British Columbia.

NANAIMO.

Nanaimo, April 28.—Mr. W. W. B. McInnes, the Liberal candidate, has issued an elaborate address, in pamphlet form, to the electors of the district, in which he concisely sets forth, in sound argument, the reason why the Liberal party should be returned to power. Mr. McInnes has not yet taken the field, as he has decided to wait and see who he has to contend with.

So far the subscription list for the celebration of the Queen's birthday has reached about $1200, which sum already exceeds that of any previous year.

Last night there was a count-out of the council, being the first for the year. It was expected there would have been a regular kick-up last evening, but the want of a quorum prevented it.

Dr. Walkem, M. P. P., left for the east yesterday, and it is whispered his visit is mainly for the purpose of seeing whether he can get any financial support to enable him to contest this constituency, and that he will not be particular on which side he runs.

Nanaimo, April 29.—There is likely to be a little war among some of the claim holders of Texada island, owing to the member of a company bonding the claims to a second party before the first bond has expired. In fact, the second bond was made only a few weeks after the first had been arranged. It is hard to say how the matter will end.

There appears to be an opinion in Victoria, judging by certain business communication received here, that Nanaimo is about done for. No opinion or feeling could be more erroneous or calculated to be detrimental to this city. As a matter of fact, the work so far accomplished in the way of developing the mines by the New Vancouver Coal company is but a commencement of the magnitude of the coal fields belonging to the company. Although trade has been somewhat depressed, it will eventually look up again.

The case of Parson v. Westwood was heard before Judge Harrison in the supreme court yesterday, and the decision will probably be given to-day.

Mr. J. Haggart is reported to have resigned his position at Wellington for the purposeh of contesting this constituency.

Mr. A. R. Heyland, C. E., has returned from Alberni, and speaks in glowing terms of the Alberni Consolidated company's property, which, he says, is very rich. The ledge is now 3 feet 6 inches wide, and gold is clearly perceptible in the rock.

ROSSLAND.

Rossland Miner.

The face of the north cross cut in the Centre Star looks like a jeweler's shop. They have now got four feet of as beautiful copper ore as was ever seen in this camp. They are still about 40 feet from where they expected to tap the north ledge, and of course cannot tell whether they are into it yet or not.

The Josie tunnel once more shows a full face of high grade ore. Sample assays on Wednesday and Thursday gave returns of from $30 to $120 in gold. This is on the main vein. The smaller north vein on which they have been drifting until a few days ago was pretty barren when they left it and returned to the main ledge.

Work is progressing rapidly on the Georgia. The tunnel is now in 16 feet and shows 8 feet of ore of a satisfactory grade. A 3-drill compressor plant has been purchased from the Rand drill company and power drills will be at work by Monday. It is the intention to replace this plant by a larger one at an early date.

The Lily May company will sink a vertical shaft two hundred feet deep. The ground selected is just a little north of the old shaft near the Dewdney trail. The Lily May people know what mining is and are going about it in a thoroughbred manner.

The Blue Elephant is opening up nicely. E. W. Liljegran has four men at work and has an open cut driven in on the ledge about 30 feet. It shows about five feet of silicious ore all the way in the bottom. The ore runs about 5 per cent. copper.

Word comes from Spokane that the sale of the Monte Christo is practically closed. The price is $25,000, and not $20,000, as reported in our last issue. The money is all in the bank ready to be paid over to A. E. Humphreys as soon as he deposits a deed from St. Onge and Cabana. The Monte Christo will be incorporated at once.

Joseph L. Warner, manager of the famous O. K. mine, reports that No. 11 level is now in 113 feet, with a vertical depth of 150 feet. There is 11 feet of ore in the face and for the last 20 feet in the drift. This is the greatest width the ore body has ever shown in the mine, and does not appear to be a temporary expansion, as was at first thought. The ore in sight in the mine, Mr. Warner says, now figures up $388,000 net, which is equivalent to 39 cents a share on the capitalization.

The Rossland Ratepayers' association held a meeting on Tuesday evening and decided to take immediate action looking to the incorporation of Rossland.

Two lots on the corner of Spokane street and Le Roi avenue were sold on Wednesday to R. C. Waterson of the White House for $1,000.

Several new blocks on Columbia avenue are approaching completion, and they will add greatly to the appearance of the street, which only needs grading to make it the finest business street in any of the interior towns of British Columbia.

Outlying portions of the mineral belt are coming to the front. It is only a short time since the Jumbo was thought to be outside the ore zone and the Lily May was considered but a poor prospect. Now both are in a fair way to make great mines.

