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is under bond to a Mr. Egbert of Minneapolis. The Elkhorn Mining Company, of Spokane, is pushing work on its property. It is looking well and under the management of Mr. Winstead, who has an assay office in Whitewater.

NELSON.

J. A. Whittier was in Nelson today and says the Goodenough claim is looking well. Three cars of ore have been shipped this month with more to follow and fifteen men are at work on the property.

The Exchequer Company is working two shifts on its mine on Toad Mountain and the management is expecting that the ledge will be struck sometime today. The men are now running through well mineralized rock and the last assay is said to run \$78 in gold.

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The Ivy, on Goat Mountain, has been sold to George A. Keefe, C.E., of Victoria; for a Scotch syndicate capitalized at \$550,000, and work is now being prosecuted vigorously.

ways fought shy and the children of the islands have had to depend upon the instruction of an occasional teacher, hired to their dreary home by the small salary the lighthouse keepers were able to contribute.

A MESSAGE TO MEN. Proving That True Honesty and True Philanthropy Still Exist

If any man who is weak, nervous and debilitated, or who is suffering from any of the various troubles resulting from youthful folly, excesses or overwork, will take heart and write to me, I will send him confidentially and free of charge the plan pursued by which I was completely restored to perfect health and manhood, after years of suffering from Nervous Debility, Loss of Vigor and Organic Weakness.

There has been considerable work done on the properties on Spruells and Fall creek districts. One tunnel of 25 feet has been driven on the Wetanquin claim, and there will be one tunnel of 40 feet driven on the Panther claim and also one shaft on the Ranger claim.

NOTICE. Yates Street between Douglas and Wharf is closed to traffic. E. A. WILMOT, City Engineer.

NOTICE. Quadra street, bet. Chatham and North Park street, is closed to public traffic. E. A. WILMOT, City Engineer.

NOTICE. Stanley Avenue between Cadboro Bay Road and Pandora Street is closed for public traffic. By order, E. A. WILMOT, City Engineer.

NOTICE. As we are closing our office business by auction, parties indebted to us must settle their accounts before December 31st, 1896, otherwise they will be placed in court for collection.

FOR SALE. On Pender Island 3,181 acres of mixed farm, fruit and pasture land, some cleared, with coal and mineral rights at \$20 per acre.

W. J. R. Cowell, (B.A., F.G.S.) Mining Engineer and Assayer, 26 Broad Street, VICTORIA, B.C.

NOTICE. Pursuant to the by-laws of the said company notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Company, Limited, will be held at the office of the company, No. 4 Broughton Street, in the city of Victoria, B.C., on Tuesday, the 12th day of January, 1897, at 11 o'clock a.m.

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MORTGAGE SALE. Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain indenture, dated the 22nd day of March, 1891, registered in the Victoria Land Registry Office in Charge Book Vol. 12, Folio 73, No. 1027 B, tenders will be received by the undersigned, at the office of W. H. Mason, 43 Government Street, Victoria, up to noon of the 4th day of January, 1897, for the purchase of all the pieces or parcel of land situated in the City of Victoria, British Columbia, and being lot number 9 (nine), of the subdivision of lots 1, 2, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31, of section 225, Victoria district, as per deposited map in the Land Registry Office, Victoria, No. 332 with the two-story dwelling thereon.



REFUSING THE PROFFERED "PIECE." Master Hierarchy expressed himself as pleased and satisfied with the "piece" Grandma Tupper had prepared for him, but now sulkily rejects the much larger slice of much superior bread—with extra jam and sugar on it—offered by Mme. Premier. The fact is, Master Hierarchy is not hungry for "peace" so much as for Tory political success.

Port Simpson, Dec. 23.—The closing of the school for the Christmas holidays was marked by a very notable entertainment the evening of the 20th instant. The room was handsomely decorated with flags and evergreens. The chair was occupied by Mr. Clifford. The programme ran as follows: Christmas carol by the pupils; examination of the pupils in history, science, grammar and geography; choruses; "Far Away" recitation "Not so far" by Ed. Tremblay; recitation, "My little bee" by Belle Bolton; recitation, "Littler" by the young people; recitation "Climbing up a hill," by Gordon Locke, Jr.; choruses; "Daylight breaking" recitation, "The Wasp and a Bee," by Phoebe Tremblay; recitation, "The Lie Chief," by James M. Alexander, Jr.; duet, "Whispering Song," by Misses S. Alexander and O'Neill; sologue, "Double-faced," William, Rachael and Adelaide Alexander and Martha and William O'Neill; "Adieu recitation" by J. D. Clifford. Three beautifully bound volumes of "Waverley Novels" were presented by Rev. Stephenson. The entertainment was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem. Captain Madden's family have moved from Georgetown to spend Christmas and New Year.

