

ROYAL FINANCIAL HAPPENINGS

Perfume is to have an automobile. Logging is in full swing in the Salmon river district.

Vernon's exhibit at the Spokane apple show cost \$1,814.03.

Joe packing is now the order of the hour on the Okanagan lakes.

Regular train service to Princeton was inaugurated New Year's Day.

A series of dog races for the special edition of the Little Fox was begun at Nelson on New Year's.

Excellent skating has been enjoyed by Vancouverites for more than a week past.

Fire did several thousand dollars damage last Saturday to the new Minors' Hall at Fernie.

Queen's Conservative association will hold its annual banquet on the evening of the 31st inst.

Fire in the Dominion Hotel, Chilliwack, last Friday, caused damage to the extent of \$1,500.

T. Shopland has been elected president of the Courtenay Farmers' institute.

Armstrong reports that building operations, general improvements, crops, and produce shipments in 1909 were double those of 1908.

Kaleden has a large advertisement in the Western Home Monthly, supplemented with photographs of Kelowna fruit ranches.

Steamer Kelowna is hauled out at Okanagan landing, being made ready for what promises to be an exceptionally busy season.

The marriage was solemnized at Vernon, Christmas morning, of A. A. Pettman, of the Bank of Montreal staff, and Miss G. Winslow.

Adrian and Kenneth Lucas and Miss L. Kaiser had a narrow escape from a sleigh runaway last week near Armstrong.

Miss Agnes Blanche Ruth, of Salmon Arm, has been claimed as a bride by Patrick B. Rose, principal of the Edmonstone Business College.

Crabrook reports a year of unprecedented prosperity. During 1909 the population of this lively Kootenay town increased 25 per cent.

The general hospital at Vernon has lost a most efficient and capable doctor in the death of Nurse Brown.

Chief of Police Dow, of Cranbrook, has been fully exonerated by the civic charges preferred by Rev. W. Hughes.

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Robert Emma Rahley and Miss Annie Anderson were married at Greenwood on Monday evening last, by Rev. F. V. Fennell.

Mayor Robinson, of Kamloops, has promoted a bill hereafter to be introduced for a public office.

At Trail a few days before Christmas, Rev. E. A. St. John, the pastor of the Methodist church, was married to Miss Anna Lonsdale.

There are three strong candidates in the field for the reeve of the local district: Reeve Kitchin, who seeks re-election; H. P. Wilson, and J. A. McLeod.

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The Prince Rupert Optimist has just celebrated the completion of its first six months of existence, during which it has grown from a nameless one-page handbill to a 16-page, well-printed newspaper, with an illustrated supplement.

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Powell and Bridge streets, Vancouver, are to be widened in the near future.

Albert has now a restaurant, of which Joseph Drakwater is proprietor. It is naturally a temperance house.

New Westminster's new mayor and aldermen were duly sworn in on Monday.

Vancouver's famous Park Drive is to be resurfaced and special measures adopted for the protection of fast-moving automobiles and otherwise.

Extra precautions against an anticipated cold weather period of exceptional severity, are being adopted at New Westminster.

Three new hotel licenses will be issued at Vancouver as a result of the assessor's report on population increase.

Rev. Mr. Wimberley, for some time pastor of All Saints church, Albert, has resigned his charge, and will take up his residence in Ottawa.

Schacht Brothers have taken a subscription for two lots of land, one of the C.P.R.'s Albert extension, on the Alberni side of Four Mile creek.

New Westminster has now 26 licensed bartenders, a local bylaw requiring all saloons to be licensed, and a franchise to take out licenses, costing \$2 each, as from January 1.

The new Presbyterian church at Mount Pleasant, Vancouver, was formally dedicated on Sunday last, Rev. J. W. Woodside, the pastor, preaching an appropriate special sermon.

A Vancouver Chinaman stepped off a street car Sunday evening in the characteristic Chinese fashion. He had not yet recovered consciousness yesterday.

The B. C. Renovatory at Vancouver, escaped destruction by a minor Monday, when fire circled the big gasoline tank, which exploded, and the total damage is estimated at \$2,500.

A stamp mill has just been received at the Millers' mill, near Skidegate, Q. C. E., and will be installed forthwith.

Butler has secured the contract for supplying the Moresby Island Lumber mill at Queen Charlotte with logs during the coming three years.

The employees of the Bluebell mine, near Kamloops, have been presented to Charles Sherwin, their superintendent, of a handsome gold watch and chain.

Alex. Carlson, a miner engaged at the Gold Drop mine near Phoenix, fell down the shaft on Monday morning, and was instantly killed.

His relatives reside at Phoenix, and he had been a resident for several years.

The building of the Vernon steam laundry was badly charred by fire recently, and the machinery is found to be not material.

The cause was gasoline igniting. The C. P. R. was the heaviest loser among patrons of the establishment.

Rev. A. K. W. Herdman performed the wedding at Hedley last Saturday, of Miss Mary Ann McDonald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Hardie.

Fire last week destroyed the rache house at the Huxley-Lake ranch, on Williamson's Lake, east of the Huxley-Lake.

The origin of the fire is a mystery, although the house, barns and outbuildings were saved. The house was partially insured with Kootenay agency.

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en train. The conductor of the train testified that Devlin had voluntarily told him at the time that Malloy had given him his money to keep, and had asked him to count it, and the money had a few days later been returned to the owner.

The Vancouver city council will enlarge their superannuation scheme to embrace all employees, in addition to the police originally mentioned exclusively.

Steamer Beaver made an attempt to ascend the Fraser from New Westminster Monday but could not get beyond Harney on account of the ice, and was obliged to return to port. The transfer made her down-river trip with difficulty.

A Potlatch lasting six days has just been given on the Sechart reservation, Alberni district, by Chief Watty Sewah and his father, in honor of young Jacob Sewah, who has reached marriageable age and has his eye fixed on the daughter of the Ohiat-tribe.

The Ohiat-tribe, who have come to the number of seventy, from the Dodge Cove, and other places in the district.

Queen Charlotte's Prosperity. 1910 promises many changes and improvements in the Skidegate district. The survey of the new townsite at Skidegate will commence early in January. The present store will be enlarged and stocked with a full supply of general merchandise. A new wharf is to be built at once. A crew will start getting out the piling in a few days, and a large wharf will be built at an early date. The oil works will be overhauled and refitted so as to be ready for the coming season.

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