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FOR PANAMA.
Regiment of United States Infantry Will Leave as Early as Possible.
(Associated Press.)
Washington, Feb. 23.—The war department today issued orders for the entire third regiment of infantry to proceed to the isthmus of Panama. The regiment will leave at the earliest possible time on the transports Summer and McClelland from New York.
The regiment is going to Panama to relieve the merines stationed there. The regiment will be commanded by Lieut. Colonel Woodbury, the present commander, Colonel Haskell, being about to retire with an advanced rank.

CONCILIATORY.
Attitude of Turks Raises Hopes of Improved Relations Between Turkey and Bulgaria.
(Associated Press.)
Constantinople, Feb. 23.—M. Natchevitch, the Bulgarian agent here, who has just returned to his post, brought back formal assurance to the Porte that the Sofia government intends to maintain an absolutely correct attitude with regard to Macedonian affairs. There is now a more conciliatory tendency in the Turkish official world toward the Bulgarian demands, and this creates the hope that the relations between the two countries will be improved.

KISHINEFF TRIALS.
One Man Sent to Prison For Year—Another Acquitted.
(Associated Press.)
Kishineff, Russia, Feb. 23.—At the resumption today of the second trial of prisoners connected with the massacre here, Aurban and Rotar, accused of murdering Abraham Komar, Rotar was acquitted but the former was condemned to a year's imprisonment. The damage suit was dismissed.

FROST CHECKED RIVER'S RISE.
(Associated Press.)
Wilkesbarre, Pa., Feb. 23.—A drop of several degrees in the temperature checked the rise in the Susquehanna river and it is believed there will be no further damage until a protracted thaw comes.

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The damage was confined to the one building. The front and rear walls of the building fell simultaneously, several firemen having narrow escapes.

TO SUCCEED MAYOR.
(Associated Press.)
New York, Feb. 23.—The special election was held in the 12th congressional district today to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of Mayor Geo. D. McClelland, as member of congress. The Democrat nominee was W. B. Bourke Cockran. His only opponents were Edward Cassidy, Social Democrat.

KICKED BY HORSE.
(Associated Press.)
Winnipeg, Feb. 23.—John McIntyre, residing ten miles north of Neepawa, received a kick from a horse recently, which will probably result fatally. One of the shoe calks struck him on the temple and penetrated to the brain.

THREE MEN KILLED.
Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 23.—Two men were asphyxiated, one was burned to death and several were seriously injured in an explosion of blast furnace gas at the plant of the Lackawanna Steel Company, yesterday.

Two valuable seams of coal have been discovered underneath the Queen's Park fire station at Glasgow. Somebody has been working at the mineral in the "way" back, however, and there is danger of the building collapsing.

A JAPANESE DEFEAT PREDICTED

NOTES.
A black line marks the railway Japan has built in Korea. Its southern terminus is Taku, sixty miles from Pusan; to the north it attains an equal distance. A railway eighteen miles long joins Chemulpo to Seoul. Another branch is planned to join Seoul and Gensan on Broughton Bay. This bay was named after Captain Broughton, an English sailor, who was the first to enter its waters. He did so with the Providence, a little boat of 46 guns, on Oct. 4th, 1797. Gensan is protected by a chain of mountains, and is an excellent base of naval operations.
Most of the towns and villages of Korea are situated about eight or ten miles from the coast. This curious fact is due to incursions in the old times of Japanese pirates. The Yalu River is navigable as far from its mouth as Shaohow, the great commercial centre of the district.

A Russian Authority Says the Little Brown Men Will Be Driven Into the Sea Before the Fall.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 23.—The Russian authorities here do not believe the Japanese will attempt a landing in force on the Liaotung peninsula. The former say there is nothing the Russians would like better than such an attempt would be doomed to certain failure. The authorities here assert that the southern portion of the peninsula is strongly guarded and that the northern shore presents insuperable obstacles. The only chance of the Japanese, it is claimed, would be marching down from Korea, but to do this, it is added, they must first defeat the Russian army on this side of the Yalu river, and even if successful they would be free to face with impregnable strongholds.

TABLE OF DISTANCES.

	Miles
Straits of Korea to Vladivostok	650
Straits of Korea to Port Arthur	625
Pusan to Shimonsu, Japan	150
River Yalu to Chemulpo (by sea)	350
Chemulpo to Sasebo (Japan's arsenal, by sea)	204
Port Arthur to Chemulpo	163
Port Arthur to Fukuoka	163
Port Arthur to Chefoo	177
Chefoo to Shanghai	210
Wei-Hai-Wei to Hongkong	1,182
Shanghai to Nagasaki	467
Port Arthur to Vladivostok	1,270
Pusan to Gensan (by sea)	350
Vladivostok to Russian frontier, near Khabarovsk	4,000

Principal Japanese Islands—Hondo, Kishu, Shikoku, Yezo. Principal southern islands—Lukin, Formosa.



RUSSIAN ON OUTLOOK.
Predicts War Will End in August or September in Complete Defeat of Japs.
(Associated Press.)
Berlin, Feb. 23.—The Lokal Anzeiger today in a dispatch from Tokio says: "A fresh engagement took place at Port Arthur on Thursday last. The details have not been given by the government."
"It is pointed out at the admiralty that two weeks have now elapsed without the whereabouts of the Japanese fleet being definitely reported, and the opinion is gaining ground that it has gone to a Japanese port for repairs."
It is pointed out also that it has announced only victories to the admiralty, the authority adding "we know they sustained losses in the China war which were never admitted."
General Kouropatkin will not leave for the East for another fortnight. In the meantime he is going to his country estate to bid farewell to relatives. His first departure from the peninsula is strongly guarded and that the northern shore presents insuperable obstacles. The only chance of the Japanese, it is claimed, would be marching down from Korea, but to do this, it is added, they must first defeat the Russian army on this side of the Yalu river, and even if successful they would be free to face with impregnable strongholds.

BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF THE SCENE OF CONFLICT.
Sketching giving an idea of the proximity of Japan's Forces to the Battle Ground, showing the Distance of St. Petersburg and the Single Line of Rail on which Russia largely depends for transport of men and munitions of war.

DECORATED OFFICERS.
Presentation to Captains and Lieutenants Who Took New Cruisers to Japan.
Tokio, Feb. 23.—The Mikado today received in audience Captains Lee and Paynter, and Lieut. Boyle, of the British navy, and thanked them for navigating the Japanese armoured cruisers Niashin and Kawaga from Genoa, Italy, to Japan. His Majesty conferred on them the order of the Rising Sun, and presented them with gifts of silver and liquor work from the imperial collection.
The foreign crew of the Niashin sails for home on the steamer Siberia from Yokohama by way of San Francisco.

FIRST REPORTS FROM SEALERS NOW OUT
Three Men Desert From the Schooner Casca at Drake's Bay—Catches Obtained.
Schooners which sailed from here early last month for down the coast have made sealing catches. Three of them have been reported. The Casca has arrived at Drake's Bay, a port near San Francisco, where three of her crew have deserted. Going ashore in one of the vessel's boats they soon disappeared. It is expected that men will have to be shipped to take their places.
The Victoria Sealing Company, owners of the vessel, have not yet received particulars of the schooner's troubles, but are looking for mail advices by today's mail. The telegraphic news already received merely states that the three men deserted. The Casca had a catch of fifty skins.
The City of San Diego was reported with a catch of 71 skins, but this news has since been supplemented by other advices, which gives the catch of the schooner as only 11 skins, so that the company does not know which report to accept as correct. The Triumph was the third sealer reported. She was spoken when she was only a short time out with a catch of 25 skins.
These reports are the first which have been received from the fleet which sailed early in January, and they would seem to indicate that southern latitudes have been immune from the tempestuous

LECTURE ON GERMS.
Interesting and Very Instructive Discourse Before Natural History Society.
A well attended meeting of the Natural History Society was held in the parliament buildings yesterday evening, when Dr. Horne, R. N., of the naval hospital, Equilmal, gave a most interesting paper on "Germs," which was much appreciated by the audience, among whom were several medical men. Dr. Horne and his friends had most thoughtfully provided a number of microscopes, under which were placed all the well known dangerous germs at present known to science. There was the typhoid germ, affre. Dr. Horne carefully manipulated the living germ out of a small phial which he had brought with him and placed it safely under the microscope. The tuberculosis germ was brought from the Jubilee hospital by the worthy president. The diphtheria germ, the appendicitis germ and various others were shown and explained. Dr. Horne also showed how medical science had conquered those dread diseases, diphtheria and typhoid. In the same way that Dr. Jenner had conquered the smallpox years ago, and the hope is strong that in the near future the dread disease of consumption, that scourge of many happy homes, will be added to the list of triumphs.
After listening to the doctor's paper, examining the numerous phials with their dangerous contents, seeing the wonders under the microscope, the ordinary lay mind was filled with amazement not only why people died, but with all dangers

REMAINS AT TOKIO.
The Mikado Will Not Go to Kyoto as Was Originally Intended.
Tokio, Feb. 23.—The plan arranged for the Emperor and imperial household to move to Kyoto has been temporarily abandoned, and it is now thought better not to remove until after the closing of the special session of the diet early in April. The inconvenience of removing the seat of government and convening the diet at Kyoto is the reason assigned for the change in the plan. Small interest is manifested in the forthcoming general election. The war overshadows all political questions just now. The country is united politically, and it is expected that the new diet will fully support the government and cordially approve all measures concerning the war.

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NOTED PIANIST COMING.
Harold Bauer Will Give Concert at the Victoria on March 23rd.
Arrangements have been made for a concert to be given at the Victoria theatre on March 23rd by Harold Bauer, the world-famous pianist, pupil and rival of Paderewski. Mrs. D. R. Harris, of the Royal Alexandra College of Music, is arranging for the concert and announces that a guarantee subscription list will be opened at Messrs. Fletcher Bros' store, Government street, to-morrow morning. The tickets will be \$1.50, \$1 and 75 cents. This is certainly very reasonable and there is no doubt that lovers of music will take every advantage of the opportunity afforded to hear a master on the piano. Harold Bauer is twenty-nine years of age, and has played before every monarch of Europe. The critics of the metropolitan press of many countries are unanimous in describing him as one of the first musicians of the day.

STRIKE ON RICHARD III.
Promising Ore Body Encountered on Mt. Slicker Last Saturday.
J. H. Whitmore, secretary of the Richard III. Mining Company, came down yesterday to attend the meeting of the Provincial Mining Association. He brought news of a new strike on this promising property on Saturday last, from which great things are expected. It was made on the five hundred foot level, and about five hundred feet east of the Tye boundary.
Mr. Whitmore also brought down several samples of Richard III. ore for assay. They are not from the main body, which is a continuation of the Tye body, but from one which parallels it and runs east. Three of these samples assayed respectively, \$20.23, \$106.45 and \$26 in gold, silver and copper.
The new strike is seven feet wide, and will be followed up as once. The Richard III. began shipping to the Crofton smelter yesterday in pursuance of the contract with the Northwestern Smelting & Refining Co. The shipments at first will be fifty tons per day, but these will increase proportionately to the development of the mine. A considerable quantity of ore, about one thousand tons, is on the dump ready for transportation to the smelter. The Richard III. people are much gratified with the outlook for their property.

