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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Meetings Held This Week. Sidewalk Proposed.

The council met on Dec. 8th, all the members being prerent.

Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted

Communications were read as follows: From J. A. Catherwood, giving notice of the meeting of Reeves convention to be held in New Westminster on Dec. 19th, received and the reeve instructed to attend.

A petition was presented from H. R. L. Morgan and others protesting against the passing the Delta Dyking and Drainage 1892 Scheme By-law No. 3, received and the coun. cil decided to take no action.

A petition was also read from W H. Smith and others, asking for a drainage ditch at the rear of their property, received and laid over for consideration.

The Delta Dyking and Drainage 1892 Scheme By-law No. 3 was passed as finally reconsidered.

The following accounts were passed for payment:—John Holmes gravel on Homes road, $49.42; John Simpson hauling gravel, etc. $17.88; Marshall Smith, sundries $26.30; E Lefroy, repaving Embree road $28.00; Henderson Bros, $12; H J Cresswell, work on roads, $11.50; San Kee, work on Trunk road, $111.70; Howey & Reid, $145.95; J J Burr, work on Crescent Island road, $67.25; David Price, work on Crescent Island road, $26.00; J Allison, work on roads, $2.90; Harry Burr, repairing Crescent Island road, $9.00; J W Pike, driving piles, etc, $75 00; N A McDiarmid, salary, $120 00; Sing Lee, work on G B Main road $5 60, San Kee, Westham Island road, $11 25; L G McCallan work on Scott road, $1 00; Ellen Fenton, caretaking town hall, $5 00; J B Elliott, building bridges, $321 00.

The council then adjourned till Wednesday, Dec. 10th, at 2 p m.

Council met December 10th, all members being present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted.

A communication from F. B. Pemberton asking for gravel on Canoe Pass road was received and laid over for consideration of next council.

A Petition was read from the Ladner Cornet Band asking for a donation of $100 00. On motion it was decided to donate the band $50 00.

Councilors McCallan and Ladner were instructed to have the public wharf at Ladner repaired.

Councilor Burr was authorized to have a three plank walk built on Delta street and on Westham street from Delta street to Slough road.

The reeve and clerk were instructed to sign contract with H D Benson for the repairing of the east end drainage ditch.

The council adjourned till Saturday, December 13th at 2 p. m.

LICENSING BOARD.

A meeting of the licensing board met at the council chambers on Wednesday afternoon. The following members were present: Reeve W. H. Ladner, councilors J. B. Burr, Wm. Arthur and H. J. Kirkland, J. P. Applications from the Guichon and Delta Hotels were received and granted. There were no objections.

J. Oliver, M. P. P., is at Victoria.

A CRAZY IDEA.

The farcacial comedy entitled "A Crazy Idea" played last night in the town hall, by the Excelsior Dramatic Society, can be termed a success. The play from start to finish was interesting and each and everyone showed that they had endeavored to give the general public a good time. It would be hard to pick out any individual character as the best, but out of the nineteen who appeared there were several who took their parts exceptionally well, and Ladner can well be proud to have in their midst, talent that if put on the professional stage would make their mark in the theatrical world.

The enthusiastic patronage which attended this entertainment will be an inducement for the Ladner Amateurs to favor the public at an early date with another comedy, and without doubt the Dramatic Society will receive the support it deserves.

During the evening the orchestra of the Ladner Band played several selections, which were highly appreciated and proved a valuable addition to the entertainment.

The receipts of the society, after paying the expenses incurred, will be devoted to some worthy object which will be decided upon shortly.

Those acting in the cast were:

Mr and Mrs Lanning; Mr and Mrs McBride; Mrs McKee and Misses E Reid; M Green; Vallance; L Arthur; and Messrs. W H Smith; D A Oliver; C Arthur; R W Reid; B S McDonald; and F M Brooke-Smith.

THE I. O. F.

The Independent Order of Foresters are inaugurating a vigorous winter campaign, and for the months of November, December and January are remitting to new members the registration fees, which applicants usually have to pay upon joining. The order has made wonderful strides during the year, and will add to its membership many thousands during the next three months.