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Mr. Tobo, who owns adjoining claims, has got an assay running over \$600. Work will be started on Mr. Tobo's claims and others the coming spring. NEW WESTMINSTER. The Dominion government is applying for a lease of a portion of the foreshore of Lulu Island, within the city limits. The government want a frontage of 1200 feet down the river, and a point 1000 feet below the bridge, and offer a nominal rental. It is the intention of the government to make this quarters for all government plant, such as snag-boats, dredges, mattresses, scows, etc., when not in use, the want of which has been felt for some time.

my own experience how to sympathize with such sufferers, I am glad to be able to assist any fellow being to a cure. I am well aware of the prevalence of quackery, for I myself was deceived and imposed upon until I nearly lost faith in mankind, but I rejoice to say that I am now perfectly well and happy once more and am desirous therefore to make this certain means of cure known to all. If you will write to me you can rely on my good word and the great satisfaction of having been of great service to one in trouble. Absolute secrecy is assured. Write to me at care of Postoffice and address, Mr. George G. Strong, North Rockwood, Mich.

ARMENIAN, EMIGRANTS. Government Will Not Give Any Assistance to Bring Them to Canada. Ottawa, Dec. 30.—Rev. R. Chambers, of Woodstock, Ont., a Presbyterian missionary to Turkey, has communicated a suggestion to the department of the interior that the government might assist in the transportation of a number of Armenians to the Northwest if they could not do that to give a block of land to the Armenians themselves to bring them to Canada. At the same time it was pointed out that private companies and individuals under the existing law could take up land and homesteads in the Northwest. Copies of the land act and other information were attached to the order-in-council and sent to Mr. Chamberlain.

TEACHER FOR FARALLONES. Education Department Supplies Teacher for the Keepers' Children. San Francisco, Dec. 30.—Miss Daisy Doud will soon occupy a unique position in the educational world. She has been appointed school teacher for the Farallone Islands and will have ten children, the offspring of the lighthouse keepers, in her charge. The Farallones have been put on the map as part of the First Ward of San Francisco, although thirty miles out at sea, and the lighthouse keepers have always voted here. But when it comes to a question of school the board of education has at-

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**LOCAL NEWS.**

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Kodaks at Fleming Bros., Gov. st.

Blankets, Comforters, Sheets, etc., at Weller Bros.

The verdict of epirures all over the old has been given in favor of Yack-Relish.

Many articles suitable for Xmas sent at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 80 Glasgow street.

Blank books, memo. books and a nice line of stationery at wholesale prices, Johnston's, Kirk Block.

Just received direct from the manufacturers a special line of English walking sticks at Henry Short & Sons, 72 Douglas street.

During 1896 there were recorded in the registry office at Victoria 320 deaths, 236 births and 199 marriages.

The customs house shipping record shows that 1,305 vessels left Victoria for sea during 1896, and 1,373 entered during the same period.

The thanks of the committee of the Mr. Sternity Home are extended to the pianist and council for their donation of 100 to the home.

A midnight watch service will be held in the Centennial Methodist church elect. at 11:30. At 8:30 a Janmary will be given under the auspices of the Epworth League.

Mr. Laif Frederick Peterson and all-the Mrs. Frederick Peterson and Anna D. Robert, both of Port Ancher were married yesterday evening at 8 o'clock in 248 Cook street, by the Rev. Dr. Campbell. The newly married couple left by the Kingston last night for their home.

The following officers have been elected by the Oaklands volunteer fire company for the ensuing year: N. Sah-long, G. Clark, first lieutenant; L. G. Clark, second lieutenant; Watson T. Shain, third lieutenant; J. V. Nicholas, secretary; and W. Nicholas, treasurer. Home was held yesterday evening by the volunteers at their hall.

Services will be held in the churches this evening. At St. Barnabas' and at mid-night at 11:15 o'clock church service will begin at St. John's and last night at 11:30 at church on New Year's Eve. At Union will be celebrated.

