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100,000 Shares Sold at 10c and 15c.

A limited number of shares will now be sold for 25c, and it is the intention of the Directors to advance the price to 50c about January 1st, 1897. The company has acquired several valuable properties, such as the Daisy Group, on North Fork of Salmon; The Hotchkiss Group, near boundary line; The Lowell in Greenwood Camp; also a valuable property near Kaslo. We have the special handling of the treasury stocks of the Home-Ind., the R. E. Lee, Maid of Erin, the Red Mountain View of Rossland and the Gibson Milling and Mining Company.

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Geo. E. G. Brown, Local Mgr.

### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOW is your time to get your plans tuned for Christmas. - J. J. Sheridan, 1001 Main St. left at 10. For clear Brothers' music store, near Post Office. d-22-4t

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SHINGLES FOR SALE - Munn, Holland & Co., Broad Street, opposite the District.

Make Yours a Sweet Scented Christmas.

By securing something from our complete stock of Perfumes comprising all the latest French, English, German, Canadian and American scents. Large assortment of Holiday novelties.

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### FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TENDER.

The goodwill and stock-in-trade of the late William Powell, blacksmith, situated at the corner of Johnson and Broad streets, Victoria, and known as the Ontario Wagon Shop. The business, including the manner of payment, to be set by Saturday, 29th January, 1897, to the undersigned, at the corner of Yates and Broad streets, Victoria.

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## SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

### THE WHEEL.

#### STEARNS WON EVERYTHING.

One of the largest and most hotly contested coasting contests of the season was run at Ferre-Haute, Ind., recently under the auspices of the Wheeling-Cycling club. E. C. Stearns & Co. have received a telegram from their Indiana representative, George C. Russell, stating that in this contest "Stearns" bicycles won first, third, fourth, fifth eighth and ninth places.

### FOOTBALL.

#### VICTORIA VS. NAVY.

The following Victoria Rugby football team will play against the Navy at the Canteen grounds on Saturday next: Full back, H. Petticrew; three-quarters, J. M. Miller (captain), C. Wilson, C. Gamble, K. Schofield; half-backs, H. B. Haines, A. T. Goward; forwards, L. Crease, A. D. Crease, A. R. Spain, J. K. Macrae, W. R. G. Atkins, J. H. Austin, W. O'Brien, A. Langley.

### THE RING.

#### FITZ GOES EAST.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—Bob Fitzsimmons, accompanied by his family, started east last night. Fitz will proceed leisurely to New York, where he will sign articles of agreement for a fight with Corbett.

#### CHANCE FOR SHARKEY.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 24.—Parson Davies is in the city to-day. He announces that he has a deposit of \$1000 for a match between Choyanski and Sharkey for a purse of \$5000, which will be offered by Dan Stuart, the fight to take place the same time as the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight.

#### THE ST. JAMES NEWS.

The St. James Gazette says the Queen will personally dictate and revise a biography in 1897. The work will tell the story of the longest reign in the history of England, as the Queen herself regards it.

A Times dispatch from Calcutta says: "The official report of prospects in Behar says that the rainfall has hardly had any effect in lowering prices, which are still at famine rates throughout Bengal. The danger of the famine has been removed in South Behar, but there is the gravest anxiety in many of the northern districts."

## SPAIN MAY BE READY

To Make a Stand Against the United States Should It Come to a War.

### Report of a Spanish Defeat in Cuba—Another Insurgent Leader—Killed.

London, Dec. 24.—A dispatch from Rome to the Daily News says: "All signs here seem to prove that Spain is preparing for warlike complications with the United States. The hurried manufacture of a large number of cartridges has been ordered and four cruisers have been ordered from the Ansaldo yards in Genoa."

Havana, Dec. 24.—Private advices from the interior represent that the insurgent general, Jose Maria Aguirre, who held the chief command of the insurgent forces in Havana province, was mortally wounded in a recent engagement with the Spanish forces near Camaguey.

The United States Vice-Consul-General, Mr. Joseph A. Springer, leaves for Washington by the first steamer after the return of Consul-General Lee, who is expected here on the 26th.

Tampa, Fla., Dec. 24.—One of the Cuban leaders here received news from Havana confirming the report recently received of Spanish losses sustained near Santiago and other towns near, while attempting to capture the cargo of a filibustering vessel. The Spaniards were routed and wired for aid. A train was made up, but the track was dynamited by the Cubans. The terrified Spaniards poured out of the wreck only to receive a withering fire from the Cubans concealed behind the roadbed. The Spaniards fought bravely for a few minutes but the odds were too great and they fled in all directions.

In Havana much speculation has been indulged in as to why Weyler changed his mind and went to Pinar del Rio section, instead of going into Santa Clara province, as had been arranged. The solution is the bad news received from the Spanish front near the trocha and the Spanish commander not wishing to stand the responsibility, wired for Weyler.

### DON CARLOS' INTENTIONS.

Has Not as Yet Renounced His Pretensions to the Throne.

Rome, Dec. 24.—It is now asserted the abdication of his pretensions to the throne of Spain by Don Carlos, in favor of his son, Don Jaime, is only postponed until the terms can be arranged. The statement that he was to abdicate which originated here a short time ago, was afterwards denied.

### THOSE COMMISSIONS.

Western Lines Will Not Accede to the Request of the C.P.R.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—The Western roads say that they will not abandon their large commissions on business from Canadian points to points in Eastern Canada and New England, to which objection has been made by the Canadian Pacific. They say that they have put the commissions on to remain as long as the "So" line keeps up its competition, and they will not take them off until they have had satisfactory assurances that the "So" line has done or is about to do so.

### A LITTLE TOO MUCH.

The Sultan Wanted to be Made Out a Just Monarch.

London, Dec. 23.—A Constantinople dispatch to the Chronicle says that the Sultan has invited the Armenian Patriarch, Mgr. Ormanian, to sign a document admitting that the Armenians were wholly responsible for the recent troubles, thanking the Sultan for his leniency, and declaring on behalf of the Armenians that they are completely satisfied with the reforms instituted and that they are not desirous of foreign intervention.

The Patriarch refused to sign this statement and quitted the patriarchate, and sent his resignation to the Porte. It has no been accepted.

The election of Mgr. Maghiska-Ormanian, the superior of the monastery of Aramash, Niomedia, by the National Armenian Association was sanctioned by the Sultan on November 28, much to the satisfaction of the Armenians, who hoped through this election that the feuds between the Sultan and his Christian subjects would soon be settled.

## OFF FOR CHRISTMAS

Ministers Leave Ottawa to Spend the Holiday at Their Respective Homes.

Hon. Mr. Sifton Looking Over His Department With a View of Economizing.

Charges Against Indian Agent Martin of Ottawa County, are Proven.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—(Special)—Premier Laurier has gone to Arthursville for the week. The other ministers are scattering for the Christmas holidays. Hon. Mr. Sifton is busy looking over the list of employees in his department with a view of economy and better efficiency. Mr. Maxwell had an interview with Mr. Sifton to-day.

The Commissioner who inquired into the case of James Martin, Indian agent for Ottawa county, will report that Martin was an active political campaigner during elections and contributed funds to the Tory party.

Wm. Curran, an employee of the public works department at Regina, N. W. T., and formerly of Ottawa, was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary about a year ago for arson. Some literary studies were burned at Regina and Curran was tried and found guilty. He was also suspected of having burned other buildings. A. W. Fraser, barrister of Ottawa, out of sympathy for Curran's father, who is a messenger in the supreme court here, and family, took hold of the case recently, went into the whole matter and discovered that the evidence was faulty in many instances. Fraser brought it to the attention of the minister of justice with the result that Curran was liberated from Stony Mountain penitentiary this morning, after having served one year out of five for the offence.

Messrs. Earle and Prior have been asking the government to build a house for the British admiral at Esquimaut.

Hon. Mr. Sifton is working hard and close at his department. He will spend Christmas here. He goes to Toronto in about a week on immigrant business. He asked for a list of all the officers of the outside service of the Indian department and the same is being prepared. He will do the same thing with the interior department. It is his intention to effect economies wherever he can and at the same time increase the efficiency of the service. The Indian department has been a political machine, as has been shown in the late election cases.

