

Provincial News.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

The fire department has fixed up 15 fire alarm boxes in this city, and the system will be completed.

The British ship "Celtic" sailed, 1783 tons, arrived at Steveston on November 18th, from the port of London.

Mr. Swainson, of the Eickhoff block, will build a three-story brick block on the site of his present temporary work.

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Mines and Mining.

THE WEEK ENDING LAST EVENING WAS A FAIRLY LIVELY ONE IN THE STOCK MARKET.

The Rossland Lib. Association and the Young Men's Liberal Club have been consolidated and will be known as the Rossland Liberal Association.

There has been an increased demand for Deer Park shares, and the price has advanced from 18 to 20 cents during the week.

There is a good deal of trading in Novelties at 4 and 4 1/2 cents. The "Novelty" property is looking well.

White Bears are in good demand and are selling at 6 to 7 cents. There has been more of a call for these shares during the past few days than for some time past.

Grand Prizes are selling at 8 to 10 cents, and a number of shares have been disposed of. This property is looking well.

War Eagles have fluctuated between 2.90 and 3.00 during the week. Because of the ups and downs it forms a good speculation.

Recently the business portions of Midway and Boundary Creek have been elevated considerably by the presence of a number of commercial travellers.

The funeral of the late George Lee, who died from the effects of injuries sustained in the Esplanade shaft, took place this afternoon.

GLISH AIR "YESSES."

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THE LOCAL AGENT TALKS OF THE LINE AND OF THE LATE FINDS IN THE ATLIN DISTRICT.

J. H. Greer, who has been appointed to act as agent in this city for the White Pass and Skagway railway, has gone to Jack Flanagan's office.

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PROPITIATING THE DEVIL

Natives of Flowery Kingdom Conduct Strange Ceremonies With an Oriental Display of Barbic Splendor.

agan Rites Imbued With Mystery to the People of a Civilized Country Take Place in Chinatown.

The feast of Gin Gu, the triennial ceremony in which the Chinese propitiate the evil spirits of all sorts and kinds, according to Chinese belief, never around in legends all invisible to the ungodly eye, came to an end about daylight this morning, after four days of "kow towing," sauntering and "kay-faw-like" paper gods, and Chinatown again resumed its everyday tranquility.

The East Lillooet Petition. Argument Upon Preliminary Points Before Mr. Justice Martin in Chambers.

This morning the summons to strike out the petition of Stoddart v. Prentice came on before Mr. Justice Martin in chambers. Mr. Duff appeared for Mr. Prentice and Mr. W. Taylor for Mr. Stoddart.

Mr. Taylor proceeded with his argument after luncheon. He contended that the filing of the affidavit was not a condition precedent but a question of procedure subsequent.

Resolved, that the Young Men's Christian Association of Victoria be closed and that a committee of Messrs. Bone, Eneo, Kerr and Carter be a committee to carry out this resolution.

It is not the financial difficulties alone which have prompted the directors to this action, and in conversation with some of those who have always taken an interest in the association it is gathered that the difficulty of obtaining assistance in the actual running of the association has proved as potent an influence as any in their decision.

LATE NEWS OF THE NORTH

About Thirty Dawsonians Arrive by the Steamer Dirigo—The Sinking of a Scow Costs Two Lives.

Dawson Fire the Result of an Accident—Three People Thought to Have Been Lost in the Flames.

Steamer Dirigo arrived from Lynn Canal about eight o'clock last evening after a very stormy passage. She had about ninety passengers, twenty of whom were from Dawson.

The fire broke out in the middle of the night, and the firemen were afterwards drowned. The men were unknown to the Dawsonians.

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AN ALASKAN DIVORCE

Finney's Alaskan for Whiskey Causes Him the Loss of His Indian Wife.

William C. Attwood, who has returned from the Klondike to spend the winter, revealed the following story of a divorce proceeding that he witnessed at Circle City.

The divorce was granted by the court, and the man was ordered to pay the woman the sum of \$100.

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\$1.50 PER ANNUM. VOL. 17. THE FIELD OF...

Enormous Increase in Production. An Official Estimate. Year 1898.

Washington, November 19th. The director of a circular year 1898 has increased in the gold output.

The Klondike output for 1898 is estimated at 2,000,000 ounces. The exact figures are the property of the United States.

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SURE CURE FOR COLDS. When the children get their feet wet and take cold give them a hot foot bath, a bowl of hot drink, a dose of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, and put them to bed.

WONT VISIT SPAIN. Messina, Island of Sicily, Nov. 19.—The Emperor and Empress of Germany arrived here yesterday.

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NEWS OF VANCOUVER. Charley Barrow, of Vancouver, Nov. 22, died of cholera.