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CENTRAL HOTEL BURNED TO GROUND

A Warm Fire Which Started at High Twelve Last Night

Building and Contents Were Insured, so the Loss Will Not be Great

Last evening soon after 12 o'clock, the citizens of Ladysmith were aroused by the ringing of the fire bell, and several hundred people were quickly on the scene of the fire. Several boys did good work in ringing the alarm and in helping the volunteer fire brigade to get out the hose carts, and get them to the scene of the fire. Considering the long distance and the condition of the road, for some places, as near the corner of 1st Avenue and High Street it is very bad, the fire department, with Chief Smith in charge, got the hose out in good time. It seemed some time to onlookers before the coupling was made and the two streams turned on, but time seems long under such circumstances.

As the two streams struck the fire with terrific force, it was plainly to be seen that the firemen would be able to control the fire and confine it to the one building in which it originated.

The two Davis' houses, occupied by families would, it was thought go, one of then being on fire all along the side and on the roof, and both had been vacated and all the furniture removed before the arrival of the fire brigade. A stream of water quickly put out the fire in the nearest Davis house, except where it was smouldering on the roof and attic which was later extinguished but not until after considerable damage was done. The second Davis house was uninjured, except from the breaking in of a door. Mr. Malone's house the next building to the Central Hotel on the right was in much danger as was the building opposite the fire, for the heat of the burning hotel was intense. Streams of water, with wet blankets on the roofs, however, prevented them from catching fire. Men were on the roofs and everybody was most willing, doing all they could. Fortunately, there was no wind blowing.

The Central Hotel, a two and one half storey frame building, 40 by 60 feet, containing about 25 rooms, burned like kindling wood. Long before the arrival of the fire department the building was doomed.

It was occupied as a hotel and saloon and was owned by Messrs. Beveridge and Reifle. Jos. Pellegrainilli was the lessee and owned the furniture, stock, etc., The loss as stated by the proprietor was 15 beds, blankets and furniture, kitchen and dining room furniture, piano etc. He figures his loss as near $2,000 and states that he does not yet know what he will do in a business way. There were four men in the building at the time it caught fire. The landlord stated that he does not know whether it caught from the dining room or the kitchen. All of the men were sleeping on the second floor, and did not awake until the stairway and lower part of the house was in flames. All escaped by jumping from the second floor to a shed roof in the rear.

The following insurance was carried:

On Building	$2,000
Furniture and stock	1,000
On Piano	250
Davis' houses ($600 each)	1,200

Considering the conditions, the work of the fire brigade was very satisfactory, and any one who saw the great force of the streams of water thrown, will agree that the water works company have given the city a splendid fire protection in the way of high pressure, and an unlimited amount of water.

JIU JITSU.

Recent defeats by American wrestlers of exponents of jiu-jitsu have intensified the discussion of the relative merits of the Japanese style of wrestling over the more recent catch as catch can method. The claims of K. Higashi, recently made, quickly called forth lively comments from Tom Jenkins, of Cleveland, and Geo. Bothner, of New York, both champions in their respective classes.

These two athletes assert that the Eastern style of wrestling is not wrestling at all, but simply a method which gives chances for crippling an opponent with no other object in view, and to support their views they gave a demonstration of the difference in the two styles. They endeavored to show that the purpose of jiu-jitsu has no merit in legitimate wrestling, in which sport tricks such as breaking fingers, arms, legs, the strangle, and other dangerous holds, are not allowed.

Jenkins and Bothner both claim that the recent demonstrations of jiu jitsu in the municipal and other departments of the city have all been made upon men who stood lamblike and camly awaited the onslaught. The Japanese exponent was permitted to take holds which, when used, would naturally cripple the person acted on, and which, the Americans claim, are known to many of our wrestlers.

Bothner, who is the American light weight champion, announced recently that he is perfectly willing to meet the jiu-jitsu expert, Hagashi, but demurs at being harnessed with a Japanese robe, such as Hagashi may demand the American wrestler shall wear.

"I am more than anxious to meet Hagashi," said Bothner. "I have already had some correspondence with him, and have agreed to wear the Japanese contrivance in the second bout of three, provided we both wrestle according to American methods in the first bout.

"In case of each gaining a fall I am willing to toss in the third go as to whether I am to wear the Japanese robe. As near as I can make out Hagashi is to have a fall consummated only after pinning his man for two minutes. I can readily understand how, under the jiu-jitsu methods a man can be rendered so helpless as to remain pinned for two minutes, but I am perfectly willing to give Hagashi a match in order to show the merits of catch-as-catch-can against the Japanese style of so-called wrestling.

"In nowise do I wish to decry Japanese athletics. Those I have seen are particularly clever, and I know their style has many points to recommend it."

Jenkins said that in the American methods experts endeavor to secure a fall—that is to pin the shoulders of an opponent to the mat—with holds used only for that purpose. Should Americans attempt such methods as bending back the fingers or arms, twisting the forearms, kicking at the small bones of either leg, pressing the fingers into the windpipe, using the side of the hand for a blow across the throat, gouging, and such foul work, disqualification would be the result. Such tactics, however in the opinion of Jenkins, mark the accomplishment of the desired end in jiu-jitsu as practiced by leaders of that sport.

"In order to show that I know something of jiu-jitsu," said Jenkins. "I will make the following challenge: If any expert of jiu-jitsu will permit a pupil of mine, the Cuban Wonder, to use any method he desires to the end of scoring a fall. I will back him against any of the followersof the Japanese style. He will sign an agreement absolving his opponent from any action in case he is injured, for I believe such an agreement is exacted from anyone who wrestles one of the jiu-jitsu experts.