Mr. Rainboth, who was a commissioner to enquire into the case of James Martin, Indian agent of Mamwaki, Ottawa county, is preparing his report. It will show that Martin not only took part in the general elections, but he also contributed to the funds of the party.

There is also evidence of other irregularities against him.

Justices Tait, Giesse and Tascheron, of the high court of Quebec, were here yesterday and asked for an increase in salary.

### SHIPPING.

#### Doings in Marine Circles During the Past Twenty-Four Hours.

The hydrographic surveys of the water-front are angry with the tides because they refused to flood the wharves and warehouses in compliance with their predictions. Yesterday and to-day the tides were a few inches higher than the ordinary but they were far from being at all alarming. The merchants, however, removed all their freight from the lower warehouses, consequently Wharfinger Griffith will spend a happier Christmas than he would had he been bothered with the freight of tardy merchants. On the Sound the high tide did not materialize. It did not so much as disturb the wharf rats under the docks.

A change has been made in the C. P. N. Company's schedule for the Victoria-Vancouver route. The Islander will leave the inner wharf every morning excepting Monday at one o'clock instead of two. The regular time for the steamer to leave Vancouver for Victoria is 1:15 p.m.

Early this morning the Topoka called at the outer wharf on her way to Alaska. On the 29th instant the Alki will leave the Sound for Alaska, calling here en route. This trip of the Alki will be made in order to allow the Topoka to catch up with her schedule. She will miss a trip, leaving again for Alaska on January 12.

The fleet of vessels in Royal Roads has been augmented by the arrival of two more vessels. They are the Harvard from Santa Rosalie, and the Chelalis from Shanghai. Both are waiting for orders.

The British ship Indore has been chartered to load lumber at Port Blake and to deliver it to the Victoria and Al Roads since December 11.

### American News.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Nelson Meier, the millionaire packer, had a narrow escape from being gored by a Texas steer while inspecting cattle.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 24.—The fourth holiday in Blue Cut, the historic spot of the operations of the Jesse James gang, took place last night. The St. Louis and Chicago express was flagged and robbed by masked men.

## THE BRANT ELECTION

Liberal Candidate Issues an Address to the Electors of the District.

Bishop Langerin Still Holding Out for Separate Schools in Manitoba.

Emigrants from Montreal to Brazil Being Sent Home by the British Consul.

Brantford, Dec. 24.—Heyd, the Liberal candidate in South Brant, has issued an address to the electors on the question of the tariff. Heyd quotes Premier Laurier's election statement to the effect that his party would be reformers, not revolutionists, and their policy would be one for the building up of the Dominion. "It is but fair to add," says Heyd, "in the present financial position of the country, with heavy liabilities and increased annual expenditures, created by successive Conservative governments, any revenue tariff that may be evolved must afford, incidentally a large measure of protection to our manufacturers, and I believe, with respect to our Brantford manufacturers, most of them will be materially benefited by a reduction of the iron duties which are certain to be made."

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Premier Laurier has received a telegram stating that nine adults and thirteen children of the Canadian immigrants who recently left Montreal, have been shipped from Brazil for Liverpool by the British consul.

St. John N. B., Dec. 24.—A re-arrangement of rates in favor of this point by the C. P. R. is expected to secure for St. John much more traffic now going via Boston.

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—All the British and United States grain exchanges and likewise the Winnipeg exchange will be closed till Monday.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—Archbishop Langevin will spend a few days here before going home. His Grace declares that he will hold out for separate schools and contends that as the remedial bill still stands the minority has not lost its right to appeal to the Dominion parliament. It is understood the question will come up again next session.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Robert Reid, of Montreal, who built the railway across the island for the Newfoundland government, has just awarded contracts in London for the building of fast steamers 250 feet long and 32 feet beam to ply between Port au Basque, Newfoundland, and Sydney, Cape Breton. The steamers will make the trip in about three hours, thus bringing Montreal, Boston and New York into closer connection with the island colony. The railway which is now in operation is owned by Newfoundland.

Detective Goldford, of Pittsburg, Pa., who came here and arrested one Louis Levl, has been annoyed by telegrams sent to his wife saying that he was in trouble with the police authorities. Judge Duggan will render judgment in the extradition proceedings to-morrow.

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—About twenty deputy returning officers, who officiated during the June election in the Macdonald constituency, were arrested to-day charged with tampering with the ballots.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—The premises of the Canada Jute Company, Ltd., were damaged to the extent of \$10,000 by fire yesterday; insured.

La Prairie, Dec. 23.—The town water works were destroyed by fire to-day. Loss, \$4000.

Chatham, Dec. 23.—A Cohen & Co. dry goods, have failed with liabilities of \$11,000.

London, Dec. 23.—The election trials have been postponed till January 18th. The costs up to date amount to \$10,000.

### RACE WAR ENDED.

White and Colored People at Mayfield Sign a Treaty of Peace.

Paducah, Ky., Dec. 24.—The race war at Mayfield is ended. At a meeting of citizens, both white and colored people, an understanding was reached that peace should reign although the colored people kept themselves closely indoors, and the women and children kept off the streets after dark. All business houses were closed and no one was allowed on the streets except policemen. The trouble is over and there should be no fear of an outbreak by the colored people as they fully realize what the result would be should they attempt it.

### THE NEW REPUBLIC.

Recognition of the Minister From the Central American Republic.

Washington, Dec. 23.—After several weeks of negotiation the status of Senator Rodriguez, first minister of the greater republic of Central America, has been determined. He has been accepted and his credentials in a short speech, which, while formal in its tone, was thoroughly earnest in its evidence of good will towards the new American union. The President emphasized the purpose of the United States government to hold the individual states of the new union to the responsibility for past claims, and indicated an expectation that Guatemala and Costa Rica, which have so far refrained from joining with the others of the new republic, would soon give in their adhesion.

### CHICAGO FAILURES

Most of the Banks Able to Meet the Demands of All Their Depositors.

Warrants Sworn Out for Men Who Were Mixed up in the Trouble.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—The assets of the National Bank of Illinois are said to include in addition to \$2,475,000 loaned to the Calumet Electric Light Company, \$500,000, advanced to Robert Berger, son-in-law of President George Schneider; \$500,000 advanced to G. A. Weiss, another son-in-law, and over \$800,000 doubtful debts. Berger is a partner of E. S. Dryer & Co. which went into the hands of a receiver. The losses will fall upon 1,971 individual depositors and 550 national, state and private banks. The deposits of the treasurers of Chicago and Cook county aggregate almost \$1,000,000. The amount on deposit at the present time by the state treasurer is comparatively small. Among the depositors were many large corporations and receivers, including the receivers of the Northern Pacific railroad and the receiver of the whisky trust. The deposits of E. S. Dryer & Co. include the fund of the West Park board. The amount was about \$310,000.

The failure of Angus & Gindele, general contractors; the American Brewing, Malt and Elevator Company; the Geo. A. Weiss Malt and Elevator Company, and George A. Weiss individually, were all due to the collapse of the National Bank of Illinois.

Runs were made on the Garden City Banking and Trust Company, the Hibernian Savings Bank and the Illinois Trust & Savings Company, but none of the runs were of much importance. The officers of the Garden City Banking and Trust Company had expected that a run would be made upon their institution, and were ready to meet it. They threw open the doors of the bank an hour earlier than usual, and they said they wanted to get the run out of the way, so they could transact their usual business without being disturbed. Quite a crowd of depositors had gathered before the doors were opened, and as soon as the bank was ready for business the depositors gave the paying tellers all they cared to do. The run kept up with energy for over an hour, and then died away. At the closing announced that the amount of money taken during the day was treble that paid out, and the bank was declared in better shape than at the opening of the doors in the morning.

The run on the Hibernian Savings Bank was of short duration, as the officers declined to make any payments on time deposits unless given sixty days' notice. They said this was not because they were not prepared to pay all depositors in full, but because they wished to avoid embarrassment to small bankers who might not be prepared to pay all their depositors and who might be placed in an embarrassing position. The stronger banks are paying all demands for time deposits.

