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EXPLORERS QUARREL.

They Disband in the Interior of Alaska—One Party Snowed In.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—Five months ago an Alaska exploring party passed through this city en route from New York city to the Northwest. The expedition was sent out by W. J. Arkell, the millionaire. It was ostensibly in the interest of the Frank Leslie's publications, but was in reality a prospecting party for New York capitalists. The party included E. J. Glave, who was with Stanley in Africa; W. H. Wells, a Cincinnatti journalist, a New York newspaper man and several others. The party left San Francisco on the steamer Patterson for Sitka.

A few weeks ago Glave returned from the north and made a hurried stop at Port Townsend and Victoria and hastened east over the Northern Pacific.

Nothing was learned of Wells or others of the party until yesterday, when a private letter from Juneau was received here, which stated that the members of the exploring party had serious trouble in their camp in the mountains in the interior of the territory.

What the trouble was about is not known, but it is said positively that the explorers quarreled and divided into three parties.

Glave started for New York in disgust. He had engagements there to write up his African experiences and lost all interest in Alaska as soon as the exploring party disbanded.

Wells and a band of natives pushed onward into the interior, and at last accounts were snowed in for the winter, with but 40 pounds of flour in their camp. The others of the expedition took another direction, striking overland for south-eastern Alaska.

NEW VANCOUVER COAL AND LAND.

The semi-annual general meeting of the New Vancouver Coal Mining and Land Company, Limited, was held yesterday at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C., under the presidency of Mr. John Galsworthy (the chairman of the company).

The chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts. The net profit for the half-year was about £7,400, which was, of course, a better result than shown in the previous report, when there was no profit at all. This improved condition arose from the price at San Francisco being better and the output increased. The total net outpgt of coal for the half-year was 121,971 tons, and the sales were 128,390 tons. This year, he thought, the company would even do better. He referred the shareholders to the state of the mines as shown in the report, and also gave details of the progress of work since. These showed, he said, that there were, unfortunately, a great many places at which they were working coal; they would be very glad to find a field which they could stick to, and so avoid a great deal of the expense consequent on working at so many places. The directors hoped that the works in progress would result in something of that kind. They were doing a great deal in order to explore the property, and required a large amount of money. At present they were making considerable profit, but that profit was exhausted in the operations, and without extraneous financial assistance—for their shares were called up, and they had found difficulty in inducing the shareholders to put their hands in their pockets—they would not be able to do what they were doing. The necessity for finding more money had brought about an agreement which would be submitted to the shareholders at the conclusion of the present meeting. The directors had declared a dividend of 2 per cent., which came out of the profit obtained from the old company; when that dividend was paid the profit from the old company would be nearly exhausted, but the directors could have paid another 1 per cent., and would do so if their finances were not disturbed by the rejection of the agreement with Messrs. Rosenfeld.

Mr. Fry seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Votes of thanks to Mr. Robins (the superintendent at Nanaimo) and to Messrs. John Rosenfeld's Sons for their financial assistance having been carried, the meeting became special for the consideration of the agreement referred to.

The chairman moved the adoption of the agreement negotiated by Messrs. Tendron and Robins, on behalf of the company, with Messrs. John Rosenfeld's Sons, of San Francisco, for extending the period for bonding the company's property at Nanaimo to them from December 31, 1890, for providing funds for certain specified explorations and works, and for other purposes.

Mr. F. Tendron seconded the motion, which, after explanations had been given, was unanimously adopted.

Votes of thanks to Mr. Tendron and the chairman concluded the proceedings.—Financial News, London, Nov. 26.

FROZEN TO THE DECK.

Loss of British Steamer Westbourne in the Black Sea—Twenty-one Perish.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 10.—There reached this city yesterday through a private channel a thrilling story of the loss of the British steamship Melbourne in the Black sea. It is no ordinary tale of shipwreck, but relates intense suffering and unusual and extraordinary misfortune. Of the vessel's crew of twenty-five, four were all that survived the ill-starred voyage, and these are miserable wrecks of humanity, lying prostrated in an Odessa hospital under the care of the British consul.