CONVENTION HAS BEGUN BUSINESS

MINING ASSOCIATION DISCUSSED PROXIES

Resolutions of Sympathy With Friends of Capt. Livingston Thompson and N. P. Shaw Passed.

The Provincial Mining Association is still without a good number of their delegates. These were expected to arrive last evening, but the delay on the way prevented their getting in by last night's steamer. They will be here this evening.

Upon the resuming of business of the convention this morning H. E. Crossdale presented the report of the credential committee, recommending the following as members of the convention:

- Atlin—J. H. Brownlee, John Fountain, Chas. Jones and J. Lynecombe.
- Ashcroft—J. Lehman.
- Bulkley—W. N. Bissett, W. W. Bissett, J. B. Hobson, G. J. Hoffmeyer and W. H. Wheeler.
- Clinton—Thos. Barton.
- Nelson—H. E. Crossdale, E. Jacobs, L. K. Larsen, G. W. McBride, J. G. Nelson, W. B. Poole and T. G. Procter.
- Nicola—Aspen Grove, A. E. Howse and J. E. Hester.
- Quesnelle Lake—J. Moore.
- Rossland—B. Duke, A. C. Galt, J. James, K. Martin, A. McMillan, A. Pendray, M. E. Purcell, T. H. Reed, D. Thomas, D. R. Thomas, G. Tippett, H. Neuman and F. H. Blocker.
- Soda Lake—W. Adams, W. Collins.
- Quesnelle Lake—J. Moore.
- Trail—N. Biens and D. Moore.
- Vancouver—A. B. Clayton, J. Findlay, C. F. Jackson, H. T. Lockyer, R. P. McLennan, T. J. Smith, G. Hilliard, J. McAdam, F. Richards and George Wilton.

Victoria—A. F. Gwynn, J. R. Beckwith, C. H. Lugin, J. W. Bolden, A. E. MacEachern, J. C. Mapleton, R. Machin, H. C. Newton, A. A. Sparks, A. R. Sheek, A. J. Morley, J. Patterson, D. W. Higgins, Dr. T. J. Jones, Hon. E. Dewdney, F. I. Clarke, H. B. Thompson, F. Higgins, H. C. Dellinger and H. J. Scott.

Barkerville—John Popp.
Salt Spring—Clive Phillips-Welley.
Mr. Crossdale said that the committee did not feel like seating the Vancouver delegation without referring the matter to the convention. An irregularity occurred with respect to this owing to a question arising as to December 31st. The committee strongly recommended that the Vancouver delegates be seated.

In reply to D. W. Higgins, Mr. Crossdale said that proxies were allowed. There were very few of these, however. President Keen, referring to the question of the Vancouver delegation, pointed out that the constitution provided that the year should end on December 31st. After the last convention some of the branch organizations became permanent ones about May. It was proposed now to make all dues payable before December 31st.

The report of the credential committee was thereupon adopted.
President Keen read the following report of the executive committee:

Gentlemen:—The policy of the association has been to endeavor to aid the government to promote the mining industry, and we recognize it to be our duty to provide them with all data at our disposal and all information within our reach for the attainment of the best possible conditions for the promotion, encouragement and highest development of the mining industry in the province, and to assist him, members on both sides of the House by providing them with copies of the resolutions passed by the last convention, as amplified by your committee; and we have been at the service of the government whenever they choose to call upon us.

Our first work, as outlined by the convention, was to do all that we could to ameliorate the industrial conditions which existed at the time we last met in this room; and the first committee appointed by you for that purpose did their work on those lines in the settlement of the Ferrale strike during the entire month of March last.

The report of that committee has been laid before you, on page 622 of the proceedings of the last convention, to which I beg to refer you.
As to the amount of remedial legislation which has been able to accomplish, it is only necessary to remind you that as government since we became an association has been in a really strong enough position to do very much in the way of thorough and complete investigation of our suggestions; but we have reason to hope that relief may be obtained at no very distant date.

Two recommendations made at the last convention, however, were put into effect by the late government, viz.:
1. The sale of crown granted mineral claims for delinquent taxes which we then about to take place, when the lands would have been sold without the right of redemption, was postponed and the law was so altered as to provide time (eight months) for the unfortunate owners to redeem what they had temporarily lost; and
2. The granting of the same class of claims for the purpose of work, whereby a man can now spend sixteen hundred dollars upon one claim and do some telling work, to represent eight claims, instead of spending \$200 on each of the eight claims and accomplishing nothing, or practically nothing.

The executive of our association attempted to secure another reform, viz.:
The rescinding of the power given to attorneys-in-fact, acting for the numerous foreign companies in this country, to sell and lease stock, and transfer property. We regret to say that this, although the Companies Act was amended in other respects, this reform was not carried out.

During the past year we have held four meetings of the executive—one meeting was held in Victoria, one at Vancouver, one at Rossland and one at Kamloops—each of which meetings covered the members for periods of from three to eight days.

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REPORTED CAPTURE OF TORPEDO BOATS

THE JAPS TAKE MORE RUSSIAN VESSELS

Success of Navy May Enable Army to Fix Base Further North Than Chemulpo.

London, Feb. 23.—The Nagasaki correspondent of the Daily Telegraph under date of February 22nd, reports that the Japanese squadron has captured four Russian torpedo boats at Port Arthur by means of using Russian signals.

No other news of this attack has been received in London, but the Chief correspondent of the Morning Post dated yesterday says the statement is current that the Japanese torpedo boat destroyers in the attack on Port Arthur of February 14th sunk or damaged two Russian battleships in addition to the torpedo boat already reported.

It is possible therefore that the report of the Telegraph's Nagasaki correspondent also refers to the earlier attack.

A correspondent of the Associated Press cables that Port Arthur is now strictly a naval stronghold and the forts are being manned by naval gunners.

The report that large bodies of Chinese and other troops are occupying Newchwang and Hsin Ming Tin are unfounded.

A Daily Mail dispatch from Hongkong says a British squadron is there, and that a co-operation of land and sea forces of warships is occurring in the Indo-China, this supposedly as a result of the Anglo-French understanding.

Indefinite reports of the movements of troops in the vicinity of the Yalu river and statements of attempts to cut the Siberian railroad are also published this morning.

The Wei-Hai-Wei correspondent of the Times describes a visit to Chemulpo on February 19th and the Japanese landing of ration there, which he says demonstrated that the Japanese military organization is superior to that of any European power.

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note is to the following effect, although the text is not yet obtainable: "That the Russian government, believing all civilized powers to be faithfully desirous that the law of nations shall be strictly adhered to in the present war, respectfully calls the attention of the neutral governments to these two instances in which Japan has violated this law."

St. Petersburg, Feb. 23.—Heavy snow and blizzards over the Siberian railroad, especially east of Baikal, are largely increasing the difficulties of transporting troops, beside better enabling Chinese brigades to operate.

Ying Kow, Feb. 22.—Viceroy Alexieff and his full staff have just arrived at Harbin, where headquarters have been established.

Paris, Feb. 22.—Regarding the office of the French Red Cross Society to send relief immediately to Manchuria, the Russian ambassador has written to Russian military authorities on the subject.

Tokio, Feb. 22.—The news of the escape from death of the crew of the Nakamura Maru was received with the feeling of bitter joy, as the Russians on account of the sinking of the bureau have been created and regulations regarding the treatment of prisoners of war published.

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Japan's action in Korea amounts to an acceptance of responsibility of the safety of foreigners throughout Korea, and all apprehensions of local disturbances have been allayed.

The road as far as Hwang Ju is good. The conditions are such that it would be almost impossible for the Russians to present to check the Japanese advance.

On the other hand, should the Japanese successfully occupy it, they will have a clear field and an open road behind them over which they can hurry additional troops as they are needed.

her army in East Asia. The paper takes a pessimistic view of the capacity of the trans-Siberian railroad, and especially of the section crossing Lake Baikal, where it says the difficulties to be overcome are enormous.

The paper assumes the present strength of the Russian army in Eastern Asia to be 158,761 men, and upon the foregoing estimate of time required to move troops, it declares it will not be until April 26th before Russia can raise the strength of her East Asia army to 233,000 men.

Washington, Feb. 22.—The state department has heard nothing whatever from United States Consul Miller at Newchwang touching the troubles he has had with Russian officials in endeavoring to carry out the department's instructions to look after Japanese interests at that port.

London, Feb. 23.—Telegrams from Vienna and Salonica published here this morning give uncontradicted details of preparations pointing to a war between Turkey and Bulgaria.

Paris, Feb. 23.—M. Poincaré, the Serbian minister here, said today: "From the time of the rupture of relations between Japan and Russia, the sympathy of all Serbians has been with the cause of the Serbs."

Unless promptly treated, the great strength of Neville enables it to quickly cure all manner of sprains and strains. I sprained my wrist while working in the mill, but had to lay off, it became so painful and swelled.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Late tonight the state department received a cablegram from Mr. Powell, dated at Santo Domingo, February 16th, saying:

"A decisive battle has been fought between the government forces and the insurgents. It extended over two days and resulted in a victory for the government. The siege has been raised and the insurgents are in retreat."

Washington, Feb. 21.—A belated dispatch, dated February 12th, from Captain J. M. Miller, of the cruiser Columbia, which, with the Newark, is in San Domingo waters, brings official confirmation of the Associated Press dispatch regarding the capture of the insurgent vessels.

According to Captain Miller's dispatch the ship occurred on the river about two miles from Santo Domingo, probably at Pajarito, the place mentioned in the press dispatches as the locality of the bombardment.

There are now 8,000 motor cars registered in Paris and its suburbs. Of these, 8,500 have a registered speed of twenty miles an hour or more.

A month on trial. Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic Cure. Write for free book on treatment. Address Dr. Shoop Box 918 Racine, Wis.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

Montreal, Feb. 22.—The railways to-day reported that freight was moving more freely to-day in Ontario than for a month past, and that if the mild weather continues they would soon be able to get things in fair shape again.

Newfoundland's Coast. Newfoundland has a unique, important and commanding position. It is at no great distance from the North American continent, and practically stretches across the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Nelson. The chief business at the second day's proceedings of the Presbytery of the Kootenays was arranging for the induction of Rev. Mr. Ferguson, the pastor in Scotland, who has accepted a call to St. Paul's church in this city.

Rosland. The annual report of the Le Rol, No. 2 Co., shows a satisfactory condition of affairs. For the year ending September 30th last the company earned profits of \$15,471, of which \$6,000 will be utilized to pay a dividend of one shilling per share.

Too Many Londons. It would appear from the 1904 edition of the London Directory, just issued, that there are too many acres of local government in the Metropolis.