"The work of jiu-jitsu," continued Jenkins, "reminds me of rough and tumble style, in which the purpose is to put your opponent out of business. Of course, there are many ways of beating an antagonist in a brawl, for which the Japanese method is especially commended, but it does not seem at all likely that the user of jiu-jitsu is going to have things all his own way in such a scrimmage. It is an easy thing after you have once obtained a hold to overcome an opponent, but he certainly is not going to remain passive while you are getting that hold.

"In the American style of catch-as-catch-can wrestling, so-called, is no resemblance. Jiu-Jitsu is not wrestling, this being proved by the fact that the object of that game is not to attempt to gain a fall by methods which require strength and science, but to disable your opponent and make him helpless. There are no holds in jiu-jitsu which are not further improved upon in our own style, and while the Japanese exponents of that game, both here and abroad, can show a variety of holds all tending to prove harmful if used there are none which our own wrestlers have not perfected in such a manner as to put an opponent in a position nearer to a fall, with absolutely no jeopardy of his being injured."—Seattle Times.

TORNADO SWEEPS RANDOLPH COUNTY

MUCH DAMAGE DONE AND ONE LIFE LOST

STAFFORD MYSTERY WILL SOON BE SOLVED

Roanoke, Ala., March 22.—Reports have reached here of a disastrous tornado which swept across the southern part of Randolph county late Monday night. Eight or nine lives are known to have been lost, and damage amounting to thousands of dollars was done to property.

Six miles further northwest a number of houses were demolished and three negroes were killed and several injured on the Wilson plantation. At Lime Postoffice a store was wrecked and the daughter of Mr. Lucas was killed and her mother seriously injured.

Details of the strom are difficult to obtain on account of the wires being down.

Belair, Ohio, March 22.—The river reached 42 feet here this morning and is still rising. The lower portion of the city is inundated and hundreds of families were forced to abandon their homes.

MYSTERY WILL BE SOLVED.

San Francisco, Cal., March 22. — The "Call" says today: "It is announced at the police headquarters, that within the next forty-eight hours the mystery surrounding the presence of strychnine poison in the mineral water which Mrs. Stanford drank on the evening of January 14, at her California home, will have been solved and that possibly one or two arrests made.

NOT ON TO HARBIN.

It is not always necessary to go to war to get battered up lately. Sometimes a fire does very well.

A BAD FALL.

Dave Patterson got a nasty fall at the fire last night. His face was badly cut and he was somewhat shaken up, but is around today as usual.

A HOSE CART FURTHER DOWN THE STREET.

The probably unavoidable accident to one of the hosecarts last night, and the long distance from the fire hall to the scene of the fire teaches a lesson that should not be overlooked by the Council. One of the hose carts with 750 feets of hose, should be stationed at least as far down as the corner of 1st Avenue and High Street. It would in that case, be very easily put to use in any of the lower parts of the city, where the most of the larger buildings are. People on the hill would be amply protected in case of a fire in a single residence until such time as the hose cart stationed below could be got to the scene of the fire for nearly all buildings above First Avenue are single storey only and mostly residences. From the corner of High Street and 1st Avenue, the hose cart could be easily gotten to the lower end of 1st Avenue and on to the Esplanade, and could follow the one kept at the fire hall on to the hill among the smaller buildings very quickly in case of a fire in that section.

THE EMPIRE CIGAR.

The Ladysmith Cigar Factory although only established a few month ago, is doing a thoroughly good business. It is easy to see why, The Empire brand of cigars is one of the best made in any part of Canada, and certainly no better is made in British Columbia. As local people, they deserve and are entitled to encouragement. It always helps along a cigar manufacturer to call for and insist on having the brand you want, and certainly, in Ladysmith, the Empire is regarded as one of the best on the market.

WANTS RECONCILIATION WITH FRANCE

GERMAN EMPEROR TIRES OF BEING AT LOGGERHEADS

WOULD LIKE TO BE FRIENDLY WITH THE FRENCH

(Associated Press Despatches.)

London, March 22.—The Daily Chronicle this morning claims to have the authority of the German Embassy at London for stating that Germany is anxious for a reconciliation with France, and that Emperor William is desirous of getting on terms of closest friendship with the French government. According to a high official of the Embassy, whom the Daily Chronicle interviewed, the present moment is considered most opportune to arrive at such an understanding, the Russo-Japanese war having entirely changed the political situation. Germany, this official says, had reason to consider the Franco-Russian Alliance as directed against herself, and in that case the motive of German overtures to France might have been misjudged. Now, however, it will be impossible for Russia to engage in war with Germany for years to come, even if she wished, and therefore if the spirit of revenge is buried there is nothing to prevent Germany and France inaugurating an era of peace and good will.

Prince Henry's visit to France to see the James Gordon Bennett automobile cup race, will be the first official visit of a Prussian prince since the war, and the relations of the two countries never have been better Germany has no territorial designs on Morovvo and no desire to embarrass fresh political ambitions there, her only wish being to open the door and to guarantee her large commercial interests.

Despite the very large orders on hand, the shares of the local industrail companies have fallen heavily on the Bourse owing to the report that the Far Eastern war will continue.

