

Winding Up Arguments

Likely That Counsel in Water Works Case Will Conclude Today.

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Presiding Judge Criticizes Evidence and an Interesting Debate Ensues.

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Death Due To Opium

Sensational Finding of Coroner's Jury in Inquiry Re Infant's Death.

Alleged That Child Died Because Patent Medicine Was Administered.

Report of the Proceedings at the Police Court Yesterday Morning.

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Hermit Emperor Alleges Outrage

Ruler of Korea Claims Japanese Forced Him to Sign Convention.

Agreement to Hand Over Country Secured at Point of the Sword.

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RAILROAD LEGISLATION.

Congress Will Not Take Up Subject of Rates Until Next Year.

Washington, Dec. 12.—(Railroad legislation will be allowed to rest until the Christmas holidays, members of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce have agreed to take up and dispose of less important measures during the recess.)

Chicago, Dec. 12.—(Exhaustive investigation of some of the railroad companies by the local federal officials.)

Subpoenas Have Been Issued for many railroad men and heads of large industrial concerns which have yearly shipments to appear before the federal grand jury, which has been summoned for December 19.

Attorney General Moody today sent a circular letter to all the United States district attorneys, 45 in number, directing them vigilantly to enforce the provisions of the Elkins act against rebates and discriminations of all kinds by carriers. The method of proceeding suggested is by way of indictment. It is the expectation that this letter will result in the prompt investigation of all complaints made by shippers against carriers.

Philadelphia, Dec. 12.—Subpoenas were served today by United States district attorneys on dozen persons who have been summoned by United States district attorney Thompson to appear before the federal grand jury tomorrow and give testimony in the persecutions to be brought against certain railroads and shippers for rebating.

Law Must Take Its Course

The cabinet today decided that the law must take its course in the case of the Grand River Indian. The sentence to be passed on the murderer, Susie Jacobs, Bennett, will be hung at Brantford on Friday.

It is officially announced that members of the cabinet are busy for the session will return from the West on the 22nd or 23rd of December, and after spending a few days in Ottawa will immediately proceed to points in Quebec. The ministers will keep their feet busy for the remainder of the session.

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Opinion News Notes

Tariff Revision Will Spone Meeting of Parliament.

Migration Agents Look Reports of Chinese Contraband.

Forecast of the Re-elections in the Province.

A. Dec. 12.—A dozen prominent pork packing houses in the city were reported in connection with what was called a "Fisher today in connection with present shortage of hogs."

Must Take Its Course

Must take its course in the case of the Grand River Indian to death for the murder of Mr. Sunde Jacobs, Bennett died at Brantford on Friday.

Chinese Immigration

Mr. Sargent, head of the States Immigration, Inspector Clark, stationed in the States Immigration, interview with Mr. Parmelee, United States Immigration, States Immigration, United States Immigration, United States Immigration.

Local Municipal Elections

Dec. 12.—In the Winnipeg election, final result was reported by 1,109 majority. The elected aldermen: Cox, Wynne, Campbell, McCa-

Scott's Challenge

Dec. 12.—Public interest, hat day, but the meeting centered in the meeting at hall, at which Premier Scott's challenge was presented.

Root Sugar Output

Alegha, Dec. 12.—The output of sugar from the Knight plant will total 14,000 tons.

Robber's Misfortune

Fraser, Dec. 12.—While at Fraser, the robber King, together with his accomplices, were destroyed by fire.

Annual Dinner Of Flockmasters

Farmers of Cowichan and District Assemble at a Festive Board.

Some Interesting Speeches Made During a Merry Evening.

"Bal! Bal! black sheep!" Have you any wool? The Vancouver Island Flockmasters' association held their thirteenth annual dinner at the Queen's hotel, Duncan, on Saturday night.

The dinner followed the monthly meeting at which the question of loss of flocks from rags was discussed and steps were taken to protect the sheep from further depredations.

About 70 guests sat at three long tables in the evening. The guests included Mr. J. R. Anderson, minister of lands and works, and John Evans, local member of the provincial house.

