

MCKINLEY OR BRYAN?

Statement of the Populist Committee—Watson Will Not Imperil Bryan's Chances.

Moreton Frewen Believes That the "Boy Orator" Will Win the Election.

LONDON, Oct. 29.—The letter of Mr. Moreton Frewen, the well-known English economist, which appeared in yesterday's Times and was briefly referred to in last night's dispatches, has caused considerable stir in financial circles. The letter bears date of Chicago, October 17. Mr. Frewen says in part: "Never before in any election was the strife of tongues, the clash of authorities so bewildering. In New York not merely the business community, but all the shrewdest political bosses are unshaken in the conviction that Major McKinley must inevitably win."

Again, one of the most astute of Democratic senators for a state which lies between the headwaters of the Ohio and Lake Erie, believes that Major McKinley will carry every state north of the Tennessee border, and east of Colorado. He will, according to this senator, carry the doubtful states of Maryland, West Virginia and Delaware, but from the further west it is his view that McKinley will win Nebraska by 2,000; Illinois by 60,000 and Iowa by 12,000. This morning the most uncompromising of monometallicists in President Cleveland's cabinet, Mr. Sterling Morton, reached this city from his own state, Nebraska, and is reported credibly as declaring that any man who believes that McKinley can carry Nebraska is a fool.

Senator Jones, of Arkansas, who is the manager of the Bryan campaign, has been good enough to go closely into his electoral estimates with me. A year since, when all the Eastern press were declaring free silver to be dead, this Senator was nevertheless certain that the next Democratic national convention would adopt a free coinage plank. Such a forecast, at such a time, seemed ludicrous, but it was abundantly justified by the event. Today Senator Jones, is equally certain that Mr. Bryan will win and win by a large majority. The number of Republican seceders in what have hitherto been Republican strongholds, are such as to discourage the most ardent of McKinley supporters. In whole counties the Republican farmers appear now to be actively canvassing for Mr. Bryan. I have accompanied, during the past few days, the distinguished Republican bolter, Messrs. Teller, to his country meetings. These meetings warm with Republican farmers, who listen with respect and attention to some great preacher. Mr. Bryan arrived at midnight yesterday. Today, in North Dakota, and addressed three immense open air meetings of farmers, speaking for three hours by the glare of torchlights.

What are we to gather from such conditions as these? The situation seems to resolve itself into this: The South is likely to give Mr. Bryan 156, the West 60, or 216 out of a necessary 224. Therefore McKinley must carry all of the seven central states to be safe, whereas, if Mr. Bryan wins the smallest of these states (Minnesota) the Presidential prize is his. Should he, however, lose from his apparently safe column, Oregon, Wyoming, West Virginia, Maryland and Delaware, states which are less safe than the others, and win Minnesota, Michigan and Indiana, he will then be elected, with six votes to spare. To win the Presidential election, McKinley clearly must carry Illinois, whereas Mr. Bryan, should he win Michigan and Indiana, will not need Illinois. At such a crisis it is the part of wisdom for the British press to advise our investors not to be one whit dismayed if Mr. Bryan is elected.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—Secretary Edgerton of the Populist National Committee, to-day, issued the following statement: "The preposterous claims made by the Republican committee in regard to the election of McKinley are made with the ideas of fraud in all the great Republics. McKinley, on a fair vote, is beaten now by an overwhelming majority. The Republicans realize this. Yet in the face of this they make claims of an enormous majority for McKinley, but give no figures to back up their claims. They depend upon outright purchase of votes and election boards to furnish majorities they are predicting."

Mr. Edgerton then cited a number of states as claiming the way to McKinley presents counter claims and figures to show that they will be carried by Bryan, and continues: "Simply because they are depending, not on any evidence which they now have of victory for McKinley, but on what they think Hanna's immense campaign fund may do. We have evidence that in the election next Tuesday fraud will be attempted on the most stupendous scale ever known in American politics. One plan is to buy up election boards and wherever possible to actually falsify the returns. But the plan on which they depend most is as follows: In each precinct of each of the doubtful states they will buy up purchasable men in this way; they will give a man \$10 or \$15 and pledge him so much more if he holds the vote of that precinct to a certain figure. They will buy men in each precinct as they can find who will be for sale. Already, in each of the doubtful states they have cappers bought up by the hundreds to handle Republican money for the next few days before election and on election day, and the plan will be, not to buy men outright, but to give them so much money with a pledge to double the amount if they hold the vote of that precinct to a certain figure. He does not contemplate wholesale bribery in the election, why has he selected such an immense campaign fund which probably already reaches many millions of dollars. He cannot spend so much money for the legitimate expenses of the campaign. Then, for what purpose does he intend to use it, if not for wholesale bribery?"

