

AN OPEN VERDICT.

Conclusion of the Coroner's Inquiry Into the Death of James McArthur.

Unsatisfactory Testimony Calls for Stinging Rebuke—Subsequent Proceedings Possible.

Yesterday saw the close of the coroner's inquiry into the death of Engineer James McArthur, sufficient evidence being adduced to show that he had been in an aggressive mood during the evening of his death...

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W. R. McLean was the next witness. He corroborated the former witness to a great extent, but had not seen whether either of the participants in the "scrap" struck the other...

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AGGRESSIVE POLICY.

The Grand Lodge of Templars Will Ask for Special Legislation.

Officers Elected and Nominations Chosen at Next Year's Meeting Place.

The third session of the Grand Lodge of the Templars opened yesterday morning at 9 o'clock, when several proposed amendments were discussed...

The time is ripe for arousing the friends of temperance in the province to an effort to secure from the legislative assembly important reforms in the liquor laws...

That a standing committee be appointed on legislative action, with power to add to its members, authorized to promote our restrictive legislation as far behind that of the other provinces...

That the legislation sought shall be in the direction of a general and uniform enactment for the whole province, that will increase the restrictions and prohibitions of the retail trade in intoxicating liquors...

That our councils and membership be established by a fine for the first offence of extension of the circulation of The Templar and the "Templar Quarterly" in their respective jurisdictions...

That the Templar medal certificate movement be pressed upon our councils, as a most effective method of presenting the best thought and argument of the reform, for preparing the public mind for prohibition...

The report was adopted unanimously amidst great applause. The report of the superintendent of the Cadet Templars was next taken and plans were made for the extension of this branch throughout the entire province...

Robert Buckland, grand councillor, New Westminster, and Mr. J. B. MacLennan, grand vice-councillor, New Westminster, were elected...

A. B. Fraser, grand auditor, Victoria. R. H. Langdale, grand deputy herald, Vancouver. T. J. Beatty, grand secretary, Vancouver. J. C. Smith, grand sentinel, New Westminster.

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IN FOND REMEMBRANCE

The Directors of the P. O. Home Will Erect a Memorial Tablet.

To the Memory of J. G. Taylor That Recent City Grant.

At the city hall yesterday evening the twenty-fourth annual general meeting of the subscribers to the Protestant Orphan's Home was held...

While it was shown at our last annual meeting that the estimated cost for the maintenance of the 53 inmates then in the home was at least \$3,750...

Among the donations is a special certificate of appreciation to the city council, which has caused some commotion...

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SECOND THOUGHTS WERE BEST.

Not until they were again confronted with the iron aboard ship did the crew of the British bark Lydenhora, convicted and sentenced a few days ago to one week's imprisonment for refusing duty, consent to work when returned to the vessel under custody yesterday...

STILL HARD AND FAST. Success has not yet attended the work done towards floating the tug Vancouver off the rocks at Oak Bay. Meanwhile the tug lies high on her pet and but resting more easily than when she first struck...

NO RECORD AT ALL. Alex. McDermitt, one of the stevedoring firm which loaded the ship Speke, discharging cargo at the outer wharf, fell in a heap on the pier yesterday...

SEALERS ON THE WEST COAST. The cannery steamer Edith, which the Albion Iron works has just completed for Findlay, Durham & Brodie...

THE CITY.

This week's Gazette contains notice of the incorporation under the new Societies Act of 1891 of Loyal Danties Lodge No. 177, C.O.O.F.

The sixth A and B class monthly medical competition of the Victoria Golf Club will be played at the links at Oak Bay to-morrow...

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FARMERS' ALLIANCE.

The Farmers' Alliance delegation interviewed the ministers of the provincial government yesterday afternoon...

That this convention of representative farmers from the several districts of the province resolve that it is necessary in the interest of the province at large that this question of financial interest should be taken up by the government...

The removal of the mortgage tax was also included in the transactions of agricultural literature through the post. The ministers present were Hon. J. H. Turner, Hon. G. F. Martin, Hon. D. M. Eberhart, Quesada, Hon. A. B. Baker, and the following members of the legislature—Major Munter, Messrs. J. B. Kennedy and Thomas Forster...