Lookout mountain and Gold hill are at the extreme east and west ends of the Trail creek mineral belt, so far as defined, yet this week has witnessed the transfer of properties on both hills at big figures, while the assays from one of them averaged over $50 in gold.

A company was recently incorporated in Spokane with $500,000 capital. Its sole assets consist of a fractional claim in this camp, which was sold two weeks ago for $150, and is certainly not worth more than four or five times that sum. And yet some brokers have actually listed it.

Since the second engine arrived from Robson work has been progressing more rapidly on the Trail creek tramway. The track is now laid nearly to the milk ranch, and there is now little doubt that it will be completed as far as Rossland by May 1. The management hopes to have the railway in operation by May 15.

There is one railway system which is certain to be built into Rossland inside of two years that few people ever reckon upon. The main line of the Great Northern is only about a hundred miles from Rossland, and the route from Newport, Idaho, along the Pend d'Oreille and the Columbia rivers, presents no great engineering difficulties.

At a meeting of the O. K. mining company in Spokane last week John Y. Cole resigned the presidency and Wm. H. Warner, father of Joseph L. Warner, was elected in his stead. W. P. Vincent, cashier of the old National Bank, of Spokane, and H. M. Stephens, of the law firm of Jones, Vorhees & Stephens, were elected trustees.

R. C. Waterson, of the White House Trading company, returned to Rossland last week after a lengthy visit to eastern Canadian cities. While in Toronto he did some effective immigration work. He inserted a card in one of the daily papers inviting people who wanted to hear about Rossland to call upon him. Over three hundred responded to his invitation. He reports great interest in this section among business men in the east.

The San Francisco has been bonded to W. W. Dines and associates of Winnipeg, Manitoba, for $25,000. The terms of payment are $500 cash, $500 in 60 and 90 days, $11,750 in six months and the balance, $11,750, in a year from date. Reddin & Jackson negotiated the sale, and state that work will be begun on the property inside of 30 days. The San Francisco is a large claim, and lies south of the Californian and directly west of the Black Bear, from which it is separated by a fraction.

The bond on the Hattie Brown, a full sized claim lying about midway between the Homestake and the Lily May, in the south belt, was lifted on Tuesday. Mr. W. H. Mead, who secured the bond on the property last summer, and who directed the exploration work subsequently done on the claim, made the final payment of $1,500, and now holds a clear deed to the property. The claim is considered to be a very promising one. It is traversed by at least two ledges, and on one of them some ore of a pretty fair grade has been found.

President Corbin authorizes the statement that the Columbia & Red Mountain railway will be built immediately. He expects to complete the road in four months. The Columbia river will be bridged at Northport just below the present cable ferry. Contracts for grading the line will be let immediately and the bridge will be commenced very soon. There will be a 200 foot tunnel at Sheep creek falls, otherwise the road could be finished at a much earlier date. The telegraph line will be extended to Rossland before the completion of the railroad.

The G. R. Sovereign is only about a mile from the smelter on the east slope of the mountain and in plain sight of the town of Trail. It shows a strong ledge running right through the claim for its entire length. The work has proved the vein to be 30 feet wide between walls and assays have been obtained up to $8.50 in gold, which is considered very good for surface returns. Ed. Welch, of the Gold Hill, acting, it is said, for a Montana syndicate, has secured a bond on the claim for $35,000. Half of the first payment has been made and the balance will be paid on or before next Friday. The other payments are extended over one year.

When H. E. Croasdaile, commercial manager of the Hall mines, limited, at Nelson, was in Rossland he made a contract with the owners of the Cliff for 30 tons of their high grade copper ore. This is now being shipped to the Nelson smelter, and if the returns prove satisfactory a large contract will in all probability be entered into. The smelter charges amount to $5.70 per ton on the ore f. o. b. at Trail. The freight to Trail is $2.50 per ton, so the total of freight and smelting charges is $10. The smelter pays $20 per ounce for the gold and New York prices for 96 per cent. of the copper.

Rossland Prospector.

W. A. Ritchie has bought the Climax in the South Belt.

Ten men left this week to do assessment work on Murphy Creek claims.

A. G. Boggs started assessment work this week on the B. X., near the Crown Point.

The Gold King has been stocked by the Linnard syndicate. Peter Porter on Monday goes out with four men to do development work.

About May first work will be resumed on the North Star No. 3 and Centre Star No. 2.