ANTARTIC EXPEDITION

New York, March 22.—A Buenos Ayres despatch to the Herald says: "The French antarctic expedition under Dr. Charcot, arrived in port this afternoon, (Tuesday) and was met by French associations with flags and bands, a representative of the Minister of Matine, and many officers of the Argentine navy. The party first went to the Centro Naval, where Argentine officers offered them a lunch, and then to the Club Francais, where they were welcomed by the president of the club, and the French Charge de Affaires. Dr. Charcot, replying, said the dangers of an antarctic expedition were not so many as commonly believed by people in the streets of Paris.

DESTROYED BY FIRE.

New York, March 22.—A Madrid despatch to the Herald says: "It is reported from Argamasilla that the house, in which Cervantes wrote "Don Quixote," while he was kept in confinement, has been destroyed by fire.

COLLEGE MAN DEAD.

Medford, Mass., March 22.— Rev. Elmer R. Capen, D.D., president of Tufts college, died at his home here today of pneumonia. Dr. Capen was 67 years of age. He had been professor at Tufts since 1875.

SESSION OF FORESTERS.

Winnipeg, Man., March 22.— District high court of the Canadian Order of Foresters for Western Canada, and British Columbia is in session here. During last year, there were seventeen new courts instituted in the jurisdiction, and the present year eight. The total membership is seventeen thousand. Insurance funds surplus, $1,745,781. Mayor Sharpe welcomed the delegates in behalf of the city.

In the Lethbridge district seeding operations are proceeding apace. The new grass is two inches high on the prairie.

RETREAT CONDUCTED IN SPLENDID FASHION

After Four Days Marching Russian Troops Enter Gunshu Pass, the Japs Pressing Their Rear

Kuropatkin's Action in Returning to the Army in Inferior Capacity is Commended by the Russian Press

(Associated Press Despatches.)

AT SIPIEGHAI,

Gunspu Pass, Manchuria, 108 miles north of Tie Pass, March 20.—The Russian guard is now at Sipinghai, 70 miles north of Tie Pass. The Japanese are slowly pursuing, but are not energetically pressing the rear. Apparently Field Marshal Oyama is holding his main army at Tie Pass. When the Russians evacuated Tie Pass, Mar. 15, one span of the five span bridge over the Tehai river, which falls in the Liao river just north of the town, was destroyed by dynamite immediately after the last train had been despatched northward. As the army moved northward, the bridges of the railroad were disabled and everything in the shape of stores, etc., which could not be taken, was burned. Some desolutory artillery fire was heard, on the extreme right as the retreat progressed, but the Japanese appeared to be indecisive. Their pursuit lacked strength in spite of four days' rest at Tie Pass, which gave the Russians a chance to reform after the hardships they had suffered, and they took up the march in an orderly fashion, pressing forward however, at such a rate that many horses and cattle in the transport train were exhausted and were left dying by the roadsides. Like an endless serpent the army trailed over the vast rolling country, moving along during the day over half a dozen roads parellel with the railroad. At night the neighboring hillsides were lighted by dead grass ignited by the camp fires. Thirty miles were covered the first day, Kaiyuan being left behind March 16th. The rear guard evacuated Shangtufu about 18 miles further north March 19th. Despatch orders report that Colonel Madridoff, in command of an irregular force in the mountains far eastward, found himself cut off before he got news of the great battle of Mukden, and was compelled to retire northeast, probably making his way towards Kirin.

The correspondent of the Associated Press, after the removal of the Russian headquarters from Tie Pass, remained with the rear guard, being some days without telegraphic facilities. Extensive preparations to carry out the plan of retreat were made by Generals Kuropatkin, Linevitch, Bildling and Kulbars, and were successfully carried out. On March 19, Kuropatkin, considering that the army was safe, departed from Harbin, but having subsequently decided to remain as commander of the first army, reached here today, receiving a great ovation at the railroad station and acknowledging the cheering by a short speech, in which he expressed the hope that the army would soon be able to retrieve its reverses.

It is too early to determine the effect of the change in the supreme commands, but private soldiers have great confidence in the venerable Linevitch, whose former task is believed to be monumental.

The re-organization affected at Tie Pass, after the retreat from Mukden, incontestably marked the end of the second stage of the war. Gunshu Pass, which has a large railroad station and Red Cross settlement, with army facilities, is now almost overflowing the native hamlet in all directions. Troops are arriving daily, the advance divisions are continuing their march northward, while fresh troops from Europran Russia are coming south to relieve the worn out rear guard. The booming of guns on the right flank was heard all morning.

RUSSIANS WELL PLEASED.

St. Petersburg, March 22.—(1.55 p. m.)—The retreat of the Russian army from the latest reports is evidently being continued in a splendid fashion. In four days actual marching after leaving Tie Pass, the rear guard has fallen back seventy miles and the heads of the columns are already entering Gunshu Pass, forty miles further north, keeping up with the Japanese column marching north over the great trade road.

With the bridges and railroads destroyed behind the Russians, the Japanese are unable to press the rear, and according to information from the front it is believed that the bulk of Field Marshal Oyama's army is still at Tie Pass, the flanking column being comparatively weak. This news may, however, prove incorrect. For two days there has been some kind of skirmishing, accompanied by artillery exchanges between the Japanese on the grand trade route and the Russians screening the retreat, showing that they are in constant contact. With the crossing of the Sungari river at Chantchiatu protected, many military men believe that General Linevitch, while reported to withdraw to Harbin, will attempt to hold the line from Kuanchangtze to Kirin, so as to control the rich Sungari valley as a source of supply for the army. A Japanese advance to Kirin would be equilvalent to the isolation of Vladivostock. The war office points to the fact that General Linevitch was able to give his troops a day of rest as being the best evidence that complete order has been restored.

