

INTERVIEW OFFICIALS OF E. & N. RAILWAY

Members of Nanaimo Citizens' League Discuss Freight Rates on Extension

Nanaimo, Dec. 15.—Messrs. H. E. Beasley, traffic manager, and J. Goodfellow, superintendent of the E. & N. R., were in the city Tuesday evening...

Complaints of residents of the district that exorbitant freight rates were charged on the line between the present terminus at Cameron Lake and Wellington...

In reference to the question of placing an agent at South Wellington, Mr. Beasley informed the members of the league...

GRANBY COMPANY DECLARES DIVIDEND

Only Payment to Shareholders This Year—Testing New Settler

Phoenix, Dec. 18.—At the regular monthly meeting of the directors of the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Company...

The Grangy has not stated periods for declaring dividends, this being the only payment this year, dividends with \$2 last year, two of \$100,000 each in 1908; three of \$2 in 1907; four of \$3 in 1906, and \$1 in 1905.

The low price of copper, together with large sums spent in improvements to the smelter accounts for the falling off in dividends since 1907.

The Grangy is operating its entire battery of eight large furnaces at full blast, consuming one ton of coal for every 4,000 to 4,500 tons per day...

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WIRELESS AT PORT STANLEY.

Port Stanley, in the Falkland Islands, often serves as a port of refuge for sailing ships which have suffered mishap in the South Atlantic.

CHINA REJECTS OFFER BY STATES

Does Not Desire Advice of Financial Expert in Arranging Loan

Pekin, Dec. 18.—The offer of the United States to provide a financial expert to advise the Chinese government regarding the handling of the \$50,000,000 railroad loan now being negotiated by China from American bankers...

ITALIAN VISITOR GETS TERM IN JAIL

Refused Work on Account of Family and Clothes—Two Months on Rock Pile

Michael Ferro, an Italian visitor, charged this morning with obtaining money under false pretences from C. A. Lombard, caused a roar of laughter in the police court when, after two witnesses had been heard through Interpreter A. Borde...

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Ferro, who also gave his name as Boesler, obtained money from C. A. Lombard, 380 Colquhoun street, and Charles Pinchon, 208 Catherine street, to obtain a trunk from the wharf and to buy food.

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SEES HALCYON DAYS AGAIN FOR ROSSLAND

P. A. O'Farrell Still Optimistic Regarding Future of the Kootenays

Rossland, Dec. 15.—A distinguished visitor to Rossland has been P. A. O'Farrell, the well known journalist, who, after completing a 10,000 mile journey through Canada with T. P. O'Connor has been spending a few days with J. S. C. Fraser.

"I am always glad to come back to Rossland and see the friends of the early pioneer days," he said in an interview. "Those were stirring times, fifteen years ago—times never to be forgotten."

"I remember when there was not a hut or a log cabin between Robson and Arrowhead, save at Nanaimo, a stretch of 260 miles of shore-line without any habitation. And now every spot available for an orchard or garden is being cleared and homesteads are being laid out."

DEATH AT VERNON OF JOHN GALT, C. E.

Head of Well-Known Engineering Firm Passes Away After Lingering Illness

The death occurred yesterday at Vernon, B. C., after a lingering illness, of John Galt, C. E., of the well-known John Galt Engineering Company, of Toronto and Winnipeg.

ADELAIDE GOT IN PORT TO-DAY

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for seven days until the storm abated. While the vessel was at anchor several members of the crew went ashore and while there discovered a quartz mine. Here the steamer was delayed for four days, unable to get sufficient coal inside the two days allotted for her lie-over.

It was the intention of Capt. Lindgren when he left Scotland, to call at San Francisco for coal, but favored with good weather and having enough fuel on board to last the remainder of the journey he decided to come right through.

COLONIAL PREFERENCE

(Special to the Times.)

London, Dec. 19.—Lloyd George, speaking at Romford, characterized the colonial preference as bad business and worse imperialism.