Mr. Wm. Davidson Suffered for Years from Liver Complaint and Kidney Disease. Mr. William Davidson, Oliver street, Quebec, P. Q., is convinced that Paine's Celery Compound is a wonderful medicine.

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Wanted. To buy and sell furniture, stoves, heaters, crockery, tools, clothing, pictures, books, etc., etc. at the I. X. Second-hand Store, No. 8 Store street, next to E. & N. Station.

Wanted. To let—Small well furnished cottage, Apply 32 Quadra street. For rent—10 acres, all cleared, 4 roomed cottage, outbuildings, etc., at Williams & Co., 104 Yates street.

Wanted. To let—Housekeeping rooms, single or en suite, quiet people, no children; private house. Address "Rooms," P. O. Box 437. To let—Good cottage, with modern conveniences. Heisterman & Co.

Wanted. For sale—Horse and express wagon, in perfect condition. Apply 180 Douglas street, or to James Keown, on stand, Yates street, between Broad and Douglas streets.

Wanted. For sale—Strawberry plants—Magnum, Improved Sharpless, Royal Sovereign, Gladstone, and twenty other varieties. Write for free descriptive price list.

Wanted. For sale—Strawberry plants—Best variety for garden culture, heavy bearers, last year yielded 60 lbs. of fruit from 120 2-year-old plants; \$1.50 per 100 delivered.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

ONLY ROUTINE BEFORE MEETING LAST NIGHT

Permission Obtained From Department of Public Works to Build Rock Bay Roadway.

Considerable business was transacted by the city council in regular session last night. The meeting was held in the committee room, the council chamber in the upper part of the building having been in use for the smoker tendered the mining association.

In the order of communications a letter from the department of public works, Ottawa, was read, authorizing the council to proceed with the building of the roadway at the head of Rock Bay. The letter was received and filed, and will be duly acknowledged.

The street trustees' Association asked for a conference with the city representatives on matters pertaining to the business of that organization. Received and filed. The council will meet the grocers on Monday evening.

Lindley Chase, on behalf of the Anglican Synod, asked that steps be taken which would result in the laying out of certain cemetery property. The synod contemplated improvements, for which the council was requested to do the conveying. Referred to the city engineer and cemetery committee.

Stacoe Lense called attention to what he described as the neglected condition of the sidewalk, Young and Carr streets from the sawing and cutting of wood. The writer protested against the usage of the streets for this purpose.

All Beckwith thought that this complaint was one for the police commissioners to deal with, and moved accordingly.

The motion carried, Ald. Vincent intimating that he intended shortly bringing in a by-law which would do away with such nuisances.

Moore & Whittington asked for permission to cut down some poplar trees on Hayward avenue. Referred to the park committee for report.

The Master Plumbers' Association applied for the installation of a telephone in the inspector's office. Received and filed.

City Clerk Dowler reported having received a number of communications applying for civic improvements which had been referred to the different departments interested. Received and filed.

The city plumbing inspector suggested the calling of new tenders for certain work to be done in the city hall. Received and adopted.

Earnest T. Brazg, of the water commissioner's department, asked for an increase in salary. Laid on the table, to be considered when the city estimates are taken up.

The Victoria Cricket Club asked for permission to remove their pavilion from Beacon hill to their new grounds. Request granted, conditionally on a back street being used for moving purposes.

Tenders for printing the waterworks by-law were received from the Central Job Printing Company at \$21; the Victoria Printing & Publishing Company, \$23; the Colman Printing & Publishing Company, 21; and W. Graham, \$33.00. The contract was awarded to the first-named firm on the understanding that the work is all done in Victoria.

Tenders for the supply of valves were next opened and referred to the purchasing agent.

The contract for the supply of carbons was awarded to Hinton & Co., and tenders for the supply of globes were referred to the purchasing agent.

The electric light committee considered that another light was needed on St. Charles street, but reported that the circuit there is already full. The committee recommended the placing of two lights, one at the corner of Hillside avenue and Third street, and the other on Rad street. The report was adopted.

The finance committee recommended the payment of accounts totalling \$9,935. Carried.

The special committee appointed to investigate the complaint arising over the killing of a cow, reported that the city poundkeeper was in no way to blame, but, under the circumstances, advised a compromise in the settlement of the claim made against the city by the owner. The recommendation was approved and the matter was left in the hands of the mayor.

The streets, bridges and sewers committee reported, recommending that the bond of A. O. Roy, contractor for the removal of certain buildings be not exceed from \$500. Regarding the communication from the local manager of the B. C. Electric Railway Company, dated the 11th inst., asking the council to instruct the city engineer to advise his company that the three bridges in the city are in a proper condition for ordinary tramway travel as regulated by by-law, they recommended that the city engineer be authorized to send a reply in the same terms as were contained in an answer, dated May 23rd, 1903, to a similar letter from the said company, dated May 15th, 1903. The report was adopted.

The council then resolved itself into committee to consider the by-law to amend the Sewer By-law, 1902.

On rising, the committee reported progress, and after a motion had been brought in by Ald. Fell to compel the owners of certain property in Spring Ridge to take steps to prevent the roadway adjoining from falling away, the meeting adjourned.

POLLARD COMPANY OPEN.

Appeared in "The Belle of New York" Last Evening.

The Pollard Company opened their engagement at the Victoria theatre last night before a good-sized audience. The bill was "The Belle of New York," a production in which they appear to have secured considerable success in their various tours. In this connection it is worth noting that on the programme the author impresses on the public the fact that "whatever the play is, it is all that is claimed for it, that it is what it is and nothing else." Just so; it is precisely what it is, and nobody would have the effrontery to insinuate that it was anything else. The author has much to answer for the trashiest and most absurd melange ever turned loose on the theatrical market.

In a way, however, it is a good vehicle for the display of the Pollard Company's marked cleverness, and as such is not so uninteresting as it is in the hands of adults. The youngsters, as usual, acquitted themselves admirably and greatly delighted those whom they were entertaining. But they unmistakably showed the effects of the prolonged tour now nearing an end, especially in their singing. They are growing rapidly, too, and it will not be long before some of them will be graduated into another sphere.

Jack evinced his usual energy and ability in the part of Ichabod Bronson and Teddy McNamara caused much amusement as Hinky Bill McDuck, the pugilist. The other lads, Fred Pollard and Oscar Heintz were in good form. Of the girls, Alice Pollard sang and acted the part of the Salvation Army lassie admirably; Daphne was an excellent Cora Angelique, the comic opera queen, while Olive Moore made a dainty Piffi, the Parisienne. Little Moore had her old part of Harry Brownson. Perhaps the biggest hit of the evening was scored by Teddy McNamara and Merle Pollard in their song and dance, "The Belle of New York," and Jack Pollard's singing of the "Prince of Pilsen" success "It Was the Dutch."

"A Gaiety Girl" will be given tonight. Seats for the Saturday matinee were opened to-day.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Geo. A. Hall, for twenty-three years New York state secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, died at his home in Montreal, N. J., on Monday, aged 64 years.

A London dispatch announces the death of Sir Leslie Stephens, president of the Ethical Society. He was born in 1832. He was known as a critic and biographer. He began and for nine years edited the "Dictionary of National Biography" and edited the Cornhill Magazine. He was knighted in June, 1902.

The United States battleship Kentucky, flagship of the American Asiatic fleet, has been ordered to Hongkong, where she will be docked for the purpose of making minor repairs. It is regarded as probable that Admiral Evans will have the remainder of the battleship squadron accompany him to Hongkong.

The thermometer at Montreal on Monday touched 36 degrees, the highest point since December 20th.

The National Club, Montreal, will banquet the federal ministers March 7th, at Palace Vigor hotel. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is expected to attend.

Cyrus E. McCrady, cashier of the First National Bank, and treasurer of the Co-operative Building & Loan Association, Seymour, Ind., has admitted his accounts are short with the two institutions. The amount is estimated to be \$14,500 with the bank, and \$13,000 with the Building & Loan Association.

Mr. McCrady's property, valued at over \$15,000, has been turned over to a trustee for his creditors. Both institutions are secured by bonds.

Miss Mary Armstrong, daughter of Irving Armstrong, of Exeter, a well-known cattle dealer, fell under the G. T. R. train and had her right leg cut off. Her condition is serious.

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MINING DELEGATES ATTEND A SMOKER

An Enjoyable Evening Spent—Short Speeches Interspersed With Vocal and Instrumental Music.

The visiting delegates to the Provincial Mining Association were entertained last evening in the city hall by the local branch, assisted by the Board of Trade and the Tourist Association. Other attractions in the city drew away from the attendance somewhat. There was, however, a very fair representation present, and an enjoyable evening was spent. After the city council had adjourned all the members attended the smoker. Roland Machin, president of the local branch, presided.

An orchestra, led by Geo. Weiner, was in attendance, and during the evening gave many selections. There were also a good number of excellent vocal selections interspersed among speeches. Those contributing solos were Herbert Knott, Arthur Wheeler, Fred Richardson, Ross Munro and H. Binn. Mr. McLennan gave exhibitions of sleight of hand work which afforded a great deal of amusement.

W. Higgins gave an excellent reading, the remainder of the evening being taken up with short speeches.

A. C. Galt, in his address, answered the charge that was sometimes made that the Provincial Mining Association was an irresponsible body, and as such should not presume to advise the legislature. In their work the association had pursued the same course as the greatest statesman in England, Hon. Jos. Chamberlain. He did not pretend to say that that statesman had followed the example set by the association, but he had pursued a very similar course in forming a commission of all the industries interested in the scheme under consideration for the purpose of fully inquiring into conditions.

The Mining Association had taken the best informed men in the industry into council in order to advise the government as to the needs. The proceedings of the association were published. The arguments were put before the public. They proceeded upon broad, reasonable ground. He referred to the two per cent. tax which was recognized among mining men as grievous and unjust. The association had advanced so far as to get one and perhaps the political parties to agree with them on this point. Action had not been taken in removing it because a substitute could not be found. That was not an altogether satisfactory reason, but the association would find one. It would keep pegging away until a substitute was suggested, which would be accepted.

John Keen, the president of the association, was sorry there were not more representatives present from Vancouver Island. It was second to none as a mining district in British Columbia. He had just spent some of these mines. He had just spent some of these mines. He had just spent some of these mines.

Senator Templeman was glad to have the association again assemble in annual convention in Victoria. Setting forth the reasons why he should speak in a mining convention, he told of an investment he had made many years ago in a mining company and of the fortunes of the mine. Before the Senator finished his remarks the entire audience was in sympathetic laughter, showing that his experience in such matters was not a solitary one. Continuing, he said that that investment had been a permanent investment. Since that time in a small way he had assisted prospectors in different times, but had not yet "struck it rich." It was some time said that Victoria was conservative. (Laughter.) He meant with respect to investing, because it was well known in every other sense it was liberal. But he thought it was not correct to say that Victoria was conservative with respect to investing in mining. Capitalists and small business men in this city in the early days of mining had done much to encourage the industry. They had not been slow to use their means in encouraging quartz mining at the inception of the mining industry. Like most pioneers they had sunk their money without getting returns. Their successors in the Kootenay had reaped the results.