A telegram to Mr. W. L. Challenger yesterday from Mr. Mitchell—who is now at Roseland where the firm has a large branch store—conveyed to him the unpleasant news that his firm had been the victims of a daring burglary...

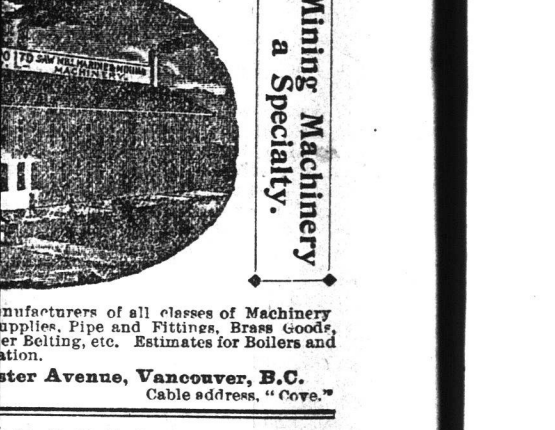
Some of the papers are making a fuss over the fact that the women's colleges are adopting the name of Challenger, Mitchell & Co. as missing property. The body comprised diamonds, watches and solid jewelry.

Maybelle—And why were you present at the marriage? Were you directly interested in it? Jack—No, not directly. I was merely the bridegroom.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

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FOOTBALL AND HOCKEY.

Two teams from the Victoria Football Club, representing England and the British Colonies, played on Hill. The game all through exciting, though the play was not so brilliant as that of the representing England, with the exception of the billiard and pool, which were the only sports of the day.

THE MONTHLY COMPETITION. The result of the ladies and gentlemen's "H" and "G" class first competitions of the Victoria Golf played off on the Oak Bay links the latter part of the week.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Gross Score, Handicap, Net Score. Lists winners for Ladies and Gentlemen classes.

MATCHES BEING ARRANGED. Practice game yesterday suffered greatly from the weather, though the lady enthusiasts put in an average game.

PEARL WINE FROM ROBERTS. Don, Feb. 27.—The billiard match on Roberts and Paal was won by Roberts, who scored 24,000 points.

HIS GUN BURST. Spring Island Boy Badly Wounded by an Exploding Firearm. Attached out on a berth in the steamer of Nanaimo, when she tied up at the wharf yesterday afternoon, a fire broke out on the upper deck.

THE SCHOOL QUESTION. MONTREAL, Feb. 26.—(Special)—The Liberal managers in the different counties of Quebec have awakened to the fact that since the provincial campaign opened against the Laurier-Greenway settlement of the school question the difficulty is far more deep-seated and fraught with much more serious consequences to the Liberal party, both at Quebec and Ottawa.

THE ANCIENNT COLONY. St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 27.—(Special)—The whaler Terra Nova, 20 days out from Dundee, reached port to-day, having had her decks swept, boats smashed and bulwarks carried away in a series of heavy gales on Sunday last.

PREPARING FOR THE POSSIBLE. PETERSBURG, Feb. 24.—The Canadian Pacific Railway Company, it is stated on good authority, has purchased sixty thousand tons of steel rails.

ROSSLAND. (From the Roseland Miner) The Walters company has secured for Eastern Ontario an option to purchase for \$80,000 a four-fifths interest in the Pilgrim. This claim covers about 20 acres of ground adjoining the War Eagle on the north, and is bounded on the east and west by the McGimp and Montia respectively.

SAVANNAH. (From the Savannah Daily) The British newspapers loudly denounce the law as intended to enable President Kruger to "put the screws" on the Rand in the event of refusal of the British government to pay the indemnity demanded by the Transvaal for the Jameson raid.