The Westbourne, an ordinary tramp steamship, left Theodosia, which is the ancient name of Kaffa, in the southeast of the Crimea, November 24, bound to Philadelphia with a general cargo. On the evening of her departure a gale, peculiar to the Black sea alone, arose, accompanied by rapidly falling thermometer. The weather grew so intensely cold that the men were frozen to death in a life-like posture at the wheel or wherever their duty called them. Every sea that swept over the vessel froze to her, making her sluggish and so heavy that she refused to ride the waves, and became unmanageable. When the water gained an entrance to the hold the cargo began to swell and burst open the decks fore and aft as though powder had been exploded in her interior.

About midnight, although but a few hours out of port, the vessel began to go down. Already the corpses of a number of seamen were visible on deck standing up against the head rails just as erect as though in full vigor. They were frozen hard as iron. With all the crew that still held fast to their lives, Captain Bennington put out in a small boat and headed her back to Theodosia, a distance then of some fifty miles. During the early morning the men died off one by one, till on reaching Theodosia the following night, the number was reduced to eight. Subsequently four more died while undergoing medical treatment, leaving but four survivors.

Captain Bennington, commander of the Westbourne, is well known to Philadelphia shipping men. He is completely prostrated by his suffering in the open boat and by the death of his brother, the ship's chief officer, who perished before his eyes of the awful cold.

PROPOSED AMALGAMATION OF INSURANCE COMPANIES.

An extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Queen Insurance company was held at the company's offices, Liverpool, yesterday, to consider the project to amalgamate with the Royal Insurance company. There was a crowded attendance of proprietors. Mr. James Barrow, who presided, said he hoped an agreement between the two companies would be ratified, as the advantages to the Queen Insurance proprietors were numerous. They would get a good price for their shares, would be admitted into partnership with a company second to none in the world, and would at once enter into receipt of a larger dividend than hitherto to the extent of 5 per cent. Besides, they were far more likely to get an increased dividend from the amalgamated companies than from the Queen alone.

Resolutions were unanimously passed approving the agreement drawn up by the directors of the Royal Insurance company.

A meeting of the Royal Insurance company's shareholders was held in the afternoon, at which the chairman said they would receive £1,500,000 from the Queen Insurance company, and the directors had come to the conclusion that amalgamation would be profitable to both companies. It was proposed to increase the capital of the new company to £3,000,000. A resolution approving of the amalgamation was carried nem. con.—Financial News, London, Nov. 26.

FINANCIAL PANICS.

The following are statistics respecting financial panics is taken from the London Financial News of November 26:

There have been 18 great financial crises during the last century and a quarter, viz.: In 1763, at Amsterdam, originating with the house of De Neufville, and involving 77 failures; the failures in Holland in 1773 exceeded £10,000,000. In 1799, in Hamburg, there were 62 failures, involving £3,000,000. There was a panic at Liverpool in the same year, which was, however, somewhat mitigated by parliament lending £500,000 in Exchequer bills on goods. In 1814 240 banks suspended payment in England. In 1825, at Manchester, failures occurred to the amount of £2,000,000. The Calcutta failures of 1831 involved £15,000,000. The "wild-cat" crisis in the States in 1837 caused all their banks to close. In 1839, the Bank of England was saved by the Bank of France. A panic in France during the same year caused 93 companies to fail for the sum of £6,000,000. In 1844, a crisis in England brought about the reformation of the Bank of England. The English failures of 1847 involved £20,000,000. During the great panic of 1857 in the States, 7,200 houses failed for £112,000,000. The Overend, Gurney & Co. failure, nearly a quarter of a century ago, involved failures costing upwards of £100,000,000. "Black Friday," in Wall street, was on September 24, 1869. The shoe and leather trade crisis in Boston (U.S.A.), in 1883, caused losses amounting to over £3,000,000. The Grant & Ward failure at New York City, in 1884, involved many financial and business houses, and a loss of over £5,000,000.

James Orr and wife, of Vancouver, are at the Oriental.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Canal Enlargements Costing a Million Dollars—How to Prepare Eggs for Shipment.

The North-West Indians Quiet—Reprints of the Encyclopedia Britannica Contraband.

(From our own Correspondents.)