The Russian press commends General Kuropatkin for the fine spirit which he displayed in returning to the army in a subordinate capacity, declaring that the devoted leader is more to be pitied than blamed. The advices of a continuance of the war are encouraged by the somewhat better outlook for the Manchurian army the success of the internal loan, and the announced departure of the squadron commanded by Vice Admiral Rojestvensky eastward.

The "Son of the Fatherland," the publication of which has again been resumed at the expiration of its 3 months' suspension, inaugurated its appearance today with a plea for peace, declaring that the Manchurian adventure has coet $1,000,000,000; $250,000,000 for the Chinese eastern railroad; $50,000,000 for Port Dalny and Port Arthur, and $500,000,000 for the war—pointing out that if the money had been spent at home it would have given avproximately $10,000,000 to each province for schools, roads, sanitation and lighting. The paper adds: "Contrast the two pictures and see whether poor beggared Russia should continue the war."

THE NEW LOAN.

St. Petersburg, March 22.— The new internal loan will be issued at 95 per cent.

SAYS SHE IS 172 YEARS OLD.

Heralded by the claim that she is 172 years of age, Al Ling Sing, a Chinese woman, reached Vancouver yesterday afternoon by C. P. R. express from the east. She sailed for China on the C. P. R. steamship Empress of India.

Al Ling may be 72 years or she may have seen 172 summers. No person who saw her yesterday would care to deny her claim to the latter distinction.

The skin hangs in folds on portions of her face, while over her cheeks it is drawn like parchment over dry bones. Her general appearance certainly justifies an incredible claim to years. For many years Al Ling has lived in Florida. She is now on her way home to die. It seems strange that a woman who has managed to upset all the calculations of actuaries, should give a thought to death. Apparently, however, Al Ling is weary with the weight of her years, and has concluded that her time on this earth is drawing to a close. She wishes to be laid to rest in the land of her fathers.

Despiteher feebleness of frame, for Al Ling has to be carried wherever she goes, she possesses a strong voice. This characteristic of hers was demonstrated yesterday afternoon while she was being moved from the C. P. R. depot to the wharf. The hack in which she was riding had just reached the gang-plank of the India, when from the interior of the emaciated frame there came a peremptory and husky "Rhoa." This command created astonishment among the crowd of curious people who had followed the carriage to the wharf, but the most startled person was probably the hack-driver.

Arrived at the steamer the old woman was tenderly borne on board by several friends who accompanied her all the way from Florida. Her friends will remain with her until she reaches home. They all declare most solemly that Al Ling is 172 years old. Ah Ling is well supplied with cash. Her clothing is very rich, and she demands in her travels the best accommodation that money may procure—Vancouver Province.

NEW ISLAND APPEARS

It Emerges from the Sea in Riukin Archipellago

New York, March 22.—A Tokio despatch to the Times says: "A new island 4,800 yards in circumference has emerged from the sea three leagues south of Iwojima in the Riukin archipellago, between Japan and Formosa.

The first indications were observed last November 14, when frequent detonations were heard lasting till Nov. 28. On the latter date, dense smoke began to rise, and continued till Dec. 5, when the outlines of an island became visible. The island was visited on Feb. 1 by inhabitants of Iwojima, who found the surface covered with volcanic tufa. The island was surrounded by a belt of sand and there was a boiling lake near the northern extremety.

New York, March 22.—A London despatch to the American, says: "Mrs. Lily Langtry is now a grandmother, a son was born today, (Tuesday) to her daughter, Mrs. Ian Malcolm, wife of a well known member of parliament in Scotland.

IN WARSAW.

Warsaw, March 22.—Three of the soldiers wounded last night by the explosion of a bomb thrown from a window into a patrol wagon, are reported to be dying. No arrests have been made.

ANTONIN PROUST DEAD.

Paris, March 22.—Antonin Proust, Minister of fine arts in Cambetta Cabinet, died today as the result of two shots in the head, self-inflicted. He had long been a victim of melancholy which is believed to have been intensified recently by difficulties with Rossita Muai, the celebrated dancer of the Opera, with whom he was closely associated. She dined at his apartments Monday evening. The tragedy followed shortly after her departure.

LINEVITCH HEARD FROM.

St. Petersburg, March 22.—A despatch from General Linevitch dated March 21 says: "Yesterday Japanese cavalry detachments operated in front of one of our advance posts. Behind the cavalry were infantry, which halted at the "Altanchazete."

NAVAL BATTLE EXPECTED.

St. Petersburg, March 22.—(.30 p. m.)—At the admiralty it is strongly intimated that Admiral Rojestvnsky will effect a juncture with Admiral Nebogatoff within ten days and then proceed to meet Admiral Togo. The third division of the Russian second Pacific squadron commanded by Rear Admiral Nebogat.", left Suda Bay, Island of Crete, yesterday for Port Said.

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IN YELLOWSTONE PARK.

"Buffalo Jones," whose correct name is Col. C. J. Jones, came on to Washington a few days ago from the Sportsmen's Exposition in Madison Square, New York, to secure authority for the extension of his pet "buffalo pen" in the Yellowstone park. Incidentally, Mr. Jones wanted funds to carry out his project. He laid his plans before President Roosevelt and there is a good chance for favorable action.