POSITION OF PARTIES UNCHANGED

TWENTY-NINE MEMBERS YET TO BE ELECTED

O'Brientes Capture South Cork From Nationalists—Thursday's Elections

London, Dec. 16.—Following is the present standing: Unionists, 264; Liberals, 260; Labor, 41; Nationalists, 67; Independent Nationalists, 2. To be elected, 23.

Liberalism gained the Leek division of Staffordshire and the Unionists the High Peak division of Derbyshire on Thursday's voting, leaving the relative position unchanged.

Following are the results of Thursday's elections declared to-day: Down, South—McVeagh, Nationalist, 3,663; Johnston, Unionist, 3,040. Unchanged.

Hartfordshire, Hitchin—Gregg, Liberal, 3,942; Hillier, Unionist, 3,833. Unchanged.

Aberdeenshire, West—Henderson, Liberal, 5,415; Smith, Unionist, 3,232. Unchanged.

Ayrshire, South—Beak, Liberal, 5,715; McIntyre, Unionist, 3,863. Unchanged.

Dumfriesshire—McIntyre, Liberal, 4,708; Murray, Unionist, 4,146. Unchanged.

Forfarshire—Falconer, Liberal, 6,449; Duncan, Unionist, 4,397. Unchanged.

Berkshire, Tennyntown—Campbell, Unionist, 2,900. Unchanged.

Northamptonshire, North—Brow, Liberal, 2,211; Harris, Unionist, 1,980. Unchanged.

Northamptonshire, South—Whitney, 4,176; Clarke, Unionist, 3,745. Unchanged.

Lincolnshire, Stratford—Parker, Liberal, 4,207; Withingby, Unionist, 4,545. Unchanged.

Yorkshire, Skipton—Clough, Liberal, 5,151; Roundell, Unionist, 6,100. Unchanged.

Northamptonshire, East—Money, Liberal, 4,480; Brooks, Unionist, 3,876; Richards, Labor, 1,431. Unchanged.

Gloucestershire, Trowbridge—Lister, Liberal, 5,267; Hicks-Beach, Unionist, 5,683. Unchanged.

DESTRUCTIVE BLAZE

Department Store at Tacoma Wiped Out—Loss Estimated at More Than \$100,000.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 17.—McCormack Bros' big department store at Fifteenth and Pacific avenue was wiped out by fire about midnight. The loss is practically complete, and except for a few thousand dollars' worth of stock in the warehouse the business of the firm was completely wiped out.

The cause of the fire is not known. It started in the ceiling, among some decorations, and within the space of a minute flames were sweeping over the entire floor space of the one-story brick building.

A SALARY DISPUTE IN COUNTY COURT

Alleged Infringement of Trade Name in Supreme Court—Seattle Co. Plaintiffs

Arguments were heard in the County court this morning by Judge Lampman in the case of McCallum against the Victoria Contracting Company, and judgment was reserved.

The plaintiff claimed that he was employed through the defendant's agents at Seattle to work in Victoria for the defendants, and was to have a two months' trial, during which time he was to prove his competency.

The defendant, who was in the plaintiff's employ for four years, was to be discharged on the expiration of the first two months' period.

A Supreme court action to prevent the defendant using a similar name to that of the plaintiff, General Appraisal Company, is being tried by Mr. Justice Gregory, in which the plaintiff claims that a former employee named Bush, after being four years employed by the firm at Seattle, went into business on his own account in June, 1910, commencing business in Washington state, and Seattle, particularly as the Standard Appraisal Company, and later incorporated in British Columbia as the General Appraisal Company, Ltd.

The plaintiff then registered in B. C. and having done business in the province for some years, asked for an injunction to restrain the defendant from doing business under the name of the General Appraisal Company, Ltd.

The defendant, who was in the plaintiff's employ for four years before he established the Standard Appraisal Co., was examined at length yesterday, and was cross-examined this morning.

