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NOTICE.

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Local and Provincial News.

From the Daily Colonist April 7.

NORTHWEST REBELLION.

Probable Removal of Governor Dewdney.

Supplies Scarce at Prince Albert.

The Sioux Indians on the War-Path.

Troops Hastening to the Affected Districts.

WINNIPEG, April 5.—Troops started from Fort Qu'Appelle at daybreak for Prince Albert. The Queen's Own rifles will join the main body on the march northward. A cordon of police is established along the international boundary, and with the assistance of American troops in the territory of Dakota the rebels' escape into Montana will be prevented.

KINGSTON, Ont., April 5.—Midland battalion, under command of Colonel Williams, M. P., left for the northwest this morning.

OTTAWA, April 6.—It is reported as a means of pacifying the half-breeds in the northwest that the government will remove Mr. Dewdney and appoint Mr. Royal, M. P., to the lieutenant governorship of the northwest territory. Some government supporters urge that a reward be offered for the capture of Riel, dead or alive, but the cabinet is said to be divided in opinion as to the policy of such a course.

WINNIPEG, April 5.—Tidings from the north indicate that the state of affairs there is growing worse. As before telegraphed a message from Colonel Irvine to the government has come through by courier and carries bad news. Supplies are scarce and unless relief gets through very soon the mounted police and all the Prince Albert people will be completely at the mercy of the rebels. Irvine says that reinforcements of 1500 men are wanted at Prince Albert immediately. He adds that the country people, owing to threats from the rebels, are leaving their places, and Teton Sioux are swarming the country and committing depredations, while supplies are becoming short. The Sioux referred to are led by Chief White Cap, and occupy the reserve near Prince Albert. They are refugees from the United States. Irvine's message was dated March 30. Further word is awaited with great anxiety. The Hudson Bay company last night received the following message from Fort Qu'Appelle: "Just heard from Colonel Irvine; he is waiting for reinforcements; no particular news from him. The Touchwood Sioux are committing some depredations in the Prince Albert district." The rebels have evidently organized a provisional government, for in addition to receipts signed by the lieutenant governor and secretary of Saskatchewan previously mentioned, the Hudson Bay company held others signed by the assistant secretary to the provisional government of Saskatchewan.

The regiment [illegible] and 8 batteries arrived this afternoon, and the whole force, numbering 225 officers and men, with 27 horses and 4 9-pounder guns, went west this evening. A detachment of Toronto troops is expected to night and more to morrow afternoon. A despatch from Fort Qu'Appelle states that 180 teams went toward Touchwood from that point this morning, and the 90th rifles start in the same direction to-morrow morning.

TORONTO, April 5.—Special prayers were offered in all the churches for the return of peace in the northwest and for the safety of the soldiers.

Spring Assizes.

The spring assizes will open to-day at 11 a. m. at the supreme court. The calendar is a small one, confined chiefly to the Chinese element. Following is the list:—Quiatenasty, a Stickeen Indian, murder.

Billy, an Indian, burglary.

George Hughes, stealing.

George King, wounding with intent.

John McLaughlan, unlawful intent to defraud.

Ah Leon, stealing.

Bing Long, unlawful possession.

Wong Lee, unlawful possession.

Charley (Chinese), unlawful possession.

Nas Quonz, unlawful possession.

Ong Yen, unlawful possession.

Hue Chow, unlawful possession.

Yung Gar Sing, unlawful possession.

Ah Get, alias Ah Kee, intent to steal.

THE only variation in quality which will ever be found in "Myrtle Navy" tobacco is in the degree of moisture which it contains. Tobacco is a very ready absorbent of moisture, and in unusual states of the weather it may become a little too moist or a little too dry to suit the taste of some. This is a minor matter, however, as the essential quality of the tobacco is not changed. Its combustion is a little slower or a little faster according to the degree of moisture, that is all. The darker the plug the greater the moisture, and many prefer the dark. In each caddy, however, the preference for either can be met. 10

CHANGE OF CARRIERS.—Mr. James Parsons, who has had charge of the carrier's route of *The Colonist* on the south side of the city for the past eight years, has sold out his interest to Mr. L. Hall, head of Maple bay. Since having charge of the route Mr. Parsons has been very faithful, not having missed a single day during the eight years, and only retires now to enter into another line of business. His successor can but follow in his footsteps, and we trust he may prove as faithful and as successful. When Mr. Parsons took hold of the routes it was in the dull times of the province, while now everything is looking bright and prosperous, *The Colonist* having advanced to a like extent with the city's prosperity.