Its membership roll now contains a good deal over 230,000 of insured or beneficiary members. Its accumulated funds reach to $6,000,000 and these funds are increasing at the rate of three-quarters of a million dollars a year, notwithstanding that the order pays out $500 every working hour of the year to widows and orphans. A record of over $12,000,000 already paid promptly on death claims stands to its credit. The I. O. F. is undoubtedly a great and progressive institution. The report upon its investments, made by a committee composed of able and independent brethern at the Supreme Court meeting in Los Angeles, stated that in all the investments of its funds the Supreme Executive had never lost a dollar. This is certainly a unique experience.

C. H. E. Rea, A. I. A., F. R. A. S., the actuary of the order, recently stated in regard to it, "After exhaustive tests, I have failed to find a weak spot in its structure."

We congratulate the order and its Supreme Chief Ranger upon their work.—Toronto Daily Star, October 28, 1902.

Mr. J. Irvine, representing the I. O. F., is in town for a week or so and is staying at Hick's Hotel.

A meeting of the I. O. F. will be held in Oddfellows' hall on Thursday evening. All members and sojourning Foresters are requested to attend.

GIFTS TO THE BAND.

The municipal council made a grant of $50 to the Ladner Cornet Band this week. The reeve and councilors also intend to give two days of their indemnity as a gift to the band. This is a good idea, and shows that the reeve and councilors intend to give personally fo this well deserving institution. Push it along reeve.

BEADLESTON--PEACOCK

Poyular Young Couple Married on Wednesday.

A quiet wedding took place at an early hour on Wednesday morning in the home of C. Beadleston, of Ladner, when, in the presence of a few friends of the family, Bert C. Beadleston and Miss Maud A. Peacock were happily united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The Rev. Thos. Oswald performed the ceremony. Miss Belle Beadleston, sister of the groom, attended the bride, while Thos. Patterson assisted the groom.

The bridegroom, who has just passed through several weeks of severe sickness, and is now all but restored to his wonted health, is widely and fovorably known on the Delta. The bride was for sometime the popular public school teacher at Point Roberts, Wash.

After the ceremony was performed, the friends adjourned to the residence of W. McCrae, brother-in-law to the groom, where they sat down to a well purveyed wedding breakfast. The table, needless to say, was daintly decorated with touches of holly and flowers which added brightness and beauty to the occasion. The function having been brought to a joyous termination, the happy couple, amid showers of rice, drove off to take the morning train at Cloverdale for Tacoma, where they will spend their Christmas season in the home of Mrs. Beadleston's mother.

On their return, in a few weeks, Mr. and Mrs. Beadleston will take up their residence at Point Roberts, where Mr. Beadleston is connected with the Alaska Packing Association.

PUBLIC MEETING.

Ts Discuss Artesian Wells for This Section.

A public meeting will be held in the town hall on Monday evening, December 15th, at 8 oclock, to discuss the advisability of sinking artesian wells in this section, to secure good water for domestic purposes.

This is a move in the right direction, and it is hoped that some feasable proposition will be brought forward to secure better water for the town and adjoining places.

PIONEER'S GATHERING.

The thirty-second annual dinner of the Victsria Pioneer Society was given Friday in the Hotel Victoria. There was an excellent dinner served, after which a toast list was gone through with. The speeches as usual upon such occasions became reminiscent, and the early days of the province were constantly alluded to.

Col. Prior, premier of the province, made his first speech since taking charge of provincial affairs and referred briefly to the possible outcome of politics.

Reeve W. H Ladner, of Delia, was in attendance and being called upon said: "The farmers from Ladner want good roads and especially railway facilities to the capital. If the government would give them this the farmers would be all right. Giving advice to the premier, he said. "Don't give away the country to get a northern railway. Give the farmers a chance to get their products into the Kootenay, so that the United States might not get all that trade."

WESTMISTER ELECTION.

Monday last was election day in Westminster. The day was wet, and the poll was smaller then it had been for years. The polling places were the old library building on McKenzie street; the fire hall, Sapperton, and No. 947 Columbia street in the West end.

As a result of the poll, the returning officer, W. A. Duncan, declared the following elected as aldermen for 1903:

Wesley E. Vanstone (re- elected), Marshall Sinclair (re-elected), B. W. Shiles (re-elected), A J. Holmes, W. W. Forrester, R. A. Johnson (re-elected), Ralph Wilson.