WESTMINSTER. Feb. 27.—Considerable excitement was manifest in mining circles over the recent decision given by F. O. Whitney of Kootenay, secretary of the Orphan Boy Mining Co. The warrant was issued on information sworn out by Mr. J. W. Haskins, president of the company, the charge being the execution of a mining contract with Mr. Haskins on the basis of a mineral claim obtained from a mineral claimant who had been previously involved in getting to be valuable.

HEARD IN THE HOTELS.

Experienced Mining Men Express a High Opinion of Texada Island Mines.

Where Mr. O'Farrell Has the Advantage of the Owner of the Idaho.

Colonel R. H. Aiken, of Chicago, and Mr. Walter, of Seattle, arrived yesterday afternoon by the City of Nanaimo from Texada Island, where they have been looking at the various claims now in operation. They are unanimous in declaring the properties the "Van Andra" and the "Raven" great strikes.

Col. Aiken, who is an expert of many years' experience, thinks that in about five feet more the drift will be struck in the lower level of the Van Andra, and that the indications are very good. "What should be done," he said, "is to put a good assay office there, as the property is good enough for it, and to put the best chemist there that can be had."

A good story is told of Mr. O'Farrell, who is at present in this city. Mr. O'Farrell was asked by some friendly how it was that he had the prefix "O" to his name, when others bearing the patronymic Farrell had not. Buzonning up his double-breasted, lordly air, he replied with great dignity:

MR. D. FARRELL, one of the best known of the mining men of the Kootenay, arrived in Victoria yesterday and is staying at the Bristol. Mr. Farrell is principal owner of the Idaho, which he paid \$100,000 in dividends in the last five months. He is also the chief owner of the Iron Horse at Roseland, which is to be one of the bonanza properties of Trail creek.

IN CONNECTION with the incorporation of Nelson M. J. F. Humm, M.P.P. for the south riding of West Kootenay, yesterday received a telegram from W. R. Roberts of Nanaimo, saying that the people there were well pleased with the bill as it was passed through committee in the legislature. He had also a wire from R. E. Lemon stating that the majority of the people of Nelson were satisfied with the bill as passed, and congratulating the government on the speedy manner in which they have taken to incorporate Nelson.

W. S. Norman, of Roseland, and Wm. A. Miller, of New York, are at the Bristol, their visit to Victoria being in connection with the private bill that is being asked for by the B. C. Light and Power company to supply electric power to the towns of Trail and Roseland. The syndicate to which these gentlemen belong have already spent \$100,000 in putting in turbine wheels, mills work and dynamo machinery, and are now working in connection with placer mining on the Bend O'ville river, not far from Vaneta, and have already 3,000 horse-power at their command. They wish to incorporate with a capital of \$1,000,000 to string wires and increase their water power to carry 1,500 electric horse power over 17 miles of line to Roseland and Trail. As soon as we can get our bill through, said Mr. Norman, "we will have the money to supply the War Eagle, Le Roi, Josie and in fact, the leading mines in Roseland, with power, and expect that before long the mine will have to increase its power to keep up with the demand. We have all the necessary capital to go right ahead, and mean business from the start."

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DR. HELMCKEN'S OFFER.

The formal answer of the city in regard to the Intervale estate. The following letter is self-explanatory.

VICTORIA, Feb. 25, 1897. Dr. J. S. Helmcken, Esq., Victoria, B. C. Sir:—Referring to your offer of the 25th of January last, to dispose of the property known as the Intervale nursery and garden, to the city as an annex to the park, I am directed to acquaint you that the council has given the same the fullest consideration, but that in the absence of funds available to acquire the said property in accordance with either of the propositions submitted by you, they are unable to avail themselves of the opportunity of securing possession of so valuable a property, and one which, without doubt, would prove a most desirable adjunct to the park.

I have the honor to be, Your obedient servant, W. J. DOWLER, C.M.C.

THE "QUEEN" COMING.

Magnificently Appointed Excursion Ship Relieves the "Puebla" on the Frisco Run.

A Fleet of Thirty-Four Sail Belonging to this Port Sail Onward at Sea.