The following ladies and gentlemen were entertained at dinner yesterday evening at Government House by Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Dewdney: Mrs. and Miss Lansing, Sir Charles H. Pupper, Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle, Mr. and Mrs. T. Grant, Mr. Lindley Cresson, Mrs. Misses Cresson, Mrs. Gavin H. Burns, Mr. Charles B. Warren, Miss Allison, Miss Muriel Richardson and Captain Richardson (private secretary).

To-morrow evening a concert and dance will be held in the A.O.U.W. hall by the daughters of England. Hon. Col. Prior will occupy the chair at the concert, when the following programme will be given: Vocal solos, Mrs. Dudgeon and Mrs. Giffen; reading, Mrs. Fernyhough; vocal solos, Miss Amy Wolf, Mr. Sherbourne, Mr. Sehl, Mr. Dagleton and Mr. Wolf; violin solo, Mr. Brookes; Little Sam Johnson and the only Dooles, in comic songs. The music for the dance will be supplied by Wolf's orchestra.

Sergeant J. M. Langley and officer J. J. McKenna of the provincial police force, returned last evening after having delivered into the custody of the governor of the provincial jail at Westminster thirteen prisoners, whom they brought down from Kamloops, thus relieving the over-crowded state of the also at the latter place. Of the prisoners, three are under committal for trial, and the others are serving various terms of imprisonment. Two Indian prisoners were also brought down to New Westminster from Yale.

The Webbing sisters' entertainment at Drill Hall yesterday evening drew a large audience as that of preceding evening. Several new songs, songs and dances were given by the Webbing sisters. Mr. Freimuth contributed a very good violin solo and the clarinet and piccolo duet of Bandsmen Bausch and Morse was also worthy of mention. As in the entertainment of the preceding evening the band played several good selections. Bandsman W.

**PERFUMES IN CUT GLASS**  
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**OFFICER SMITH SHOT**  
 City Police Officer Alexander Smith Dangerously Wounded Last Evening.

Probably a Case of Attempted Suicide—Smith Says Someone Shot Him.

Lying in a cot at the Jubilee hospital, and dangerously near to death's door, is Alexander Smith, a member of the city police force. He was shot in the chest, and the bullet from the revolver with which the deed was done is probably lodged in one of the lungs. There is a mystery connected with the shooting. Smith maintains that he was shot by an enemy, while those who have investigated the affair, hold that it is a case of attempted suicide.

Officer Smith lived on Michigan street, James Bay, and as he had night duty usually came home about midnight to have some luncheon. Last night at that hour he surprised his wife by staggering in through the back door and stating that he had been shot by a man, Dr. Fraser, the city health officer, was sent for and he found that Smith's wound was a most dangerous one. As he was likely to die, Dr. Fraser thought it advisable to secure his deposition and Police Magistrate Macrae was sent for. Although the magistrate has not made Smith's deposition public, it is learned that the wounded man stated that as he entered the back yard of his residence, he was shot by a man who was standing near the corner of the woodshed. The man then jumped over the fence. Although Smith was wounded, he (according to his story) fired his revolver at the fleeing man.

Several members of the police force were detailed to investigate the matter. They found a pool of blood in the woodshed and but little blood elsewhere. It appears as if Smith went into the woodshed and shot himself with his revolver. After shooting he remained there for some time and then walked into the house.

This story is rather borne out by Smith's conduct during the past few weeks. He had been drinking rather heavily, and was threatened with suspension several times. It was even reported that he was suspended by Chief Sheppard yesterday morning, but as the Chief was ill all day this report could not be confirmed. The police commissioners knew nothing about the matter. Officer Smith stopped a prominent citizen on the street about ten o'clock last evening and requested him to interfere with the police commissioners in his behalf. When asked what his trouble was, Smith replied he had been reported for drinking.

Officer Smith has been on the city police force for several years. He was a quiet, unassuming man and as far as known had no enemies. He is a Scotchman by birth and about 35 years of age.

Smith is resting easily this afternoon and the medical men who are in attendance think that he may recover.

**DEATH BY HIS OWN HAND.**  
 John W. Griffith Commits Suicide Yesterday Evening.

John W. Griffith was found dead this morning in his room at the Occidental Hotel. It was a clear case of suicide, a letter which he left for his wife, who resides with her family in Port Townsend, telling of his intention to take his life, but giving no reason therefor. A large revolver, one which he had evidently carried on his prospecting trips, was found on the floor, it having dropped from his hand after the fatal shot had been fired. He had placed the revolver to the side of his head, the bullet entering just above the ear.