At the present time there are thirty-nine buffaloes roaming the fenced area within the park. In this connection, it is worth while to note that the number of captives has been doubled during the past year, but it should also be stated that the increase is not due entirely to births, Several calves have been captured, and a few mature animals have been purchased.

A considerable area of good pasturage is required to keep thirty-nine buffaloes in good condition. The present inclosed space is not large enough, according to the estimate of Col. Jones, and he hopes that he may be given funds to stretch more wire.

Ranging at large in the national preserve are twenty-five or thirty head of the former monarchs of the plains. For the most part, they are in the higher mountains. Ordinarily there would not be anything specially significant in the statement that the animals are now living in the higher places, but when we look back, not many years, to the time the railroad first invaded the vast plains of the far West, and compare the home of the buffalo at that time with what it is now, the idea of animals accustoming themselves to new habitat is forcefully brought to mind.

We have always thought of the buffalo as a plains animal, but we now see that with the conditions changed it adapts itself to new conditions. The same history applies to the elk, more properly wapiti, which was driven from the plain to foothill and finally into the mountain fastnesses. It is not to be presumed, however, that in the days when the buffaloes overran the prairies it did not extend its wanderings into the higher altitudes,

Many years ago it was found in the Appalachian mountain region, which extends from the interior of Maine, in New England, to Alabama in the South. The great home of the buffalo, however, was the western plains, and here they were found in great numbers even as late as 1871. Between 1870 and 1880, the latter date bringing the completion of the Northern Pacific railroad, the slaughter wrought by the hide hunters was something terrible and it was not long before the public commenced to perceive that the buffalo, or American bison, was fast approaching extinction.

At the present time, the only wild herd in existence, so far as I know, is that which roams in the region of the Great Slave Lake. The herds in captivity are those owned by the New York Zoological Society and those which are found in the preserves in New Hampshire established by Austin Corbin. Unless my memory fails me, James J. Hill, of the Great Northern, has done something in the way of preserving the buffalo. On that point, however, I have not sufficient knowledge to speak definitely. In the national zoo, here in Washington, there are some good specimens of pure-blooded bisons.

One strong argument in favor of Col. Jones' plea for more money to extend the grazing area of the Yellowstone Park herd, is that the buffalo deteriorates when kept in preserves, unless the space in which he roams is very large. It is true that there is no little talk at the present time about keeping down public expenditure, but it is also a fact that if we we are going to preserve a remnant of the former king of the plains, the ordinary expenditures required in such a movement should be met cheerfully.

Col. Jones is eminently qualified to speak on the subject of the buffalo. As his nickname indicates, he has given much of his time to this animal. I presume that in the early days he was not over-careful as to the number he killed, but with a final realization of what the wholesale killing of the buffalo meant, mended his ways and became a conservator.

Man, however, is not the only enemy of the big game. The cougar, which is known in some localities as the puma and in others as the mountain lion, is the most persistent enemy of the buffalo, wapiti and deer. It is to be regretted that the legislature of the state of Washington passed over the recommendation of the Washington Dish and Game Protective Association that a bounty be placed on the head of this sly, but but none the less powerful game destroyer. "I firmly believe that one full grown cougar will do more damage in the Olympic mountains during a year than half a dozen lawless hunters.

Speaking of the dangers to which the buffaloes of the Yellowstone park are exposed, Col. Jones said that the most serious menace to the herd was the puma. He had, he said, killed over forty of them during the past winter. In one day he bagged six; on another occasion he shot two in one tree.

Elk are on the increase in othe Yellowstone, as also in the mountain sheep. Beaver are found glong all the streams.

PORTUS BAXTER, in Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

PENNY VAUDEVILLE.

Penny vaudeville is the latest in cheap amusements in New York and other of the larger cities in the United States. It is nothing more than a development of the old penny-in-the-slot idea, with up-to date inventions and contrivances. The business began in a modest way in Buffalo about 12 years ago. Two young men opened a small place, filled it with phonographs and charged five cents to hear the reproduction of a song. Later they introduced the mutoscope, or moving pictures. The enterprise prospered. With the invention of other automatic contrivances the business was increased and finally found its way to New York. Today the originators of the idea are at the head of a stock company capitalized at $500,000, with branches in all the principal cities. Not long ago the idea was taken up in Europe, where it has been just as successful.

About five years ago the price to enjoy the attractions was cut to one cent. An idea of the magnitude of the profit of the business, even at this price, may be had from the fact that it costs from $25,000 to $150,000 to fit up a complete penny vaudeville hall. The machines cost from $50 to $1500 each. Europe contributes considerable in the way of the novelties used in these shows.

The phonographs and moving pictures are the most attractive, but the athletic machines, such as strength testers, punching bags, etc., are well patronized. The average daily attendance at these halls may be anything between 5,000 and 25,000, according to the location.

The Kings Hotel is the only place in Ladysmith that has on draught John Labatt's India Pale Ale. Call around and sample it.

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Coal Deposits.

(a.) First among the natural resources are the great coal measures of Vancouver Island, extending from Ladysmith north to Union, 75 miles or more. Sufficient of them are developed and improved to insure a long lease of life to the mines and their extensions are now being operated. For instance, the Extension Mines, 11 miles from Ladysmith, from which the highest grade coal for domestic purposes on the Pacific coast is shipped, is known by borings and general prospecting to extend near to the city of Ladysmith. As representing this industry it might be mentioned that the coal shipped from the Island, to date, amounts to 19,940,587 tons, with a value of $60,203,285, and 149,556 tons of coke, with a value of $947,780, a total of $61,151,065

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Timber.