Continuing, Senator Templeman said that he had had another connection with mining, that was in assisting to get the head bounty. It had been a difficult proposition. Finally \$500,000 had been appropriated for this purpose. He hoped that it would do all that was expected of it, and that it would put the industry on its feet. He believed that her mines as yet put British Columbia well to the front. Referring to the action for a department of mining at Ottawa, he thought that much might be done by such, whether as a separate department or united with some other. He closed by hoping that all the visiting delegates would strike it rich; that after making their fortunes they would come down to the city of Victoria, build palatial residences and live happy ever after.

Capt. Clive Phillips-Wolke gave a very entertaining speech. He had been asked what farmers were doing at the convention. He said he would proceed to answer that. Farming in British Columbia was a charitable matter. Farmers, he had learned, lived not to make money, but simply to maintain Brackman & Ker and E. G. Prior & Co. But there were good reasons why the hayseeds should be in this mining association. There were no such kickers as farmers. They must have learned by this time that to get governments to do anything they must have men who would kick every day, and as many nights as possible. The farmer was the man for that. Another reason why farmers should be represented was because there was a feeling prevailed as soon as an industry was established in a country, that it was seeking its own to the detriment of all others. If these other industries were represented it would serve to dispel this. The hayseeds like himself would form an opposition and thus work to the advantage of all.

His Worship Mayor Bernard referred

to the many capacities in which as Mayor of the city he appeared before them. In a very humorous way he applied these, but concluded by stating that whether as Mayor, as president of the Tourist Association, as president of the Agricultural Association or as in any other capacity, he welcomed the delegates to Victoria.

Hon. B. Deschamps recalled incidents connected with the early history of mining in British Columbia. He recited some of his own experiences extending back to the first days of mining in the province. He had mined in nearly every section of the country, Similkameen, Kootenay, Cassiar, and the Peace River district. His address was a very interesting one, and appealed alike to the old-time miners and the later workers in the industry.

It was announced during the evening that on Thursday evening from 10 to 12 a smoker would be given by G. Hartnagle at the Driford.

An invitation from the Pacific Club was extended to all the delegates in the city.

M. Bantley, H. Behrens, T. Gold and the Province Clear Co. generously provided cigars for the evening. Their generosity was much appreciated by all concerned.

START OF BRITISH MUSEUM.

An observer recalls the interesting circumstances of the establishment of the British Museum. The funds for the institution were raised by a lottery, which was authorized in 1753 by an act of parliament, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Chancellor and the Speaker being the managers and trustees, each to receive £100 as an honorarium. The amount of the lottery is said to have been a million and a half dollars (£300,000), and raised by £3 tickets, to provide £200,000 for prizes, varying in value from £10,000 to £10, and £100,000 for the purchase of the museum's nucleus—the Shoenoe collections and the Harleian library—£150,000 to provide for the acquisitions and to meet other expenses. It will be remembered that the lottery became notorious through the activities of a certain Peter Leheup, who shrewdly cornered the tickets and had them sold at a premium. Leheup was afterwards prosecuted for breach of trust, and fined £1,000, which could not have troubled him much, as his profits from the deal were £40,000.—Harper's Weekly.

Montreal dealers on Monday again advanced the price of some fifteen cents per barrel, making a total of sixty-five cents in the last month. The Montreal Master Bakers' Association is keeping the price of bread two cents a large loaf. They say that if flour goes to \$5.75, they will put on another cent, and if it touches \$6 it will be increased by two cents more.

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GETTING THE NEWS.

"The reading public will have observed by this time that the evening papers get the best of it on the war news. And, we may add, that nothing but generosity prompts us to leave a few small vessels over for the morning.

The above paragraph is from the Toronto Star. Our contemporary is an adept at the gentle art of rally, it delights in the jocose methods of the "joshing." But in the above lines it speaks the literal truth. The evening paper of this day and generation on this continent gets the news first. There are various circumstances that conspire to the present war the arrangement of the affairs of the universe helps the evening paper out. The Sun comes to our assistance. There is a difference of about eight hours in solar time between Victoria and London. The British metropolis is still the great news centre, as it is yet the political nerve centre and the financial centre of the world. The morning papers there gather the news regardless of cost. The Associated Press of Canada and the United States supplies a larger clientele than any other similar organization in the world. It has representatives at the seat of war who have already proved themselves the equals of the "specials" of the great dailies in gathering and forwarding news to the spot where it is in the greatest demand. There are two Victoria old-time newspaper men engaged in this work for the Associated Press. In addition to this the American agency has correspondents in every city of importance in Europe, including London. Every sentence of importance or interest that appears in the great journals of London, Paris, Berlin or St. Petersburg, relating to the war or to complications likely to result from the war, is immediately telegraphed to this side, the difference in time making it available for the evening newspapers. That is why the evening papers get the news first, and why they always will get it first as far as this continent is concerned. They print the news when it is news. Readers of this generation want news when it is still news. Hence the popularity of the evening paper.

"SHOULDER TO SHOULDER."

Notwithstanding the fact that we are accustomed to look to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer for sane, sober, intelligent and interesting treatment of almost every subject that passes under the editorial eye in these days of stirring events and momentous possibilities, we have no hesitation about admitting that the following, which appeared in our Sound contemporary last week, almost caused a gasp or two of surprise:

"War is dreadful to consider, hideous to contemplate. No one right minded can view the possibilities of war and particularly those of the present conflict without regret, without forebodings of tempestuous times ahead. "We of the red-blooded Anglo-Saxon race, whether called Saxon, Greek, Teuton or Norse, have one common blood-tie; naught akin, nothing alike to the sluggish pulse of the Slav nor to the thinner, swifter beating flow under the pigmented skin of the Mongol race. "No man may see, no man may tell, the end of the war now in sight. "When the hosts at Armageddon gathered none knew whether the Israelites were to win or go down to defeat. "In either case the winner will be bound to us by no strong tie. Behind either will be uncoumted millions who never have borne the white man's burden. They resist his forward march. Friends they each may be, though friends but lightly bound. "Not so, like them, 'this little speck, the British Isles' they of the hearts of oak. Americans, standing wholly aloof, will look wistfully towards their British brethren should they, haply, stand at arms. "It is not beyond vision that this should come. Should the ships of Nippon sink, by treaty English anchor is secured. "When that time comes may the Angel of Peace fortend—then, as Taitai said half a century ago, at Pei-Ho, they shall find that 'blood is thicker than water.' More than that. Neutral as we will try to be and should be between Russia and Japan, let England once be involved and neutrality is bound to cease. We can not stand by idly then, but hands across the straits—we may say to

our blood-brethren over the border, as the poet of our common heritage said: "Come the three corners of the world in arms. And we shall shock them. Nought shall make us rue, If England to itself do rest but true." There are other indications than the above that the misunderstandings, the jealousies and the quarrels of the past are slowly passing out of the minds of our neighbors and that a rapprochement is being slowly but surely effected which we hope, which all must hope who have the interests of human liberty and straight dealing at heart, still endure the strains time will surely bring and result in a lasting understanding and cordial co-operation for the good of mankind between the people of the United States and of Great Britain.

But it would be a mistake to spread the impression that the entire press of the United States is in accord with the Seattle Post-Intelligencer as it stretches the hand of brotherhood and fellowship across the border. There has been a marked change in the public sentiment of the United States towards Great Britain within the last few years. The persistence with which Imperial statesmen have followed up their purpose of winning the confidence of our southern neighbors, we think we may say the sacrifices they have made in order to convince Americans of the disinterested nature of British friendship, the rebuffs (might we not also say the insults?) they have ignored in their determined pursuit of their object—the conciliatory attitude at last beginning to have an effect. The "tail twister is no longer a power in the land. We in Canada welcome the change of attitude as cordially as do the people of our Mother Country or our cousins once removed in the republic.

But while we recognize that there is occasion for rejoicing when a newspaper like the Seattle Post-Intelligencer—the advocate of the cause of the dominant political party in the United States, a party the world cannot but pray will remain in power until statesmen are raised up to lead the Democratic party—while admitting that it is a hopeful sign for the world when the leading Republican newspaper in the great Northwest comes boldly forth and proclaims in the words of the poet of "the race" that: "Come the three corners of the world in arms. And we shall shock them. Nought shall make us rue, If England to itself do rest but true."

there are other organs of public opinion in the United States which play an entirely different tune. They are influential journals, too, after their kind. When the San Francisco Examiner tells its readers that England had better be careful lest she offend Russia by peering too closely into the affairs of Tibet, because it is not meet for a decadent nation to flaunt defiance in the face of a power only a virile people such as the Japanese—and possibly also the Americans—are capable of dealing with; when the Examiner prints such nonsense it echoes what is being said in the yellow journals of all the large cities of the United States; it speaks in the name of the man who aspires to the presidency of the United States—a post all the world should pray that neither he nor any of his kind shall ever attain to.

THE MINING ASSOCIATION.

The leading spirits in the British Columbia Mining Association are impressive in their evident ability and capacity for the accomplishment of results. They are full of grit and determination. Having determined that certain things must be done in order to speedily secure the development of the resources committed to their charge, they will not give up until they have gained the goal. They do not demand that the mining industry shall be exempt from its proper share of taxation. They recognize that all the industries of the province must contribute their proper share towards the maintenance of the institutions under which material progress on this continent is possible. The machinery of the law, they admit, must be kept in motion. All they ask is that there shall be no discrimination; that the burdens, great as they unfortunately are, shall be distributed as equitably as possible. This as regards the relations of the Association to the provincial government.

The active representatives of the Mining Association have gained from the Dominion government the concessions they believed necessary to re-establish the lead mining industry on a firm and permanent basis. All that was necessary to accomplish this result was evidence of sincerity of purpose. We are sure that if the members of the provincial government were to receive the representations of the Association in an equal spirit of cordiality and frankness, there would soon be an end of the mistaken impression that the mining body is a political association. There are men of all forms of political belief and all manner of callings within its ranks, and if it were proposed to relieve mining of any of its just imposts and carry them over to the agricultural, the mercantile, the mechanical, or the general classes, the dissolution of the Mining Association would speedily be announced.

POLITICAL PROSPECTS.

Mr. Borden, the leader of the Conservative party, has been discussing the chances of the Conservative party in the next general election. He is not very sure as to the general result, but he says his party will "divide" Nova Scotia and New Brunswick with the Liberals. The leader does not even hazard a guess as to the nature of the division. Liberals in the East maintain that the division will be a very unequal one, but Mr. Borden may mean that he will secure as many followers from the two provinces as Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The present leader differs from his predecessor in that he does not on principle claim everything. He will not even hazard a guess as to how Quebec will go, what will be the effect in Ontario of the obliteration of the gerrymander, or what

the West will think of his indefensible opposition to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. He hopes for victory, but does not explain the manner in which the necessary turnover is to be accomplished. Mr. Hordeu would be a curious leader if he had no hopes of success. It would be a cruel thing to place a man in such a position, involving great sacrifices on the part of one endowed with qualifications for the post, and to withhold from him at the same time any prospect of mere leadership becoming actual leadership. We therefore cannot reasonably expect from the present head of the Conservative party anything less optimistic than confidence in the prospects of the party.