Other witnesses for the defence are being called this afternoon.

Fred Peters, K. C., instructed by Mason & Mann, appears for the plaintiff, and H. A. Maclean, K. C., for the defendant.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST COAST MOONSHINERS

Find Ready Markets for Liquors in "Dry" Towns in Southern Oregon

Portland, Ore., Dec. 19.—United States revenue officers have begun a campaign against moonshiners, who are said to be operating illicit stills in the coast range mountains in Lane, Josephine and Douglas counties.

Federal agents have been working for several months in localizing various stills in southern Oregon, and a number of arrests probably will be made in the near future.

DEMANDS OF FARMERS

London, Dec. 17.—The Daily News says that the Canadian farmers, in whose name a vast crop of legends has been sent here, that they, along with the three successive triumph of a free trade government in this country, deal a deadly blow at the army of food taxers.

The coroner to-day said that his coroner's jury investigation showed that the building had been fired simultaneously in the half dozen places. An official investigation is under way to determine the cause of the fire and fix responsibility.

HILL PAYS VISIT TO VANCOUVER

Says Work on V. V. & E. Will Be Rushed From Both Ends

Vancouver, Dec. 18.—James J. Hill, the veteran railroad builder, arrived in the city this morning on his special train and made one of his characteristic whirlwind visits, termed an official inspection trip.

During that time Mr. Hill made a personal inspection of the site for new deep water wharves for his company near the sugar refinery, gracefully submitted to being interviewed by the press, and promised that work would be started immediately on the filling in of the north and east shores of the head of False creek, to be followed by the erection of a million dollar union station, promised that construction on the V. V. & E. branch of the Great Northern would be rushed with all possible dispatch from both ends from now on.

Mr. Hill, who is the president of the V. V. & E. branch of the Great Northern, made an auto tour of the city and an inspection of the company's terminal yards here, attended a luncheon given by local officials of the company, and pulled out late this afternoon, expressing his regret that he did not have more time to spend in Vancouver.

CRITICISM ON SPOKE BY-LAW

Views of Committee on Legislation

It is improbable that at this evening's special meeting of the city council those members of the board who have attacked the Spoke water works on the grounds of its insufficiency, inaccuracy will make any endeavor to block its passage.

The committee placed themselves against what they considered to be the financial burden of the water works. The insufficiency of data, the passage of the bill, expedited the people may.

In view of the grave importance of the issue involved the following report of the legislative committee, which have attacked the Spoke water works, is of extreme interest:

Your committee has carefully considered the proposed by-law for the acquisition and utilization of Spoke for water purposes.

Your committee is of the opinion that the data with reference to such acquisition is insufficient to enable the council or the ratepayers to form any intelligent idea upon any essential feature. In the words of H. H. Burwell's report of the 21st 1910, "it would be folly to express opinion as to the advisability of proceeding with an undertaking of magnitude without the most thorough investigation of the available water supply."

"Nothing should be taken for granted in this connection; accurate measurements should be made to determine the annual flow from the drainage area of Spoke and the adjoining drainage areas can be diverted into this lake."

Your committee has, therefore, decided that they cannot recommend the council for favorable consideration of a by-law before ratepayers in the shape of the proposed by-law, involving such a

ELLIMAN'S Embrocation advertisement featuring an illustration of a man on a horse and a list of ailments treated by the product.

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Firemen and Policemen Fighting Fire at Philadelphia

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 22.—Nineteen firemen dead and three missing, one policeman known to have been killed and seven missing; 24 injured firemen and police in city hospitals...

The fire broke out at 10:15 a. m. at the corner of 14th and Market streets, where a building was being demolished. The fire spread rapidly and within a few minutes the building was a mass of flames.

The fire department, aided by the militia, fought the fire for several hours, but it was finally extinguished at 1:30 a. m. The cause of the fire is not known.

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