(b.) The value of the immense timber resources of Vancouver Island with its high class Douglass fir, cedar etc., has already been realized by the great lumber companies. The Victoria Lumber Company, of Chemainus, has among its members shrewd Wisconsin and Michigan lumber kings who have secured, and now hold, hundreds of millions of feet of splendid timber and are continually increasing their holdings. Their export trade now running from 30,000,000 to 50,000,000 of feet per year will no doubt be largely increased by the beginning of work on the Panama canal, for the demand, which will be supplied largely from this section for timber to use on the great work, will amount to hundreds of millions of feet. Other companies, Shawnigan Lake, Haslam and other companies are turning out large quantities of lumber and shingles.

Harbors and Waterways.

(c.) Harbors and waterways in connection with Vancouver Island is a subject understood much better by men who "go down to sea" than landsmen. But opposite to the mainland and direct across from Vancouver, Oyster Harbor or Ladysmith Bay, has long been known as a safe and commodious harbor. It is one where large wharves are already established in connection with the coal export trade and with the freight business, as the point of transfer by the C.P.R. for the Island freight. In connection with this matter it is worthy of remark that for the last three years the transfer barge has made its daily trip and has rarely, is ever, been delayed on account of bad weather or unfavorable conditions, and has never met with an accident. Nanaimo Harbor, Departure Bay, Chamainus and other safe harbors are found along the coast. Near the north end of the island safe harbors are found that may yet be used as last ports of call for steamers leaving Victoria for the Orient, fast trains connecting from Ladysmith landing, or conveying to, passengers and mails.

Fisheries.

The waters of Vancouver Island teem with fish. Herring in vast quantities visit our shores. A profitable trade in fisheries which includes, of our more northern shores, halibut and other deep sea fish, is being built up and is capable of much greater development.

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Mining.

In connection with the mineral developments of the Island, it must be understood that only during the past five years has any attempt at metal mining been made on a large scale.

On the west coast of the Island, beginning at East Sook, mineral has been found and small shipments made from San Juan, Port Renfrew, Alberni, Uchuckiesit, Clayoquoit, Kennedy Lake, Taferno Inlet, (Deer Creek), Bedwell Sound, (Bear River), Trout River, Clayoquoit Sound, Sidney Inlet, Ahousett, Ahatlasett, Nootka, Kyuquot and Quatsino, while in the middle of the Island at Central lake a large deposit of mineral has recently been discovered.

The schist beds lying to the south of the coal measures and commonly known as the Mt. Sicker schist belt, extends from Mt. Sicker up to the Nanaimo Lakes which has been opened and worked at seven points, a distance of 40 miles: Namely, Mt. Sicker, Mt. Brenton, Chemainus, Majuba, Rhinehardt, Nanaimo Lakes, and Englishmans River. Owing to the fact that the land is heavily timbered, prospecting is necessarily slow and expensive, great importance must be attached to the cutting of trails inland from the railroad. As the result of such a trail, three years ago, from Ladysmith 6 miles out, several mineral locations have been made in that vicinity, including the Majuba, and extending west to the Rhinehardt and Nanaimo Lakes property. It would appear to be of the first importance to cut trails in order to open up the country to the prospector. The opening up of this mineral belt and the development of the mineral claims will follow the construction of a branch road, and the route from Mt. Sicker and Mt. Brenton up the Chemainus valley appears the most feasible as it would follow along the line of the claims mentioned to the Nanaimo Lakes, on to and including Alberni.

It is stated that the Nanaimo Lakes properties have large showings of ore and would undoubtedly make producing mines with railroad facilities, but not until these are provided can they ship out ore for treatment. Another mineral section is at the Campbell river upon what is known aa the reserve of the E. & N. grant. The total value of the mineral product to date for Vancouver Island and vicinity is given by the Provincial Mineralogist, Mr. W. F. Robertson, as 275,322 tons of a value of $4,378,370.

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Pottery Clay.

The clay found in the Extension Mines is regularly shipped to Victoria to the pottery works for the manufacture of sewer pipes and pottery of various kinds.

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Stone and Lime.

Magnificent building stone is found at various points. The quarry at Duncan, lying contiguous to the E. & N. railroad, furnishes high class building stone that should be in demand where heavy stone work is required, while lime quarries also exist on the line of the railroad. Good brick clay is found in Nanoose harbor above Nanaimo, and limestone on the line of the railroad, near or at Esquimalt Harbor.

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Water Power.

Of water power, some very large and permanent streams are found with natural falls, some again can without great expense be developed. It seems safe to assume that great water power can be secured, comparatively cheap, at various points on Vancouver Island. Particularly is this the case in the northern part of the Island.

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Agricultural Wealth.

Agricultural development on Vancouver Island must be very great in the immediate future. Tracts of land will each year be cleared and put into crops if railway facilities are given to certain sections that now find valuable farm lands too far from markets. Included in farming stock raising is becoming a marked feature in Island development. High grades of cattle are being raised from inported stock, and the butter and cheese of Vancouver Island is now well known for its high grade.

Hunting and Fishing.

The big game of Vancouver Island has not been hunted extensively and is abundant in certain sections. Deer and other four-footed game is found in all parts of the Island. Ducks, geese, pheasants, grouse and quail are to be found in season in numbers that gladden the heart of the hunter. With the development that will result from the extension of the lines of the E. & N. Railway, North Vancouver Island will increase its wealth many fold. Mines will be opened and other natural sources of wealth now valueless, will, with transportation, soon prove to the world that as a whole there is no other part of the rich Province of British Columbia that can equal Vancouver Island.