At the same time it is well to point out that the Liberals have no doubts as to their ability, in the event of a general election being held this year or next, of retaining a majority equal to their present predominance in Parliament. On every hand they are surrounded by circumstances which tend to confirm them in their belief. The opposition maintains that "adequate protection" must be accorded the industries of the country before Canada can attain to a satisfactory industrial position. That is their theory, advanced in such a lame and halting manner that it is accepted as merely an excuse for opposition to the policy of the administration. The fact opposed to this theory is that there is no country in the world as prosperous as Canada is to-day, and no country in the world with brighter prospects. No system of taxation could be devised that would improve the present condition or the future prospects of the people. That is the fundamental and fixed political belief of the vast majority of the Canadians, and in accordance with that belief they will assuredly express themselves at the polls when the time comes.

The Russians say they are going to drive the Japanese into the sea, when they get ready for business. In the meantime the Japanese are driving the Russians in to the depths and off the surface of the sea. The little men are having their turn now. The turn of the big fellows may never come, excepting, of course, their turn to turn back.

The morning papers in all cities from the far west to the remote east are arranging with the great London and New York dailies for special war services, and the evening papers are getting the news first.

OUR PREMIER INDUSTRY.

The exports of Canadian farm products—our sales to other countries—were fourteen million greater last year than all our other exports put together—greater than all the combined sales abroad from our forests, our fisheries, our mines, our manufactures, our ships. Canada's total sales to other countries last year came to \$214,000,000. Farm produce gave \$114,000,000 of that.

THE FIGHTERS.

The following comparison of the fighters in the Far East is out of the ordinary. It is from the Toronto World: The Japs have a little country and are land-hungry. The Russians have the greater half of all Europe and Asia and are land-surfed. The Japs are concentrated. The Russians are spread out. The Jap is an islander and seafaring, a naval as well as a land fighter. The Russ is a landlubber, but a plodding fighter. The Jap is fighting in his own back yard. The Russ is fighting five thousand miles from home. The Jap is a teetotaler. The Russ is a hard drinker. The Jap has short legs. The Russ has long ones. The Jap has the sympathy of the Englishman, of the Yankee, of most of civilization. The Russ has few friends outside his country, has incurred the just hatred of the world-wide Jew.

THREE KINDS IN STOCK.

Cleveland Leader. Elderly Woman (to the department store)—Where's the pin counter? Floor Walker—What kind, hat, hair or rolling?

PRESERVED ANCESTORS.

Exchange. Electro-plated corpses will be the right thing to have about the house in future, as a professor—and, of course, a German one—has just devised a method of converting every "body" into a life-size silver statue of him or herself, that is if the heirs, administrators, executors and assigns can stand the expense, which is quoted at \$2,500. Although the usual costs of burial or cremation must be deducted from this figure, it would certainly appear as if the favorite expression, "the dear departed," would acquire an added force under these conditions. Still, it will be a grand thing—say in A. D. 3000 and onward—for people to have real "ancestral halls," with their ancestors in them. Millions, of course, have been buried "done in gold," perhaps even some more costly metal. Perhaps even some more costly metal. Perhaps even some more costly metal.

A JURIASTIC COURTESY.

In the old days of provincial press, says an English contemporary, there was a subtle freemasonry which extended from the editor right down to the junior devil. This was—it is no more. In one of the Midlands towns the organ of the Liberal party was owned by an insouciant politician, who thought himself a statesman, and compelled his paper to record the lie. The rival paper was run by a bunch of Tories, with cash, but not much intelligence. The politician hired a smart editor, who drank; and the enemy secured the services of a yet smarter pressman, who also drank. One Monday morning the enemy came out with a blistering leader on the Liberal organ, its proprietor and all its appointments. And the proprietor enjoined his hireling to buy some gall and "scarify that beardless boy across the street." Now, going down the street to buy the gall the Liberal editor ran across his rival, bent on the same errand. How the rest of the day was spent probably neither combatant could tell, but the man who had the contract on hand was awakened by a "sleepy voice at his side muttering: "Wonder where the gall is—I've got to now?" "If I know; but"—striking a match—"looks like the stable at the Ligon. Wonder what day it is?" They crawled round to the bar and had another, and then sought information. "It's nine o'clock of a Monday night," related the publican. "Immortal Caesar!" exclaimed the drunker of the two, "and old G— told me to say you alive in to-morrow's issue. And

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21 lbs. Sugar (Granulated) \$1.00 Saratoga Chips (Fresh and Crisp) .75c Butter, Manitoba Creamery .25c Monarch Tea Choice Ceylon 1 lb. at 30c, 5 lbs. at 26c, 10 lbs. at 25c. HARDRESS CLARKE, 86 Douglas St. Two Days' Sale; Cash Prices

I'm too drunk, old man; too damnably drunk to say anybody. "That's all right," said the less drunk of the two, "I've nothing to do to-night. Come along, and I'll say myself in your paper." The article which he wrote about himself was a monument of vituperation, and the politician was a glad man that morning.

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WORTH CULTIVATING.

If, as Dr. Savage says, Henry Ward Beecher delivered his most powerful sermons while in a trance, would it be indelicate to suggest to some of the cloth that it would be well to get in that condition? New York Herald.

HOW IT WAS DANCED BY A MAORI.

Lady Broome contributes further colonial memories (this time of old New Zealand, and tells of having been snowed up and reduced to famine rations by a terrible snow-storm. She recounts how the Governor brought down to Christchurch some Maori chiefs, and how one of them "fautlessly" eluded in correct evening dress, but with tattooed face, "danced with her."

APPENDICITIS POLICIES.

The representative of a successful firm of underwriters said yesterday that within the last few months hundreds of policies have been issued against illness or death from appendicitis. The fact that the treatment for appendicitis can rarely be successfully accomplished at home, except at enormous expense, is said to be the chief reason for the desire of many to insure against partial pecuniary loss from the disease.

THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE.

If the new Imperial ideal fails to materialize, if Canada cannot be a part of a union of free nations, the time may come—when she will work out her own destiny. But never while a spark of patriotism glows in a Canadian breast will he consent to write his name on the map of his country, and to bury his national aspirations in an inglorious grave.

REVENGE.

Little Eddie and his father had been transacting certain disagreeable business in the city. When the young man emerged there were two stains on his cheeks and a lingering look of resentment in his eyes. His Aunt Ella, in the tenderness of his heart, thought to divert his mind from his troubles, so she asked him: "What are you going to be when you grow up?" An expression of set determination came to his face and he jerked his head menacingly as he answered: "I'm going to be a father."

PERSONAL.

A. Kelling, of Portland, Ore., has been appointed local travelling passenger agent of the Canadian Pacific railway. Mr. Kelling is a railroad man of long experience. He has spent about fourteen years in the passenger and freight departments of various lines. For several years past he has been connected with the Northern Pacific.

Thomas Le Mesurier and J. B. McCallum, of the B. C. Permanent L. & S. Co., go on to-night's charmer to attend the annual meeting of that company, which will be held in Vancouver on Wednesday, Feb. 24th inst. They expect to return Thursday evening.

H. M. Harwood and H. T. James, of London, England, are among those registered at the Driad hotel. They leave for the Orient by the steamer Empress of China.

Mrs. C. Adams, of Soda Creek, was among the passengers from Vancouver last evening by the steamer Charmer. She is registered at the Dominion.

Chas. Talk, of Duncan, and W. A. Ranier and W. N. O'Neill, of Vancouver, are in the city. They are staying at the Victoria.

Mrs. H. Thomas, of Seattle, is registered at the Victoria hotel.

W. C. Hassell, of Cleveland, is in the city. He is among the guests at the Driad.

H. C. McLean, of Killarney, is registered at the Dominion hotel.

Among the guests at the Victoria hotel are the members of the Pollard opera company.

The present average yield of coffee in Puerto Rico is only 200 pounds per acre, whereas with proper cultural methods there is no doubt but that the yield could be increased to 1,000 pounds per acre. At 30 cents a pound this would place the coffee industry of Puerto Rico on a paying basis.

The Cause of Cancer Explained

Our booklet, "Cancer, its Cause and Cure," written by a physician who has made a special study of the disease, will be sent to any address for 6 cents in stamps. D. V. Stott & Jury, Bowmanville, Ont. —Another War Declared!—Black & White the popular Scotch whiskey. Once tried is always used.

'It's Coming'

Just a few more weeks to Easter. Now is the time to place your order for a new suit. OUR SPRING GOODS. Are here. The patterns are exclusive, and the variety large to choose from. Cooper & Lindlater, Fashionable Tailors, 47 Fort St., Facing Broad.

SPENCER'S Western Canada's Big Store.

On March 1st We Start Off With Stocks Clean and Fresh

Some Clearance Sales for Wednesday and Balance of the Week

Two Lines of Ladies' Wrappers 50c For 90c. and \$1.00 values.

50c and 75c Lounge Coverings for 35c Yard

90c For \$1.25, \$1.35, \$1.50 and \$1.75 values.

Sale of Tapestry Table Covers

Sale of Rubber Goods Wednesday

61 Covers go on sale Wednesday at the following prices: 20 Tapestry Covers, two yards long. Regular, \$1.50. Wednesday, 90c. 8 Tapestry Covers, two yards long. Heavy quality. Regular, \$2.50. for \$1.85. 6 Tapestry Covers. Regular, \$2.75, for \$2.15. 8 Tapestry Covers. Regular, \$3.00, for \$2.45. 7 Tapestry Covers. Regular, \$4.50 and \$5.00, for \$3.85. 8 Covers, were up to \$8.75, for \$4.75. 3 Covers, were \$12.50, for \$7.50.

Hot Water Bottles

To introduce these Hot Water Bottles we offer 64 on special sale Wednesday at a great saving. Wednesday's prices, 65c., 85c., \$1.15 and \$1.25. Usual prices, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75.

It Will Pay You to Buy Furniture This Week.

Ambition to increase our turnover sometimes leads us to the extreme in price making. We have certainly gone to that extreme in the Furniture Department this month. The result is we've increased our turnover in this department three times over compared with the same month of last year. We are under no greater expense in managing the Furniture Department than if we did not have it. Therefore we are in a position to sell furniture at the smallest margin of profit. The profit on many lines is earned right at the very beginning of this Furniture Sale of Furniture.

Sideboards From \$17.50. Bureaus, from \$8.75. Three-piece Bedroom Suites, from \$10.75. Wood Bedsteads, from \$2.50.

Japanese Rugs \$3.75 Good, large size Japanese hearth rugs. Special at above price.