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 16.—Contracts for enlarging the Morrisburg canal have been awarded to three firms, and aggregate, according to the tenders, a million dollars.

The English correspondent of the Finance department says: "If eggs be placed in clear boiling water for thirty seconds they will keep good for a year."

Owing to the trouble with United States Indians the police patrols on the Northwest frontier are being kept out later than usual, but everything is quiet.

The Department of Justice has decided that reprints of the Encyclopedia Britannica, if they contain articles copyrighted in Canada, are liable to be confiscated.

Mr. Roy, private secretary to Sir Hector Langevin, has been appointed secretary of the Public Works department.

IN CHAMBERS.

(Before Mr. Justice Walkem).

Routledge v. Sauer—Application for further time for consideration. Accounts to be passed. Eberts & Taylor for plaintiff, Bodwell & Irving for defendant.

Turner v. Prevost & Powers—For examination of William De Shaw. Order refused with costs. Drake, Jackson & Helmcken for plaintiff, Pooley & Jay for defendants.

Turner v. Prevost & Powers—For leave to plead a demurrer, and for time to deliver statement of defence. Order made, costs to plaintiff's costs in any event. Drake, Jackson & Helmcken for plaintiff, Mr Pooley for defendants.

Scott v. Scott—Application to postpone trial. Order refused with costs. Mr. S. P. Mills for plaintiff, Eberts & Taylor for defendant.

Austin & Phoenix—For leave to sign judgment. Order for judgment made. Mr. Jay for plaintiff, Mr. Walls for defendant.

Keen v. Corporation—To fix day of trial. Trial fixed for January 5th, costs to be costs in the cause. Mr. Walls for plaintiff, Eberts & Taylor for defendants.

Rutledge v. Dugan—To postpone trial. Order made for adjournment of trial till January 6th. Mr. Mills for plaintiff, Drake, Jackson & Helmcken for defendant.

Victoria Transfer Co. v. E. & N. R.—To amend statement of defense. Order made for enumeration of sections. Mr. Wilson for plaintiff, Mr. Pooley for defendant.

(Before Mr. Justice Walkem.)

Lund v. Lund—Application for the dismissal of case. Summons referred back to the New Westminster judge. Mr. Armstrong for plaintiff, Drake, Jackson & Helmcken for defendant.

Saanich Lime Co. v. McDonald—To pay money in court to the plaintiffs. Order made. Bodwell & Irving for plaintiffs, Drake, Jackson & Helmcken for defendant.

Phoenix v. Morrelli et al—Application to postpone trial, also for further time to reply. Trial postponed by consent, to a day to be fixed by a judge. Costs to be costs in the cause. Mr. Walls for plaintiff, Belyea & Gregory for defendants.

Keene v. Corporation of Victoria—Summons to postpone trial. Adjourned till the 16th inst. Mr. Walls for plaintiff, Eberts & Taylor for defendants.

Gillespie v. Black & Townsend—To strike out paragraph in amended statement. Order made, paragraph to be struck out, with costs. Mr. Pooley for plaintiff, Bodwell & Irving for defendants.

Victoria Transfer Co. v. E. & N. R.—To amend statement of defense. Adjourned until Tuesday. Mr. Wilson for plaintiff, Mr. Pooley for defendants.

Phoenix v. E. & N. R.—To postpone trial, and for time to reply. Order made as in first summons. Mr. Walls for plaintiff, Belyea & Gregory for defendants.

Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Co. Further adjourned until Wednesday.

SUPREME COURT.

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

Boscowitz v. Warren *et al.*—To be continued.

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

Polson & Co. v. Wulffsohn—Judgement was given in this matter yesterday morning, for the plaintiff with costs.

Boscowitz v. Warren—Not yet concluded; the examination of Capt. Warren was proceeding yesterday.

THE CAPTAIN'S LITTLE SCHEME.

Whitelaw will Work Among the Whales in the Gulf of Georgia.