The Jumbo Gold Mining Company on Tuesday in Spokane elected officers, as follows: J. A. Finch, president; W. R. Galusha, secretary; and H. M. Casey, A. B. Campbell, Charles Dawson, F. E. Lucas and R. K. Neill, trustees.

The owners of the St. Elmo Consolidated, between the Cliff and St. Elmo, will be formed into a joint stock company under the laws of Washington and registered to do business in British Columbia. The company will be stocked for $100,000 in $1 shares, part of which for development will be put on the market.

The Champion and Bear Creek district will see a good deal of development work during the coming summer is almost an assured fact. The country is of the same geological formation as is Trail Creek, the veins, which carry gold and copper with a little silver, having the same iron capping. The leads are of great width, and there seems little doubt but that when some of the more promising claims are developed the result will justify the preliminary expense, which of necessity must be comparatively large.

A staff of men is this week engaged in levelling the site for the buildings to be erected at the Cliff mine for the machinery which has just arrived. The boiler and compressor are on the ground while the two drills are at Trail and may be up any day. The work done on the mine so far consists of a tunnel in 250 feet on the lead, and another of 300 feet. Assays from the face of the lower tunnel run from $45 to $65 to the ton in gold, one from the upper tunnel being of rather lower grade. The ore carries 18 per cent. copper, the highest of any yet taken out in the camp, and for this reason is much desired by the smelters.

TRAIL.

The Prospector.

Building goes on apace on all parts of the townside, and the music of the hammer and saw is heard from morning till night.

The Columbia river ferry is working well, and will prove of much assistance to the business of the place and a great convenience to the travelling public. It will connect Trail with Sayward, a station on the N. & S. railway, and will make trips to the Bear Creek district, into which quite a number of prospectors are going, of much less difficulty than heretofore.

There is talk of very important additions to the smelter, but so far the authorities say nothing for publication. The present building is large enough for two more reverberating furnaces, and men are engaged building them. A plant will be put in to crush the matte for shipment. Heretofore this work has been done in the sampling room, but that has entailed considerable extra work.

NEW DENVER.

(Rossland Miner.)

The outlook for the Slocan lake country this summer is a very bright one. There is at last a prospect amounting almost to a certainty that the Nakusp & Slocan railway will be extended from Rosebery through New Denver and Silverton, past Ten Mile, Springer and Lemon creeks to Slocan Crossing, where it will connect with the Columbia & Kootenay railway. This in itself would make the residents in this section very hopeful, but in addition they have every assurance that several properties along the lake will be large producers this year and that the new dry ore belt at the south end of the lake will be the scene of much activity.

R. K. Neill, who was here last week in the interests of the John A. Finch syndicate, has put a force of eight men to work on the Arlington group on Springer creek, which they recently bonded for $50,000.

The owners of the Two Friends, situated on the divide between Springer and Lemon creeks, are still hard at work. Their pay streak is from eight to ten inches wide and assays from 200 to 300 ounces in silver and 40 per cent. lead.

Work was sustained on the Howard fraction all winter. One shipment of eleven tons of ore was made which after paying all expenses, including packing from the mine to the lake, netted over $100 per ton.

At the Enterprise on Tem Mile creek the Finch syndicate has now driven over 500 feet of tunnels and they have never been out of ore. It is estimated that they have enough or in sight to pay for the property and monthly dividends after they begin to ship.

A rich strike has also been reported from Three Forks on an extension of the Grey Eagle, recently incorporated by S. M. Wharton. The ore is said to run from 300 to 400 ounces in silver per ton. This discovery has caused quite a number of New Denverites to purchase small blocks of Grey Eagle stock.

NELSON.

The lower tunnel of the Silver King mine is being advanced six feet a day; machine drills are used. One hundred men are now employed.

The shares of the Hall Mines, Limited, are now quoted at $7.50. Six months ago they were unsaleable at $3.50. There are hundreds of acres of land in the townsite of Nelson and additions thereto, yet it is more difficult to get a piece of ground, on which to build a home or a factory, than if the land was in the heart of London or New York.

The Bigelow lot and buildings on Columbia avenue, Rossland, were sold this week to A. McBride & Co., of Calgary, for $5000 spot cash.

D. W. Moore has bonded the Silver King mineral claim situated in Jackson basin for the owners, J. D. Moore, J. McPhee, Dan Bongard, and Jennie L. McPhee. The price agreed to be paid is $10,000, which is thus distributed as to time, $1000 cash, $3000 on the first of October, 1896, and $6000 on the first of February, 1897.