The United States branch hydrographic office, custom house, Port Townsend, Wash., will furnish on application, free of charge, full information regarding the following notices to mariners: Adriatic sea, Austro-Hungary, Morzer delta, harbor light at Betina; Africa, west coast, rocky shoals southwest of Cape Sierra Leone; Bermuda islands, Hamilton harbor, shoals southward of Town wharf; Black sea, Russia, Crimea, fog signal at cape Altador; Chile, port Talcahuano, whistling buoy marking Marino bay; China, Yangtsze kiang southern entrance, new survey, new buoy; Connecticut, Milford harbor, entrance buoy replaced by a bell buoy; England, east coast, Thames approach, intended gas buoys in Barrow companies operating in the district; United States, Pacific coast, Monterey, California, and other points, intended auxiliary lights; Breakwater lighthouse; England, south coast, Southampton water; United States, Pacific coast, Monterey, California, Florida, entrance to Key Biscayne bay, Miami river, new surveys; Florida, Indian river, new surveys; Florida, St. Augustine inlet, changes in hydrography and topography, new drawbridge; Florida, St. Johns river entrance, west coast, beacon lights; Florida, St. Johns river, entrance to Key West; Florida, west coast, Suwannee river, dredged channels; Gulf of St. Lawrence, Prince Edward island, St. Peters Island, intended changes in character of light; New Zealand, Cook Strait, intended light on Cape Palliser; Rhode Island, Narragansett bay, Western passage, temporary light on Plum Beach shoal; Russia, gulf of Botnia, Golpost, shoals southward of Esten beacon; South Carolina, runken wreck about 34 miles southeastward from Charleston lighthouse.

MARINE NOTES. Steamer Olympia sailed for the Orient on Friday evening with 16 passengers. Among them was the Chinaman who was removed from the Oriental liner Palican at William Head, and who was supposed to be afflicted with yellow fever. The cargo includes 2,000 bales of domestic, 2,500,000 cigars, \$50,000 worth of flour, 650 bales of cotton and other goods to the total value of \$180,000. The sole cabin passenger was M. S. Hill, of San Francisco, who goes to Yokohama. On her arrival she will be considered for a trial run after being extensively overhauled and altered. The ship is now considered without a peer on the coast in so far as beauty is concerned, and her arrival here in consideration of her trial run will be an event of interest. This city of Puebla is being laid off for a general renovation and painting. Though somewhat slow in their movements the sealers are gradually working away from port until now more than half of the country this year. The shrimps are being worked on the coast in large quantities. The California freight consignments to the amount of 75 tons arrived on the steamer Unimilla at 7 o'clock last evening. The ship's passage from San Francisco was eventful, there being no gales or sea sickness on route and no particular bad weather experienced to make the voyage disagreeable for the many passengers aboard.

This evening the steamer City of Tokyo will be here from the Sound on her way north to Alaska. She will receive St. As passengers here Capt. William Moore, who leaves for the Upper Yukon with first Canadian mail that will enter that part of the country this year.

The North-West tramp steamship Evas, which has been in Equivalment several weeks cleared for Comox yesterday where she loads coal for San Francisco.

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Sensation in Westminster Over an Arrest for the Forgery of a Mining Stock.

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The Vancouver Foreign Club gave a very successful assembly at the Hotel Vancouver last night; a large number were present and the rooms were very beautifully decorated.

At the meeting of the Trades and Labor Council last night delegates from the British Columbia branch of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers were present.

WESTMINSTER. Feb. 27.—(Special)—The city sale of land for tax purposes will be held March 15. At a later date the Barnaby council will hold a similar sale.

There is a large increase in the population of the Sapperton district, as a result of the opening of the automatic gas factory, which has brought nearly 200 new residents to that part of the town.

WESTMINSTER. Feb. 26.—(Special)—The Costonella syndicate, which, as was noted yesterday, has for some time been boring for coal at Cedar Cottage, just outside the city of Westminster, struck a vein of coal, one foot thick, at a depth of 215 feet.

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When the case was called at the assizes, the crown attorney, with the consent of the presiding judge, withdrew the case, as there was insufficient evidence to convict. Subsequently the defendant's bondsmen made two payments and then refused to pay any more. The defence claimed that the said agreement was void in law, having been given in consideration of stifling a criminal prosecution.