The anticipation of what this money may do furnishes the basis, but only the basis, for the claims which the Republican managers are now making. CHICAGO, Oct. 29.—Senator Butler, chairman of the Populist National Committee, who arrived here last night, has with vice-Chairman Washburn been in consultation with Chairman Jones of the Democratic committee much of the time to-day. They have gone over the details of the campaign at considerable length together. They authorize no statement, but it is understood that they agree in classing Minnesota, Michigan and Indiana as certainly Bryan territory. Much time was spent in discussing the aspect as affected by the Populist vote and Senator Jones was assured by Messrs. Butler and Washburn that that vote would be practically unanimous for Bryan. "It is," said Senator Butler, "in better shape than we could have hoped for at the beginning of the campaign. There are, to be sure, a few States in which fusion has not been arranged, but which fusion has not been arranged in any State where Mr. Bryan's chances could be imperilled by failure."

GOLD ON THE YUKON.

A Fresh Find—The Coal at Sudbury Reported of Inferior Quality.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.) OTTAWA, Oct. 31.—Dr. Dawson, director of the geological survey, says that the alleged find of coal near Sudbury is one of anthracite, a fuel of very inferior quality. Chief Engineer Schreiber left for British Columbia to-day to inspect the section of the C.P.R. on which the company have been expending the money awarded them. Track laying on the Ottawa and Parry Sound railway 260 miles, the third long trans-Ontario line, will be completed on Monday. Parliament has been prorogued for a month until December 17. Hon. Mr. Laurier returned to the city to-day. Surveyor Ogilvy reports a great gold find on Bonanza creek, a tributary of the Yukon, in the vicinity of Fort Cadahay. He says 200 claims have been taken up, that there is room for 1,000 more claims, and that it would take 2,000 men to mine the property properly. In a few hours three men got \$75. One nugget worth \$12 was got on the surface. If properly worked, \$300 or \$400 per day per man can be got. Mr. Ogilvy has suggested to the department to provide for the laying out of claims in such a way as to prevent the possibility of dispute.

FALSE AND UNFOUNDED.

MONTREAL, Oct. 31.—(Special)—Mr. Grenier, editor of La Libre Parole, and defendant in the suit instigated by Mr. Tarte, has made the following declaration under oath: "With regard to the statement recently made in the Toronto Globe from Winnipeg, Mr. Tarte's declaration is entirely false, defamatory and unfounded. I declare in substance, I never have been a Christian Brother, nor a Protestant minister, have never been a member of any congregation and have never been a Protestant in Canada or elsewhere."

FLOODS IN FRANCE.

Numerous Important Districts Completely Submerged—Inhabitants Imprisoned in Their Houses.

PARIS, Oct. 31.—The floods are increasing, the river Seine is rising, all the dykes erected on the banks are submerged and the river Rhone, at Beaucage, is at the highest point ever known. All the gates of the town are closed and have been strengthened by enormous crossbeams. At Vallebrecque and Comps, scores of families are imprisoned. Ladders are attached to a window of each house and at the bottom the ladders are weighted down with stones. In this manner food is transferred from boats to the imprisoned inhabitants. In many of the riverside villages, the postmen are delivering the mail from boats and at Bouton the flood was so severe that all the inhabitants of the neighborhood have abandoned their homes, which are now surrounded by an immense lake. The rivers Ain and Saone have also overflowed and the villages and country about them are inundated, the roads and railways are washed away and the inhabitants are in a state of consternation. Great anxiety is felt concerning the condition of affairs at Avignon, the lower portions of which have been flooded. The valleys of Ardeche have been inundated by the torrential rain. The upper districts of Cevennes have also suffered great damage. A part of Auxerre has been inundated and food has to be taken to the inhabitants from outside districts in boats. Numerous smaller towns in Southern France report more or less extensive floods and loss of property.

RUSSIAN RESERVES.