Low Prices on Carpets

Children's Coats \$2.75 FROM \$5.50

Balmoral Carpets, 65c. yard instead of \$1.00. Brussels Carpets, 75c. instead of \$1.25. Lengths of 6 to 18 yards. Velvet Carpet, 85c. instead of \$1.25.

Reductions Upon Reductions

Brussels Carpet Squares 3x3 1/2 yards. Special, \$14.75 each.

We've already told you of those coats at reduced prices, and numbers of them have been sold. Now we have taken a lot and marked them \$2.75 instead of \$5.50. On sale Tuesday. In this lot are three-quarter coats with shoulder capes, flat collar, sole ends and stitching. Full length coats, double shoulder capes, bell sleeve, double breasted. And also many of the medium length coats in the mixed colors.

Door Mats at Special Prices Tuesday

Baby Carriages and Go-Carts for Spring, 1904

Prices, 40c., 65c. and 90c. each.

That baby rides in luxury who is taken abroad in one of these fine new go-carts or baby carriages, in the new styles for spring. The complete showing is now ready. Baby Carriages, red, upholstered in many styles. All prices up to \$28.75.

Upholstery

The House-Furnishing Sale

Estimates given for all kinds of upholstering work.

Just as interesting now as when the sale started three weeks ago.

50c Tapestry Carpets, 35c yard

Oilcloths 25 cents square yard

\$1.00 Balmoral Carpets, 65c

Linoleums 40c., 50c. and 85c. square yard

Brussels Carpets

Inlaid Linoleum \$1.00 and \$1.25 square yard

6 to 18 yards in a pattern. Regular \$1.25, \$1.35 and \$1.40. 75c. yard

Get Into the Habit Of Going to BOWES' DRUG STORE

Throat Pastilles 25c.
Bowes' Bronchial Lozenges 10c.
Baby's Cough Syrup 25c.
Balsam of Aniseed 25c. and 50c.
Bronchial Balsam 25c. and 50c.

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City News in Brief.

—Get Mrs. Flew's daffodils at the Windsor grocery.
—Good dry cordwood at John Bros., 259 Douglas street.
—Watch for Challoner & Mitchell's special sale Friday and Saturday on fine French furs.

—Genuine bargains are given at Challoner & Mitchell's special sales Friday and Saturday. This week it will be furs. Watch for their ad.

—Members of the Retail Grocers' Association will confer with the city council on Monday evening next regarding matters of interest to the association.

—The Hebrew ladies will give a fancy dress dance on Tuesday, March 1st, in Victoria hall, Blanchard street. The dance was decided on at a meeting held yesterday afternoon.

—Jesse A. Longfield (late with Hopkins, England), tunes, regulates and repairs pianos and organs. Twelve years' practical experience. Address 248 Cook street. Phone 711.

—The grand president of the Pacific Coast Jurisdiction of the Sons of St. George, J. H. Cocking, will be in attendance at the meeting of the lodge to be held this evening. After business refreshments will be served.

—The practice for "The Elijah" will be held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian school room to-morrow evening, commencing at 8 o'clock. Following this there will be rehearsal of the choruses of the oratorio "Creation," which will be repeated in aid of the Lifeboat Association fund on March 5th.

—The funeral of the late Chester D. Andrews took place yesterday afternoon from W. J. Hanna's undertaking parlors. The services were conducted by Rev. E. G. Miller, and the pallbearers were Messrs. T. Gilligan, A. Campbell, A. Lipsky, F. Merrill, M. L. Jewell and J. M. Stewart. There was a large attendance of friends.

—Dr. Campbell will speak on the union of the church and state at the First Presbyterian church next Sunday evening. He will deal with the question whether the Bible should be taught of religious instruction given in the schools supported by the state, or whether the state should support the church of any or every denomination.

—Fire, Life, Marine, Accident, fire agency The Liverpool and London & Globe Insurance Company; life agency The Traveler Life & Accident Insurance Company; marine agency, The St. Paul Insurance Company; marine agency, Lloyd's Underwriters, London; accident, The Travelers Insurance Company; Hal. Goepel & Co., 100 Government street. Telephone Call No. 88.

—Bullock Webster, acting superintendent of the provincial police, yesterday conducted an inquiry into certain charges of unfair treatment made by Gustav Kirchner, one of the prisoners of the provincial jail, against Warden John. The ill treatment complained of was principally based on orders given compelling the prisoner to work on the chain gang. Mr. Webster investigated the whole matter and will send in his report to the attorney-general's department.

—"I'll have a first class baseball team this year," said Frank Newman, who is well known here as the manager of the Manuel Lopez nine, which played several games last season with the Victoria team. Mr. Newman is now the representative of the Pacific Coast Sportsman and is in the city securing data for an article on yachting. He says that the international meet, which takes place here next summer, will be one of the most representative ever held on the coast. It is expected over thirty yachts will compete. He estimates that there will be eleven from Seattle, four from Tacoma, two from Olympia, four from Bellingham Bay, one from Everett, and seven from Vancouver. Mr. Newman says John Brown, of Seattle, etc., constructing a speedy 44-footer, which will also participate in the races. Referring to baseball, he says that he has already organized his team for the ensuing season, and that it will again be known as the "Manuel Lopez" nine.

—Three Hot Drinks: Tomato Bracer, Oam Cocktails, K. P. O. Wine. Try them.

25 Per Cent Discount on Overcoats

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—Wood and Coal.—R. Dyerne, 34 Blanchard street; telephone 97.
—Everything nice and appetizing for the Lenten season at Erskine's grocery, corner Johnson and Quadra streets; telephone 108.

—Monkey Brand Soap makes copper like gold, tin like silver, crockery like marble, and windows like crystal.

—Condensed clams, splendid for chowder; canned crabs, lobsters, shrimps, sardines and all the edibles for the Lenten season, at Erskine's grocery; telephone 108.

—Finnan haddie, salmon bellies, black cod, kippered salmon, salt salmon, blotters and kippers, at lowest prices, at Erskine's grocery, corner Johnson and Quadra streets; telephone 108.

—The board of management of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church has made arrangements for a grand recital to be held on Tuesday, March 1st, in the church. A splendid programme of vocal and instrumental music has been prepared, further particulars of which will appear later. Lovers of good music should keep above date open.

—An invitation to a social invitation is extended to the visiting delegates to the mining convention to visit Messrs. Weiler Bros.' magnificent emporium of exclusive home furnishings. It will repay them. In no other store on the Pacific Coast is congregated a larger or more varied collection of the requirements of the home beautiful. Four vast floors, devoted exclusively to the display of goods from almost every country on the globe, shown with every advantage of light and space, and favorably arranged for convenient inspection.

—Rev. Dr. Campbell last evening united in marriage Mr. John Andrew Graham, of New Brunswick, and Miss Margaret Jane McAfee, of Victoria. The ceremony was performed in the First Presbyterian church in the presence of the friends of the principals. The bridegroom was supported by Mr. Andrew McAfee, a brother of the bride, and Miss L. McAfee acted as bridesmaid. After the wedding supper the newly united couple left for the Sound, where they will spend their honeymoon, after which they will make their home in this city.

—In Chambers this morning a couple of cases were heard. In McDonald and others against Johnson and others, G. Murphy, for plaintiffs, and F. B. Gregory for defendants, application was made for a writ of habeas corpus. The application was granted upon the defendants giving security to the amount of filed liens, not already navigated. In Morgan vs. British Yukon Navigation Company, J. M. Bradburn for plaintiffs, and R. Cassidy for defendants, an order was made for an injunction to be made by the secretary of the company within 28 days.

—A fire at Landsberg's Indian bazaar on Johnson street last night about 10 o'clock occupied the attention of the fire department for a short time. It was burning in the upper story and was making considerable headway when the firemen arrived. The blaze was due to a defective chimney inside, the wainscoting which Mr. Landsberg had made when he took over the premises. It is also used by a neighboring firm, and it is expected that the fire originated in this way. Mr. Landsberg said he has no fire on his premises. The damaged amounted to a hundred dollars.

—A handsome banner will be presented to the Provincial Mining Association by Mrs. J. H. Brownlee at the convention now in progress. It is made of white silk, on the centre of which is worked the word "Athin." In the upper left hand corner are the letters "P. M. A." and in the lower right hand corner an early morning sunrise is represented. The latter is done in a most artistic manner with gold thread. The banner is also trimmed with gold, the color of the Athin camp. It is prettily mounted, and is executed with admirable taste. The presentation will be made on behalf of Mrs. J. H. Brownlee and the delegates representing Athin.

—Workmen yesterday began track-laying from North Park street to the property recently acquired by the city, from which gravel will be excavated for filling in the James Bay flats. The distance is about eight hundred feet, and it is expected everything will be ready for the operation of dump cars in the course of a few days. Four of these will be used. Two carsloads at a time, consisting of ten cubic yards or fifteen tons, will be deposited on the flats along the side of Government street. From eight to ten thousand yards will be required in this manner, the object being to complete the permanent roadway as soon as possible. The other roadway, the proposed Douglas street extension, has been constructed from Belleville "as far" as possible. Here it must stop, however, until the arbitration proceedings involved are held.

—The annual meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association will be held next week, when important business will be considered. A strong effort will be made to clear up the indebtedness of the association, which amounts to several hundred dollars. When this has been paid off the attention of the directors will be devoted to improvements in the gymnasium and rooms. The Y. M. C. A. is now considered to be on a firm financial basis. The first year's work has been most successful. An estimate amounting to about \$1,500 was entailed in securing and equipping the rooms. This expenditure will not be necessary during the ensuing year, and it is hoped it will not be long before there is a surplus in the treasury. Some of the most sanguine of the directors are looking forward to having a Y. M. C. A. building erected in the course of a year or two.

ANDROMEDA MAY BECOME FAMOUS MARINE CASE WITH INTERNATIONAL ASPECT

Vessel En Route to Royal Roads—Empress of China Delayed at Vancouver.

There is no en route to the Royal Roads, in ballast, seeking a charter, an American barkentine which has set completed international machinery to work between the governments of Australia, and the United States. The vessel is the Andromeda, Capt. Ramsellis, which reached Honolulu on her way north a week or so ago. The history of the whole trouble of the Andromeda is given at some length in Australian papers. In a letter, bringing his grievances against the government of New South Wales, to the attention of the government at Washington, Capt. Ramsellis says he is an American citizen. On the 23rd of July he left Eureka with a crew of seamen and a cargo of lumber. His ship was loaded with lumber consigned to the Kani Timber Company, Ltd., Sydney. The lumber was to be delivered over the side of the vessel into a lighter provided by the consignees.