It was generally thought, some time ago, that Capt. T. H. P. Whitelaw, the well-known wrecker, would succeed in obtaining permission from the Canadian Government to hunt whales in the Gulf of Georgia. A number of British Columbians took issue with the captain, however, and got up a huge petition of protest to the government. They thought that they had defeated Captain Whitelaw, but intelligence of recent date shows that they have been themselves outwitted. The captain, as was rumored, has placed the old steamer Alexander under the British flag, and fitted her out as a floating whale-oil refinery. Meanwhile, Capt. Williams, of Vancouver, put in an application for the permission denied the great American wrecker, to hunt whales in the Gulf, and his petition was granted. Captain Williams is Captain Whitelaw's silent partner in the big enterprise, and they will operate together.

"BY HIS OWN HAND."

Conclusion of the Inquest, and Verdict in the Case of the Chinaman, Ah Ho, Found Dead in His Bed.

On Tuesday afternoon, Dr. Morrison, coroner, resumed the investigation into the case of the Chinaman, Ah Ho, who had been found dead in his bed at the house of his employer, Bishop Orridge, on Thursday morning last. Considerable interest was taken in the case and a large number of Chinamen were present. The enquiry was conducted by the Chief of Police, Mr. Thornton Fell watching the case for the friends of the deceased.

Mrs. Cridge, wife of Bishop Cridge, testified that she had had a Chinaman in her employ named Ah Ho. On Wednesday evening last, before going to bed, she went to his room door and asked him if he was there. He answered that he was. Did not hear any other Chinaman there. There was no noise during the night. Next morning she was called by her husband and informed that Ah Ho was unconscious. She went down stairs and found the room saturated with blood. Mr. Mason, who was called in, telephoned for the police and the doctor to come at once. Ah Ho was lying on the bed covered up. She sent for Mr. Perrin's Chinaman, who she knew was his friend, and he informed her that he was badly hurt. There was a rope round his arms and shoulders quite loose. (The rope was produced). Ah Ho never spoke a word. She noticed about a week previous that deceased was dejected. He showed a letter from his friends in China. He said it told him his mother was dead, who had cheated of his little boy. He borrowed some money from the Bishop to send away.

Officer Levin, recalled, testified that he had visited Bishop Cridge's house on Saturday last. The window of the deceased's room was distant from the ground on the outside about six feet, and on the inside four feet. It would be hard for a man to get in from the outside without leaving some trace. There were no traces or marks of blood on the window sill.

By Mr. Fell—If a man wanted to get in the house by the window from the outside he could do so.

Wong Tsau (Mr. Perrin's Chinaman) remembered the affair, but not the day of the week. Bishop Cridge sent for him and he went over. The Bishop's daughter opened the door and he went into Ah Ho's room. Then a white man went in whom he did not know. He spoke to Ah Ho; but could get no answer. He was not quite dead, though very bad. He was all right when last seen by witness. Thought he was only pretending. He was moaning a little, and, at the same time, witness said: "What are you pretending?" He then pulled back the blanket and saw the rope round his neck; and his left hand tied with a half hitch.

By the Chief—He could not say whether deceased had killed himself or was killed by others.

By Mr. Fell—To the best of his belief the rope produced was that found on the deceased.

This closed the defence.

The jury after an absence of about a quarter of an hour returned the following verdict:—

"We, the jurors appointed to enquire into the death of one Ah Ho, find, according to evidence produced, that he came to his death by his own hand."

GEORGE PHILLIPS, Foreman.

THE MUSEUM.

Some Valuable and Interesting Additions.

Among the recent additions to the collection in the Provincial Museum is the fine black bear, presented by Mr. Phillips Clive Woolley, and the wonderful musk-ox sent down from Dawson by Mr. W. M. Pike of this city.

Few museums in the world can boast of a specimen of this rare animal, and the white hunters who have "brought it to bag" might be easily counted. Mr. Pike, who left here a year ago last June, has penetrated into the realms of the "barren grounds" of the frozen north, where he succeeded in securing specimens of both the musk-ox and barren-ground caribou or American reindeer, and, when last heard from, was proceeding down the great Fish river towards the ocean in search of Polar bears. He is a persevering and intrepid hunter, and also a successful one.

The musk-ox (*ovibos moschatus*) is an inhabitant of Arctic America, where it ranges from the shores of the Polar Sea southward to 60 north latitude, the boundary of British Columbia. It is said not to occur west of the McKenzie river, but its distribution in that direction has never been well defined, and there are many things respecting its habits, and even its structure, with which naturalists are as yet entirely ignorant. As its scientific name implies, it is related to both the ox and the sheep. A sight of this rare animal is well worth a trip to the museum.