There was a slight run on the Illinois Trust and Savings bank shortly after it opened, the similarity of its name and that of the National Bank of Illinois having led some depositors to believe that the former was a branch. During the run in 1891 President John J. Mitchell, of the Illinois Trust and Savings bank, gave orders to pay all depositors who called for their money, and was criticized by other bankers for doing so. This morning, as soon as it became evident that there was likely to be a crowd in the bank, instructions were given to the tellers to serve the usual sixty-day notice, but to pay all depositors who could show that they were bona fide holders of their money for a legitimate purpose. The result was that a score or more of people who lined up at the paying tellers' windows soon dispersed. Before the close of banking hours the excitement had completely died out. The giving of the notice was sanctioned by the clearing house committee and the object (the Illinois Trust being the strongest savings bank in the city) to give the smaller ones the opportunity to point to its action as an excuse for giving the notice themselves which they did, and thus effectually stopped a run. The Illinois Trust and Savings Bank is said to have \$3,000,000 in cash on hand, and loaning money, instead of, in 1893, calling loans in to meet the demands of the saving depositors.

Robert E. Jenkins, one of the directors of the National Bank of Illinois, says: "The directors did not know the size of the loan on the Calumet Electric. The discovery of the condition of the loan was as much of a surprise to me as to the public. The same is true in the case of the loan to Dryer & Co."

Under the general call issued by the comptroller of the currency, the national banks of this city have prepared a statement showing their condition at the close of business on December 17. The last previous statement was made on October 6. The fourteen banks show total loans of \$63,639,223, as compared with the \$63,665,893 October 6, a loss in loans of \$26,670. The total deposits are \$94,391,452 as compared with \$83,258,208, a gain of \$11,133,244. The cash resources amount to \$47,896,080, as compared with \$37,761,503, a gain of \$10,134,576. The legal requirement in reserve is 25 per cent. of the total deposits, or \$23,597,863, while there is held \$47,896,080, or more than 50 per cent. There is held in excess of the legal requirement \$24,298,217.

Two central station detectives searched the town to-night for E. S. Dryer and Robert Berger, for whose arrest on a charge of embezzlement warrants were sworn out this afternoon before Justice W. T. Hall by F. E. Kennedy, of No. 1121 Dearborn street.

The firm of Dicks & Kennedy made up its account at Dryer's bank. At noon Saturday Mr. Kennedy made up his daily deposit and took it to the bank. Currency and checks aggregated \$154,115.

The doors were closed, but on Mr. Kennedy allowing his book, the doorkeeper permitted him to enter, and a receiving teller accepted the deposit. Mr. Kennedy's action in swearing out the warrants was largely induced by the treatment he received at the bank a few minutes before his trip to Justice Hall. He visited the bank to make a courteous inquiry, and was told if he did not leave the place immediately, he would be forced to do so under the escort of a policeman. "Treatment of this kind," said Mr. Kennedy, "made me indignant, and I made up my mind that after I had lost my money, I was at least entitled to civil treatment."

### ARBITRATION TREATY Is Being Made for But Five Years With Expectations of Renewal.

Washington, Dec. 23.—As already outlined the life of the general arbitration treaty between Great Britain and the United States is purposely made very short—only five years—but this is with the expectation of a renewal for a longer period if it shall prove to work well, and also to afford easy opportunity for adoption. Its purpose is to dispose peacefully and honorably of such questions as arise between the United States and Great Britain, and will not admit of adjustment by the ordinary methods of diplomacy, excluding of course questions involving the national honor. The personnel of the arbitration commission is to be of the highest character—men selected from the judiciary of each country in equal numbers, three from each side, and provision is made against a failure through a tie vote by the bringing in of an umpire. Neither the Venezuelan question nor the Behring Sea issue are to go before this commission, but its first work will be to close up the Alaskan boundary controversy. Unlike the Venezuelan boundary arrangement this treaty must go to the U. S. senate for ratification. The fate of the project in congress can only be conjectured at present. Some fear is expressed that the issue made by Secretary Olney over the Cuban question may somewhat jeopardize this crowning piece of diplomacy by inviting criticism and the display of ill-feeling on the part of some senators, who feel that their prerogatives have been invaded.

There is no longer any doubt that the general arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain is practically complete to the satisfaction of both governments and that its presentation to congress may be expected in the near future. Several minor amendments have been suggested and accepted from time to time during the progress of the negotiations, but it is now confidently believed that the clear copy which was forwarded to Lord Salisbury by Sir Julian Pauncefote, about a week ago, will at once receive the formal approval of the British premier and be returned to Washington in time to be presented to the senate for ratification.

### A BIG CONTRACT. Mackay and Flood Intend to Pump Out the old Allison Mine.

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—The Allison ranch mine, which was a quarter of a century ago, one of the best producing mines in the vicinity of Grass Valley, is to be reopened and worked to its fullest capacity. The mine is owned by John W. Mackay and James L. Flood.

The Allison ranch mine has a unique history. In the height of its prosperity it was purchased by J. B. Haggin and A. E. Davis. In 1896 it led all Nevada county mines, and two years later it had paid over \$3,000,000 in dividends. One day a miner's pick tapped a vein of water, and in a few minutes the mine was flooded. The water poured in in such volumes that it could not be pumped out, and the mine was abandoned. That was twenty-eight years ago, and all that time the mine has remained full of water.

Eight years ago Mackay and Flood secured control of the property and now they propose to pump the mine out. A pumping plant with a capacity of 1,000,000 gallons per day will be put in, the work on it to commence February 1. It is estimated that it will take two years to clear the mine.

Must not be confounded with common cathartic or purgative pills. Carter's Little Liver Pills are entirely unlike them in every respect. One trial will prove their superiority.

### THE POPE'S HEALTH. His Holiness Receives the Season's Greetings From the Prelates.

Rome, Dec. 23.—The Pope to-day received in solemn audience the cardinals and prelates, who tendered him the season's greetings. The reception took place in the throne room. His Holiness appeared to be in excellent health and in a clear voice replied to the usual protests against the position of the holy see. He asked what was the use of laws for the safeguard and dignity of the pope, when even his charitable and disinterested plan of consolidating the Italian prisoners in Algiers had been made a public target for outrage and calumny.

### SULLIVAN PENNILESS. The Once Famous Puglist is not Worth a Cent.

Boston, Dec. 23.—John L. Sullivan, the puglist, sat in the poor debtor's session of the municipal court to-day to explain why he had failed to settle a florist's bill. The case will be further heard January 11.

New York, Dec. 23.—A World special from Boston says: "It is said that of the thousands of dollars which Sullivan paid in this small judgment of \$318 obtained by a florist. When the judgment against Sullivan was obtained on his default in October, the officers looked around for something in the shape of property they could attach. They could find nothing, consequently they made a nominal attachment, and on the papers it reads that the sheriff 'has this day attached a chip as the property of John J. Sullivan.'"

—Come early; make your choice from a great collection of complimentary presents and avoid the rush of next week. Weiler Bros.

### Mothers

Anxiously watch declining health of their daughters. So many are cut off by consumption in early years that there is real cause for anxiety. In the early stages, when not beyond the reach of medicine, Hood's Sarsaparilla will restore the quality and quantity of the blood and thus give good health. Read the following letter: "It is but just to write about my daughter Cora, aged 19. She was completely run down, declining, had that tired feeling, and friends said she would not live over three months. She had a bad

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and nothing seemed to do her any good. I happened to read about Hood's Sarsaparilla and had her give it a trial. From the very first dose she began to get better. After taking a few bottles she was completely cured and her health has been the best ever since." Mrs. ADRIE PECK, 12 Railroad Place, Amsterdam, N. Y. "I will say that my mother has not stated my case in as strong words as I would have done. Hood's Sarsaparilla has truly cured me and I am now well." CORA PECK, Amsterdam, N. Y. Be sure to get Hood's, because

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SUFFERING FROM WEAK KIDNEYS, MANY CANNOT FIND REST. Cure Where Other Pills Fail.

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PACIFIC RAILWAYS

Discussion in the United States Senate Regarding the Bonded Debts.

Senator Morgan Makes Some Pointed Remarks About Monopolists.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The senate was unexpectedly diverted to-day from Cuba to the Pacific railroads. Soon after the session opened Pettigrew of South Dakota called up his resolution relative to the trust notes on the Pacific railroads. The senator made a savage onslaught on the Pacific railroad system in general, charging that a combination of private interests was seeking to absorb the roads, and close out the government. This opened the entire question, and Morgan of Alabama followed with a bitter arraignment of the Pacific roads, charging them with fraud and crime on a gigantic scale. The speech lasted until shortly before 2 o'clock, when the morning hour expired, thus sending over the Cuban question until after the holidays.