SYNOPSIS OF REGULATIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF MINERALS ON DOMINION LANDS IN MANITOBA THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES AND THE YUKON TERRITORY.

Coal—Coal lands may be purchased at $10 per acre for soft coal and $20 for anthracite. Not more than 320 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2,000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

Quartz—Persons of eighteen years and over and joint stock companies holding free miners' certificates may obtain entry for a mining location.

A free miner's certificate is granted for one or more years, not exceeding five years, upon payment in advance $7.50 per annum for an individual, and from $50 to $100 per annum for a company, according to capital.

A free miner, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,500x1,500 feet by marking out the same with two legal posts, bearing location notices, one at each end on the line of the lode or vein.

The claim shall be recorded within fifteen days if located within ten miles of a mining recorder's office, one additional day allowed for every additional ten miles or fraction. The fee for recording a claim is $5.

At least $100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When $500 has been expended or paid the locator may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at $1.00 an acre.

Permission may be granted by the Minister of the Interior to locate claims containing iron and mica, also copper, in the Yukon territory, of an area not exceeding 160 acres.

The patent for a mining location shall provide for the payment of a Royalty of 2½ per cent. of the sales of the products of the location.

Placer Mining—Manitoba and the N.W.T., excepting the Yukon Territory—Placer mining claims generally are 100 ft. square, entry fee $5, renewable yearly. On the North Saskatchewan River claims are either bar or bench, the former being 100 feet long and extending between high and low water mark. The latter includes bar diggings, but extends back to the base of the hill or bank, but not exceeding 1,000 feet. Where steam power is used, claims 200 feet wide may be obtained.

Dredging in the rivers of Manitoba and the N.W.T., excepting the Yukon Territory—A free miner may obtain only two leases of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable in the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars of the river below low water mark, and subject to the rights of all persons who have, or who may receive, entries for bar diggings or bench claims, except on the Saskatchewan River, where the lessee may dredge to high water mark on each alternate leasehold.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles, but where a person or company has obtained more than one lease one dredge for each fifteen miles or fraction is sufficient. Rental, $10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of 2½ per cent. collected on the output after it exceeds $10,000.

Dredging in the Yukon Territory—Six leases of five miles each may be granted to a free miner for a term of twenty years, also renewable.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars in the river below low water mark, that boundary to be fixed by its position on the 1st day of August in the year of the the date of the lease.

The lessee shall have one dredge in operation within two years from the date of the lease, and one dredge for each five miles within six years from such date. Rental, $100 per mile for first year and $10 per mile for each subsequent year. Royalty, same as placer mining.

Placer Mining in the Yukon Territory—Creek, gulch, river and hill claims shall not exceed 250 feet in length, measured on the base line or general direction of the creek or gulch the width being from 1,000 to 2,000 feet. All other placer claims shall be 250 feet square.

Claims are marked by two legal posts, one at each end, bearing notices. Entry must be obtained within ten miles of mining Recorder's office. One extra day allowed for each additional ten miles or fraction.

The person or company staking a claim must hald a free miner's certificate.

The discoverer of a new mine is entitled to a claim of 1,000 feet in length, and if the party consists of two, 1,500 feet altogether, on the output of which no royalty shall be chargen, the rest of the party ordinary claims only.

Entry fee, $10. Royalty at the rate of two and one-half per cent. on the value of the gold shipped from the Yukon Territory to be paid to the Comptroller.

No free miner shall receive a grant of more than one mining claim on each separate river, creek or gulch, but the same miner may hold any number of claims by purchase, and free miners may work their claims in partnership by filing notice and paying a fee of $2.00. A claim may be abandoned and another obtained on the same creek, gulch or river by giving notice and paying a fee.

Work must be done on a claim each year to the value of at least $200.

A certificate that work has been done must be obtained each year; if not, the claim shall be deemed to be abandoned, and open to occupation and entry by a free miner.

The boundaries of a claim may be defined absolutely by having a survey made and publishing notices in the Yukon official Gazette.

Petroleum—All unappropriated Dominion lands in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories, and within the Yukon Territory, are open to prospecting for petroleum, and the Minister may reserve for an individual or company having machinery on the land to be prospected, an area of 1920 acres for such period as he may decide. the length or width shall not exceed three times the breadth.

Should the prospector discover oil in paying quantities, and satisfactorily establish such discovery, an area not exceeding 640 acres, including the oil well will be sold to the prospector at the rate of $1.00 per acre an acre, subject to royalty at such rate as may be specified by order-in-council.

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LOST—Between Ledger office and the Bunker Grounds, small, open-faced silver watch with name engraved. Finder please return to the Ledger Office.

Mr. J. H. Simpson was in this city this morning.

Mr. Jesse Evans went up to Nanaimo at noon today.

Mr. J. Teague of Nanaimo, is in the city on business today.

Mr. J. Hannay was a passenger on the 12 o'clock train today.

Knight's bookstore is being moved to the store heretofore occupied by W. H. Lively.

SS. Princess May took on coal at the bunkers this morning.

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W. Harrison, Victoria.

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Mr. A. Huxtable, who has been managing Waitts' piano store, leaves this afternoon for Victoria. Mr. Knight has taken over the Ladysmith agency for this firm. During the short time that he has been doing business in Ladysmith Mr. Huxtable has made many friends, all of whom regret his departure from the city. He returns to his old position in the Victoria store.