THE SEALING QUESTION.

Another Crisis in the Negotiations for a Settlement—Blaine Dissatisfied with Sir Julian Pauncefote's Proposition.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—A World special from Washington says: It appears that another crisis has been reached in negotiating between this government and Great Britain with regard to the seal fisheries in Behring's Sea.

It is learned from a reliable source that Blaine intends to send to Congress, within a few days, a special report on the subject, which will declare another failure to agree, even upon the mode of proceedings to effect a final agreement.

Both sides, it appears, are willing to leave to arbitration the question of the sovereignty of the waters of Behring's Sea, and the consequent right of the United States revenue cutters to seize or interfere with Canadian sealing vessels outride of the three miles line; but they cannot agree upon the method of getting at this arbitration, and they cannot agree upon a temporary regulation to be applied during the time which must elapse before the result of arbitration can be known.

The British Minister proposes that for the temporary period it shall be understood that all seal hunting in all parts of Behring's Sea shall be entirely prohibited during May and June, and from October to December, and that, during July, August and September, no marauders shall be permitted to land on the seal islands, and no sailing vessels shall be permitted to approach within ten miles of the islands.

Blaine is utterly dissatisfied with this proposition. The period from July to September, he decides, is the very best poaching season.

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PROVINCIAL NEWS.

The McLean-McKay Farce—The So-Called Race Again Postponed Owing to Rough Weather.

A Coal-Laden Scow Capsizes in the Gulf—Westminster's Electric Railway.

(Special to THE COLONIST.)

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., Dec. 18.—The McLean-Mackay race did not come off to-day, the weather again being too rough.

Grading and tracklaying on the Westminster electric railway commence to-day.

A large scow-load of coal, for the Southern railway, was lost in the Gulf, yesterday. The scow afterwards floated into the mouth of the river, bottom side up.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Frozen to Death.

HALIFAX, Dec. 16.—On Friday night an old couple named Higgins left Charlottetown, P. E. I., during a storm for their home, three miles distant. Not arriving, search was made for them, and on Sunday they were discovered in a snow bank. Mrs. Higgins had her legs frozen solid up to the knees, and died shortly after being discovered. Her husband had his hands and feet both frozen hard as rocks and they have been amputated. He is delirious and unable to tell the horrible story of his sufferings.

The Lacrosse Championship.

MONTREAL, Que., Dec. 16.—A meeting of the senior lacrosse league was held here last night, and it was decided that the championship be not awarded for the season of 1890 owing to the winning team (that of Cornwall) playing Leroux who was found guilty, by the executive committee, of being a professional player.

Challenge from O'Connor.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 16.—Wm. O'Connor, after hearing the result of yesterday's race, says he will send John McLean a cablegram offering to row him in America for £500 a side, and guaranteeing him a purse of £100 added.

Election Petition Dismissed.

HAMILTON, Dec. 16.—The petition against Nicholas Awrey, for South Wentworth, was yesterday dismissed with costs, no evidence being forthcoming on behalf of the petitioners.

BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

An Immense Undertaking.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Russia is about to construct an immense harbor on her northern shore to provide for the rapidly growing and already considerable trade of her subjects in the northern regions.

Funeral of Dr. Church.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The funeral of the late Dr. Richard William Church, dean of St. Paul's cathedral, took place to-day at the cathedral, the Archbishop of Canterbury and Bishop of London officiating. There was a large and distinguished attendance.

The Jewish Persecution.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Father Rendroff, a priest of the Russian orthodox faith, has caused some consternation by preaching against the persecution of the Jews, at the monastry of St. Michael's, near Odessa.

Due to the McKinley Tariff.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The threatened strike of cotton operatives at Bolton has been averted, the employers conceding an advance of wages. Seven hundred employes of the Lister Plush Works at Bradford have struck against a reduction of wages made necessary by the McKinley tariff; 300 more will strike to-morrow, and 400 at the end of the week.

A Convert to Rome.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Lord Ashburne's heir has become a convert to Roman Catholicism.