LONDON, Oct. 31.—The Times despatch from Odessa reports that excitement has been caused there by the sudden mobilization for a fortnight of the reserves of the Ismail and Danube regiments of the Russian army which were inspected yesterday by the Commander-in-Chief of South Russia. This despatch also states that the town bank of Odessa has contracted to supply the Turkish government with 500,000 cavalry horses. A Constantinople despatch to the Daily News says that importance is attached to the reported imminent departure of M. de Nelidoff, Russian ambassador for St. Petersburg. The Rome correspondent of the Chronicle says: "Italy has demanded satisfaction of the Porte for the death of nineteen Italians who were killed in a conflict with the Kurds. The Italians were working on the railway at Smyrna." The despatch also reports that the Secolo has advised from Constantinople that the Sultan is arming the Mussulmans and that feverish anxiety prevails in military circles owing to the expectation of an invasion. The Graphic this morning says that it is enabled to state on high authority that the Czar is taking back to St. Petersburg a scheme to summon a European conference on the Eastern question, but believing that the chief burden of any course resolved upon may fall on Russia, he has decided to wait until the full consequences are reported upon by his ministers of war and finance. The Czar also desires to be in a position to act alone. The Graphic says, in the event of the powers failing to agree. So far, however, the negotiations have not reached the point of giving a European mandate to Russia.

DISTRESS IN LABRADOR.

ST JOHN'S, Nfld., Oct. 31.—The distress among the Labrador and Newfoundland fishermen must be increased because of the drop in the colony's fish in the Portuguese markets, it having dropped 60 to 70 cents per cwt., in the past three days. This is the best foreign market Newfoundland has and local prices must fall in consequence, thereby depriving them of the means of providing food for the winter to the same extent. The government expects to have heavy claims for relief during the next four months owing to this, because the fishermen must dispose of their catches during November before navigation closes.

WAPAKONETA, O., Oct. 29.—A disastrous collision happened on the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroad to-night. A through fast freight train ran into three loaded oil car tanks, which were left on the main track. The freight train was set on fire, destroying almost 12 loaded cars. The engine, fireman and brakeman cannot be found and are supposed to be in the ruins. The fire occurred near the Manhattan Oil Co.'s pumping station, to which the flames spread. It will be a total loss.

LONDON CABLE GOSSIP.

Unpleasant Consequences of the Cabmen's Strike—The Boodles Club—Society Topics.

Artillery Practice in the Solent—The Prince of Wales and the Freemasons.