The following were declared elected as school trustees:—Wm. A. Dashwood-Jones, John Reid re-elected, James Cunningham, re-elected.

The names were in the order of their standing.

W. H. Keary was re-elected by acclamation.

SIDEWALK TO BE BUILT.

Councilor J. B. Bun, at the municipal council on Wednesday brought forward the proposition for a sidewalk along the main thoroughfare of the town of Ladner.

The idea is to lay a three-plank walk from MacKenzie's drug store along that side of the street to the end of Dr. King's property, then across the road to pass by the Hick's house on to P. Clark's blacksmith shop.

The Delta News advocated sidewalks some time ago and we are glad to see that councillor Burr has brought the matter to a head. A walk along the road is necessary for pedestrians at this time of the year and the council will receive blessings from parties who have been compelled to walk along the road in slush and dodging wagons, etc.

The road superintendent will commence work at once.

Some of our local game hogs have been taking advantage of the bright moonlight, by shooting along the river until late at night. The parties indulging in this unlawful occupation are known and an example will be made of them unless the shooting is stopped at once.

We are glad to see such men as W. H. Ladner call around occasionally, especially when they bring, as did Mr. Ladner the other day, an apple weighing over twelve ounces, whose flavor was delicious; quality, excellent, and size—well! a half-brother to the pumpkin.

Fred Arthur, son of Councilor and Mrs. Arthur, who has spent several months in the Okanagan district for his health, returned home Thursday afternoon to remain some time.

Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McDiarmid entertained a few friends at their residence on Stanley street, where a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Attend the public meeting in the town hall on Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. J. Kirkland returned Thursday from a visit with old friends in Nanaimo.

DISASTROUS FIRE

At Westminster Tuesday Morning. Loss $72,000.

The worst fire since the disastrous conflagration on the ever-memorable night of Sept. 10th, 1898, occurred at New Westminster on Monday morning when property valued at $72,000 went up in smoke.

The Dupont block, built by Major Dupont, Victoria, was completely gutted, and five business firms burned out.

The fire started in the basement of John A. Lees furniture store, how, is not yet definitely known, but within a very few minutes the premises were filled with very dense smoke, which soon spread to the stores on either side and prevented ingress from Columbia street. Under the circumstances considerable time elapsed before the firemen could locate the blaze, which had made great headway amongst three carloads of furniture newly arrived for the Christmas trade. Twice it seemed that the firemen had got the upper hand, but each time there was a fresh outburst of flames, and it was not till 2 o'clock that the safety of the adjoining Holbrook hotel block was assured.

Owing to the way the building was laid out the difficulty of fighting the fire was somewhat increased and twice the flames took hold of the Holbrook roof. Persistent application of water from seven streams at high pressure eventually won the day, but things looked black for Columbia street for a time, when at one time the flames reached the stock of ammunition in 'Anderson's hardware store. All the explosives but two small kegs of sporting powder had been previously removed, but these caused quite an axplosion followed by an almost incessant discharge of thousands of gun and and rifle cartridges. No damage, however, was done by this.

The losses are as follows:—R. F. Anderson & Co., hardware, $35,000, insured to 80 per cent. J. A. Lee, furniture, $6,000; insurance $3,500, Alex. Matheson, liquors, $7,000; total loss. H. T. Kirk, stoves, $4-500; insurance, $2,500. Liberal club $1,000. Gas Co., $200. N J. Larsen, grocer, and Brown's restaurant, $200.

Lee' loss is comparatively heavy, as he had just started in business and three carloads of furniture, his day's bank deposit, and the store cash of $250 and books were all destroyed.

Notwithstanding the stupendous drain of six streams from the highest pressure hydrants, for five hours the water in the city reservoir only fell 22½ inches, leaving over 10 feet in depth.

Ths burned out merchants are already preparing to open new quarters. Larsen's grocery stock, uninsured, was all removed safely with little loss, other grocers coming to his assistance. The Liberal club occupied rooms recently vacated by the Public Works department, and it was lately furnished with two billiard tables. R. F. Anderson & Co., will resume business as soon as stock arrives and quarters secured.