The urgent deficiency bill was reported and passed with minor amendments. It carries \$884,886, the larger part of which is for continuation of the work of the navy department. Pettigrew of South Dakota called up his resolution appropriating \$10,000,000 to take up the first note of the Union Pacific railroad. He said this step was imperative to protect the interests of the government against the scheme of those who held the notes, whose purpose was to absorb the branch lines of the Union Pacific. He believed the Union Pacific was not insolvent, and that the floating debt was created for the express purpose of complicating and embarrassing the government. He pointed out that in 1881 while the Union Pacific road had \$28,000,000 of the stock of the branch roads in its possession, with earnings sufficient to pay expenses, pay the interest on the first mortgage bonds and furnish a surplus, this floating debt of \$8,000,000 was created.

"It turns up in the hands of the officers and directors and representatives of the road," he said, "and the bonds and stocks of these branch lines are taken by these officers and placed with Drexel, Morgan & Co. as security for the floating debt. Now, it is well for the committee to ascertain how this floating debt came into existence, the consideration received for it, and everything connected with it in view of the fact that the road was earning its operating expenses, interest on its bonds and a surplus besides."

The senator declared that these people proposed to get control of \$93,000,000 of stock and bonds which control the branch lines of the Union Pacific independent absolutely of the rights and interests of the United States government. He said that he stock and bonds are worth \$35,000,000 to-day upon the market. Their apparent purpose, he said, was to divert the business of the branch lines to other roads, and thereby make the property upon which the government holds this security, almost worthless. At this juncture prompt action was required, in order to prevent the accomplishment of this purpose, which was in line, Pettigrew said, with the dishonest and corrupt acts of these men through a lifetime.

The senator said an advertisement had been placed in the Wall Street Daily News, signed by J. G. Moore, James W. Alexander and John F. Adams, a committee, for the purpose of carrying out this scheme. He understood this committee represents the great entities which control the Union Pacific railroad, which have made great fortunes out of the road and have so managed it as to "swindle the sinking fund" and cause great scandals in relation to the roads. A part of the plan was to have receivers appointed in the interests of the men who were controlling the road, to better facilitate the defeat of the government's claims.

Gear of Iowa, chairman of the committee on Pacific roads, asked if Pettigrew favored the operation of the roads by the government. Pettigrew answered: "Certainly. The government could not possibly manage the Pacific roads worse than they have been managed. It would do away with pools, combines and discrimination of rates which has made the American railways largely an object for criticism."

Platt of Connecticut spoke of the imperative necessity of considering the important question of settlement with the Pacific roads. An indebtedness reaching \$115,700,000 was in danger of being lost, and yet the vast debt and the prospect of its being lost seemed to disturb no one.

As to the pending funding bill, Morgan said he opposed it, and when it came up he would insist on the fullest latitude of debate. He particularly desired to see the interests of the people of the Pacific slope protected against a combination of those two vast influences, the Union Pacific and the Central Pacific under private control. No section of the country had been so taxed and made subservient as that of the Pacific coast by this Gorgon of monopoly. He believed the pending funding bill should be re-committed to the committee and a more adequate remedy presented. The Union Pacific had enough in its treasury, to pay the interest on the first mortgage bonds, and yet it came to congress as a bankrupt and mendicant, asking for pity. It was not only paying interest on its own bonds, but it was paying dividends to British bondholders. These roads were pursuing what had become a fixed policy of railway management in the United States, the running down and wrecking of railroads in order to manipulate them.

Yest interposed at this point with a question as to the meaning of the President, in his recent message, that unless congress acted on this Pacific railway question, the executive branch would act by January 1st.

Morgan gave a deprecatory gesture and said: "Now, in all Egypt there was but one

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Senator Hale Gives Reasons Why no Action Should be Taken in Regard to Cuba.

General Weyler Proposes to Take the Field Against the Cubans in Santa Clara.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Senator Hale has received a letter from Senator Hoar, who is out of the city, announcing his opposition to the Cuban resolution and asking Senator Hale to pair with him in any way that will defeat, delay or bring confusion to the resolution reported from the committee on foreign relations.

Senator Hale, who is expected to lead the opposition to the Cuban resolution in the senate, is preparing for the conflict, which he expects will follow the holiday recess. It is the general understanding that this question will be one of the first raised after the re-convening of congress, and it is looked forward to for a battle royal.

"The advocates of the resolution," said the Maine senator to-day, "were at

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my left side was entirely paralyzed. On finding myself in the saddle I called 'Go' to my horse, which darted like an arrow towards the exit from the drift." The captain adds that the horse was an old pet of his, and had always been made much of.

THE BIGGEST BABY.

It is claimed, with a strong show of probability, by the parents of David and the inhabitants of New Tredegar, that he is the biggest baby in the world. David is large in every sense. While he is rather fat, he has also a very large frame.

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A few comparisons will help one to realize his greatness. A well grown woman of 5 feet 5 inches finds a 20-inch waist sufficient, while many a one boasts that she measures but sixteen inches in this region. David beats the bigger of them by ten inches. It is to

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action by congress on the Cameron resolution. London, Dec. 23.—The Times this morning has an editorial in which it counsels the Spaniards to maintain the calm demeanor they have already displayed toward the United States. Says the Times: "They can afford to ignore the insolent menaces of the senate committee, even if they are adopted by both houses, because indications are that the American people support President Cleveland's attitude. But Spain must endeavor to secure peace in one way or another, otherwise the time will come when the Cameron resolution will be adopted in substance by the president."

SAVED BY HIS HORSE.

A geographic narrative is told in the Natal Advertiser by Surgeon-Captain Grey, one of the officers who served in Rhodesia. In the attack on Mashongombi's horses began to drop, and soon thirteen lay on the ground, and it looked as if the men would all be killed. Evidently Captain Turner thought so, for he virtually gave the order, "Sauve qui peut," telling every man to fight the best he could for his own hand. But though the horses continued to fall, the men escaped. Dr. Grey, to use his own words, "led towards the way out under a raking fire at a gallop, and was closely followed by the troop. Very soon, however, I fell



A DANGEROUS GAME.

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man of the senators were here during the recess, meetings would be held to inquire into the questions which had been raised.

Pettigrew's resolution was then referred to the committee on Pacific railroads.

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first inclined to claim a two-thirds majority, but I doubt whether they feel so sanguine now, and I am sure they would not if they knew how rapidly the conservative sentiment in the senate is growing. I was sorry to see that," the senator continued, "I had been quoted as saying we should be able to defeat the resolution on a vote.

"I would not want to claim that result at the present time, but I hope for it in the end. Indeed I am receiving assurances from influential senators every day in sympathy with the opposition to the resolution, and I believe the sentiment in the senate is rapidly gathering that way. Of course there are meetings and resolutions on the other side, but one can gather men together in advocacy of any cause and get signatures to almost any kind of petition. My contention is that the business men and thinking men of the country are opposed to any step which is liable to plunge the country into war. In my own state, for instance, there is only one prominent newspaper which advocates the course advised by the senate committee on foreign relations."

New York, Dec. 23.—A Keg West special to the World says Gen. Weyler proposes to take the field in Santa Clara province, it is learned from Havana, and force the fighting. The captain general is disturbed by reports of insurgent operations in Santa Clara. Besides, a strong hint is said to have reached him from Madrid that something

from the saddle, struck with a bullet from an elephant gun about five hundred yards off. The bullet struck me on the top of the thigh, smashing the socket of the thigh bone, and breaking a vein and otherwise wounding me. My horse was carried on at full speed by the rear guard, which rushed at desperate speed to clear the pocket-like entrance of the drift, where the natives were rallying in the hope of killing us. As I lay on the grass bleeding profusely, I looked up and saw two natives aiming at me at a distance of about 40 feet. At the same time I saw my horse some thundering back from the drift. He immediately stopped, and covered me over my prostrate body, covering me from the firing, and at the same time making a peculiar noise through his nostrils. I thought it had been wounded, and that with the pain noise and confusion it had gone mad. This notion, however, was soon dispelled, for it continued to stand over me in a kneeling posture, and I could see that the faithful animal had come back to protect me. I may remark here that this horse, which I myself selected, I made a pet of. The assaigals from the approaching natives were now beginning to fly around me, and thinking if I could reach my horse's back I should be shot, which was preferable to being assailed, I seized the reins, put the right foot on the stirrup and made a supreme effort to mount. And I was successful; but how I did it I do not know, for

be noted that his chest measurement is the same as that of his waist. This shows that he is not abnormally fat as we all know it is the first stage of marked obesity to have a waist larger than one's chest. David's chest measurement is that of a man—small, but not remarkably so.