(London Cable Letter copyrighted by A.P., 1896) LONDON, Oct. 31.—The metropolis is greatly incommoded by the cab strike. The drivers started the system of boycotting the railroad stations which produced scenes of confusion and exasperation at different depots, where huge piles of baggage were set down by the roadway and crowds of indignant male and female Britons, hampered by bags, travelling rugs, packages, etc., were fretting, fuming, and in some cases "swearing," while pushing about in a more or less helpless condition, engaging messengers, porters, and anybody at hand to help them out of their difficulties. In fact, the trouble and trouble were so great that the officials of the railroads have been compelled to apply for extra police protection. One feature of the cabmen's strike is the almost endless number of passengers promised for the future. The police have been busily engaged taking the numbers of all the cab drivers who refuse to enter the termini. INTERESTING DIVORCE SUIT. The so-called "smart set" are taking considerable interest in the suit for divorce brought by the Countess of Cowley, against the Earl, her husband, on the ground of desertion and adultery. The first hearing of which was postponed yesterday until next session, owing to the defence not having had time enough to examine the deposition which has been produced from Canada. The co-respondent in the case is Mrs. Charrington. The affair recalls the fact that the Earl, while Viscount Dangan, was forced to heavily compensate Phyllis Brangwyn, the well known actress, for breach of promise. The Dowager Countess Cowley, in August a year ago, was sued by Mrs. Jacoby, the sister-in-law of James A. Jacoby, M.P., for slander, the plaintiff charging her with making anonymous and objectionable letters affecting the character of numerous persons of high social standing. The case was finally settled by both parties swearing that they did not write the letter and did not know who did. IN THE FASHIONABLE SET. Society here is delighted at the engagement of the Marquis of Waterford to Lady Beatrice Butler, the leading beauty of the day, a daughter of the Marquis of Ormonde and niece of Lady Arthur Butler formerly of Chicago, a daughter of General Anson Stanger. Lord Ebury is about to sell Moor Park, Rickmanstown, to Mr. G. Oliver Belmont. The original house was built in 1460 by George Neville, Archbishop of York, and was once occupied by Henry VIII and Cardinal Wolsey. The present house was built at the end of the seventeenth century by the Duke of Monmouth, in Dutch style. Moor Park is notably beautiful. THE BOODLES CLUB. Various paragraphs have appeared in the English society papers during the past few weeks in regard to the Boodles Club. A short time ago it was announced that the premises had been sold to the Royal Yacht Squadron, and that they would hereafter have the historic club house on St. James street as their town house. Another report is that the Royal Thames Club secured the Boodles as a matter of fact, both reports are without foundation. The Boodles is one of the oldest and most exclusive English clubs, and among its six hundred members has the largest number of which every member of the aristocracy and wealthy land owners of Great Britain. It has always been a country gentlemen's club, and until a few years ago, when the Duke of Beaufort had a row with the committee, was the headquarters of the masters of the fox hounds throughout England. Lord Beaufort and several foxhunting friends withdrew, but during the past few years the younger element, consisting mostly of officers of the household regiments, entered the club and it remains one of the smartest and most comfortable in London. The Boodles was founded in 1762 and has always been a proprietary club, the members being its members, and from this it is written some of his letters in 1777 and 1774. Wilberforce also wrote that the first time he entered the Boodles he won 25 guineas for St. James. "Thackeray described it and its famous windows, where the old bucks used to sun themselves and ogle the ladies as they drove up St. James street. For fifteen years past the club has been owned and managed by the Gaymans, who inherited it from their father. She died last spring at the age of 75, and the very reports regarding the club's future are doubtless due to her death. MASONIC. On December 1 the Prince of Wales will be nominated for election as Grand Master of the English Master Masons. This will be the twelfth consecutive nomination with which he has been honored. On the following evening the Prince will for the twenty-third consecutive year of the United Grand Lodge be nominated for election as Most Worshipful Grand Master of the English Free Masons. The respective elections will be held on March 2 and 3, 1897. ARTILLERY PRACTICE IN THE SOLENT. The project to place the Solent under control of the war office for the purposes of artillery practice has caused intense commotion in yachting circles. Admiral Nares, in behalf of the clubs, vigorously opposing the suggestion, and pointing out that the project would make navigation almost as dangerous as an attempt to enter a hostile port defended by powerful batteries, as is already the case with the south of the Medway. THE MARLBOROUGHS. Mr. John Jacob Astor has commissioned Julian Storey to paint a portrait of the Prince of Wales in honor of the latter's visit to Glenelg House. The party at Glenelg during the visit of the Prince of Wales to the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough at the end of

BRITAIN AND FRANCE.

Efforts to Promote a More Friendly Feeling—The Bismarck Revelations.

King Humbert Slighted by the Church—Olympic Games to Be Perpetuated.

LONDON, Oct. 31.—As a first result of the efforts of a number of influential commercial men and politicians on both sides of the channel to promote a better feeling between France and Great Britain through a commercial rapprochement, the Lord Mayor-elect of London, Mr. George T. Phillips, intends to invite the mayors of thirty of the principal towns in France to attend a grand banquet at the Mansion house with the mayors of the principal towns of Great Britain. Already several of the French mayors have signified that they will accept the invitation, among them being M. Baudien, president of the municipal council of Paris, and the mayors of Bourdeaux, Marseilles and Lille. General Forester-Wilkes and a select committee of the war department officials have been conducting a series of experiments with the Zalsky dynamite gun at Millford Haven. An old gun which had been used as a target, was allowed to drift off the harbor and seventeen rounds were fired at her at a distance of about 3,500 yards but only one shot hit the tug and the gun therefore was considered a failure. Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies was elected to-day lord rector of Glasgow University. The English newspapers have been commenting most cheerfully upon the Bismarck revelations in the Hamburger. Prince Bismarck is abused all round. The speaker says: "Prince Bismarck's last act is in harmony with his general character. Rather than lose a chance of striking those who supplanted him he would shatter the fabric of the German empire. He has shown that the empire while he was in power was guilty of the most heinous treason as a ally. There never was a more colossal piece of perfidy."