ROBBERY.—Mr. George Vienna had about $400 stolen from his safe yesterday morning. Mr. Vienna had opened the safe to get some change, and by chance left it open. Half an hour afterward he again went to the safe and found the money gone. The drawer was taken with it and found in an empty barrel in the rear of the store. A man named Peters was arrested on suspicion, and will appear before Mr. Johnson this morning. This is not the first time that Mr. Vienna has been robbed, but in the several other cases the amounts were very small.

OBITUARY.—We deeply regret to announce the death of Mr. Thomas Charles, formerly in the Hudson Bay company's service. The deceased was for many years at different posts in the northern interior of the province, but had retired to spend his latter years in Victoria. He leaves two daughters to mourn his loss, both of whom are married. Mr. Charles, who was in his 61st year, was a very kindly, honorable man, and his loss is much felt by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

P. O. H.—Donations for March: Mrs Cridge, milk; Mrs. Sargison, milk and apples; T. Harding, bread; Mr. Dupont, cutting children's hair, and oranges and apples.

ANGLO-RUSSIAN DIFFICULTY.

The London Times on the Situation.

A General Election Probable in November.

Gladstone Then to Retire from Public Life.

(Exclusive to The Colonist)

NEW YORK, April 5.—The Tribune's London cable special is as follows: The Anglo-Russian controversy has advanced two important stages this week. The Russian reply to Granville's last dispatch was delivered yesterday and considered by the cabinet to-day. There is reason to believe that such assent as it does contain is qualified by a suggestion for carrying the line of debatable territory still further south. The English are in no mood to stand much more nonsense. The ministry has not relaxed for one hour those varied preparations for war which astonished Russia and convinced her that England is far more ready than she herself. Sir Peter Lumsdaine, British representative on the Afghan frontier commission, is reported to be very indignant over the repeated concessions made by England to Russia. He has been chafing ever since last September on account of Russia's neglect to send her commissioner to join him in delineating the frontier and he tendered his resignation as a commissioner last January. He was then induced to withdraw his resignation, but it is reported that he has renewed it and insists upon its acceptance.

NEW YORK, April 5.—A cable special from London says the Easter vacation is a period of political stocktaking. Gladstone has again serious storms and his prospects for the future are decidedly good. The tories lost their last chance in the last Egyptian debate and they must now wait for a general election which is pretty certain to take place in the middle of November. Appearances indicate that there will be a liberal majority. Gladstone will then retire with blessings as loud in his favor as recent cursings against him. Lord Hartungton, with a reputation which is being solidified daily, will succeed him.

What Some People Say.

That there was a baptism by immersion at Sailor Bay Sunday afternoon, the novel sight being witnessed by several hundreds of people.

That the public schools re-open this morning.

That Nova Scotia rejoices in the possession of the oldest official in the world. The Hon. Samuel Chipman, registrar of deeds in King's county, was born in 1790, and although in his ninty-fifth year, he still holds his official position and performs the duties of his office.

That Joe Goss, the English pugilist, is dead.

That Hon. Joseph Chamberlain favors a war with Russia. He says Russia has been looking round for a whipping for many years, and that England was the power and now is the time to administer it.

That some people think it would be nice if everybody in the world would mind their own business. But it would not. Over a half of the people in the world would be out of employment and not know what to do with themselves.

That large mouths in sweet women are the present fashion, and the maidens who are up to snuff no longer purse up their lips to the prunes and prism style. The wide, natural style of wearing the mouth is supposed to have originated with the popular belles who have pretty teeth.

That the U. S. war cruiser Dolphin has made her trial trip and is a success.

That there is no foundation for the statement that threatening letters from Fenians have been received at Marlborough House.

That it is rumored that the lord high commissioner to the general assembly of the Church of Scotland will this year be the Marquis of Lorne.

That Mr. Gladstone has written another letter to the peace association citing further instances to the efforts which had been made by Lord Wolseley to make known that his aims were friendly to the Soudanese.

That it may be hard times, it may be some new rule of fashion, it may be something else, says the New York Times, but some cause seems to be thinning out New York's livery establishments at a pretty lively rate. One out of every five stables open a year ago has been closed for good.

That three 110-ton guns have been ordered by the English government. The first will be delivered in October next, the others in the following January and April. Each gun will cost £19,500; the weight of projectile will be 1,800 pounds, and the weight of powder charge 900 pounds.

That M. Verbeck, a French mesmerist, now in London performs some surprising illusions, using but one hand. A wedding-ring borrowed from a lady is hammered into a bar by some volunteer assistant in the audience. The conjurer borrows a programme, rolls it into cornucopia-shaped receptacle for the ring, and without the use of the left hand crumples the paper into a ball, which the volunteer holds tight in full view of the audience. When he is directed to open it he finds that the crumpled ball of paper consists of five sealed envelopes, one within the other, and with the perfect wedding ring in the smallest and innermost.

That—the merchant now devises
A plan brisk trade to win!
He straightway advertises—
And rakes the shekels in.