Dr. Wilson and E. A. Bown took in the cities Thursday.

Miss McKay, of Vancouver, is visiting with Mrs. John Mackenzie.

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ABOLITION OF WARDS.

A number of people are signing the petition seeking for the abolition of the ward system and a good deal of interest is being taken in the question. It is claimed by those who oppose the change, that it does not work satisfactoriiy elsewhere and that it is a retrograde step. The city of New Westminster has been without the ward system for years and the people are so satisfied with the present methods that they have no notion of reverting to wards. Nanaimo is becoming interested in the movement and petitions are now out for signature for the purpose of effecting the abolition of wards in the coal city.

The abolition of the wards is a sound step. Those who oppose the change assert that the ward system assures a certain amount of representation to the minorty, but it is not easy to see how this conclusion is arrived at. If, however, instead of the present system of multiple voting, the councillors were elected by means of a scheme of proportinal representation voting, the minority would really have an opportunity of electing men of their choice, and no particular set or party, or clique would have an opportunity of electing men of their choice, and no particular set or party, or clique would have unopposed control of affairs. To illustrate; let us suppose a council of ten elected by a thousand voters. If six hundred voters unite on a ticket of ten candidates, they can elect the whole council and the 400 minority will not be able to elect any representative. On the other hand under the proportional representation system of voting, the 600 electors, having to divide their votes among the candidates they want, cannot elect more than six, and the 400 minority can elect four aldermen, and a fairer degree of representation all around is thus secured.—Sentinal.

DENIS MURPHY.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE WEST RIDING OF YALE DISTRICT.

GENTLEMEN:—

The fact that you are without a representative in the House calls for a word of explanation from me. Ever since you did me the honor to elect me as your representative I have conscientiously endeavored to do my duty towards you; with what measure of success you are the best judges. All I can say at the present time is, that in my recent seemingly erratic course I was actuated by the same desire, and when the time comes for me to fully explain the matter I have no fear that I will fall in your estimation.

In the meantime I desire to thank my many friends throught the riding for the strong assurances of support which I received last week when for a brief period it seemed as if I would be in the field for re-election.

Yours faithfully,
D. MURPHY.

SHAMROCK III.

Glasgow Dec. 6.—Sir Thomas Lipton, after an inspection of Shamrock III. to-day, said: "I am delighted with the extent and nature of the work already done. The yacht is entirely framed, and Messrs. Fife, Wringe and Sharman Crawford all agree that she looks ever inch a winner." The trials of the new yacht begin at the end of April. The first will be made on the Clyde, another in the Solent and a third again on the Clyde before the yacht is dismantled. It is stated that the trial races of Shamrock III. in American waters will probably be against Shamrock II., but if this is not possible Shamrock I. will be taken across for the trial races with the new challenger.

A BOVINE SOLILIQUY.

A cow of grave and thoughtfull mein, lay stretched at ease upon the green; an ancient kine, whose snowy brows proclaimed her patriarch of cows. She glanced with retrospective gaze, across the plains where cattle graze, and resting peacefully and sedate, proceeded thus to ruminate: "For some decades and sundry years, I've browsed about this vale of tears; and ssen full many a shift and change take place on this terrestial range; I've seen my kinfolks dap by day, in countless thousands led away to fall beneath the butcher's stroke or groan beneath the driver's yoke, in cutlets, joints, ribs, steaks, and chops; we grace a thousand butcher shops; our bones by all mankind are gnawed, our hides beneath their feet are trod; we're fried, stewed, roasted, grilled and boiled, corned, canned, jerked, embalmed and broiled; dried, tinned, pickled, chopped and mashed; pressed, boned, deviled, smoked and hashed. For centuries we have been abused, humiliated and misured; but now at last our day has come—the great Bovine millenium, when man must pay for all our ills, and dearly, too, in long green bills, for now we're in the great beef trust, and pay our price he will and must. No more he sneers at corn beef hash, to-day it's worth it's weight in cash; with every bit of juicy beef, he mingles bitter tears of grief." Thus musing on her altered state, the old vaccine waxed quite elate; and when the butcher came to slay she ambled peacefully away, remarking calmly as she went, "Farewell to all, I die content, the man who whets his teeth on me, gets all that's coming to him, see?" Concluding as she glanced around, "I feel like thirty cents—per pound.—Van Alstyne News.