"On the 14th of October," continues the letter, "I arrived in port, and soon after, October 15th, commenced to unload the cargo with my own crew. After working at it about one day a man came aboard claiming to be a member of the Sydney Wharf Laborers' Union, and informed the mate that I could not discharge the lumber with the crew, and two days afterwards, late date 20th and 21st. On the 14th the mate left a paper commanding me to dismiss my crew and turn over the cargo to the wharf laborers." "On the 23rd of 24th, men supposed to be members of the Sydney Wharf Laborers' Union came in a rowboat wishing to board my ship, but were forbidden by the mate. They then threatened to come on board, forcibly, saying that they wished to see the captain. I sent them word that I did not wish to see them. It had been my experience that officers of the government wishing to board an American ship for search and arrest of any sailor who had violated the law of the United States, must first obtain a permit to go aboard, and no such permit was shown me, and on inquiry I found none had been asked for or granted; and as the men were in plain clothes, I had no idea the men had any legal authority to board my ship, or to demand my papers, or to discharge my crew, or employ the 'union,' especially as when in the Port of Sydney last, I discharged the cargo with my own crew, and no objections were made, and because other American boats had recently done the same. In fact, certain boats were discharging with their own crew at the very same time that I was. For these reasons and others, I continued to discharge my cargo until on the 27th day of October I saw notices in the newspaper that I had been fined 25 for violation of the order of the arbitration court, and that an injunction had been granted restraining me from continuing my work under penalty of 50.

"By terms of 'Charity Party' the cargo was the property of the ship—American property—for which I was responsible until the consignees received it over the side of the ship. You are, in fact, in violation of the order of the court to allow on board, and employ and pay me to do the work which I had contracted with seamen, whom I had brought with me to do, thus being forced to pay two sets of men for doing the same work. No other ship in the world has ever taken possession of my vessel and proceeded to handle and put out my cargo without orders or consent, but took possession of valuable machinery, displacing my engineer, whom I had employed at high wages, by putting in another, against my remonstrances.

In conclusion Capt. Ramsellis submitted an itemized statement for about \$2,500 damages.

The Sydney Morning Herald, in referring to the case, said that it had been referred to the attorney-general by the Premier, and the former replied that the duty of foreigners going temporarily into the state to obey the laws.

SOLED TO JAPANESE.
The British tramp steamer Lyton has been sold to the Japanese government, and will possibly be used as a transport. Word of the sale of the steamer has been received in a cablegram. The purchase shows that the Japanese government is on the lookout for steamers available for transport service. It is stated that offers have been made to purchase several tramp steamers running on this coast.

The Lyton was in San Francisco only a few months ago and underwent extensive repairs. She proceeded north and loaded a cargo for the Orient. The Lyton was the steamer chartered by an English syndicate, headed by Admiral Palliser, to carry treasure seekers to Coos Bay. She was owned by Donald Stewart and commanded by Capt. Hansford. The steamer measures 2,500 tons net, is 310 feet in length, 25 feet in depth and has a beam of 40 feet.

FRISCO STEAMERS.
The steamship Unatilla reached port from San Francisco about 11 o'clock last night after a stormy passage north from San Francisco. The City of Puebla of the same line will sail for the Golden Gate this evening, and will carry among other passengers from this city Mrs. T. Burns, Mrs. C. Adams, Geo. Rudman, C. E. Smith, M. Hanley, Miss G. McDonald and Mrs. Riley.

AL-KI OVERDUE.
Steamer Ramona is due from Alaska today. Her arrival is anxiously awaited for she is expected to bring news of the steamer Al-Ki, which on Sunday was three days out from Juneau from Skegway. News were felt at the Juneau port for the delayed vessel, as the weather on the northern coast has of late been very stormy. The Ramona herself, was forced to put back to Juneau for shelter, a day was spent in waiting for the storm to subside.

CHINA DELAYED.
R. M. S. Empress of China did not get away for the Orient as expected yesterday. She is expected to still be delayed through the belated English and Eastern mails at Vancouver. The ship, however, will be here this evening on her way to sea. There are three saloon passengers who will embark here, those being W. F. Hays, J. L. Harwood, and Capt. W. G. Hayes. The China on this trip will carry one of the largest mails that has ever crossed the Pacific. There has been about 100 sacks of American mail received at the local post office to be forwarded on the liner, while many tons of it has been received at Vancouver. There has been no sailing of any steamer from the Sound for the Orient for several weeks, except the Tydeus, which left on Sunday. This vessel had been also delayed many days, and for this reason about ten tons of mail that was to have been forwarded on her was sent to Vancouver for the China.

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Perhaps no country is known by such a variety of names as that we call Korea, and peculiar names many of them are, too. Its native inhabitants call it Choson, or "The Land of Morning Calm," and very often, evidently with a view to forestalling any want of appreciation on the part of others, they call it "Te Choson"—"The Signifying Great." As regards the trade of Korea, the interests of Japan are sufficiently great to stand in a class by themselves, for tough English cotton, American oil and Chinese silk play an important part in it, yet these lines of trade are carried on by a comparatively small number of foreign houses—situated mainly in Chemulpo, Seoul, and two or three other treaty ports. The Japanese trade, on the other hand, is carried on by a large number of

Retail Traders, who scour the country in every direction, and so come in closer contact with its people than do any other class of foreigners, and then there is not an inland town and scarce a village in Korea that has not one or more Japanese traders settled in it. There are certainly a good many Chinese hawkers and peddlars about. Just why it should be so, considering what keen traders they prove themselves in other parts of the world, I know not, but they make no headway against their Japanese competitors. Korea most undoubtedly owes much to the Japanese traders, for not only have they done much toward raising the standard of comfort among her people, but in their train they have brought in to the country a banking system and currency worthy of that name. Formerly the trade in Korea was done more or less on the bartering principle, but this is now fast giving to be a thing of the past, thanks entirely to the Japanese. Unfortunately, however, only few Koreans of the better-to-do classes reap any real benefit from the introduction of the Japanese currency, mostly paper, for being too poor to handle it, the masses have to rely upon the subsidiary coinage in circulation, and a remarkably

Defective and Debasement Coinage it is, too. The native cash is a small round coin with a square hole in the centre of it, and while it is supposed to be made of copper and brass, it more often than not has a considerable quantity of iron and dirt in it. The nickel coins ought by rights to be minted at the royal mint alone, but as something less than 2-sen will buy a sufficiency of metal to coin a 5-sen piece, and as the necessary tools for coining the same are exceedingly cheap and easily procurable, a good deal of private coinage is carried on in Korea, China and Japan, and with what results may be guessed.

No law or order prevailing in the country, it is difficult to say just what its population amounts to, though certainly not more than ten million people in the whole of it. The foreign population is made up of 16,142 Japanese, 5,000 Chinese, 230 Americans, 104 British, 70 Frenchmen, 42 Russians, and 50 others of various nationalities, giving a total of 21,783. That there are a great many more Japanese than here given, there can be no matter of doubt, perhaps three or four times as many, and so it is to be presumed the number here mentioned takes into consideration only those who are registered in their legation and consulates. For years past Korea has been the dumping ground for undesirable Japanese. This class of men, while they take every advantage that the extraterritorial clause in the Korea-Japan treaty affords them, yet for very sufficient and obvious reasons fail to report themselves to their authorities. These men have done and do an

Enormous Amount of Harm to the cause of their country, for they simply prey upon the less shrewd Koreans, robbing and maltreating them with impunity. Seoul, the capital, has a population of something less than two hundred thousand, and though it has for some years past had an electric train running through it, it is without doubt one of the filthiest cities in the world. The Koreans are of average height and fairly robust physique, and though extremely dirty, are by no means unprepossessing in appearance, for not only have they fairly good features, but the set of their eyes and the color of their skin are less repulsive to most white men than are

those of their neighbors, the Chinese and Japanese. Mentally they are not wanting, but being feeble fighters their land has so often been overrun by Chinese, Mongol, Manchu and Japanese hordes, that all the heart has long since been taken out of them.

Up to 1894 the Koreans acknowledged the suzerainty of China, and were apparently proud of so doing—perhaps because of China's massiveness and the benignity of her treatment of them, though it certainly was not of an order calculated to advance their best interests. On the other hand, the treatment Japan has always accorded her helpless neighbor has been of a particularly

Assertive and Meddlesome nature, and the consequence is the Japanese are held in both great hatred and contempt by the Koreans. Hatred, because of the cruel massacres their armies have perpetrated in Korea, and contempt, because of the levity with which their officers have always treated certain matters—very dear to the native mind. For instance, in 1895, the Japanese, then all-powerful in Korea, persuaded, or rather forced, the weak-minded King of that country to issue an edict abolishing the topknot—harmless, though certainly not beautiful, fashion, dating back, say the Koreans, to two thousand years, and for that very reason much venerated by all classes of that very conservative land, who look upon it, as it undoubtedly is, as a distinct mark of their nationality. —F. J. Norman, in Daily Express.

CAPE COLONY'S ODD RIVER.

During the past season a large part of Cape Colony has suffered from a severe drought. The poorly nourished cattle have looked pinched, the grass has turned yellow, and the crops have been a partial failure.

In the midst of the parched regions, however, there has been a long ribbon of green, where oats, wheat and tobacco have yielded great crops and the farmers are happy though they have not had an inch more rain than their less fortunate neighbors. Their prosperity is due to a very remarkable river.

The Klipplaat in Eastern Cape Colony is a friend in need, when all the other streams may be dry as a bone, and its curious feature about it is that the Klipplaat itself has a hopeless aspect most of the time, with only a little puddle of water here and there in the lower parts of its bed.

Suppose we had stood on the banks of the Klipplaat in December last, the summer season in Cape Colony—the sky was brazen all the days of that month—and we should have seen only the dry-bottom of the river, with a mudhole here and there to relieve the monotony.

But these and countless other treasures of equal interest have all come to the King by inheritance. Among his own personal collections are also many things of rare beauty and interest, of which two at least are unique. His collection of silver medals of ships is unrivalled, and includes every type that has been seen in the British navy from the earliest times, each vessel a microscopically exact reproduction of its original.

A FAMOUS SUIT OF ARMOR.

"G. W. M." in the Liverpool Post, tells of a very strange history of a famous suit of armor. It reappeared in history only once, the cherished ornaments of the Paris-house of one of the Rothschilds, half a century ago. The armor was of the finest steel of Milan, inlaid with gold; it stood in the hall, and its owner sold it to Lord Ashburnham (the great book and art collector) for the small sum of £1,000. Because Madame Rothschild was nervous and affected whenever she looked at it, Ashburnham was pestered by a Paris Jew dealer to sell it, and "name his price." In a moment of irritation—thinking to get rid of his tormentor—he bid—"£5,000!" Bazaar struck at once, and the Jew had it removed and promptly sold it to the late Sir R. Wallace—price, £12,000! At the great fire in his Paris mansion this suit was "destroyed"—its fragments were bought up by the aforesaid Jew dealer for £120. He had it put together, and again sold it for £3,000!

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There may be monarchs, like the Shah of Persia, who own treasures more costly and more splendid than King Edward can boast of, but none of them can eclipse him in the range and interest of rare possessions; and, even if we consider only the wonders of gold and precious stones, the King has many which may challenge comparison with anything to be seen in the royal palaces of Persia or Turkey.