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SANDON. (From the Sandon News) The members of the Methodist church have purchased two lots on the corner of Pine and Farwell streets, where they intend to erect a church building 28x50 feet.

THE PROSPECTORS OF TRAIL will meet at McPherson's hall shortly, for the purpose of organizing an exchange. It is proposed that when a prospector has a claim for sale, he shall list it. From the amount of the selling price of the claim, ten per cent. will be delivered, of which five per cent. will go to the party who works the claim and the other five per cent. will be reserved for the expense of conducting the exchange.

SANDON. (Special)—Owing to the recent decision given by F. O. Whitney of Kootenay, the rights of holders of mineral claims, every vacant lot in town has been staked by squatters to-day, and great excitement prevails. This action is caused by the fact that Mr. Harris only holds the townsite by crown grant obtained from a mineral claimant. The light promises to be a long and bitter one, as the property involved is getting to be valuable.

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Scandinavian origin, simply by accident hit upon the same series of imaginary incidents and used the same forms of expression? Prof. Muller argues that from the fact that the name for cats is substantially the same in all the languages of the old world...

AN OBJECT LESSON. An agitation has sprung up in New Brunswick for a federal subsidy for a railway through the centre of that province. The proposed line would be about 200 miles long...

A REMARKABLE PARALLEL. In the ruins of Nineveh found, a number of years ago, some tablets, which appeared to relate to the Flood...

THE COMING TIDE OF IMMIGRATION.

The Roseland thinks that some measure in the nature of the Corlies Amendment bill, which lately passed the American congress and now awaits the signature of the President...

It is an effort, and on the whole a successful one, to present the case against the admission of Chinese to Canada. The Montreal Gazette suggests 'Victorian Commonwealth' as a new name for the British Empire...

It is true that all the Canadian Pacific will ask as a subsidy for the Crow's Nest Pass railway is \$3,000,000, why not spend the remainder of the money, which the road would have cost the government, on other roads in British Columbia...

THE CANADIAN PRESS. ALL WEST RAILWAYS. British Columbia, in respect of railway construction and expansion, we find does not stand alone...

WORK FOR IMMIGRANTS. Canada will have a very serious problem to face in Kootenay this summer. The flood of immigrants, which is evident in going to over-run the south-eastern portion of the province...

It is a startling thing to read in American newspapers of some standing exponents to the effect that the country is really in need of a war. We thought this sort of talk ended, but it appears otherwise...

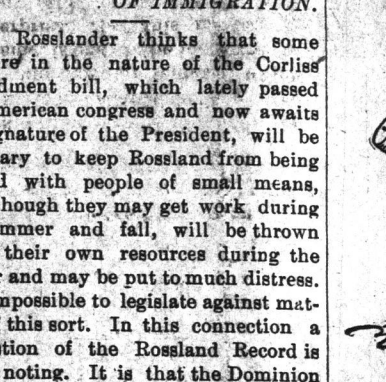
JAMES HAMILTON LEWIS, congressman-elect from Washington, is being exploited as a man who began life as a stevedore and worked up to his present position...

BY WAY OF VARIETY. Judge—As you have no counsel, I'll assign Mr. Baggs to defend you. Burglar—Judge—the last time he defended me I got three years, an' the evidence wasn't a marker to what it is this trip...

Mr. JOHN JANE has remitted to the Bank of British Columbia \$10,25, collected from the Presidents of Sevens for the benefit of the famine-stricken residents of India...

Mr. VAL STRANER of Vancouver, has issued a very forcible pamphlet entitled 'A Treatise on the Chinese Question.'

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The people of Spokane are alive to the folly of permitting the so-called Corlies amendment bill to become law, and fully realize the injustice of the laws of the state of Washington in regard to the ownership of property by aliens...

Resolved, That we, citizens of Spokane, in mass meeting assembled, do earnestly protest against the so-called Corlies amendment bill...

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