Municipal Council.

The adjourned meeting of the city council was held last evening at 8 o'clock.

Present—His Worship in the chair, and Couns. McKillican, Robertson, Smith, Teague, Braden, Grant, Ward and Warner.

The first business was to consider a bylaw to borrow money for the water works, and to authorize the corporation to borrow money for the purpose of enlarging the works. For further consideration the bylaw was allowed to stand over until Wednesday next.

A bylaw for regulating the water supply to the city was then read.

Coun. Grant moved that the bylaw be printed and the councilors provided with one in order that each might consider the matter.

Seconded by Coun. Ward and carried.

REPORTS.

Another report was read from the Electric Light Company.

Coun. Ward moved that the report be printed. Seconded by Coun. Braden and carried.

The drainage and street level committee's report was next read.

The clauses were considered *seriatim* in committee of the whole, Coun. Warner in the chair.

Mayor Ridhet suggested that the names of prominent sanitary engineers be obtained so that a perfect system might be had.

Coun. Teague was of the same opinion.

The report was referred back to the committee for further consideration.

The council adjourned until to-morrow evening at 7.30.

Marine.

Bark J. C. Whitworth, 25 days from Hongkong, arrived in the roads yesterday, and will load coal at Departure Bay.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, April 6.—Arrived—British steamer Euphrates, Nanaimo.

Sailed—Steamer Empire, Victoria.

C. P. R. STOCKS.—On March 27th, on the London market, were quoted at 39½.

Farwell City, Columbia River.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

I send this by a sleigh which is about to go through Eagle Pass, probably the last sleigh of the season, as the ice on the little lakes in the pass is weakening. The road will afterwards be bad for wagoning owing to the slush. I hear that Dr. Church, as soon as steamboats run on Shuswap lake, will have 6 horses at Shuswap lake end of the pass, and 6 here for travellers. No doubt wagons will be put on as soon as the state of the road permits.

The new town of Farwell has grown amazingly. The main street is covered with houses, on both sides, for abou thalf a mile, and another is cut out and partially lined with houses. Some of these are substantial buildings; one of them I am told represents a cost of $4,000. There are about a dozen respectable married white women with their families, and a population on the whole of a good class, though with some of the "tough" breed. Incomers from the west are surprised to find that we have billiard tables and comfortable accommodations for a new town. Farwell already is three or four times as large as Kamloops. The great want here is a resident magistrate; this is what everyone expects. Men who have worked along the line from Winnipeg say that Farwell is the best town they have seen. Those who have made improvements are anxious to see the proprietor, as he has posted trespass notices. We understand he will be up soon to dispose of lots. The streets, so far, have been laid off in pretty regular form, and there would be a lively traffic in lots were the proprietor's titles available. The corporal and three men of the mounted police have a barracks, cells and stable on the edge of the flat south of the streets. The first steamboat is going up. This is bound to be a big sweltering place. Our town Colville, looking out for the steamer, which is to make bi-weekly trips all summer, 208 miles up the Columbia to Farwell. A small printing press for the Farwell Courier is expected early in the summer. Until able to make exchanges I will send you a line from time to time, to report progress.

Farwell, Columbia River, 28th March 1885.

EASTER DECORATIONS.—The decorations in the several Episcopal churches were very pretty and appropriate, that of St. John's church being particularly lovely. The pulpit, reading desk, font and chancel were a profusion of flowers and mosses, the pulpit cala lilies being worked in with other flowers with very pretty effect. At the rear of the chancel were the words "Christ has now risen," underneath which was a large cross composed altogether of cala lilies, while above was a crown of varied flowers, the whole making a most attractive and artistic piece of decoration. There was a harmony about the adorning of the church that showed that an artistic hand had directed it.

RAILWAY TRAFFIC RECEIPTS.—The G. T. R. traffic receipts for week ending March 21st amount to $252,889, which, in comparison with $312,837 for corresponding week last year, shows a decrease of $49,948.

The C. P. R. traffic receipts for week ending March 21st are $92,000, which compared with $62,000 for the corresponding week last year, show an increase of $30,000.

Personal.

Prof. Pickering, of the Nanani Opera Troupe, is stopping at the Occidental.

Mr. E. Kelly, of Portland, is at the Driard.

Mr. R. A. Cunningham, son-in-law of the late Mr. W. J. Jeffree, came up on the Queen of the Pacific, and will reside permanently in Victoria.

The Huron (Mich.) Times copying the notice of this paper in reference to Mr. Robert Irving's marriage adds that Miss Nellie Durant, the bride, was just as much a favorite in that town.

Mr. Geo. F. Smith, of the Kittitas valley, came over yesterday from Seattle. Mr. Smith is one of the largest stock-raisers in Washington Territory.