The deceased returned on the last trip of the steamer Tees from the southwest coast of the Island, where he is said to have located some promising mineral claims, and where he had spent the greater part of last summer. Yesterday he gave evidence before the sealing commission as to the value of the minerals on the coast.

It is true the world had not treated him as well during the last couple of years as he was used to, but he took his reverses philosophically and was enthusiastic over the prospects of doing well with his claims. The letter he left was rather rambling, and was written on leaves torn from a small note book. In it he gives no reason for wishing to die. Mr. Griffith was very well known and popular both in Victoria and on the Sound. In the seventies he was engaged in the office of the Allison Iron Works, and later as bookkeeper for Messrs. Goodacre & Dooley, now L. Goodacre. A few years ago he went to Port Townsend to take a similar position, and at one time possessed considerable property, which, however, he lost

**DAVY'S SHIPPING NEWS**  
 Steamer Quadra Will Make an Extensive Cruise in Northern Coast Water.

Schooner Sapphire Runs on a Rock—Tug Hope Grounds in Sooke Harbor.

As there are still some rumors regarding smuggling and illegal fishing in northern waters, the minister of marine and fisheries has ordered the government steamer Quadra north to investigate. Arrangements are being made for the cruise and the steamer will probably leave on Saturday. She will remain away for several weeks.

As the schooner Sapphire was being hauled out to sea last evening she got fast on a hidden rock and remained there for a couple of hours, when she floated with the high tide. She was not injured in any way and proceeded to sea.

The British bark Port Adelaide has completed loading lumber at the Hastings mill and will in a few days sail for Delagoa Bay, South Africa. Her cargo is valued at \$9,687 composed of 852,770 feet of rough lumber and 129,962 feet of flooring.

The tug Hope, which left yesterday for Sooke, with the necessary lumber for the new bridge across Sooke river, ran on a sand bar at mouth of the river yesterday afternoon. She probably floated off with the high tide this morning.

Forty tons of ore from the Van Anda Gold and Copper Company were brought down by the steamer Mandi-to-day. The ore will be sent to a smelter.

The Northern Pacific steamer Tacoma is expected from the Orient about Jan. 3. The Braemar will probably leave Tacoma for Yokohama to-morrow.

The E.P.N. Co's steamer Tees will leave for Quatsino and other West Coast points on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock.

The steamer Roscovitz returned from the north last evening.

The C.P.R. steamship Empress of China reached Hongkong yesterday.

The Alki called at the outer wharf this afternoon on her way to Alaska.

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**OLD COUNTRY BOOT STORE,**  
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North's cornet solo on Tuesday evening was also worthy of special mention.

—Lunch 25c at the Oriental.  
 —"Built like a watch"—Sterling.  
 —All kinds of Glassware at Weller Bros.  
 —To-morrow being New Year's Day, the Times will not issue.

The C.P.N. Co.'s steamer Tees will leave for Quatsino and way ports Saturday at 8 p.m.

The street cars will run until 2 o'clock to-morrow morning for the benefit of those who wish to watch out the old year and welcome the new.

An announcement of very great interest to the boot and shoe wearing public is made by H. Mansell in the advertising columns of the Times this evening.

This evening the Sir William Wallace Society will give a Hogmanay concert in their hall on Broad street. An excellent programme has been arranged by Mr. Clement Rowlands.

The partnership existing between Gray & Alley, sash and door manufacturers, has been dissolved. The business will be continued by Frank E. Alley.

An Anglicized, Christianized Chinaman and a white lady were joined in marriage by Rev. Solomon Cleaver on Tuesday evening last. The ceremony took place at the residence of Fong Si.

The charge laid against Capt. A. E. McCallum in the police court by J. A. Lawrence, was called again this morning and again adjourned, owing to the sickness of the counsel of Mr. Lawrence.

Rev. Dr. Reid, of New Westminster, will give a New Year's eve address at the Church of Our Lord, Reform Episcopal, this evening at 8 o'clock. He will also preach in the same church next Sunday evening.

In a word, we know it and the same knowledge will be yours. We are selling off all our trimmed and untrimmed millinery 25 per cent. less than the marked price. John Partridge, Lansdowne House, 86 Yates street. Show room upstairs.

James G. Hay, of Pandora street, and bride will arrive in the city by the steamer Islander this evening. The wedding took place in Vancouver yesterday evening where Mr. Hay went to meet his bride, who was Miss Rachel Stoddart, of Paisley, Ontario.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Jackman, of Strawberry Vale, took place to-day at 2:30 p.m. from the residence, No. 6 Sayward avenue. Rev. Solomon Cleaver officiated at both the house and the cemetery. The pallbearers were J. Gould, O. Johnson, Wm. Richmond, H. Rosch, and F. Burton.