A Nickel Mine

LONDON, Dec. 16.—A nickel mine has been discovered near Frankenstein, Prussia. Its owners have refused an offer from Krupp of one million five hundred thousand marks for the property.

Imprisoned for Intimidation.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—At Winchester, today, Wm. Sprow, organizer of the Southampton strike, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment at hard labor, for intimidating union men.

An Ambassador Stoned.

ROME, Dec. 16.—A stone was thrown at the Austrian ambassador to the Vatican to-day by some unknown person. It is thought that the assailant is a servant who was recently discharged from the ambassador's service.

The Panama Canal.

PARIS, Dec. 16.—The Columbian government and liquidators of the Panama Canal company have signed an agreement providing for an extension of the period for the completion of the canal.

A BIG SCHEME.

Two Thousand Carloads of Cattle for B. C.'s Chilcotin Plains.

The Denver, Col., News has the following: Capt. Brandon Kirby, one of the cattle kings of New Mexico and the largest shipper of the southwest, was a visitor in Denver yesterday. The captain is preparing to seek new fields and is negotiating with railroads to transport 40,000 head of cattle from New Mexico to British Columbia. This is the biggest shipment of cattle ever undertaken from one ranch in the territory and no road has yet been found that is anxious to tackle the job. It means 2,000 carloads, and 200 trains of tens cars each. To carry such a monster aggregation 2,000 miles, within a limited period, and land the outfit safe on British Columbia soil, is a contract that would stagger the most experienced railway men.

Last December the captain sent two or three of his trusted cow men to British Columbia to look over the land and report upon the kind of winters experienced in that region, as well as the condition of the ranges during the winter months. Early in September Captain Kirby visited the region himself and returned a short time ago thoroughly enthused as to its advantages as a cattle range. While absent he made a little purchase of 400,000 acres of choice grazing land about 200 miles north-east of Victoria, sheltered on all sides by mountains, well watered, and with grass knee high all the year round. It is pronounced by all odds to be the most promising cattle country in the world, rivalling the noted pampas of South America, but having the advantage of railway communication with the great markets of the continent. It is said there are only 15,000 cattle in all that region and only two cattle men of prominence.

Capt. Kirby in his early life visited all the countries of the world, and later traveled with Stanley and Burton in the dark continent. He says that British Columbia is a veritable paradise, a diamond in the rough which will some day be the garden spot of America. The captain last year paid $25,000 in freight alone to the Union Pacific, but his present herd of 40,000 is not a marker to his round-up of former years. Cayotes, Mexicans and bad laws have assisted materially in doing him up. Capt. Kirby would be prevented from entering Canada by the $30 a head tax imposed on American cattle were there not a provision excepting the operation of the law to a certain extent for British subjects. The first shipment will be made about the time of the holidays.

RICHARD WILLIAM CHURCH.

Dean of St. Paul's.

IN MEMORIAM.

I.

Another soldier on the battle field
Falling with calmness, brief of pure-eyed faith,
Leaving behind the memory of a life
Of a pure endeavor and of noble deed,
Folding around him with unflinching trust
The mantle of the Godless sacrifice:
O Death! where is any victory?

II.

Broken the life! for God to peace beyond
And fashion in the full completeness;
Even as, before some rounded harmony
Steals over us with its cadence of sweet sound,
The pause that marks the change to higher key
Mars not its music, but more fully serves
To usher in the swelling antiphone.
So death in robbing us of love, endows love's labor,
Blending it, for ever with the lost and loved.

III.

Dying, he dies not, but rather lives,
While with a strong and undying love espoused
Duty, the Deathless Bride,
Echoing forever thro' the vanited past,
Urging to battle for the Right and True,
Rings out the music of a noble life.

—J. W. C.

Victoria, December 16, 1890.

Getting Ready.

Not long after the Comus Club had dispersed, last night, a number of workmen had made a start toward getting Philharmonic Hall ready for the Poultry, Dog and Pet Show, which begins to-morrow. The first lot of exhibits will arrive by to-day's train, and will continue to arrive by all manner of conveyances until to-morrow noon, when everything will be in readiness, and the public will be admitted to a really first-class exhibition.

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