Mr. E. E. Shannon, of Shannon & Co., returned yesterday from an extended trip among the islands and mainland of Washington Territory.

SEALING.—The schooner Kate returned from the sealing grounds yesterday morning owing to the illness of Mr Francis. The season is proving a most successful one. She will return to the grounds some time next week.

FOR PORT MOODY.—The steamer Otter left at midnight for New Westminster and Burrard inlet ports. She had on board 500 kegs of powder, consigned to A. Onderdonk.

SPECTACULAR OPERA.—The Navoni Opera Company are billed to appear in Victoria for a season of three nights.

BALED HAY.—J. P. Davies & Co. hold a sale of baled hay on the wharf this morning at 11 o'clock.

From the Daily Colonist, April 8.

Garroters at Work.

George Grant, cashier of the Nevada Bank, while proceeding homeward from a dinner party given last Wednesday night on Rincon Hill, was waylaid by a band of garroters, who relieved him of a well-filled purse and a gold watch and chain. The appearance of the bank officer, when discovered lying prostrate on Bryant street, near Second, by a wary pedestrian, was most deplorable. His eyes were blackened, his head was cut in various places, and his face was swollen almost beyond recognition. The gag which filled his mouth was speedily removed, and the unconscious form of the cashier was conveyed to a down-town hotel, where his injuries received prompt attention. Upon regaining consciousness, Mr. Grant stated that at midnight he was attacked from behind by three men, one of whom dealt him a powerful blow on the head, while the remaining two threw sand in his eyes and stifled his cries by means of the gag, which proved to be a most scientific invention.—*S. F. Alta.*

Mr. Grant is a former resident of Victoria and will be remembered by many of our citizens, he being formerly connected with one of the leading banks of this city.

Freight via the Sound.

Great quantities of freight are arriving via the Sound, principally from eastern Canadian markets. During the year 1884 the amount of freight arriving at Victoria alone exceeded that received at Tacoma, Seattle and Port Townsend combined. The past month has been an exceptionally busy one for the steamers and a total of 1666 tons has been brought to Victoria by the North Pacific and Geo. E. Starr. The warehouses at the present time are taxed to their utmost capacity in storing the goods on their arrival. The great majority of this freight arrives via the Northern Pacific and O. R. & N. Co.'s system, and the large extent of freight that will always be handled by this city is certain to make it a point of keen competition between the Northern Pacific and the Canadian Pacific transcontinental roads. The former road recognized this fact long ago, and has given Victoria merchants special advantages on that account and when the two lines are in competition undoubtedly more favorable rates than at present will prevail.

THE "SKUZZY".—This new steamer for the C. P. R. construction in British Columbia was launched at Van Horne on Thursday last. She was built in remarkably quick time, and is now ready for service, being entirely painted and looking a first-class vessel. Mr. Vigor, steamboat inspector will leave Victoria on Monday next and will be joined at New Westminster by Mr. Olute; they will proceed to Van Horne and inspect and measure the steamer. The ice disappeared from Lake Kamloops in a night. That on the Shuswap lakes had not broken up at last accounts.

AUCTION SALE.—Mr. Geo. Byrnes will sell at 11 a.m. to-day the effects of the late Mr. Gastineau, comprising an extensive assortment.

Spring Assizes.

(Before Sir M. B. Begbie, C. J.)

TUESDAY, April 7, 1885.

The court of spring assizes opened at 11 o'clock a. m.

His Lordship, the Chief Justice, presided, the Deputy Attorney-General conducting the cases for the crown.

The following were selected for the grand jury: J. H. Todd, foreman; A. W. Jones, Wm Thompson, Wm Raye, I Oppenhaimer, Fell, Downie, Austin, J. H. Lawson, J G Hargreave, J R Anderson, R P Rithet, Wm Denny, McIlmoyle.

At the opening His Lordship as usual addressed the grand jury and said that he did not think the business would take long to transact, as a large number of the cases were against Chinamen charged with "unlawful possession."

After the list was read the grand jury retired for half an hour.

After recess, the court reassembled at 12 30 o'clock.

TRUE BILLS.

The grand jury returned true bills against the following: Billy, an Indian, burglary; George Hughes, stealing; John McLaughlan, unlawful intent to defraud; Bing Long, unlawful possession.

Regina vs. Billy, charged with larceny, was the first case tried.

Prisoner pleaded guilty and was sentenced to one year's imprisonment.

Regina vs. Geo. Hughes, charged with stealing a purse containg $26, the property of Ah Sam.

Prisoner pleaded not guilty.

After some evidence was taken from Ah Sam, High Murphy and Officer Shepherd which went a long way to convict, the case was allowed to stand over until to-morrow, awaiting plea from Capt. Colville, looking out for the steamer Colville