

THE BELATED MINERS

A Meeting Held at the Board of Trade Rooms Yesterday to Discuss Matters.

A Settlement Will Probably be Made and the Miners Taken In by the Stickeen Route.

A meeting of the Board of Trade was held yesterday to discuss the Bristol-Eugene fiasco. The committee appointed to look into the matter submitted their report. The committee, after a statement of the particulars of the affair, said that the passengers were willing to accept in settlement of their claims transportation to Glenora and sufficient money to take them to Teslin Lake. Also that Mr. F. B. McFarland for the Portland & Alaska Steamship Co., was willing to take the men and their goods from Wrangell to Glenora and give them \$2,500 as part payment of the cost of getting to Teslin Lake. They recommended in the report that Messrs. Davidge & Co. undertake to convey the passengers from Victoria to Wrangell and contribute a like amount to that which the Portland company have agreed to give.

After some discussion on the report Mr. Davidge said that he would not at present entertain the idea of conveying the passengers to Wrangell and giving them \$2,500, as suggested by the report. He expressed himself as being in favor of the policy of the Portland company deposited the money they promised with the committee for the passengers. He said there was no legitimate claim against his company, for they had fulfilled their part of the contract, it being at the request of the passengers themselves that the Bristol came back. There was, he said, \$2,000 due his company, but they would waive their claim to it for the benefit of the passengers.

After some remarks on the matter from several of those present Mr. Davidge said that he understood there was an attachment issued for the \$2,000 to which he had just waived his claim. E. B. McFarland said the \$2,000 spoken of by Mr. Davidge was unearned. It had been deposited by the Portland company to be paid against certain contingencies, viz., if the Bristol exceeded fifteen days in her voyage to St. Michaels the Portland company were to pay Mr. Davidge's company \$200 per day for every day over the stipulated time. Mr. Davidge said that he had no objection to the attachment of the \$2,000, but that he would not waive it until he had received the \$2,000.

Prior to the adjournment Mr. Templeman suggested as a means of arriving at a settlement that three arbitrators be appointed, Mr. Davidge to choose one, the passengers another, and to select a third. H. P. McGuire, of the Portland & Alaska Steamship Company, came over from the Sound this morning in company with Captain Geer, master of the Eugene, and E. W. Piper, of Seattle. With Mr. McGuire they were busily engaged to-day in checking over the accounts of the transaction. Mr. McGuire says his company are willing to meet Mr. Davidge's company half way and see if an amicable settlement of the affair cannot be arrived at. Arrangements will, he says, in all probability, be made to take the unfortunate passengers to Lake Teslin, the Portland and Alaska company being willing to transport them on the steamer Eugene from Wrangell to the head of navigation on the Stickeen and give them \$2,500 to enable them to pack their goods in if Mr. Davidge will agree to transport them to Wrangell and give a like amount towards the expenses of the overland journey.

Mr. O. Van Ness, the secretary of the passengers' committee, has gone over the Sound to buy horses, as with several other passengers he intends to make an attempt to get into the gold fields by way of the Dalton trail.

BRISTOL-EUGENE. A Settlement Made at a Meeting Held This Afternoon.

At last the troubles of the Bristol's passengers are ended, and soon they will again be on their way to the gold fields. A meeting was held this afternoon in the parlors of the Y.M.C.A. to discuss matters, and after a short discussion a settlement was arrived at, Messrs. F. C. Davidge & Co. for their part agreeing to pay over to the credit of the passengers the sum of \$1,000 and furnish them with transportation to Fort Wrangell. The Portland & Alaska Steamship Company through their managers, E. B. McFarland, and H. P. McGuire, agree to contribute another \$1,000 and

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TO BUY STEAMERS

Chief Mechanic Johnson of the C.P.R. Leaves for the Orient on the China.

Will Purchase Steamers to Run to Wrangell to Connect With River Boats.

Lacey R. Johnson, chief mechanic of the C.P.R., was a passenger for the Orient by the Empress of China last evening. It is an open secret that the object of Mr. Johnson's trip is to purchase two or more steamers for the company, for service on the route between Victoria, Vancouver and Wrangell, to connect with the river boats on the Stickeen, which will in turn connect with the line of railway which the company propose to build from Telegraph Creek to Teslin Lake. When seen last evening Mr. Johnson would not state the object of his mission, but said it would soon become public property. Other officials of the company are of the opinion that he will purchase boats for the northern route.

FIVE MEN LYNNCHED.

Angry Citizens at Osgood, Ind., Deal Quickly With Burglars. Louisville, Ky., Sept. 15.—A special to the Evening Post says: Five men were lynched last night at Osgood, Ind. They were caught in a burglary and strung up by a crowd of angry citizens. Many burglaries in the neighborhood stirred the people to a frenzy, and their determination to make an example was carried out with dispatch.

STUDYING INDIANS.

Dr. Boaz and Party Return from the North, Where They Spent the Summer. Also Made a Study of the Habits and Customs of the Interior Tribes. Dr. Franz Boaz, who for ten years has been making a study of the British Columbia Indians for the British Association, and who also heads the expedition which the American museum of Natural History sent out last spring, is again in the city. He and Dr. Farrand, who is also engaged in the work of collecting information about the Indians, their customs and relationships, came down from the north on the steamer Tees last evening.