Hundreds of men entitled to vote in Southern Kootenay will be disfranchised at the general election, which is likely to be held in June. In the polling district of Waneta, which takes in Rossland and Trail, only 67 names are on the list. These 67 votes must go to Waneta to vote, and how many of them will do so? Fire Valley has 24 names on its list; Ainsworth, 67; Goat river, 59; and Nelson 323.

John J. Hennessy, one of the owners of the Noble Five group, Slocan district, is in Nelson. He says that the option on the Noble Five group given to the Toronto syndicate will expire on May 1st, but that the time will be extended a week or ten days to allow the expert, who is examining the property, to make a report.

The Hall Mines smelter commenced on its third run on Tuesday morning, and about 115 tons of ore a day are run through. The tramway is delivering on an average 140 tons of ore a day, and working successfully.

It was first announced that the 10,000 tons of concentrates and ore, which Byron N. White had contracted to supply the Omaha and Grant Smelter from the Slocan Star mine would be shipped over the Nakusp & Slocan railway, but it is now understood that arrangements have been made by which the Kaslo & Slocan will get a fair proportion of the tonnage.

The Nelson Hydraulic Company's ground and plant on Forty-nine creek, eight miles southwest of Nelson, have been leased to D. W. McVicor and others of Ainsworth, and work has already commenced. It is understood the lease is on a basis of 25 per cent. of the gross output as rental.

The land department of this province should have, at least, one rule that should be followed strictly, and, that is, that no pre-emption record should be allowed for land on which mineral claims have been staked. There is an effort now being made to take up land in Slocan district by pre-emption that is well known to be mineral land. The application or record has been denied by the local officials, but the parties who are applying for the record have enlisted the aid of a notorious land grabber as agent, and it is said the decision of the local officials will be overruled. The trouble with the land office at Victoria is that it has one rule for men without a "pull" and another for men with a "pull."

There is a quiet fight going on to get control of the Le Roi mine at Rossland. About a year ago, I. N. Peyton, who had managed the mine up to that time, was ousted from control, and the management passed into the hands of a faction headed by the Turners. The latest rumor is that Peyton has purchased H. G. Stimmel's holdings, which again gives him a majority of the stock. Mr. Stimmel held 13,666 shares of the stock, and it is said sold at par, which means that he has had his bank account increased by $63,330.

Hewitt Bostock has subscribed for five of Kaslo's $500 water debentures, and has placed the money in payment therefor in the hands of his local agent. He has further communicated by letter to the council his willingness to undertake the negotiations of the entire 6 per cent. loan of $30,000 at 75 per cent. of its face value, provided the council will reduce the time for payment to ten years, state its amount in sterling money instead of dollars, devote the net profits of the resulting water works system to a sinking fund for the repayment of the loan, and, finally, agree to pay the interest semi-annually at the Bank of British Columbia in London. He asks for six week time in which to conduct the negotiations. Should he succeed his subscription to the present debenture loan is to be merged in the new loan. If he failed, his subscription is to stand as made. The municipal council did not hesitate long in accepting Mr. Bostock's offer and conditions.

KASLO.

Nelson Miner.

The records show that the prospecting season has commenced: Several claims in the Salmon river district have been located.

Eighty men and thirty teams are employed at the reclamation works on the Kootenay river. Part of the land is now open for settlement, and several men representing farmers are on their way to inspect and report upon it to their friends.

A very extensive ore body has been discovered about two miles to the eastward of Nelson. At present its owners are awaiting the results of various assays. If these are satisfactory energetic development will be proceeded with. Mr. W. Wyllie Johnston, from Dundee, Scotland, is on his way to look at the Reclamation company's land. He intends to go into raising farm produce extensively, and if satisfied with the outlook a number of Scotch farmers will follow him.

The Kaslo & Slocan railway are sending out four or five parties of surveyors to finish the taking up of their land grant in two weeks.

Mr. George Gooderham, who is president of the Bank of Toronto, is considering the advisability of establishing a branch of the bank here. He will probably return to Kaslo in about three weeks.

P. Clark and B. C. Kingsbury went up to the Northern Belle on Thursday. It is reported that they have an option on it for thirty days at $60,000.

There are eleven men working on the Antoine. On account of the water the work will be closed down in a few days. Five car loads of ore have been snipped during the winter.

There are only about twenty tons of ore a day coming from the K. and S. now. Owing to the danger from slides and bad roads now most of the mines are not shipping. The trains are running on time.

The Hall mines, limited, have sent in a diamond drill to prospect the Iron Hand. The K. and S. people have 25 men working at this point putting in a spur.