His neck is truly wonderful. It measures 16 inches, a size appropriate to a heavily built man six feet high. That should mean that David will be a very heavy and powerful man, for a thick neck is essential to great strength. It is very important to remember that David is a healthy baby. If he is a monostrous, he is a healthy one. He gives every indication of abounding vigor and vitality. His skin has a healthy glow, his eyes are bright and his hair is thick.

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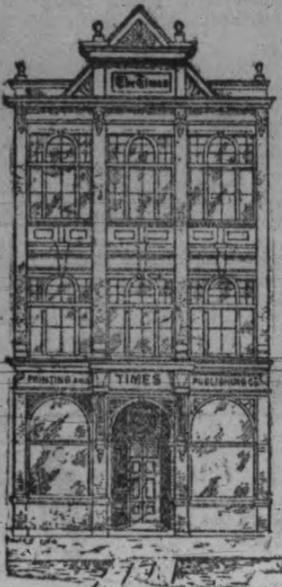
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MORTGAGE SALE. Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain indenture, dated the 22nd day of March, 1894, registered in the Victoria Land Registry Office in Charge Book Vol. 12, Folio 73, No. 1027 B, tenders will be received by the undersigned, at the office of W. H. Mason, 42 Government Street, Victoria, up to noon of the 4th day of January, 1897, for the purchase of all that piece or parcel of land situate in the City of Victoria, British Columbia, and being lot number 9 (nine) of the subdivision of lots 1, 2, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31, of section 33, V. Victoria district, as per deposited map in the Land Registry Office, Victoria, No. 332, with the two-story dwelling thereon. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Dated 22nd December, 1896. LEONEL C. JOHNSON.



The Daily Times.

PROTECT THE PUBLIC.

Hon. Mr. Blair at New Westminster offered some observations in regard to the Crow's Nest railway project which will no doubt attract much attention. Having come to a full knowledge of the valuable gift handed over to the B.C. Southern Railway Company on the pretext that it was about to build a line from Crow's Nest Pass to the coast, Mr. Blair very accurately described the transaction as appalling. The adjective is none too strong when all the circumstances are taken into account, and several others might be added with equal force. The grant of this immense and very valuable tract of land to the company was first authorized by the legislature, at the direction of the government, in 1890. The company at that time was required to commence the work within three years and complete it within five. Times went on, and never a stroke of real work was done—unless a little attempt at charter-mongering is to be called work. In 1894 the company asked for an extension of time, which the government and legislature granted, with their usual complaisance towards special friends. The eastern section of the road, from the summit of Crow's Nest to the Elk river, was to be completed by the end of 1896, the central section, to Kootenay lake, by the end of 1897, and the section to the coast by the end of 1898. It was so arranged that the part of the land grant which embraces the coal deposits was to be handed over to the company as soon as it had made certain progress with the first section. Then last session another act was passed which extended the time for two years, the dates for the respective sections being fixed at 1898, 1899 and 1900. When, after all these favors to the B. C. Southern Co., the Dominion government is asked to step in and furnish such aid as will secure the building of a road over the same route, the people may well enquire what is to become of their property, which has thus been so cavalierly treated. Is it still to make part of the subsidy to the line? If so, who is going to control it? One strong argument for the construction of a line from Crow's Nest to West Kootenay points is that cheap coal and coke may be available. How far will this be assured if the coal is left in the hands of a corporation on which no check with regard to rates is placed? Hon. Mr. Blair sees, what everybody else can see for himself, that if the Dominion government rushes in blindly with assistance to this project it will simply be helping certain individuals in a grab game, instead of conferring a benefit on the public. All British Columbians should be glad to know that the present Dominion government is not at all likely to be a party to such a game.

The Globe: Protection must be always on the defensive. As an aggressor on the rights of others the protectionist is under the obligation of showing that his aggression is in the public interest, and that those injured by it are fully compensated. The burden of proof is not with those who demand merely their rights.

People in the Kettle River district have some strong comments to offer on the notices of "blanket" applications for the use of water powers, land, etc., which have appeared. One writer in the Boundary Creek Times sarcastically suggests to the promoters of the two concerns to operate in West Kootenay and Yale that they are too modest and should in justice to themselves apply for a free gift from the provincial house of the districts in which they wish to operate, with exemption from taxation for five years. This would of course ensure them what water privileges they require.

Montreal Herald: Commenting on the evidence submitted to the Tariff Commissioners in Montreal, the Gazette says: "They were chiefly leaders in commerce who presented their views to

the ministers. They represented very large interests, many of them being concerned in enterprises, financial, commercial and industrial, aside from those whose temporary mouth-piece they were. Their positions in the world of trade should give their statements the greatest weight. They have experience that makes their speech the utterance of knowledge." When such gentlemen condemn almost every tariff detail to which they give their attention, disinterested persons are apt to believe that the Liberal demand for tariff reform is not unreasonable.

THE OMINCEA COUNTRY.

An Old Miner Tells of His Experiences on Manson Creek.

Captain Black has received the following letter from a resident of Lambton county, Ont., relative to the riches on Manson creek:

To the Omincea Hydraulic Company, Victoria, British Columbia, Gentlemen: I see by the papers that you have located 500 acres of mining ground on Manson creek. I believe that you will get a very large return for your investment on that creek, if you get on the right portion of it and go at it in a practical way. I spent four years mining on that creek 23 years ago, sunk shafts, ran tunnels and worked in the bed of the creek, and could give you some valuable information with regard to making locations and other things in regard to that country. I also worked several claims in the Cassiar country, was since 1877 in the oil borings in this part of our country. I have always intended to return to Manson creek after the creek claims were worked out, as I found some very rich pay dirt in the hills. The only thing that has kept me from doing so is that I have married here and have a family, and knowing it would be impossible to take my family with me, I have stayed with them. I would like to know what facilities you have for getting your supplies in. How much will it cost per pound on Manson creek? We had to pay \$1 per pound freight when I was there. I have had some grand prospects on that creek, and have made over one hundred dollars per day to the man. I would like to know just where on the creek you have located. Is it up or down from what we called Black Jack Gulch, where the town was located? And just how is the best way to get into that country at the present time? Hoping to hear from you, I remain, respectfully yours,

O. BAKER.

P. S. I will tell you my secret. Another man and myself ran a prospect tunnel for an old bed of the creek. The whole length of the tunnel was through pay dirt that would pay well for hydraulic mining. We found the old channel and followed the bed-rock down about 12 feet. There was from three to four feet of very hard yellow gravel on the bed rock, that went from 25 cents to \$2 to the pan. The trouble with us was that the water drove us out, and the air was very bad. We had either to run a tunnel through this solid rock to drain the mine or we would have to sink a shaft from the top. We had not the necessary capital to do so. The excitement about Cassiar country reached us, and we left and went to that country. I have lost track of my partner, have not heard from him for fifteen years. I made some money in the mines, came home and married the girl I left behind me and here I am. Yours, O.B.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S CHRISTMAS.

The spending of Christmas day to Queen Victoria has been sadly changed since the death of the Prince Consort, says Lady Jennie in the Ladies' Home Journal. The German celebration of that day was introduced by him into his English home; it was one of the brightest and happiest of the year. Christmas greetings and Christmas presents were numerous, exchanged, and the Christmas tree, which bore fruit for every member of that large family household, was the great feature of the evening. The death of the Prince Consort on the 14th of December, so close to the former festive season, for a long time precluded any Christmas festivities, but as time went on and the deep wound was healed, the Queen returned to her old life and ways. Christmas, though shorn of many of its former gayeties, still reigns supreme at Osborne, where the Queen always spends her Christmas. She has always gone there since the death of the Prince, Windsor being too full of sad memories, so that after the services held on the anniversary of the Prince Consort's death, the court goes to the Isle of Wight. The Queen always attends church on Christmas day and receives the Holy communion with those of her family who are with her. The Duke and Duchess of Connaught, the Princess Louise and Lord Lorne, beside Princess Henry of Battenberg, are those of her children who generally spend Christmas with the Queen. Sometimes the Duchess of Albany and her children are also there, and Princess Christian and her daughter and son follow directly afterwards when they have dispensed their own Christmas festivities.

