

JAPAN WANTS HAWAII

Believed to be secretly preparing to resist forcibly annexation by United States. Japanese Naval Officer hints that an Alliance with Japan is not unlikely.

San Francisco, Sept. 23.—If the stories told by the passengers and crew of the steamship City of Peking, which arrived from Hongkong via Honolulu on Tuesday evening, be true, a state of affairs exists in Hawaii which demands the attention of the state department.

LONG-JOHNSTONE.

Two More Victims Foresee Their Single Blessedness. Rev. Dr. Campbell performed the ceremony by which another Victoria couple were united for life at the residence of Mr. D. F. McCrimmon on Tuesday evening.

BEST WEEK ON RECORD.

Mineral Exports of South Kootenay for Seven Days Aggregate in Value \$271,015. The week just closed has been the best since last year.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Value. Rows include Trail smelter, Hall Mines smelter, Total for week, Total for September, etc.

LIBERAL CONVENTION

A convention of the Liberal Party of British Columbia will be held in the City Hall, New Westminster, Friday, Oct. 8, '97.

at 10 o'clock a.m. FOR THE PURPOSE OF THOROUGHLY ORGANIZING THE LIBERAL PARTY THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE AND DISCUSSING ANY MATTERS AFFECTING LIBERAL INTERESTS.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

J. T. Wilkinson Back from England—A Salmon Containing a Gold Ring.

Work at Camp Fairview—Notes from Nelson and Grand Forks.

T. F. Trapp of New Westminster Accidentally Injured—Trail Man's Escape.

Vancouver, Sept. 21.—Ex-Police Sergeant Haywood wires from Seattle as follows: "Sold Stewart river claim for \$50,000."

The Gold Fields of British Columbia. Company are cross-cutting on the chute of the Tangier, near Albert canyon, owned by the company, with splendid results.

The Golden Cache Company state that their mill is finished; the tram will be completed this week, and crushing will commence almost immediately.

W. H. Remington has written to the company stating that he now understands that his offer to accept \$1 a ton up to 100,000 tons of ore he would smelt in the smelter he contemplates erecting here, is agreeable to the company, and he urges the council to accept his offer.

Vancouver, Sept. 22.—Mr. J. T. Wilkinson, of Chilliwack, returned from England yesterday. While in London he was active in bringing the mining capabilities of this province before the notice of city people.

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NEW WESTMINSTER.

On Saturday evening a farewell social was given by the Westminster Orange Lodge to the Rev. Mr. Taggart. A most sociable evening was spent, and the Rev. Mr. Taggart was presented with a letter containing gold by the chairman, Mr. T. Logan, who made an appropriate speech, which was replied to by the Rev. Mr. Taggart in a few days, at which place he will resume his studies.

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They were speaking of a recent slight carthquake that had occurred. "Did you tremble?" a bystander asked one of the ladies.

Oh, yes, I trembled, but the earth trembled worse than I did.—Le Monde Comique.

CITY HALL.

NEW WESTMINSTER COMMENCING ON Friday, Oct. 8, '97

Mr. C. N. Davidson, of this city, has just returned from a trip through Fairview Camp, which he reports to be one of the most lively mining camps in British Columbia. Probably the most developed claim in the camp is the Tin Horn, which may now be said to be past the development stage, and to be a mine.

Each Liberal Association in the Province is requested to send delegates as previously arranged for. Liberals resident in localities where Liberal Associations do not exist are cordially invited to attend and take part in the proceedings.

grade galena, and some of this will be treated at the Tin Horn mill. The Oro Fino and Independence claims owned by the Oro Fino company, are both showing up well under development.

Another group that gives promise of proving very rich is the Kimberley, on which the assessment work has shown such good results that development work will be continued on a large scale.

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GRAND FORKS.

Grand Forks, Sept. 17.—Jerry Germain and Moose Burns, two successful miners in this section, will leave Grand Forks in a couple of days on a fishing excursion up the Kettle river.

They intend to go up above the mouth of Curlew creek, some twenty-five miles from Grand Forks, and will then make themselves a substantial raft and float down stream to Grand Forks. They will be equipped with fishing tackle, provisions, etc., and intend to fish on the way down.

James Martin, ex-mayor of Vernon, arrived in the city last evening from Rossland. Mr. Martin is interested in several good mining properties near Grand Forks, and will be in the city for several days.

Dr. S. H. Manly, from Stockton, Cal., is in the city visiting his brother, Alderman C. K. Manly. It is the doctor's intention to remain among us for about a week.

Grand Forks, B.C., Sept. 20.—A distinguished party of Grand Forks people, including Charles Cummings of the townsite, Dr. A. Averill, Dr. S. H. Manly and ex-City Clerk Aikman, left for Rossland Thursday.

James Martin, ex-mayor of Vernon, now a resident of Rossland, arrived Friday. He is heavily interested in some mining properties in this section and is here looking after them. He will remain about a week.

Mr. Herald, electrical engineer, general agent of the Royal Electric Company of Montreal, was visitor this week. During his stay he had an interview with several of the council relative to a light plant, but nothing definite was done, the matter now being under the council's consideration.

Eden, the 10-year-old daughter of George Ingraham, who was thrown from her pony a few days ago and seriously hurt, is rapidly recovering.

Editor Hall, of the Reservation Record, who has been seriously ill with fever for two weeks, is now convalescing.

At Friday night's meeting of the city council the resignation of ex-City Clerk Aikman was accepted and Fred Wallaston was elected to fill the vacancy. The other three members of the council are John D. Swanson, Tom D. King, and John D. Swanson.

A special meeting of the council was held Saturday evening to discuss plans for the water works and to give instructions to Alderman Dufford, removed from the city limits.

