point Ellice pile bridge were then taken up in committee. They limit the weight of cars with their loads to 8½ tons, the number of passengers in each car to 30, the speed to four miles an hour; and provide that the distance between cars on the bridge shall be at least 200 feet, and that cars and other vehicles shall not be on the truss at the same time. The regulations were reported, read a third time and passed, and the council adjourned at 9 p.m.

Ald. Marchant has posted up on the city hall bulletin board notice that he will move at the next council meeting that the Wards by-law be submitted to the electors on January 14 at the same time and polling places as fixed for the election of aldermen.

TRAIL CREEK.

(From the Trail Creek News.) The Arlington, on the north fork of the Salmon, has been sold to J. E. Jackson and partners. The average result from a large number of carefully selected samples gave \$72 in all values, gold predominating. The ore is a smelting product.

Hugh McNeil, a man of about fifty years of age, has been sentenced to four months in the rock pile at Rossland. McNeil started out to make a clean-up in the Creamery district, and came near proving successful. He had prepared a letter, to which he had signed the name of Theodore Day, authorizing McNeil to "regulate" every milk ranch the reservation known as the Trail Creeks district, and this he proceeded to do by assessing each house \$50.

TWENTY-THIRD CELEBRATION.

It was indeed a pleasant experience to exchange the deluge of rain for the festivities of the ball room of the A.O.U.W. hall last evening. The occasion was the twenty-third anniversary of Court Vancouver, No. 5765, and either through the popularity of the order or the well remembered successes of the society's celebrations in the past, there was a splendid attendance. The society's usual decorations ornamented the hall, and the arrangements of the affair were in all in the hands of the following competent general committee: Henry Walker, J. Speede, J. Davies, J. Randolph, T. Carter, A. E. Greenwood, W. Hall, W. Bowman, R. Godding and W. J. Wilson, secretary; Wm. Hall, treasurer; W. J. Coward, and J. B. R. Godding, J. B.; and P. Davies, P.O.R.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Nov. 11.—Governor Oates, in his annual message sent to the legislature to-day, recites numerous cases of lynching in the state during the last two years, and adds that not a single case shows that any person was punished for taking the law in their own hands.

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