THE REEVES' CONVENTION.

Notices have been issued for the annual meeting of the reeves and ex-reeves of rural municipalities, to be held in Westminster on Friday, 19th inst. These meetings have produced very interesting discussion in the past, and are expected to have a good effect upon legislation affecting the municipalities.

CHURCH NOTICES.

ALL SAINT'S TRENANT

Service will be held in the morning at 11 o'clock and in the evening at 7 o'clock by Rev Bell.

BAPTIST.

Services will be held Sunday evening at 7, I. W. Williamson, pastor.

CATHOLIC

Reverend Father Edm. Peytavin, O. M. I. Services first and third Sunday of each month at 10:30 a m.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

(The editor is not responsible for the opinions expressed by correspondents.)

MR. ALLISON REPLIES.

Editor The Delta News, Sir: My attention was called to a letter in your last issue from E. A. Bown. Mr. Bown does not attempt to refute anything I said, neither does he keep to the public question, which is, "will the electors request all candidates at the next annual election, to employ white men only on the public road, instead of this vulgar tyrant and chinamen?" But he alludes to private residents and their private affairs in order to point out what he thinks inconsistent on my part.

He also says he has no desire to find fault with anyone for hiring Chinamen when it is the custom of the country. I might explain that I never hired Chinamen a day until I came to Ladner and then I offered white men double pay to dig potatoes, but was told it was not the custom here for white men to dig potatoes and ditches, so I had to follow the custom until C. C. Green came along with his ditching machine when I promptly engaged him, and white men can yet have double pay during the potato season. I have travelled from ocean to ocean three times and never saw a Chinaman working on the public roads until I came to Ladner and I do not remember seeing them here until this road foreman was appointed, therefore, I know it is not the custom of the country.

You will observe how misleading Mr. Bown's letter is. He has shifted from the public question to one of private affairs.

During my eight years residence in Nanaimo the editor of the Nanaimo paper often asked me to correspond, because he knew that I confined my remarks to public questions—used two weapons only—truth and right and always signed my own name.

Now, Mr. Editor, with this explanation, and your permission, I am ready to discuss this public question until election, with anyone signing his own name, but if you receive a letter with my name attached refering to private residents or private affairs, you may rest assured that it is a forgery.

Yours truly,
J. ALLISON.

GENERAL ADVICE.

Editor The Delta News, Sir: The sun has risen and set many times since The Delta News first saw the light. As you will remember I had the honor of turning the crank for the first issue and a few subsequent ones. I have also had the honor for many years of reporting from time to time just what happened around here, to the Vancouver World and the Westminster Columbian. If memory serves me aright, my first correspondence from the Delta was written in 1890. The late Thos. T. A. Boys, Ed. Bown, and others have done noble work through the press, but I venture to say not one of them looked for fame, far from it. Would that some one else more able would take up the cudgels and place before the people through the press, who and what we are, what we are doing, etc.

A word of advice and encouragement to young aspirants from my experiences of thirty-five years ago. My catechism was then and is now: —Facts; brevity; wash all dirty linen at home; say a kind word when you can; don't be fooled by street yarns; carefully avoid misstatements of political meetings no matter which side you are on; be progressive; when not sure say nothing; don't imagine you're the only pebble on the beach; above all be British and nail your colors to the mast.

By observing the above rules I have had no trouble with editors or the reading public. On the contrary, an immense amount of pleasure has been my lot in knowing that I have been at least a hewer of wood and drawer of water in the camp of country correspondents.

Now for a word about The Delta News. It is the very thing we have talked about and agitated for years, and in common with those we have talked to the concensus of opinion appears to be that the bill is well filled.

Chilliwack went through the same experience in the early nineties and by the able management of Mr. Jackman, Chilliwack and the Progress are growing up together very satisfactorily.