Mary and the Lamb.

Mary had a little lamb, its fleece as white as snow; whatever way Mary went the lamb would always go. As Mary was out one cold, bleak day, the thing she had in mind, the lamb wanted some of it too. It was not sweetmeats or any such truck that Mary wanted. Oh, no! It was the latest fad in the musical line, so into Fletcher's store they go. Mary to the lamb: "What pretty things. The Pianos are American, the musicians they know. There are Organs, Zithers, Banjos, Accordians, (and lo) the Musical Boxes are not mere show; they play one hundred tunes, pretty airs (we all know), and so different in construction, the lamb says so. There are also different makes of Machines to be sold—the Domestic and our Kalliters, they are all to go, not a lady in the land that use them and sew; that for anything different she does not want to know." Call at FLETCHER BROS.' Music Store, 88 Government Street.

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HERMAN THE GREAT

Two Stories as to Who the Greatest Magician of Modern Times Really Was

His Father, Mother and All His Brothers Followed the Same Profession.

Men who knew "Hermann the Wizard," or "Herman the Great," since his sudden demise are gradually disclosing many interesting instances in the life, character and habits of the greatest magician of modern times.

Alexander Hermann, it that was his real name, was a German Jew by descent, but was born in Paris in 1811. His father was a physician in Germany, but, on removing to Paris, both he and his wife became professional magicians, and attained as great celebrity as their son. Indeed, all the children, who were sixteen in number, went the same way.

When Alexander was only ten years old his brother Carl, much to the displeasure of his parents, kidnapped him and took him from Paris to St. Petersburg, to teach him the "black art." After his subsequent return to Paris but his brother kidnapped him again, and took him to Vienna. He pursued his studies as a magician there until he was 15 years of age, and then went to Madrid and began his career by appearing before Queen Isabella II.

Hermann came to America in 1861 and immediately took out his naturalization papers and became an American citizen. This act seems to have been a matter of feeling and conviction, as he ever afterwards remained a devoted admirer of American institutions. He made his professional debut in this country at the Academy of Music in New York, in the season of 1860-61, playing for seventy consecutive nights and reaping immense profits. He and his brother then formed a partnership and made a tour of the country together. After that Carl, who was 70 years old and a millionaire, returned to Europe and died at Carlsbad the next year.

Soon after separating from his brother Hermann made a professional tour through Europe, the main feature of which being his 1000 consecutive performances in Egyptian Hall, London. Returning to this country he made annual tours through the States until 1888, when he visited Canada, and then several South American countries. He was particularly well received in Rio Janeiro, where Don Pedro attended all of his nineteen performances, and rewarded him with the cross of Brazil. From Brazil Hermann went to Russia and even Siberia, and then returned by way of London; his tour netting him \$175,000. Other travels occupied several more years, and after returning to this country five years ago he confined himself to annual tours through the States, which brought him on an average \$85,000 each. His last engagement in Chicago was last winter at the Columbia theatre.

Hermann was married fifteen years ago to a companion performer in Schumann's Transatlantic Vandeville Company, and from that time Mrs. Hermann regularly appeared with him, and not only took a prominent part in his most astonishing feats of magic, but made herself attractive by her graceful dancing. She is an English woman, and had attained considerable fame as a danseuse before she made his acquaintance.

Hermann made an immense amount of money, but spent it nearly as fast as he made it. He lived in the most luxurious manner, even when traveling. He had five horses, which he carried with him wherever he went, and always travelled in a splendid train of three cars. This was done partly, however, for his health, as his physician warned him that he would not last long unless he saved his nerves in every possible way. "He was a man of social and frolicsome nature, and got an unusual amount of pleasure out of his wonderful gift of sleight of hand.

Melville Stoltz, a theatrical agent who was with Magician Hermann in 1890 and 1891, said: "Few people knew Hermann had a jealously guarded secret, which was disclosed to a few by a law-suit with the late Mrs. Hermann."

"Hermann was, in fact, not Hermann at all." He was the assistant of Hermann the great, a truly marvellous magician, and the latter used to refer to the former as "my boy Nieman." The boy was apt and bright and when the real Hermann died Nieman took his name and began a tour that resulted in a vast fortune. He was known everywhere as Hermann the Great. He was not a great magician, but had a great deal of magnetism and was a comedian. "The result was that he made money when Kollar was playing to empty benches. He, or Nieman was a Hungarian Jew and about 50 years of age. He was very vain and would only own up to 50 years. He gave large sums to benevolence. He married Miss Addie Boshell, a famous circus rider, and sister of Ada Boshell. Addie Boshell was engaged to marry Gus Williams, the comedian. Gus went away on one of Tom and Jerry at the London Salon.

his trips leaving his fiancée in New York. "When he returned to the metropolis he found that she had become the wife of Alexander Hermann, or Nieman. The marriage was performed on the court house steps in New York City fourteen or fifteen years ago, and created a great stir at the time. Mrs. Hermann was a devoted, faithful wife, and a shrewd business woman. Much of his success I have always thought attributable to her keen business acumen. They had no children.

WATER IN WOOD.

It has commonly been estimated that green wood, when cut down, contains about 45 per cent of its weight in moisture, but in the forests of Central Europe wood cut down in winter is said to hold more than 40 per cent of water at the end of the following summer. Kept for several years in a dry place wood retains from 15 to 20 per cent of water, while that which has been thoroughly desiccated will, when exposed to the air under ordinary circumstances absorb 5 per cent of water in the first three days and will continue to absorb it until it reaches from 14 to 16 per cent as a normal standard, the amount fluctuating above and below this standard according to the atmosphere. It has been found that, by exposing green wood to a temperature of 212 degrees Fahrenheit, the loss of weight equalled 45 per cent, and further, on exposing small prisms of wood one-half inch square and eight inches long, cut out of billets that had been stored for two years, to the action of superheated steam for two hours, their loss of weight was found to be from 15 to 45 per cent, according to the temperature of the steam.—Boston Transcript.

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LOCAL NEWS.

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The verdict of juries all over the world has been given in favor of Yorkshire Relish.

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The meetings of this week and next week of the W.C.T.U. have been postponed on account of the holidays.

The Companions of the Forest at their meeting yesterday decided to change their meeting place to Philharmonie hall.

Those sisters of Colfax Rebekah Degree lodge who were recently married were entertained by the members of the lodge at a pleasant social last evening.

The city council held a very short meeting yesterday evening, when the municipal elections by-law was read a third time and passed. The meeting only lasted about ten minutes.

One of the beef steers exhibited at a butcher's stall is marked, when dressed and hung up, as weighing 1235 lbs., and an enormous pig is marked at 750 pounds.

A former resident of this city Mr. P. D. McMillan, now of Griswold, Ont., was married at Wood Lake, Minn., on the 18th inst to Miss Alberta Greer, eldest daughter of Mr. William Gene.

Mr. A. C. Anderson was the winner of last evening's whist tournament of the J.B.A.A., his score being 11 games out of 15. Mr. R. C. Trimen was at the other end with a score of two games.

On January 5th at the Central Hall, on Klugton street, James Bay, the Presbyterian Sunday school will have their Christmas tree entertainment. A concert will also be given by the Boys' Brigade.

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.

Caledonia Lodge, I.O.O.F. met last evening and arranged to install officers on the 6th of next month. Next Wednesday evening several candidates will be initiated. An entertaining programme is also being prepared.

Mrs. William John Deasy died yesterday evening at St. Joseph's hospital, where for some time past she has been a patient. Mrs. Deasy was the daughter of Mr. Thomas Seward of Lytton, and was 28 years of age. The funeral will take place on Sunday.

A kintograph attracted a large audience to the Salvation Army barracks yesterday evening. Captain Leitch was unable to fill his engagements at Sunnichton and Victoria West as his apparatus was delayed in coming from Nanaimo.