The post office employees were jubilant to-day on account of two of their number being successful at the whist tournament of the J. B. A. A. last evening. E. Brown won the king prize with 8 out of 11 games, whilst E. M. Haynes gave evidence of his prowess by winning the booty prize with 2 out of 11 games.

The principal of the high school has received the entrance certificates of those pupils who were successful at the recent examination held by him. These certificates will be presented on Monday next in the high school at 2 p.m. At the same time the list of promotions from the IV. to the III. division will be read.

Mr. Justice Walken has given judgment in favor of the plaintiffs in the case of the Kokosiah Stone Quarry Co. vs. the Queen. The litigation arose over the provincial government's refusal to use the Kokosiah stone in the construction of the new parliament buildings, the plaintiffs suing for damages for breach of agreement to take the stone. The amount for which judgment has been given is \$12,412.90.

A reception is to be held to-morrow afternoon in the Y. M. C. A. rooms from 2 o'clock to 6 o'clock. During the afternoon several gymnastic exhibitions will be given by the members of the V. A. C. and Y. M. C. A. A concert will be given during the evening under the management of Mr. Clement Rowlands. Many well known vocalists have promised to take part. The concert will begin at 8 p.m. sharp.

Mr. Begg has secured a large number of influential signatures to a memorial asking the provincial government to order an exploratory survey of the country between the Stiecken river and Teslin lake, through which it is proposed to build a railway to give access to the Yukon territory. It is represented that the construction of this railway would give a favorable route to the gold region, and that the trade of the Canadian portion of that country would thereby be kept very largely in Canadian hands.

The following donations to the Old Men's Home were thankfully received during December: Mrs. L. J. Quagliotto, papers; Mrs. G. Winter, papers; Mr. Shokholt, papers; Mr. Tronche, reading Mrs. John Partridge, cake and clothing; Lt.-Gov. and Mrs. Dewdney, two turkeys and one goose; D. K. Chumgranes, one turkey; Mr. Templeman, one turkey; Mr. Palkor, side of lamb; Mrs. Harrington and Adj. Thinks, tobacco and whiskey; Mrs. Eben, whiskey; Mrs. D. Heincken, apples.

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**CREAM**  
**MAKING**  
**POWDER**  
 PERFECT MADE.  
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On Tuesday evening the South Saanich Temperance Society, gave a birthday social in their hall at South Saanich. A first class programme was rendered as follows: Chairman's remarks, Mr. A. Gale; piano solo, Mrs. Butler; song, S. Cutler; dialogue, Messrs. Butler and Miss Butler; instrumental duet, Messrs. Brooks and De Lenne; song, Mrs. Rowlands; musical sketch, Messrs. Parsons and La Follie; song, Miss Dona Butler; one-act farce, "The Phonograph"; Messrs. Parsons, Tanager, Stewart and Gale; song, Miss Thompson; Irish character sketch, J. W. Stewart; song, Mr. Rowlands; reading, Mr. G. Sluggert; song, G. Parsons; comedy "Whistle and Wait for Katie," Messrs. Stewart, Parsons, Gale and Miss Thompson.

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 A special discount on all goods except Slater's Men Shoes.  
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 Will be here again. Don't flatter yourself that we'll have no more cold weather; there's lots to come; winter has hardly begun; we'll have at least three months more of cold, w.t. blustering windy overcoat weather, and that overcoat that you need is here still; it's a navy blue melton, nicely made, well lined with heavy black saten lining, and the price \$10 is cheaper by \$2 than you can duplicate it for in any other store in Victoria. We guarantee every one of them.

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 Bees Honey, Ontario, by the lb. 20c.  
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**IXL Ceylon Tea at 30 cents.**  
**Flowersy Peko-Ceylon at 45 cents.**

We also have the Tea your Grandmother used, called English Breakfast at 40c. a lb

**HARDRESS CLARK, Yates and Douglas Sts.**

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 Of our many customers and friends we extend best wishes for a

**Happy and Prosperous New Year**

We are thankful for the large measure of patronage accorded in the past and hope for a continuance of the same during 1897. Watch this space for announcements of tempting bargains.