WHEAT AND CURRENCY.

The "Spectator" Discusses the Rise in Wheat—Movement in Gold.

Famine in India Imminent—West of Ireland Face to Face With Starvation.

LONDON, Oct. 31.—Wheat and the currency question are still attracting great attention here, and the Spectator this week publishes an interesting article on the rise of wheat and its bearing upon protection and bimetalism, in the course of which it says: "The rise in the price of bread is likely soon to lead to unrest in the labor market. The present activity in trade gives labor organizations a favorable opportunity for pressing their demands for higher wages, but it remains to be seen how far the recent improvement in trade can be maintained, if a material rise in wages is insisted on. The wheat market is in a peculiarly critical position. The price of wheat is rising, and the price of bread becomes serious question. We can only hope that the politicians who are coquetting with the various forms of protection will learn to digest the lessons that will be expounded by events if the price of bread is materially affected during the coming winter. How should we fare now if the establishment of an imperial Zollverein forced us to look to home production for the Canadian surplus to fill our own mouths and the needs of India? From a financial point of view, the rise in cereals shows a strong case for further large movements of gold to the United States, raising the question, whatever the result, shipments of gold from here are still probable, in one case because the panic and scramble for gold will make Americans sell their gold faster and pay a premium for the metal; and in the other, because the revival of industrial activity, and a return of confidence will also attract British bullion. Lastly, the rise in wheat and the comparative weakness of silver have some bearing upon economic theory, and not only British but the English bi-metallicists are also deprived of one of their most effective arguments. 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Mr. W. A. Carlyle, provincial mineralogist, has returned from a four months' trip to the Kootenay country...

One thing Mr. Carlyle says that the Coast cities should realize is that the mining industry in the interior is now firmly established...

A NATIONAL SERMON.

Rev. Dr. Lucas last night at the Metropolitan Methodist church gave what was by far the most eloquent lecture he has yet delivered in Victoria.

During the evening Mr. Wilhelmsen received several times and at the close of the lecture a vote of thanks was passed to Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper...

VESSELS MISSING.

Anxiety Felt for the "Helga Caroline" and the Sloop "Birdie" Long Out.

Sanitary Work Being Done Along the Water Front—The "Miowera" Due.

The schooner Helga Caroline left Cook inlet September 16 and for a day or two kept pace with the steamer Excelsior...

THE CITY.

Messrs. Ledingham Bros., of this city, have dissolved partnership, Mr. W. J. Ledingham retiring.

WATER FRONT SANITATION.

While dredging a channel and otherwise improving the dockage facilities along the lower wharves, the Mud Lark dredge is performing a sanitary work of great importance.

IN AND OUT "FRISCO STEAMERS.

Morning and evening yesterday there was a San Francisco mail ship in port, the Mexico on her regular trip to the Walla Walla outward bound.

PROBABLY STILL IN THE SEA.

Captain Foot who has just returned from a trip to Kyngot, says that he saw nothing of either of the three sealers which were reported to have been wrecked in the bay.

SLANDER RETRACTED.

Apology Tendered Sir Charles Tupper by the Government Organ at Halifax.

An Unusually Mean and Contemptible Attack—To Influence the Pending Election.

An apology has been tendered to Sir Charles Tupper by the government organ at Halifax for the slander it published and circulated with regard to him just before the last contest.

NO RELIEF THERE.

"There is complaint among merchants that the Honolulu trade with this port is being sadly neglected," says the Seattle Times.

CONSTRUCTION OF TWO NEW INTERIOR RAILWAYS IS FORESHADOWED IN NOTICES OF PRIVATE BILLS PUBLISHED IN THE B.C. GAZETTE.

The appeal in Johnston v. Stoll was dismissed by the Full court. This was an appeal from an order made by the Chief Justice at Nelson, overruling the defendant's motion to dismiss the plaintiff's action for want of prosecution.

A MESSAGE TO MEN.

It is for women to know that for all their ailments and disorders INDIAN WOMAN'S BALM is pre-eminent the remedy.

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GOLDSTREAM CLAIMS.

Captain McCallum Gives Further Evidence in the Case Against J. A. Lawrence.

Witnesses State They Sold Their Interest to the Accused for Five Hundred Dollars.

The preliminary hearing of the charge against J. A. Lawrence of obtaining money under false pretences was continued in the police court yesterday, the examination of Captain McCallum taking up nearly the whole sitting.