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Superintendent Kiddie is away on the Mainland on a business trip in the interest of the Tyee Smelter.

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The thanks of the citizens are due the volunteer fire brigade for their good work last night. Under the conditions they did good and satisfactory work.

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NANAIMO NOTES.

Nanaimo, March 22—The funeral of the late Ernestine Kirkman was held yesterday afternoon at three o'clock from the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Kirkman, Victoria Road, the remains being taken from the home to St. Paul's Church where funeral services were conducted by Rev. Silva-White, after which the cortege proceeded to the cemetery, where the body was interred, the Rev. Mr. White reading the burial service of the church at the grave side.

Surveyors from Victoria have been busy during the past day or two surveying the Waddington property for which the provincial government granted a special title last session.

Mr. J. L. Kelso, who underwent a critical operation for appendicitis on Monday at the hospital was reported last night to be progressing very favorably toward recovery.

Already the Baptist people of Nanaimo are beginning to make preparations for the Annual Baptist Convention of British Columbia, to be held here in the month of July this year. This annual convention gathers together a number of the leading Baptists, both lay and clerical from all over the Province, amounting to over 100 delegates and it is quite a courageous effort on the part of the local church to arrange for the entertainment of so many guests, for the several days they will be in the city and to make sure of no hitch in the proceedings they are beginning in plenty of time. The convention will bring to Nanaimo some of the best speakers, and most practical men in the Province, and the meetings, some of which are to be open to the public, should prove very interesting.

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PRINTERS' STRIKE.

Winnipeg, Man., March 22.—All job printers in union offices went out at noon today, asking an increase of $18 to $20 weekly. A hundred men affected.

SPORTS

BASKETBALL.

Nanaimo, March 22. — A meeting will be held in the near future for the purpose of organizing a ladies' basketball team for the present season. A number of young ladies have already signified their intention of joining, and there is no reason why Nanaimo should not turn out as good a ladies team as it has a man's

FOOTBALL.

The local footballers are requested to turn out regularly to practice this week in order that they may be in the best of form for the match with the Garrison on Saturday next.

If the mines are working this match will commence at 4:30, but should the miners be idle, the kick-off will be at 1.30 sharp.

THE MAT.

Carl Berch, manager of the People's Theatre, expected to have the articles signed today between Dan McLeod and Jack Carkeek, two former world's champions, for a wrestling match, to take place at the Vancouver Opera House in the near future.

It will be some time, however, before the men will meet on the padded mat, as Carkeek dislocated his shoulder in a match at Bellingham on Saturday night and Carkeek will probably be out of the game for a couple of weeks.

A Bellingham despatch, in speaking of Carkeek's mishap, says: Jack Carkeek, ex-champion wrestler of the world, lost a handicap match to Fred Gunderson, of this city, here on Saturday. Carkeek was to throw the local man three times in an hour He took two falls in 22 minutes having everything over Gunderson and displaying some of the greatest science ever seen here. In gaining the second fall, however, he caught his shoulder on a broken place in the mat, where the padding was thin, and wrenched it out of joint. He was therefore not able to go on for the next fall, and by the terms of the agreement, lost the match.—News-Advertiser.

FAST BOAT.

Much interest was aroused at the Sportsmen's Show at Madison Square Garden, New York, recently, by an exhibition of the model of a new type of boat which, according to the inventer, Fritz H. Grawert. Zellin, who says he is a naval engineer, of 61 East Eighty-sixth St., will develop an ocean speed of sixty miles an hour. The little boat was placed in the lake at the Garden, and after its speed was shown, towed a thirty-foot launch around the Garden.

The inventor declares that a vessel built after the model will revolutionize shipbuilding. He hopes to obtain the speed through a combination of a new type of ship, new type of propeller, and a "keel propeller."

The Grawert turbine, he says, will be only half the size of the smallest machine now used for the size of the vessel. While it is an explosion engine of the rotary type, the pistons are mounted directly on the shaft which carries the screw, and the explosion chamber is within the cylinder, the gases being brought in compressed.

The boat is flat bottomed from amidship to stern. The screw is placed where the forward keel of the model begins. The propeller is the inventor's patent, and differs from other screws in that the water throws from it travels right out from the concave blades instead of rushing astant. The revolutions performed by this propeller are 3,500 a minute, and the inventor asserts that a very high speed is obtained by this small blade because of its situation amidships.

BASEBALL.

The Northwestern League may put a team in Victoria this season despite the fact that some of the "sports" in the capital city had abandoned the idea. The Victoria Times, in throwing out the hint to the baseball public, says:

— Among the guests at the Dominion Hotel are W. H. Lucas and C. G. Howlett, of Seattle, who are endeavoring to induce local sportsmen to organise a stock company and form a professional baseball nine to participate in the Northwest International League. They express confidence that a local team will be placed in competition. The committee of Victoria gentlemen entrusted with local organisation had agreed to abandon the project unless the league itself decided to organise a Victoria team. This, it appears, is practically what is intended. The promoters mentioned recognise that this City will not lend their scheme any financial backing without some guarantee of good faith on their part. Therefore, Mr. Howlett, who is announced as the probable manager of the local club, states that he will advance some of the necessary funds.

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BATTALIONS IN READINESS.

Constantinople, March 22. — The Minister of War has been ordered to hold further battalions in readiness for service in Yemen province, Arabia, but in the meanwhile the government is unable to obtain ships to transport the soldiers already sent out.

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