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 Can be seen in our window. We have cutters, razors, scissors and shaving sets, beautifully cased; table cutlery, pocket and sporting knives, English plated spoons and forks, warranted. Shaving sets of our own make-up, and guaranteed. Inspect our full line of presents at  
**FOX'S, 78 Government Street.**

**Suitable, Appropriate and Appreciated Holiday Presents.**  
 Solid Gold and Gold Filled Spectacles and Eye Glasses. Heavy plain fitted with our perfect cases which will be exchanged after the Holidays FREE OF CHARGE. Eye Glass Chains, Opera Glasses, large stock. Extra fine and powerful lenses, Telescopes, Microscopes, Quartz Glasses, etc.  
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The Mystery of Mr. and Mrs. Peacocke. CHAPTER XXIV.—MARY'S SUCCESS.

In this last chapter of our short story I will venture to run rapidly over a few months, so as to explain how the affairs of Bowick arranged themselves up to the end of the current year.

Mr. and Mrs. Peacocke fell into their accustomed duties in the diminished school, apparently without difficulty. As the Doctor had not sent those ill-judged letters he of course received no replies...

Mr. Peacocke had resumed their usual duties at the Bowick School, after the performance of an interesting ceremony in London, at which Dr. Wortle and Mr. Puddlecombe had assisted.

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think. A finer fellow never lived. But he'll tell you all about it. He travelled with a pistol in his pocket, and seemed to want it too. I suppose you must come in and see the ladies after we have been to Peacocke's.

"I suppose I can just see them," said the young lord as though moved by equal anxiety as to the mother and as to the daughter.

"I'll leave word that you are here, and then we'll go into the school." So the Doctor found a servant, and sent what message he thought fit into the house.

"Yes, indeed, Miss! He's with your papa, going across to the school. He told me to take word into Miss's that he supposes his lordship will stay to dinner."

"Oh, mamma, what has brought him?" He has gone into the school with your papa to see Mr. Peacocke. He always found Mr. Peacocke.

"Does your father know you are here?" said the Doctor, as he led the young lord back from the school into the house.

"No, not angry. He knows the world well, and he is not quite sure that something of the kind would happen. As he is too fond of his son not to think well of anything that he does, it wasn't to be supposed that they should never meet.

"But he has—John brought in a postman and a dressing-bag out of the gig." So that was settled.

"We have such jolly words at Carstairs," he said; "but we shan't be able to sit down when we're there, because it will be winter. We shall be hunting, and you must come out and see us."

"You'll be at Oxford?" "You must stay over Christmas, Mary; that's what you must do. You mustn't think of going till January."

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acy with Mr. Peacocke. He explained that he had got two days' leave from the tutor of his college, and that two days in college parlours, always meant three. He would be back on the third day, in time for "gates"; and that was all which the strictest college discipline would require of him.

"Because little as I wish to be murdered, I should prefer that to murdering any one else. But he didn't mean it. His only object was to get as much out of me as he could. As for me, I couldn't give him more, because I hadn't got it."

"Why not?" "Because little as I wish to be murdered, I should prefer that to murdering any one else. But he didn't mean it. His only object was to get as much out of me as he could.

"For a while the Doctor had hesitated; but here, perhaps for the first time in her life, his wife was allowed to persuade him. "They are such leading people," she said.

"Who cares for that? I have never gone in for that. This, however, was a hardly true. "When I have been sure that a man is a gentleman, I have taken his son without inquiring much further. It was worth my while to withdraw after I had acceded to the request."

"But he withdraws his withdrawal in such a flattering way." Then the Doctor smiled, and the two boys were allowed to come to Lady Anne Clifford, hearing this, learning that the Doctor was so far willing to relent, became very piteous and implored forgiveness.

"Yes, my dear; yes." Then they fell to kissing each other, and did nothing but talk about Carstairs and all his perfections, and his unalterable love, and how these three years could be made to wear themselves away, till the conversation—flaming over as such conversation is wont to do—gave the whole house to understand that Miss Wortle was staying there as Lord Carstairs's future bride.

"Of course she stayed over the Christmas, or went back to Bowick for a week and then returned to Carstairs, so that she might tell her mother everything, and hear of the six new boys, who were to come after the holidays. Papa couldn't take both the Buncobles," said Mrs. Wortle in her triumph; "and one must remain till midsummer. Sir George did say that it must be two or none, but he would not give way. I wanted papa to have another boy in the east room, but he wouldn't hear of it."