Santa Claus went out to Burnside Baptist mission last evening, and from a well-laden Christmas tree gave the children attending the little church suitable presents. Tea was served and an entertaining programme was rendered by the little folks.

Each of the children of the Centennial Methodist church received a nicely bound bible last evening instead of the customary toy presents. The boys and girls of this Sunday school showed their appreciation of the good things provided for themselves by each bringing a present to gladden the hearts of the little ones of the Indian mission, who have their Christmas treat this evening.

The annual Christmas entertainment of the First Presbyterian church Sunday school scholars was held yesterday evening at the school room. The drill given by the James Bay Boys' Brigade was very interesting, as was the solo competition, in which there were seven competitors. The result was so close that a first prize was awarded to both of the two leading contestants, Miss M. Baker and Miss L. Field. The second prize went to Miss L. Brice and the third to Miss Gerrie Currie. The superintendent's...

prizes for being present at every service during the year were taken by Mrs. A. Mackenzie and Mr. J. Wallace.

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Ald. Marchant will move at the next meeting of the council, that the police court, city hall, be fixed as the place for holding the trustee elections.

The treasurer of the Refuge Home committee acknowledges with thanks a Christmas donation from the mayor and council of \$25, also from Mr. S. M. Robins, of Nanaimo, five tons of coal.

A slim pocketbook will not hinder you from having a fine rain coat on Xmas day for we are selling them at cost to clear. John Partridge, Lansdowne House, 86 Yates street. Show room upstairs.

-Cape Cod (large Eastern) cranberries, very choice bananas, Jap oranges, 40 cents per box; figs, nuts and candies at Hardsess, Clarke's, cor Yates and Douglas streets.

-Why carry old life insurance when much more desirable protection can be secured at less than one-third the cost in the safe, solid and reliable Macabees of the World.

-There will be no meeting of the Sir William Wallace Society to-morrow evening (Christmas day). The next meeting will be on Friday evening (Hogmanay), when it is proposed to hold a grand concert in connection with the Society.

James L. Forrester retires from the management of the Canada Paint Co., Ltd., on Dec. 31, to be succeeded by W. T. Andrews, of Toronto. Mr. Forrester enters into partnership with George Sheddin & Co. on the 1st of January.

After last evening's meeting, the city council held a private session. A report from the city engineer was read, in which he stated that there was a leakage in the west wall of the filter bed and that he had notified the contractors that they must make the necessary repairs. The council received the report but took no action in the matter.

A man named Haneault, appeared before the police magistrate yesterday charged with being drunk. As it was his first offence he was discharged, but in the afternoon he was again gathered in by the police. This morning the police magistrate fined him \$5 and costs, or in default ten days. The case of Lawrence vs. McCallum was again called but no one appearing for either side, it was again postponed.

Lieut. Slater, one of the popular officers of H. M. S. Icarus, was the surprised recipient of numerous congratulations this morning. The officers of the flagship signalled congratulations to the lieutenant, and the telegraphic wires brought their share from Halifax and England. All this because of an erroneous announcement that the lieutenant had been married to a charming widow at the Reformed church last evening. Lieut. Slater may be thinking seriously about the matter, but he expects to live through at least one more Christmas in a state of single blessedness. The marriage that was probably referred to takes place at the Reformed church this evening, but Lieut. Slater will not be one of the principals.

The band concert to be given on Saturday evening by the Fifth Regiment band at the drill hall will be a very attractive one. Lieut. Governor Dewdney will on that occasion present the Royal Canadian Humane Society's medals to Messrs. McLean and Laidlaw for their bravery in going to the rescue of two drowning men off the outer wharf. The second part of the entertainment will consist of "Minstrel Melodies," including a large number of the songs of the Victoria Amateur Minstrels, which have been set to hand music by Bandmaster Finn. A selection, "Reminiscences of the Minstrel," dedicated to the minstrels, and a march "The Browlie Boys," dedicated to the Brownies of the Minstrel troupe, are also included.

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E. E. BLACKWOOD. PERSONAL. Norman McLean, Vancouver, is at the Driard. Leony Croft returned from Kootenay this morning. N. P. Snowden returned from the interior last evening. Jos. Hunter, M.P.P., returned last evening from the interior. J. H. Senkler and wife, Vancouver, are spending their Christmas holidays at Hon. A. N. Richards'. D. Cartmel, Lloyd's surveyor, and J. A. Thompson, inspector of steamboats, returned from Vancouver last evening.

CHRISTMAS DAY. To-morrow the Times will keep holiday with the rest of the world, and no paper will be issued. It takes this opportunity to offer the usual good wishes to all its readers.

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THE THORNTON CASE

The Claim of the Thornton Taken up Before the Commission This Morning.

Evidence Given by Witnesses as to the Value of That Schooner in 1886.

Yesterday afternoon's session of the Behring Sea Claims Commission was the most interesting one. Captain Laird Olsen gave evidence as to the catch of the schooner W. P. Sayward in 1889, when he was master of that vessel on her sealing cruise in Behring Sea. The total catch in the sea was 1812 seals, and George D. Logan testified to keeping the tally over those skins in 1889. At 4 o'clock an adjournment was taken until the morning.

When the Commission resumed its sitting at 10:30 o'clock this morning Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper opened the case of the Thornton, which is very similar to that of the Carolea, and a great deal of evidence submitted in that case will be applicable to this. The Thornton's claim is for seizure in 1886; damages are claimed for the vessel, loss of catch and seals taken in the preceding case; and for the imprisonment of the master and mate at Sitka.

The defence have raised the question of ownership in this case. The Thornton was built in 1861 at Dungeness, Washington. She was registered as a British vessel at Victoria in 1864. Her registered tonnage was 29.36 tons.

Mr. H. J. Cook, ship carpenter of Victoria West, was the first witness called. He said that in 1877 when he had Thornton's shipyard, he rebuilt the schooner Thornton and when she left his slip she was practically a new vessel. In 1881 she was worth \$5000, ready for sea, and in 1886 she was in as good condition as ever.

To Mr. Warren he said that when rebuilt in 1877 the Thornton was worth more than when built originally. His bill for labor done by him on her was \$1240. This did not include the price of materials. The total cost of rebuilding, he thought, was about \$2500.

Walter Walker also gave evidence as to the value of the Thornton. In 1886, he said, when equipped with steam auxiliary she was worth about \$6000.

Captain Warren said the Thornton was worth in 1886 from \$5000 to \$6000. Mr. Turpel gave evidence as to the value of sealing boats in that year. He said they were worth about \$120 each. Each of these witnesses had given evidence in the Carolea case, which, being applicable to this case, will be transferred.

John Dallas said he was a boat pilot on the Thornton on her Behring Sea cruise in 1886. He told of the provisions taken from the Thornton to the steamer St. Paul.

An adjournment was then taken for lunch.

This afternoon, when the commission resumed its sitting Charles Watson gave evidence as to the value of the Thornton in 1885, when he said, without her machinery she was worth about \$3750.

Captain G. Hansen was examined as to the places where supplies could be obtained in Behring Sea, and Louis Olsen as to the transfer of provisions to the Thornton at Clagouot in 1886 and the Behring sea catch of that year of the Anna Beck, of which schooner he was master on her Behring sea cruise. The Anna Beck was in the sea from July 2nd until August 19th, and took 1141 seals.

Charles Spring was examined as to the catch of the Favourite for 1888, in corroboration of the evidence of Captain Leachlan McLean.

Mr. Dickinson then submitted an extract from an affidavit made by the late Morris Moss, the Victoria agent of Messrs. Lieber & Co., of San Francisco, and used in the American case before the Paris Tribunal as to the catch of the San Diego in Behring Sea in 1883, when he stated the Behring Sea catch to be 2200 skins.

Mr. Dickinson submitted this as he thought it would explain the discrepancy between the evidence of Captain McLean and that of Mr. Lubbe. Captain McLean stated that the catch of the San Diego in 1883, and Mr. Lubbe that he bought the whole cargo, which consisted of 944 skins. Mr. Dickinson said that these, if added together, would amount to about the number as stated by the late Morris Moss.

Mr. Peters objected to this extract, on the ground that it was opening the way for much evidence that was inapplicable to the case. The commission adjourned Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

KNEW HOW TO WORK IT.