Captain Barkley

A veteran naval officer resident at West-Island, responded. He referred to the fact that people of British Columbia were anxious to improve and take advantage of the facilities given for the improvement of the coast.

Visit to Japan

In 1893-4 years after the country was opened to the world, the Japanese had been seen from British Columbia.

Mr. Henry Evans

Mr. Henry Evans said "The Red and Blue" was a very interesting and important matter.

Hon. R. F. Green

Mr. Green responded to the remarks of Mr. Evans, and said that the government was doing its best to improve the province.

Visits to the Upper Country

and believed the province was on the eve of a new prosperity. The north-west and north-east were looking to British Columbia, and many were coming to British Columbia from those provinces.

to advertise British Columbia. They made people see that the province had more than timber, fish and minerals.

KLONDIKE'S ASSETS.

Belief That \$200,000 in Gold Gravel Has Yet to Be Regained. A Dawson correspondent, writing under date of November 29, says: "Many indeed have been the estimates made by mining engineers on the amount of gold that can yet be recovered from the placer fields of the Klondike."

Mr. J. R. Anderson

responded to the toast "The Agricultural Interests of British Columbia." He said that the improvement of the coast and the good results seen at the New Westminster exhibition.

Mr. G. H. Hadwin

responded. He referred to the ravages that had been done by the sheep, and the prospective development of the district in common with all British Columbia.

Mr. Robt. in his report

Mr. Robt. in his report says there are 428,250,000 cubic yards of gravel left over in the geological survey.

Industry of Chinese Miners Leads to a Valuable Find.

Vancouver, Dec. 9.—A most important find of platinum in place has been made in the geological survey of Messrs. W. H. Armstrong and C. F. Law in Nicola Valley.

CRUICK'S SPORTS QUARREL.

Climax in Fake Bicycle Race Develops in Dividing Prize Money. New York, Dec. 11.—After receiving the first prize money of the six day bicycle race today at the office of P. T. Powers, the promoter of the race, Eddie Cook, was surrounded by a number of the riders who demanded a share of the money.

ROYAL CITY ELECTIONS.

Mayor Keary Again Chosen as Chief Magistrate. New Westminster, B. C., Dec. 11.—The civic election today resulted in the re-election of Mayor Keary, two council members and one alderman.

and a toast was proposed to "The Press" responded to by the Colonel representative and Mr. Harry Smith, editor and proprietor of the Cowichan Leader, who made a happy speech.

WITTE LOSING HEART

Russia's Man of Destiny Has Gloomiest Forebodings as to Outcome of the Present Struggles and Is About to Give Up the Impossible Task of Restoring Order. The only people who acted in their own interests were the revolutionists.

MURDER AND PILLAGE IN BALTIC PROVINCES

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 11.—(Via Eydtkuhnen)—Riga is completely cut off from St. Petersburg. The latest advices from the Baltic provinces reported the seeking of churches, the murder of land-owners and the pillaging of property.

Great Discovery Of Platinum

Precious Metal Found In Ore Taken From Bear Creek Claim. But considerable assays have passed there since the laws of justice, which created the mining laws, were made.

MUTINEERS AT HARBIN

London, Dec. 12.—The Daily Telegraph's morning prints a despatch from Mofl, Japan, giving further details of the alleged sacking and burning of Harbin, Manchuria, by mutinous Russians, of desperate fighting between the mutineers and loyal troops, and of the massacre of many innocent Russian and Chinese residents.

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His Holiness Reads Allocation and Appoints Four Cardinals. Rome, Dec. 11.—At the Vatican the Pope held a secret consistory today, the second of his pontificate, in which he created four new cardinals.

RECENT FRENCH LEGISLATION

But consular laws have passed there since the laws of justice, which created the mining laws, were made. The laws have been passed there since the laws of justice, which created the mining laws, were made.

MAY CURE HERRING.