Dr. S. H. Manly, of Stockton, Cal., brother of H. Manly, a Colville pioneer, who assisted in framing the constitution of Washington, arrived Wednesday. He owns the Manly farm five miles east of town, which he purchased some time ago.

Arthur Milthroy, C.E., the cyclist who won a half mile race from Mr. Huntly's horse, Honest John, feels confident he can beat any horse in this section. It is likely another race will be arranged.

A report has recently been circulated in some quarters that no actual mining was done in this section. To prove that this statement is without foundation, it is necessary to say that there are no less than thirty different properties up the North Fork that are employing from four to ten men each.

A fifty-foot shaft is being sunk on the Bonanza in Knight's camp, about seven miles from Grand Forks, while the Colorado, Copper King and Little Gladys in the same camp are also being worked.

NELSON.

Nelson, B.C., Sept. 20.—Within the past few days the city seems to be overrun with people looking for desirable mining properties. The people who seem to be in the field now are not seeking to tie up properties by bond or option, but desire to go ahead with development work and prove the prospects.

Properties in all directions are being examined and owners are not unreasonable in their demands. Several important transactions are on the tapis, particularly concerning Forty-Nine creek properties. The principals in these transactions do not wish to become known at the present time, but their good faith is evidenced by the fact that they propose going ahead with the work and completing the bond before snow flies.

The outlook is that the year 1898 will see more development in the Nelson district than during all previous years put together. Assessment work on between 1,000 and 1,500 claims during the past season has given remarkable results and effectually overthrown the old theory that only one prospect in a few days could give me permanent relief.

quire money for the proper development of them. The Hall mines smelter, under the direction of Robert Headley, is making a greater record than ever before in the history of the plant. The new blast furnace is known only as a 200-ton daily capacity furnace, but during the past week smelted 272 tons of ore. Since Mr. Headley has been in charge everything has worked smoothly. The ore which is coming down from the Silver King mine is of a fine quality, and the production of matte is correspondingly large.

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PROVINCIAL POLITICS

Fort Steele Prospector Alludes to the Reckless Squandering of the Public Domain.

Nelson Miner Has Something to Say About the Colonist's Exhibition of Cowardice.

The Versatility, the Ingenuity of the Wrong-Doing of the Turner Government.

Some years since, by an act of folly that has scarcely ever been equaled even by themselves, the provincial government granted to a company some 30,000 acres of land in the valley of the Columbia and Kootenay rivers as a bonus to assist the company in the crazy idea of connecting the rivers mentioned at the headwaters by a canal.

This land is held in huge blocks here and there throughout the valley, and takes in, of course, as many as possible of the choice pieces. The land was surveyed some years ago and posts put down, but in nearly all cases these posts have either rotted or been carried away, and wherever they happen to be in place the markings on them have been obliterated, so that now it is impossible for a man looking up land to settle on to be able to find the boundaries of these blocks.

An instance came to our knowledge the other day of a settler having taken up a piece of land, built himself a house on it, done some fencing, cultivated some land, and generally was shaping things to make a home for himself, when he was informed casually that he was on one of the land company's blocks. All his labor and improvements were of course lost to him, and he had to pull up stakes and hunt for some place else.

The squandering of the public domain in this manner that has been squandered in this district was crime enough against the people without allowing the people to be held in such a way as to be a positive hindrance to the settlement of the other lands. It is the duty of the provincial government to compel the land company in question to mark the boundaries of these blocks of their blocks of land so clearly that intending settlers in search of locations for homesteads may know where they are. This is a matter coming within the duty of the chief commissioner of lands and forests, and we have seen publicly that Mr. Martin's attention to it in expectation that he will deal promptly with it. There are a good many people in the district now looking for land and this number is increasing.

The Canadian Pacific railway, also, hold a great deal of land in the valley of the Columbia, which was given to them as a bonus for building a railway from Robson to Nelson—a most outrageous appropriation of the lands of this district.

The railway should be required to mark the boundaries of its lands also. This is a matter calling for prompt action, so that settlement may not continue to be checked as it is being now.—Fort Steele Prospector.

LIVE ISSUES.

The Victoria Colonist, hired defender of the Turner government, after vaunting into the arena his habits of fighting criticism of the policy of the present government, now qualifies that challenge by a statute of limitations that is so short of justice as to be almost laughable.

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The Boundary Creek Times would willingly accept the challenge contained in the above paragraph were it not for the fact that it is well known that the Colonist would not govern all controversies in journalism or otherwise. A few weeks ago the Colonist challenged the provincial press to make specific charges against the Colonist. It stood ready to act against all comers. After howling for some weeks for some one to tread on the trail of that garment which had been provided for it by the coal kings of Vancouver Island, the New Westminster Colonist accepted the challenge and made a specific charge against the government. The Colonist refused to fight. How then can it ask a newspaper to accept another challenge? When it answers the Colonist we stand ready to accommodate it. Until then the Colonist stands convicted before the public as a braggart and a bully.

In the same issue of the Colonist appears a paragraph that either perhaps he had to say one thing or for all that under no circumstances whatever will the editor of the Colonist discuss his private affairs in this paper. This same editor recently made a brutal personal attack on the editor of the Victoria Times with a view of damaging his chances for a position for which he is endorsed by nearly every other paper in the province. We do not believe in a "dog eat dog" policy among newspaper men, but this can be best prevented by resending such attacks as that recently made by the Colonist on a gentleman who is held in the highest respect by every other member of the profession. The editor of the Colonist ought to know better. If his knowledge of his own family history can be relied upon his ancestors have been making history. They have been present citizens of the grand and glorious American republic it is true, but no one would ever think so after reading the anti-American editorials in the Colonist. According to the editor, it is equally true that he first saw light on Canadian soil, but afterwards he became a citizen of the country whose people he now assails.—Boundary Creek Times.

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