Mary went back for the Christmas and Carstairs came; and the house was full, and everybody knew of the engagement. She walked with him, and rode with him, and danced with him, and talked secrets with him—as though there were no Oxford, no degree before him. No doubt it was very imprudent, but the Earl and the Countess knew all about it.

"What might be or would be, or was the end of such folly? It is no my purpose here to tell. I fear that there was trouble before them. It may, however, be possible that the degree should be given up on the score of love, and Lord Carstairs should marry his bride—at any rate, when he came of age."

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Aphorisms and Maxims, 1750. "For one poor person there are a hundred indigent." "Many have been ruined by buying good pennyworths."

"The eye of a master will do more work than both his hands." "Buy what thou hast no need of, and ere long thou shalt sell thy necessities."

"A plowman on his legs is higher than a gentleman on his knees." "A child and a fool imagine twenty shillings and twenty years can never be spent."

"The second vice is lying: the first is running into debt." "Creditors have better memories than debtors."

"Those have a short Lent who owe money to be paid at Easter." "Creditors are a superstition set—great observers of set days and times."—Notes and Queries.

Very Likely. When Whistler and Wilde were intimate the artist named a kitten which had been presented to him "Oscar," as a tribute of affection to the poet. In due time Mrs. Whistler appeared at the studio door one morning and announced: "Dear! What do you think has happened? Oscar has kittens!"

"Impossible!" exclaimed the artist: "Oscar is not that kind of cat." When, however, he was led to the spot where Oscar was purring over five diminutive, he said: "Well, if Oscar has had kittens he must have plagiarized them."—The Amusing Journal.

A New Reform Movement in Berlin. A most curious club has just been formed in a sumptuous hotel in the Domplatz at Berlin. Its title is a poem, "Der Antihandelnindeshenshaschenhallenverlein."

"Love is Kind." Kindness of disposition is Christianity itself. The New Testament inculcates good manners. A Christian by the very conditions of his creed and the obligations of his faith must be in word and act a gentleman.

Painful Piety. Piety is sometimes anything but well-mannered. It is sour, it is stiff, it is homely, it is pretentious, it is very good, it is very ugly, it is very painful. It is enough to make a man run from church to see some pious people.

NOTICE. At the next meeting of the Licensing Commissioners application will be made for the transfer of the license of the Adelphi Saloon, now held by M. C. Brown to G. K. Fisher and R. C. Davies. M. C. BROWN, deit. Victoria, B.C., Dec. 14, 1896.

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MUNICIPAL VOTERS' LIST, 1897. The municipal voters lists for the year 1897, as prepared by the undersigned, are on view in his office. By order. WELLINGTON J. DOWLING, C. M. City Clerk's Office, 17th Dec., 1896.

The Mayoralty. To the Ratepayers of the City of Victoria. At the request of a number of my fellow citizens, I have the honor to announce that I will be a candidate for the office of Mayor at the next election, and respectfully solicit your votes and support.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS. Charges for standing advertisements must be handed in at the office before 11 o'clock of the day the 'Change' is due to appear.

ELECTION PROTESTS

Hackett of Queen's West and Mr. Marcotte of Champlain, Both Tories, Unseated.

Resignation of Mr. Prendergast Member of Manitoba Legislature for St. Boniface.

Charlottetown, Dec. 30.—Edward Hackett, Conservative member for West River, was unseated to-day for bribery.

Quebec, Dec. 30.—The Champlain election was annulled to-day. This is the case in which it was charged that undue influence and intimidation had been used by the bishops and priests to secure the election of Mr. Marcotte, Conservative.

Quebec, Dec. 30.—Archbishop Fabre fled to-night. The Rt. Rev. E. C. Fabre, archbishop of Montreal, was for many years a canon of the Montreal cathedral, under the episcopate of the bishop, subsequently archbishop, Bourget, and was characterized by his general liberality, large-heartedness and catholicity of spirit.

London, Dec. 30.—The wife of Amos Davis was found dead in her house, the cause being apoplexy.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—John Gourlay, the treasurer at Arthur, died suddenly of paralysis.

Waukegan, Dec. 30.—The failure of Mr. Messenger has created a financial panic, and may result in disaster to various financial institutions in this part of Bruce county.

Quebec, Dec. 30.—The consecration of Rev. Canon Thorneley, D. D., bishop-elect, takes place in the cathedral on January 6.

Quebec, Dec. 30.—In the assembly yesterday the premier announced that all the government measures were now before the house, with the possible exception of one concerning the Montreal Exhibition Company.