The witness created some amusement by replying: "Yes, I was looking for trouble." The idea he had had in his mind was that Lawrence had, in giving Mr. Ditchburn the gold specimen, tried to get something about the claims put in the papers.

Mr. Bodwell closely questioned the witness as to how he recognized as his the particular specimen which Mr. Ditchburn had shown. Captain McCallum, however, said that he could not describe it.

Three other witnesses were examined during the afternoon—John Snider, John Dalby and W. H. Snider. All gave practically the same evidence as the Goldstream claims, and had then sold out to him their remaining interest in the group of five claims in which Captain McCallum says the accused purchased an interest from Lawrence.

The hearing of the case continues on Monday morning at 10:30.

THE CITY

An examination for medical matriculation in Queen's University, Kingston, Ont., was held under the supervision of the local committee Thursday and yesterday at the College.

The Spokane & Northern railway company, operating in connection with the Northern Pacific, have notified the latter company that they will accept direct freight for Rosland for delivery on the 15th of November.

On Wednesday last Dr. Hanington gave his second lecture on "Home Nursing" to the members of the Girls' Friendly Society, dealing with the practical subjects of respiration, temperature and the pulse.

A magnificent collection of samples of British Columbia autumn fruit has just been made under the supervision of the Department of Agriculture and with the valuable aid of Mr. Thomas G. Earl of Lyton.

The Collegiate school, Esquimalt road, asks the Colonist to give publicity to the fact that two scholarships will be given for competition at the close of this term.

UNSUCCESSFUL SEARCH

The "Helga Caroline" Waits in Vain for the Return of a Hunter.

Steamer "City of Topeka" Arrives—No Yukon Mail—Placer Mining.

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Mr. Archer Martin, for the defence, took a preliminary objection that it had not been shown that the witness connected with the Province at the time the article appeared or that he had anything to do with the article.

Although a sister colony under the British flag, the country over which Sir Hercules Robinson presides as governor evidently knows very little of Canadian fruit growing or of the rigorous steps that within the past few years have been taken to keep the products of Canadian orchards the best and most wholesome in the world.

The importation or introduction of any stone-fruit tree, or any fruit, section, graft, root or seed, the growth or product thereof, from the United States of America or the Dominion of Canada is absolutely prohibited.

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The deceased was born in this city just thirty years ago, and with the exception of a year or two devoted to the completion of his education in Eastern Canada, he spent his entire life in this province.

Returning to the city of his birth some ten years ago he became a member of the firm of Ellis & Co., upon the purchase by them of the Colonist from his father, Hon. D. W. Higgins, and the latter's retirement from the field of active journalism.

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The road which is being built from Mineral creek to the Alberni Consolidated will be completed in a couple of weeks. In the construction of the road a nice ledge of quartz was uncovered on the Warspite claim a few days ago, and samples were brought to town yesterday to be tested.

Mr. Brown brought with him some very fine samples of quartz from a vein recently opened on the Ophir claim, belonging to the Quadra company's group of mines. The foot wall is diorite and the hanging wall slate, the vein having a depth of two feet and favorably situated for economical working.

The tunnel on the Mountain Rose on Mineral Hill is in 100 feet, the expectation being that the vein will be cut in the next 75 feet.

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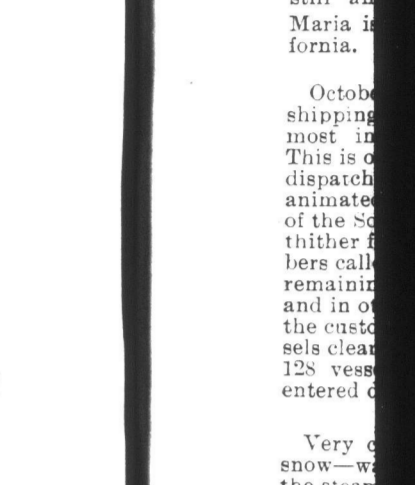
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SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

British Ship "Columbia" Lost on Point Blanco While En Route From Swansea.

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The British ship Columbia, 1694 tons, laden with general cargo, en route from Swansea for Portland, has been reported a total loss, together with her cargo, on Point Blanco.

October has been an active month in shipping, in fact it has been one of the most important months of the year.