Vancouver Men May Go Into a Growing Provincial Industry. Vancouver capital may engage in the fish curing industry at Nanaimo, says the returned Vancouverites.

NEW WHITE PASS MANAGER.

A. B. Newell Resigns and is Succeeded by A. L. Berdoe. A. B. Newell, for several years vice-president and general manager of the company, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Berdoe.

MOTHER AND FIVE CHILDREN CREMATED IN NEW BRITAIN.

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Mayor Announces His Retirement. Leaving Civic Business for a Holiday Trip in the Old Country. Chief Magistrate Formally Lays Down Reins of Civic Office.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) At the meeting of the city council last evening Mayor Barnard made the announcement that he did not intend to stand for election next year, and would leave on Friday for an extended trip for the benefit of his health.

The first business before the meeting was the report from A. W. Jones, agent for the Finlayson estate, who complained of an open sewer running through the Finlayson estate.

Referred to the city engineer for report. James A. Grant, secretary of the North Ward Municipal Association, presented a resolution from that association requesting that a petition be taken at the coming election. Laid on the table.

D. M. Eberle, K. C. enclosed a draft plan of the lot at the corner of Government and Humboldt streets, which was granted to the city, and also forwarded the deed. Referred to the city engineer for report.

The finance committee presented accounts amounting to \$1,434, all of which were approved and ordered paid. The same committee presented accounts for \$1,500, of the funds of the Old Men's Home. Received and ordered paid.

Ald. Fullerton's motion regarding a petition for the redistribution of wards was laid over till next meeting. It was moved by Ald. Hanna and seconded by Ald. Douglas that the seal of the corporation be affixed to the agreement for establishing a pound in Victoria West. Carried.

Ald. Stewart, as a member of the legislative committee was in favor of five wards, with two aldermen from each. He would like to have an opinion from the city clerk as to whether it was not in favor of the system as submitted.

Mayor Barnard was not in favor of the redistribution as proposed. The council should act on the suggestion made by Ald. Stewart and get the matter altered at the next session of the council.

Ald. Hanna was afraid of the legislature and thought that the plan submitted by Ald. Stewart was the best. It was moved by Ald. Hanna and seconded by Ald. Douglas that the city engineer be instructed to prepare an estimate of the cost of a sewer house to be constructed from water from Goldstream. Ald. Hanna was in favor of making an early start, even if the city did not get the decision in the present litigation. He was of the opinion that it would be cheaper, but would not walk a power house than to operate the present one.

Ald. Stewart could not see where there was anything to be gained. The discussion appeared to be out of place as the city did not know where they were at. All that could be done would be to put the estimate on the table.

Ald. Douglas, in seconding the motion, said that as they have been elected to look after the interests of the city, it was time to show that they were up to the task.

Ald. Fullerton opposed the motion, as he was of the opinion that it was a little premature. The whole matter was referred to the committee on the subject of the redistribution, but at present it appeared that the city would not be able to do anything about it.

The motion was carried. Ald. Fullerton reported that the janitor at the public library was not doing his work. He would not take instructions from the librarian.

It was moved to instruct him as to his duties, and failing to do them he would be discharged.

Mayor Barnard informed the meeting that he would be absent on Friday for a holiday, which would extend till the next election. He took occasion to refer to his health, which he had extended to him while mayor, and although he had made a few enemies in the city, he thought that he still had a few friends left.

All of the aldermen, as well as a City Clerk, Dowler, referred to the many good qualities of His Worship, and expressed the wish that he would be in better health when he returned.

MURDER AT MORRISBEY. Fatal Quarrel in Which Knife and Pistol Were Used. Nelson, B. C., Dec. 11.—(Special)—Frank Amantio was arrested this evening for the deliberate murder of Giuseppe Cozza at Morrisbey, B. C., last evening. After a quarrel in a Morrisey street from which the combatants were ordered out the deceased drew a knife upon Amantio while on the street. Amantio drew his gun and fired three times. Cozza fell twice more. He will be held for murder in the first degree.