Work on the Texas, on Springer creek, owned by Garland, Papworth & Co., is stopped. They have shipped ten tons of ore and are in 65 feet on the new tunnel. They expect to strike the ledge in 125 feet more.

Walter B. Devereux has been taking a look at a few of the mines, the Slocan Star, Noble Five, etc., and left for Rossland. He represents large American capital and is looking for investments. He expresses himself as being well pleased with what he saw in the Slocan.

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American News.

Jefferson City, Mo., April 29.—The attorneys representing Bill Taylor, the condemned murderer, here, were yesterday endeavoring to prevail on the governor to postpone the execution, but the governor announced positively that he would not interfere in any manner. There now seems to be no doubt that Bill Taylor will be hanged at Carrollton on Thursday.

Cincinnati, O., April 29.—A Times special dispatch from Deleware says that Wm. Scarborough, Joseph Heidebrandt, Mrs. Lucinda Williamson and Charles Cranberry were killed by a cloud burst at Waldo, last night. Damages are also reported from other quarters.

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SEALERS' CATCHES.

Schooners on Japanese Coast Report Small Catches—Eppinger's Luck.

Serious Collision at Shanghai—Fatal Explosion at the Treadwell Mine.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Captain J. G. Cox, of E. B. Marvin & Co., at present in Yokohama, forwards sealing news by the Empress which shows that the schooners reported have had miserable luck, their catches being generally small. Captain Cox received a letter from Captain Gilbert, of the schooner Director, dated April 11, which he reports having 220 skins. Captain Gilbert also spoke the Triumph with 200 skins, Viva 300 and Ida Et a 150. The schooner Chehalis, from San Francisco, and bound for Vladivostock, put into Hakodate under stress of weather, and reports having spoken the same schooners. Captain Beyers, of the schoner Carlotta G. Cox, writes to Captain Cox from Yokohama on March 27. He then had 50 skins. On April 11 the Silver Fleece, of Yokohama, had 123 skins. She reports the Aurora, Theresa and Mary Taylor at Bonin islands on March 20. H. Isaacson, W. Carlson and F. Bartlette, three hunters from the Alton, of San Francisco, arrived in Yokohama April 8. They report that while out sealing they lost sight of the ship in a heavy fog some thirty miles to the southeast of Kinkasan, and after being out six days, all that time without water and for three days without food, they managed to make land in the vicinity of Suogahama. The authorities showed them many courtesies, and were the means of them reaching Yokohama. They report a catch of 100 seals off the coast of California, but nothing was caught off this coast.

From Japan papers it is learned that a serious collision took place on the morning of April 3rd, in Shanghai harbor, between the British steamer Pekin, Captain Downie, and the Norwegian steamer Normandy, Captain Berg. The Pekin was bound in from Ningpo and the Normandy was outward bound. The two vessels met off Pootung point, but the Normandy, getting into rough water, refused to answer her helm, and, steering to port, struck the Pekin on the port side just before the bridge, cutting her to a considerable distance. A panic immediately ensued among the Pekin's Chinese passengers, many of them jumping overboard in their terror. Captain Downie, seeing that his only chance of saving the ship was to beach her, immediately ran her ashore on the Public Garden foreshore, where she lay with her stern almost high and dry at low water and the bow lying in deeper water and almost submerged. The Pekin was afterwards sucessfully floated. The hole in her side measures 15 feet by 12 feet. The Normandy appears to have suffered comparatively little, considering the tremendous force with which she must have struck the Pekin.

While poor catches are reported by sealing schooners on the Japanese coast, schooners on this coast have secured catches that compare favorably with those made at this time last year. A dispatch from Port Townsend announces the arrival there of the schooner J. E. Eppinger, of San Francisco, with the largest catch of seals ever reported in the short period of four months. The Eppinger has on board 1,360 seals, valued at $15,000. The larger part of these was taken off the California coast, as north of the Columbia river seals were found to be very scarce. The Eppinger reports the catches of other sealers as follows: Ainoko 340, Dora Sieward 300, Behring Sea 200, Deeahks 45, Kate and Ann 586, and Penelope, of San Pedro, 250.

The steamer Willapa and Alki, both of which arrived on the Sound from Alaska on Monday evening, brought word that another explosion occurred at the Treadwell mine on the 16th inst. Four tons of giant powder exploded in the magazine property on Douglas island. The night watchman, Wm. Cata, who alone was near at the time of the explosion, was killed. The damage to the property will amount to $10,000. When the steamers left Alaska the spring was well advanced at Juneau, the weather there being quite warm, but as they came south it grew colder.