The steam barge Katie came in from Salt Spring island yesterday with 600 boxes of apples, 10 tons of potatoes and seven tons of oats.

The Pacific Coast Steamship Company has made a sweeping reduction in freight rates between San Francisco and Victoria, the rate on the steamer Walla Walla, which leaves the Golden Gate next Thursday, being \$1 per ton.

Mr. Henry Croft, who has just returned from a three weeks' trip to the Kootenay country, is strongly impressed with the fact that the coast cities should make a great effort to obtain a share of the large and rapidly growing trade of that rich mineral country.

Mr. Croft also made a trip to the Nelson district and the rapid progress there was very marked, the mines being steadily developed and the owners making money in spite of the low price of silver.

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THE CITY.

The quarter mile race for the T. B. Hall challenge cup presented to the Victoria Football Club, will be run next Saturday at Caledonia Park.

The Rossland mining company with capital of \$2,000,000, incorporation of which was gazetted last Thursday, is the R. E. Lee Gold Mining Co., not the Robert E. Lee Gold Mining Co. There are two companies, the Robert E. Lee Co., having registered some weeks ago.

The winter time table on the E. & N. railway goes into effect to-morrow, the daily north bound passenger train leaving here at 8 a.m., and the express from Nanaimo arriving at 12:20; while the Saturday extra departs from here at 9:20 and arrives from up the line at 7 at the evening.

The Rugby football match between Victoria and the Fifth Regiment team yesterday at Caledonia Park, was rather a walk-over for the Victoria, who won by a score of 30 points to nothing.

During the past week a branch of the Girls' Friendly Society was established in St. James' parish, the rector admitting sixteen members and two associates.

The fire department destroyed all that remained of another old landmark on Friday. The large planing mill, erected many years ago by Hayward & Jenkinson, at the corner of Langley and Broughton streets, on the site of the old Hudson Bay stockade, was pulled down and the debris burned.

The Songhees Indians were in sorrow yesterday over the death of one of their most notable tribesmen. Joseph Etienne, who passed away, was a grandson of the late Chief Jinn, who was appointed in early years by Governor Douglas. Joseph was 56 years of age and was much thought of by his brethren.

At a meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Jubilee hospital yesterday, the directors decided to hand to the directors through their secretary and treasurer the sum of \$475 to be used for furnishing the hospital with theatre, this amount being the proceeds of the ball, lacrosse match and other entertainments held during the past summer.

William Ashe, a Vancouver expressman, sought the assistance of the Victoria police last evening in the hope that they might aid him in the recovery of his wife. Mrs. Ashe, according to his story, left the Terminal City about one week ago in company with a well known Vancouver hotel man, going to San Francisco. Thither Mr. Ashe will follow by the first available steamer with the intention of recovering his wife and wreaking vengeance on her companion.

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The Recent Finds at Kamloops Attracting a Great Deal of Attention.

The Belt Is Five Miles Wide and Can Be Traced for Seven Miles.

Some fine specimens of ore from the recent mining discoveries at Kamloops have been brought down by Mr. John Hepburn, who has spent the last month prospecting the district.

A man named Guerin, on whose ranch the first discoveries were made, has sold two fractions of claims for \$13,500.

Among those who are at present examining the country are Mr. Clarke Wallace, who, Mr. Hepburn says, speaks highly of the properties he has seen.

The Tacoma smelter has just purchased 500 tons of iron ore from the Cherry Creek iron mine, which is in the same belt as the copper claims.

SHIPMENTS OF COAL. The following is the statement of shipments of coal from the Wellington, Nanaimo and Union collieries during the month just closed.

Table with columns: Name and Destination, Tons. 3-Str City of Topeka, Sitka..... 100

WESTMINSTER. WESTMINSTER, Oct. 31.—After to-day no rebate of taxes will be allowed.

Stormy weather has driven the salmon up the river and as a consequence many good catches have been made.

D. A. McDonald is driving the piles for Hayes and Odin's new cannery.

In the Supreme court the application to add W. Farrell as defendant in the case of H. G. v. Consolidated Railway was adjourned till Nov. 6.

GRAND FORKS. (From the Grand Forks Miner.) D. M. Snyder, of Olympia, Wash., accompanied by Robert Crozier, has returned from an extended trip up the North Fork and through the Boundary district.

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