SIX BURNED TO DEATH. Mother and Five Children Cremated in New Britain. New York, Dec. 11.—A woman and her five children were buried to death in a fire in a five-story apartment house at Columbus avenue and 104th street tonight. Two others were injured.

Some of them were thrown out of the window and were rescued by police, firemen and ambulance surgeons.

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Close Contest In Saskatchewan

Scott Government Had Narrow Escape in the Elections Yesterday.

Result Still in Doubt as the Returns Are Very Incomplete.

Returns are very incomplete in the provincial election in the newly created province of Saskatchewan, which was held yesterday.

The opposition claim the government counts on Winnipeg, Regina and Moosejaw, on contested ballots and that the government cannot possibly count on more than eleven in the house.

The opposition claim Greenleaf, Kinsington, Maple Creek, Moosejaw City, Moosemin, Quappelle South, and Regina City, Saskatchewan, South, Watwood and Wolseley.

Another Local Farmer. The opposition claim that the government is not yet sufficiently complete at this hour to determine if the government is defeated or sustained.

Something to Please a Woman. "D-Y-O-L-A" is a revelation to every woman at first sight.

Hazing at Annapolis. U. S. Midshipman Stood on His Head Until He Fainted.

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 13.—A case of being flogged at the naval academy last night.

Found by His Room Mate. Admiral James H. Sands, superintendent of the naval academy.

Don't Trust to Luck. Even if there is such a thing as luck you cannot afford to trust to it in case of sickness.

Three Children Drowned. Unfortunate Accident to Young Skaters in New York State.

Amsterdam, N. Y., Dec. 13.—Three school children were drowned early to night while skating on Kellough pond in this city.

Mrs. Munkton's Trial. Gallatin, N. Y., Dec. 13.—The first day of the trial of Mrs. Hattie Munkton, accused of the murder of her husband.

Nervous Prostration. The symptoms of nervous prostration will illustrate the fact that there is not a single organ in the human body but is entirely and absolutely dependent on the nervous system.

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Lumber for Mexico. Schooner Chartered to Carry Cargo From Nanaimo Mills.

Panic on Moscow Bourse. Complete Collapse of Business, Attended by Many Bankruptcies.

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Five Men Meet Horrible Death in Works in Alabama.

Dudley and Aberdeen. Dublin, Dec. 13.—The Earl of Dudley, the retiring lord lieutenant of Ireland, left Dublin today coincident with the arrival of his successor, the Earl of Aberdeen.

PANAMA CANAL MONEY.

More Millions Asked for by Committee to Keep Work Going.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The emergency appropriation bill to provide the Isthmian canal committee with the funds to carry on the construction of the Panama canal will contain no general legislation.

Methods of Expenditure. Secretary Taft of the war department, Theodore F. Shouts, chairman of the canal committee, Jos. H. Bishop, secretary and other officials of the committee were before the committee and were subjected to pointed inquiries as to the manner of making expenditures.

Policyholders Move. London, Dec. 11.—The Associated Press was informed today that the policy holders of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York have decided to urge upon the officials of that company.

Alternative has not been announced. The Associated Press understands that the alternative has not been announced.

Monument to an Editor. Memory of Murdered Journalist Honored by Citizens of Columbus.

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Rosebery and Home Rule

His Lordship's Distrust of the Premier's Position is Not Removed.

Wished the United Free Trade Party Independent of the Irish.

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LOCAL NEWS

To Visit the Coast.—In a private letter to a well-known labor man of this city, the commissioner of the Yukon, W. W. B. McInnes, announces that he will make a trip to the "outside" early in February.

Fishery Commission.—Richard Hall, M. P. L. and J. P. Babcock, fisheries commissioners for British Columbia have returned from Vancouver where they were attending an executive meeting of the commission appointed by the Dominion government to inquire into the British Columbia fisheries.

New Lumber Rates.—The Colonist was yesterday in receipt of information from an official source to the effect that a meeting of the Pacific Lumbermen's association was held at the Tacoma hotel Tacoma, on Tuesday.