Thamesford, Dec. 30.—J. McKay, formerly of Woodstock, fell down the railway bridge, while walking along the track, and was instantly killed.

Kingston, Dec. 30.—There was a large crowd at St. George's Cathedral to-day to witness the marriage of Miss Edith Norton Taylor, daughter of Colonel D. Norton Taylor, a retired British officer, to Captain Marsh, of the Royal Artillery, Plymouth, England.

Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—Alex. Bleeker, of New York, who has been in the city for some weeks as agent of a leading historical work, died suddenly last night while taking a Turkish bath at the Manitoba hotel. His remains will be taken east by his companion, Theo. Newton.

Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—The Tribune announces to-night that Mr. Prendergast, member for the Manitoba legislature, has tendered his resignation to St. Boniface constituency. He has been a member of the legislature for several parliaments. There will be several aspirants for the vacancy. Mr. Prendergast is a Liberal, but opposed the Greenway government on the separate school question until the recent settlement was effected.

Michael Joyce and Michael Burr were to-day sentenced to ten years' imprisonment each, for assaulting and robbing an old man named F. Kirby last month.

G. B. Anderson, charged with inciting deputy returning officers in the Winnipeg election to fraudulently insert in the ballot boxes papers which they knew were not proper ballots, was up for trial in the police court this morning, but the case was remanded till to-morrow.

The petitioner in the Marquette election case is appealing to Ottawa against the recent decision confirming Dr. Roche, M.P., in his seat.

"My boy was all crippled up and suffered awfully with rheumatism," writes Mrs. H. Wells, of Chesley, Ont. He also had a touch of diabetes. The doctors could do him no good, but Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills completely cured him.

KATE FIELD'S ASHES.

Are Being Taken East in a Small Urn by Editor Taylor.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—Kate Field's ashes are speeding eastward in charge of General Charles H. Taylor, proprietor of the Boston Globe. The remains are locked in a small cylindrical jar of polished copper. There is no inscription. Passing over the top of the cover, and through three little clasps, one on the cover and one on each side, is a narrow lavender ribbon, to which is attached a card bearing the customary record of the crematory, together with the name and date. The ends of the ribbon are fastened together below the card by a disc of black sealing wax, upon which is the lettered impress of the Odd Fellows' cemetery. A small brass padlock clasped through staples holds the cover securely in place. The urn is nine inches in length by six in diameter.

General Taylor will deliver the eulogy at the Chicago Times-Herald, who, as an old friend of the deceased will see that the remains, according to Miss Field's wish, are interred at Mount Auburn cemetery.

Windsor Salt

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SS. "ROSALIE" Leaves Victoria Daily at 10 a.m., except Sunday. Arriving at Victoria Daily except Sundays at 8 a.m. Leaves Seattle at 12:30 a.m. Daily except Sundays.

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Until further notice the morning train for Nanaimo will not leave Victoria until 10:45 o'clock and the Saturday afternoon train are cancelled.

Victoria & Sidney R'y

Leave Victoria at 7:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m. Leave Sidney at 8:15 a.m., 5:15 p.m. SATURDAYS and SUNDAYS. Leave Victoria at 7:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. Leave Sidney at 8:15 a.m., 5:15 p.m.

BICYCLES AND WATCHES.

12 Steam Bicycles, valued \$100 each. 12 Gold Watches, " 25 " Will be given during 1897, one bicycle and one watch each month, as follows:

HOW TO OBTAIN THEM. Competitions to have an easy "Sunlight Soap Wrappers" as they can collect, cut off the top portion of each wrapper—that portion containing the heading "SUNLIGHT SOAP." These called "Coupons" are to be sent enclosed with a sheet of paper on which the competitor has written his or her full name and address, and the number of Coupons sent in, postage paid, to Mr. C. R. KING, Victoria, B. C.

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TRANSPORTATION. Canadian Pacific Navigation Co. (LIMITED).

Time Table No. 20, Taking Effect December 24th, 1896.

VANCOUVER ROUTE. Victoria to Vancouver daily, except Monday at 10 o'clock. Vancouver to Victoria daily, except Monday at 12:15 o'clock, or on arrival of C. P. R. No. 1 train.

ROSSLAND KOOTENAY POINTS.

THE MINERS' POPULAR ROUTE TO... TIME SCHEDULE—In effect November 29th, 1896.

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TIME TABLE NO. 27. To Take Effect at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, November 2nd, 1896.

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