Among the arrivals by the Empress were C. M. Goepper, steward, J. Wallace and John Ramus, boat steerers, from the E. B. Marvin. They have been on the sick list, and secured passage home through the British consul at Yokohama. They report that the hunter lost off the Golden Fleece was the man called Kanaka Frank, well known in Victoria.

The tug Sea Lion, arriving at Port Townsend from Cape Flattery yesterday, reports the loss of two canoes from the Indian sealing schooner Deeahks. Each had been missing two days when the Deeahks was spoken, and it is feared that the six natives manning the canoes have been lost.

Mr. J. J. Robinson, of Montreal street, yesterday launched a large barge which he built for the imperial government. It is to be used in the transportation of supplies and fuel for H. M. ships.

Hong Kong, April 29.—S.S. Empress of India left Hong Kong to-day for Vancouver.

The American whaling bark C. W. Morgan, Capt. Jas. A. M. Earle, arrived at Hakodate on the 11th, having taken 150 pounds of sperm oil since leaving San Francisco.

A Chinese wood scow ran ashore at the entrance to the harbor this afternoon. The tug Sadie left at 4 o'clock to make an effort to pull the stranded craft off the rocks.

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From letters received by the steamer Maude, Capt. Roberts, it is learned that the majority of the sealing schooners engaged on the West Coast have experienced very rough weather. The Sapphire encountered a terrible storm and had six canoes smashed to pieces. The Oscar and Hattie went as far north as Mount St. Elias, but the weather was so terribly rough that she was compelled to return. The catches reported follow: Fawn 410, Sapphire 400, Oscar and Hattie 300, Venture 251, Kate 150, Amateur 109, Mountain Chief, 46, Fishermaid 25. The Indian hunters are giving the sealing captains considerable trouble. They take their canoes and come ashore, where they remain for two or three days before returning to their schooners, and thus valuable time is lost. The coast season closes next Thursday, so that the majority of the schooners are expected home next week. Among the Maude's passengers were Rev. Mr. Stone, W. G. Dowley, Mr. Homer, Mr. Yule and Mrs. Dickson.

Port Townsend, April 28.—Capt. John Barneson has resigned as a member of the board of pilot commissioners and Capt. F. W. Bartlett has been appointed to succeed him by Governor McGraw. The board is now made up of Capt. H. Jones, Capt. Eugene Biondi and Capt. Bartlett, with James G. Swan as secretary.

Norfolk, Va., April 28.—About three o'clock this morning the Old Dominion steamer Wyanoke, Captain Jenny, from Richmond for New York, ran into the United States cruiser Columbia, which was at anchor off Newport News. It is reported that the Wyanoke sank in about half an hour after the collision, but there is some conflict as to the loss of life. One report says that several of the Wyanoke's crew are missing, while another dispatch says that all hands were saved.

A later dispatch says: While the old Dominion steamer Wyanoke was making for the Newport News pier, about half past two this morning, she struck the prow of the United States steamer Columbia, lying at anchor, and had a hole cut in the forward part of her starboard side. She sank in sixty feet of water. All the Wyanoke's passengers and crew were saved, but the baggage was totally lost, and probably the cargo will also be lost. Two firemen were badly scalded. Beyond this no further injuries are reported. The Columbia was anchored very near the pier, and was not seen from the Wyanoke on account of the brilliance of the electric lights on the piers.

The British ship Desdemona, Captain Evans, arrived this afternoon from Cardiff with a cargo of coal for the navy at Esquimalt. The Desdemona left Cardiff on December 7th last.

WOMEN WANT BETTER LAWS.

Ladies of St. Joseph, Mich., Make the Mayor Promise Reform.

St. Joseph, Mich., April 30.—Forty women, leading members of local clubs and church societies, have made a captive of Mayor John V. Sterr. They caught him on the street and dragging him into a private residence, demanded that he co-operate with them in a movement of reform.

The women cried that the laws were not being enforced; that the sale of cigarettes was carried on with impunity; that young girls were being enticed away, and that the saloon regulations were loose, and boys of all ages were given liquor upon asking.

For two hours the mayor was kept a prisoner and not until he promised to submit the matter to the executive department of the city was he allowed to escape. The women demanded the adoption of a curfew bell, upon the ringing of which children of certain ages must retire from the streets. The city is somewhat torn up over the determined stand taken by the women and the effect of their interview with the mayor is freely discussed.

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