Since last here the two scientists have covered a vast amount of territory. From Victoria they went to Spencer's Bridge, studying the habits of the Indians of that district and those around Kamloops. Mr. Harlin I. Smith, also a member of the party, remained at Kamloops to engage in archaeological work. He was also engaged in that work at Lytton and obtained much information regarding the history of the Indians of the interior. Dr. Boaz, Dr. Farrand and Mr. James Tait, of Spencer's Bridge, than whom no one is better acquainted with the habits of the Indians, started across the mountains to the Fraser river, and following the river, made a study of the Indians en route. Dr. Farrand made a special trip to Harrison Lake, while the other two went northward to Soda Creek. Dr. Farrand overtook them in time to accompany the party into the Chilcotin country. Arriving among the Chilcotin Indians Dr. Farrand again de- tached himself from the party, remaining with the Chilcotins until the middle of August. Dr. Boaz continued the trip to the coast, gathering information of various sorts at Bella Coola and Port Essington, and continuing the work at Rivers Inlet. After finishing his work among the Chilcotins, Dr. Farrand crossed to Bella Bella to make a study of the Indians at that place. Mr. Smith, after completing his archaeological work at Kamloops, joined Dr. Boaz at Port Essington, and a short time ago came south to prosecute similar work along the Fraser. Mr. Smith will continue this work as long as the weather is favorable.

The work in the north was largely devoted to the physical types of the aborigines, and a lot of measurements, casts and photographs were taken and will be the subject of later investigation. Dr. Farrand made a study of the customs and traditions of the Chilcotin Indians at Port Essington. Dr. Boaz paid particular attention to the art, the paintings and carvings of the Indians, and endeavored to fasten their meanings on the native language. At Bella Bella Dr. Farrand gathered information as to social organization and family history. Incidentally a number of specimens were secured, but information was what was principally sought for.

The work done in the interior was a continuation of what the British Association has been carrying on since 1887, when Dr. Boaz paid his first visit to the interior while that on the coast was prosecuted for the American Museum of Natural History, New York. Mr. Morris K. Jesup, the president of the museum, bearing the cost. Their idea is to ascertain the origin of the coast Indians, and whether any relationship exists between them and the natives of the Asiatic coast. A study will be made of the Indians from the Columbia river to Behning Straits, and down along the Asiatic coast to Lower Siberia.

From what is known of the traditions and customs of the natives of the two coasts, Dr. Boaz is firmly convinced that they are related, that the first Indians on this side of the Pacific came from Siberia. "If I was not of this opinion," said Dr. Boaz, "I should not have recommended that this work be carried out."

The scientists will be here again next summer, and probably for many summers more before the vast field has been covered. Mr. J. R. S. Secretan, who has been engaged in survey work in the Yukon country for the Dominion government, and Mr. S. B. Churchill, of the Northwest Mounted Police, are at the Delard. They were on the S.S. T. B. Wear when she was wrecked on the Yukon, and with the rest of the Wear's passengers made the trip down the river on the Hazy, reaching Seattle last week on the Cleveland. Mr. Ogilvie is on the Excelsior, now due at San Francisco. Mr. Churchill says the reports of a scarcity of provisions at Dawson City have not at all been exaggerated, and it is hard to say what the consequences will be. Neither has the richness of Eldorado and Bonanza Creeks been exaggerated.

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A stock company of Ottawa capitalists is being formed to arrange for the construction of a balloon from the design of Jose de Leterie, which will be used for transport of passengers, freight and government mails from Edmonton to the Yukon goldfields. The balloon has been subscribed and the balloon is expected to be ready within three weeks, when the trial trip will take place in this city. The motive power of the balloon will be such as will not be affected by climate, cold or damp atmosphere, and it will travel close to the ground.

In those military districts where the district postmasters have been retired or relieved of their duties, it is contemplated by the militia department to employ this work on the district officers commanding. The impression prevails, however, that this arrangement will not last long, as it is regarded as somewhat anomalous that an officer who will have to certify accounts should pay on his own certificate. There does not seem to be in the arrangement as effective a check as is required by the auditor-general.

The resolution was passed. A.D. Stewart's resolutions to pull down a lot of old buildings were defeated, despite the fact that the council had previously decided to destroy the buildings. Mayor Redfern, A.D. Stewart, McGeevor and McCandless voted in favor of the resolution; A.D. Vigiclus, Hall, Kinman, Wilson and Partridge voted to retain the old buildings.

In only three cases did the council uphold the sanitary officers and building inspector, they passing the resolutions condemning buildings belonging to Messrs. Oliver, Pollich and Newberger. A by-law to amend the streets by-law, fixing the time for cutting cordwood on the streets from 3 a.m. to 9 a.m., received its first reading. The council adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

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The steamer Princess Louise sailed yesterday evening for Wrangell with Mr. Duchesney and his party of surveyors, and about twenty of the passengers of the Bristol who will make another effort to get to the gold fields, this time choosing the all Canadian route. The steamer City of Topeka, which sailed from the outer wharf about an hour prior to the Louise, also had a number of the unfortunate miners who were passengers on the Bristol. The Topeka took up about 15 tons of freight from this port.

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