With the rest we are very glad that we can sit down and read The News, telling us about the good folk with whom we are so well acquainted. I don't think there is much room for complaint having, as we have, churches and schools, our municipal council, (which are hard to equal), lands that can't be beat, with no debt, excepting the dyke, an interesting weekly of our own, the Westminster Columbian, the World and other city papers, all of which during the long winter evenings, after the stock is comfortably housed, is when the farmer and family, toasting their shins by a cheerful fire, do their reading. At this time of the year among the farmers is when the firm that advertises get in their work, it is also now when the political questions are settled in advance. It is all "tommyrot" to imagine for a moment that the tillers of the soil makes up his mind how to vote on the day of election, and, if I mistake not, that is what the patched up Prior-Dunsmuir government will find at the next marking of ballots.

Uncle Sam was very kind to the farmers of Gulfside last week, sending with the wind and tide a year's supply of firewood with a few extras thrown in, for fencing, bridges, etc. Anticipating space, I remain,

Yours faithfully,
GUY W. WALKER.

Gulfside, Delta, Dec. 8th, 1902.

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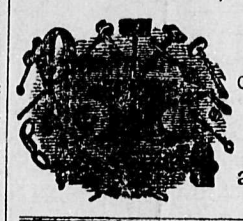

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MARRIED.

BEADLESTON–PEACOCK. — At the residence of the bridegroom's parents, Ladner, B. C., on Wednesday, December 10th, 1903, by Rev. Thomas Oswald, Bert. Clinton Beadleston and Maud Anna Peacock, daughter of William Peacock, Esq., of Tacoma, Wash.

LOCAL NEWS.

H. N. Rich was at Vancouver for a few days this week.

W. J. Leary was up to Vancouver this week on a business trip.

Miss Daisy Davis left the first of this week for her home at Tynehead.

David Black, who has been on the sick list, is able to be about again.

Now is the time to order your Christmast turkey from the McKee Bros.

In this issue will be found a notice concerning a Gordon setter and two pups.

Mrs. W. A. Kirkland and children spent a few days in Vancouver this week with relatives.

J. F. Stainton spent a few days in Vancouver this week in connection with his business.

Mrs. W. Livingstone has been quite ill the past couple of weeks but is now improving,

Capt. Thompson, of Vancouver, is spending a few weeks in East Delta, visiting with John Oliver, M. P. P., and enjoying a hunting trip.

Mrs. W. H. Smith and Miss Minerva Smith returned Wednesday after a few days visit with friends in Vancouver and Westminster.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Paterson on Tuesday, returned from Westminster, where Mrs. Paterson had been visiting with her sister, Mrs. T. J. Armstrong.

An entertainment and Christmas tree for the children will be held in the Sacred Heart church at Port Guichon, on Monday evening, December 22nd, commencing at 7 o'clock.

A social dance was held at Stokes and Cullis' farm on Thursday evening. A very enjoyable time was spent, the host and hostess entertaining their guests right royally.

J. C. Wade, the wire fence man, and gate manufacturer, has been busy the past week or so, improving the appearance of the town by erecting a number of wire fences.

These will be a song service in the Baptist church on Sunday night. Special singing by the choir. Cornet solo, "The Holy City" by Rev. Williamson. Address on hymn, "Almost Persuaded," 7 o'clock. Everybody welcome.

The quarantine on the residence of I. Whitworth, on the Slough road, was raised on Monday. The patient in the isolation hospital behind Jordan's stables is progressing favorably and will probably be at liberty in a few days.

E. J. Gilmour, the well-known cannery man, who has spent the past season at the Standard cannery on Skeena river, has been visiting with friends in the Delta for several days. Mr. Gilmour leaves for California shortly, where he will remain during the winter.

Frank J. MacKenzie will leave on Tuesday 16th, for Westminster, to attend the celebration of his parents golden wedding, The gathering will take place at the residence of R. L. Reid, son-in-law, and will be attended by five sons and three daughters besides grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Mackenzie have lived at Cloverdale for a number of years and are well known in this district.

LOST

From East Delta on Sunday, December 7th, a Gordon setter bitch and two five months old pups, black and tan. A reward will be given for return of same to Capt. Thompson at John Oliver's ranch, East Delta.

FIVE CENTS

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FOUND

On Wednesday, December 3rd, near the Holly Cannery, a clinker built skiff.

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Owners of the above property can have same by proving and paying expenses. H. HOUSTON.

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