To mention only a few of these treasures, there is at Windsor a single magnificent candelabrum exquisitely wrought in solid gold, and weighing the tenth part of a ton, there is an enormous tier of large and fierce as life, sheathed in solid plates of gold and with flaming eyes of crystal; and the daintiest bird in all the world with plumage one blaze of precious stones.

These treasures—the tiger and the bird—once made the eyes of Tipsoo Shah flash with the pride of ownership. At Windsor, too, is probably the finest gold dinner service in the world, a full table equipment for 140 guests, a single dish of which is sufficient burden for one man, and with gorgeous centrepieces which would form the strength of three men. There are huge shields of gold, one of which, composed of snuff boxes, is said to be worth £10,000; large golden tankards and goblets encrusted with gems, cupboards and candelabra, and other treasures of precious metals and jewels, a mere list of which would fill columns.

But, although the value of these treasures is estimated at millions of pounds, there are others less splendid but really more interesting. What fabulous sum would many a millionaire pay for a tankard made from gold doubloons taken from one of the ships of the ill-fated Armada, or for that lovely casket of enamel and crystal which was one of the personal treasures of Catherine of Braganza brought with her to her English home?

Then there is to be seen at Windsor surely the most wonderful and beautiful cloak in the whole world, made from the red and yellow plumage of rare birds to be found only in a few Pacific islands. It was three-quarters of a century ago one of the most prized possessions of the Queen of the Sandwich Islands, and its value is estimated at £2,000.

An exquisite little casket of enamel brings back pathetic memories of Queen Anne Boleyn, for it was one of the presents which made her happy on her wedding day; and a pair of spurs are a legacy from the day of Richard III, who once wore them. There is part of a regimental dinner service used during the black days of the siege of Lucknow, and a pair of spurs presented to Queen Victoria by the Emperor of the French.

King Edward's books none but a millionaire could begin to match, for they number is all over 15,000 volumes, of which two-thirds are at Windsor. Among these volumes are many Caxtons, misals, psalters, and other centuries-old volumes, for some of which bibliophiles would gladly pay a few thousand pounds apiece. The King's pictures, too, are valued in hundreds of thousands of pounds, and include some of the finest works of masters old and new; and to these he adds more than 20,000 drawings, engravings, and miniatures, largely the collection of his father, the Prince Consort.

The royal collection of china has scarcely a rival in any palace of Europe. It is the accumulation of centuries and comprises the finest specimens of the world's potteries from China to Dresden and Derby. One exquisite service of "Bleu de Roi," made for Louis XV., of France, is alone said to be worth £10,000.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of The Companies' Winding Up Act, 1898, and in the Matter of the Victoria Times Printing and Publishing Company Limited Liability.

NOTICE.

A reward of \$150 each will be paid to any person or persons furnishing information which will lead to the arrest of Wong Lam Yuen, Wong Hung, Wong Sau, and Wong Suen, who are charged with the murder of Man Quon at Victoria, B. C., on the 31st January, 1904.

NOTICE.

The reward of \$1,000 offered for information that would lead to the finding of David Ferguson, dead or alive, has been withdrawn this day by me.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made by me to the Board of Licensing Commissioners, at its next sitting, for the transfer of the license now held by me for the sale of spirituous and fermented liquors by retail in the "Union" Saloon, situated on Government Street, between Johnson and Yates, to James Hoag, of this city.

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FIRST MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS HAS BEEN CALLED FOR TO-MORROW AFTERNOON Yearly Reports of Chief and Sergeant of Detectives Will Be Submitted-General Business.

The first meeting of the newly appointed board of police commissioners will be held to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. Business of more than ordinary importance is expected to come before the board.

The chief reports that the department consists of twenty-four men, as follows: One chief of police, three sergeants, one sergeant of detectives, two detectives, three jailers, keeping eight-hour watches, three patrolmen, doing eight-hour watches in barracks for emergency calls, six patrolmen doing ten-hour watches on outside beats.

The report refers in appreciative terms to the new cells at the police station, and then makes recommendations, a more uniform and better heating system for the police station is asked for.

City Detective's Report. Victoria, B. C., January 7th, 1904. J. M. Langley, Esq., Chief of Police: Sir-I most respectfully beg to submit this my annual report for 1903.

On the 19th of February two men named Stone and Moore were arrested on suspicion of highway robbery, a Chinaman having complained that he was held up and robbed by two men on January 17th.

On May 6th we arrested a man giving the name of Perry L. Young, who claimed to be a collector for a book called the Mercantile Register, having claimed an extensive circulation. Upon investigating we found that his sample was the only copy in existence, and that many business men, both here and in other cities, had paid for advertising in this book, which was carried around by Young for purposes of collection.

CONVENTION HAS BEGUN BUSINESS (Continued from page 1.) We sent to each local organization particulars of the meetings which we proposed to hold, together with a list of the subjects which we proposed to take up, and asked for expressions of opinion.

The two per cent. tax had been proved to be a brake on the wheels of the mining industry, and as such it is our duty to do what we can for the persons who provide the cash for the development of our mines, and change the form of taxation which has caused such friction.

The department at OTTAWA wrote to me to add them in the collection of specimens and on my behalf I at once took the matter up and obtained for them a magnificent series of samples weighing many tons of the finest ores ever put on exhibition, each sample weighing about 400 lbs. These were, of course, silver-lead ores.

The treasurer, Mr. Mortimer Lamb, has consented to act as honorary treasurer, and will present to you his statement of account, which has been duly audited. As to our critics, we can only say that when such criticisms are honestly made, and in the true interest of the province, we are always glad to hear them, but when made in another spirit we stoutly regard them as ordinary moanings of life and pass them by, as we cannot, in passing through a malarious atmosphere, avoid them.

Coroner's Report. John Nelson, accidental death, Jan. 15th; Walter Marr, natural causes, Feb. 6th; Samuel Banner, accidental death, Feb. 10th; George Brown, accidental death, Feb. 10th; Annie Williams, natural causes, March 23rd; Alfred C. Anderson, accidental death, March 28th; Joseph Bate, natural causes, April 28th; George Furnell, suicide, May 18th; Charlie Philip, found drowned, May 30th; August Jackson, accidental death, July 20th; Ethel Frish, natural causes, Aug. 15th; William Bond, accidental death, Aug. 18th; Lena Adelson, suicide, Aug. 18th; William G. Bowman, accidental death, Sept. 22nd; William Findlay, accidental death, Nov. 5th; Robert Irvine, natural causes, Dec. 18th; John Kentish, accidental death, Dec. 19th; Louis Baumann, natural causes, Dec. 31st. Certified correct. E. C. HART, Coroner.

CURIOUS CUSTOMS. How Natives Record the Number of Men They Kill. Router's representative has had an interview with Major Powell-Cotton, who is the last traveller to have reached England from the Turkhana country, East Africa, where there seems little room for doubt a British expedition with at least four white men has been annihilated.

"If this turns out to be the case," he said, "it will almost certainly mean that, in addition to the four white men, not fewer than 150 British subjects-Swahili porters, servants, and armed natives-will have either been cut up or taken into slavery. A very serious side of the question is the fact that this warlike and hostile tribe will have become possessed of a considerable number of modern magazine and breech-loading arms, and plenty of ammunition.

"The gold, in quest of which the ill-fated expedition was going, was originally reported by a Baluchi trader in 1902, and was stated to be in the region to the west of Rudolf-that is to say, the Turkhana country.

"After leaving Nairobi the expedition, under ordinary circumstances, would not meet with any opposition until it reached the northern portion of the Suk country, whose inhabitants are noted for their treachery. They would then enter the country of the powerful and warlike Turkhanas, the most savage race in the Protectorate, who have only been seen by some seven or eight white men, and over whom there has never been any attempts at administration. Their country stretches from the western shore of Lake Rudolf for a distance of a hundred miles.

"The Turkhanas owe allegiance to no great chief, but are split up into numbered small family divisions, each ruled over by an elder. Comparing them with men in my caravan, whose height I knew, they averaged about 5ft. 9in. in height, and I imagine the fact of their being well-built and without clothing (which always tends to accentuate height) may have somewhat deceived previous travellers. They have a curious system of tattooing, by which one can tell the number of people a man has killed. For the first man slain, a series of lines of little cuts are made on the right arm by a needle thrust through the flesh, which is then snipped off with a knife. When a second man has been killed, similar lines are cut on the shoulder, and in the case of a third victim, marks are made on the right side of the chest. The left side is similarly decorated according to the women killed.

"When the man's body is covered with the waist, but not under the arms, it is considered complete, and he then starts to keep a record on the bodies of his wives, if he kills further enemies.

"The Turkhanas are a nomadic people. Fortunately, on my first meeting with these natives in the Tanaka valley, I was well accompanied by three men, and so well did I succeed in assuring them of my peaceful intentions that throughout a nine days' march in the Turkhana country I met with no opposition.

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thing should be done to limit the use of proxies. He saw danger in too many of these being allowed. Mr. Dewdney wanted to know whether this would apply to the present convention. President Keen said that the adoption of the credential committee which recommended the use of proxies seated seated those holding them. R. P. McLennan, of Vancouver, said that he had at first favored proxies, but he now opposed it. To sway a convention by means of proxies would nullify the effect of any resolution passed. He did not know that there were antagonistic interests among the mining men. Mr. Duke pointed out that there was the Mine Owners' Association and the labor organizations, neither of which had had great influence with the government. A great representative body like this, representing all the mining interests of the province, should be careful not to lessen its influence. This was about the only association in which all could be represented. He favored increasing the membership fee. If proxies were allowed the association would dwindle down. Mr. Brownlee proposed to leave the matter to be decided by the interior. H. Seaman, of Rossland, did not believe in proxies. He wanted to belong to a Cariboo and an Atlin branch just as well as of the Rossland branch, and thus hold proxies for any part. Mr. Hobson said that if the working miners in different parts were against proxies he was not going to oppose the movement against them. (Applause.) J. Lipscombe, of Atlin, pointed out that if the convention were held in Nelson it would cost at the very least \$1,500 to send three or four delegates to the convention. President Keen said that Mr. Duke had introduced a feature which was important, that was the question of local funds. The executive committee had now a scheme on hand by which perhaps the membership fee might be increased from \$1.00 to \$2.00, making only 25c. payable to the central fund instead of 50c. as at present. This would give more funds for the local association. The debate was adjourned until the other delegates arrive to-night. An adjournment was taken until 2 o'clock. THE MASTER MECHANICS PURE TAR SOAP cleans and softens the skin, while promptly cleansing it of grease, oil, rust, etc. Invincible for mechanics, farmers, sportsmen. Free Sample on receipt of 2c. for postage. Albert Toilet Soap Co., Mfrs., Montreal. The reappearance of a Belfast woman, whom a coroner's jury had formally declared to be dead, provided the inhabitants of the Irish city with a sensation. The matter is complicated by the fact that the woman was insured and the money has been paid to the husband.