A certain homestead of my acquaintance, who made his colossal pile out of South African diamonds and South African gold, and who is now trying to outguess his social position with the very best of building blocks—sovereigns—conceived the idea that the path to his upward progress might be made more easy to his gilded shoes if he were a member of a famous and exclusive London club. But how to get in? To proceed on orthodox lines was simply waste of time. He would be merely "piped." Channing came to his aid. He had £500 to £1 with several members on the strict p. t. that he wouldn't get in! And as he drew the checks in payment a few days subsequent to his election, his bland and childlike smile could not have been matched by the crusty Heathen Chinee of Bret Hartie's brain.—Ex.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Services Will be Held in Nearly All the City Churches to-morrow Morning.

Churches Will be Prettily Decorated—Special Sermons and Appropriate Music.

To-morrow, the 1800th Christmas, will be celebrated in Victoria in much the same way as the day has been celebrated in past years. For nearly a week the small boys, and boys that were not small, could be seen hauling evergreen to give the residences a holiday appearance. Some were not satisfied with branches, but brought home whole trees, which were no doubt placed in a position convenient to the chimney; so that Santa Claus will find no trouble in loading them with the presents the venerable gentleman so generously bestows. Boys whose love for the mother land was even greater than their honesty, have been charged with flogging private grounds and stripping them of holly.

Christmas will be spent by the majority of people at their own firesides and around their own tables. Nearly every boat or train for the past few days has brought one or more Victorians returning from the interior and elsewhere in order to be with their friends to-morrow. Those who could afford it (and after all they are the greater bulk of Victorians) will have the usual roast—beef, turkey and the indispensable—plum pudding. Those whose finances are low will be pretty well looked after by the many charitably disposed people of the city.

Services will be held in the different churches. In some instances the churches have been elaborately decorated and the music will be appropriate to the time and place.

At the Centennial Methodist church the services will be held at eleven o'clock. The pastor, Rev. J. F. Betts, will preach and the choir will render special music.

Rev. P. C. L. Harris, the pastor, will preach an appropriate Christmas sermon at the First Congregational church, Pandora street.

Midnight mass will not be sung at St. Andrew's R. C. church this year, as heretofore. On Christmas day at 6:30 and 10:30 a.m. high mass will be celebrated. At the latter service Legault's third mass in B. list will be rendered by the choir; at the offertory "Ave Verum" a soprano solo, with choir accompaniment, by Leprevost, and the "Adeste Fideles" will be sung.

Holy Communion will be celebrated at Christ Church cathedral at 7, 8 and 11 o'clock to-morrow morning. Morning service will be held at 11 a.m., when the Bishop of Columbia will preach. Special music has been prepared.

The church has been very prettily decorated. At St. James church to-morrow the Rev. Mr. Sweet will conduct the services. The church has been prettily decorated by the ladies of the congregation and the choir will render the following music: Hymn 60, Psalms proper for the day, Te Deum and Jubilate (Bridgewater); anthem, "And There Were Shepherds," (Williams) Hymns 59 and 62, Kyrie, Sanctus and Gloria (Bridget).

Rev. Dr. Campbell will conduct services in the First Presbyterian church at eleven o'clock to-morrow morning. Rev. W. D. Barber, M.A. the pastor, will conduct all the services at the St. Saviour's church, Victoria West, to-morrow, the order being as follows: 8 a.m., Holy communion; 11 a.m., shortened morning prayer and Holy communion; 4 p.m., evening prayer.

Much care has been exercised by the ladies of St. Barnabas church in arranging the decorations, particularly those of the chancel and screen. The following is the order of service arranged for to-morrow by the pastor, Rev. Haslam: Holy Eucharist, 8 a.m.; matins, choral; 10:30 a.m.; holy eucharist, 11:30; professional hymn 60, Psalms, 19 chant 311; 45 chant 328; 85 chant 330; Te Deum, (Stainer); Benedictus (Langdon); Introit, hymn A and M 59, Holy eucharist, Semper in F.

A WEIGHTY BELL.

The second bell in weight in the world, that in Minguon, in India, has lately been raised from the ground and arranged so as to ring again after a lapse of nearly a century, says the Westminster Gazette. This bell weighs between 90 and 100 tons. It is surpassed by the giant at Moscow in weight, but the latter has lost a large piece out of it, and as it is used as a chapel, cannot now be rung. There is, however, another bell at Moscow, which is used, and is said to weigh 128 tons. The Minguon bell is 12 feet high and about 18 feet in diameter at the rim. The immense wooden beams on which it formerly hung have long since been broken down at the shaft. It has been recently rebung on a steel girder at a height of 25 feet from the ground. It is proposed to encase the supporting columns and girders with carved teak in a Burmese design, and then erect a cupola over the whole structure. The bell at Pekin, which is the third largest in the world that can still be used, weighs only 58 tons.

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The Mystery of Mr. and Mrs. Peacocke.

CHAPTER XIX.—"NOBODY HAS CONDEMNED YOU HERE."

Mrs. Wortie when she perceived that her husband no longer called on Mrs. Peacocke alone became herself more assiduous in her visits, till at last she too entertained a great liking for the woman. When Mr. Peacocke had been gone for nearly a month she had fallen into a habit of going across every day after the performance of her own domestic morning duties and remaining in the school house for an hour. On one morning she had found that Mrs. Peacocke had just received a letter from New York in which he had narrated his adventures so far. He had written from Southampton, but not after the revelation which had been made to him there as to the death of Ferdinand. He might have so written, but the information given to him had, at the spur of the moment, seemed to him to be so doubtful that he had refrained. Then he had been able to think of it all during the voyage, and from New York he had written at great length, detailing everything. Mrs. Peacocke did not actually read out loud the letter, which was full of such terms of affection as are common between man and wife, knowing that her title to be called a wife was not admitted by Mrs. Wortie; but she read much of it and told all the circumstances as they were related.

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Table listing mining shares for sale, including SLOAN DISTRICT, ALBANI DISTRICT, and REVILSTOCK. Columns include share names and prices.

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The Mayorality Farm Property. To the Ratepayers of the City of Victoria.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—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.

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. DOWLER, C. M. C. City Clerk's Office, 17th Dec., 1896.

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Together with all buildings and improvements which comprise Two-Storey Ironing House, 8 rooms, bath, Labors House, Roof House, Boiler House, Chicken House, Pigsty, Woodshed, Fruit Shed, Implement Shed, Double Action Pump, together with the Turkey Stock, Implements, Tools, Harness, Cows, Chickens, Express Waggon, 63 Fruit Trees, one prime & variety of Pears, Plums, Cherry, Apples and Crab Apple Trees. All the above to be sold on 30th as a grain concern. For full particulars apply to Messrs. Yates & Jaz, Solicitors, 22 Beaton St., where the inventory can be seen. TERMS CASH. JOSHUA DAVIES, Auctioneer.

### British Columbia.

#### ROSSLAND.

The War Eagle is making a record as a producer. In the past five days it has produced forty-five cars of ore for the Trail smelter. The winze from No. 2 tunnel is now down 60 feet and in splendid ore. This gives a depth of 320 feet from the surface.

The management of the Trail smelter states that the matte produced of late is of the highest grade ever turned out by them. This is owing to the fact that the ore recently received is from the deepest working of the Le Roi and War Eagle, and is much higher in grade than ore from nearer the surface.

A miner named Dan Goggin, employed at the War Eagle, was charged with assault before Justice Townsend and remanded to jail for eight days. At a late hour the night before he attacked a man named Daniel Murphy in the War Eagle bunk house with a poker, and the latter is still in a critical condition in the hospital.

#### SLOCAN.

##### The Kootenain.

The two friends on Springer creek shipped another carload of ore to Tacoma on Saturday.

There were rumors of the Neepawa, on Ten Mile, closing down, but the showing of ore has improved wonderfully during the last few days.

Four Mile properties will be connected by a wagon road next spring, the cost to be borne by the mine owners and the government.

The Vancouver syndicate, headed by D. McGillivray, who recently headed the Little B group, on Springer creek, has let a contract to Long and Tucker, two of the owners, for the erection of cabins on the property and the driving of 125 feet of tunnelling.

Considerable feeling has been aroused by the action of the members of the Moss Club in hiring a Chinese cook. Mongolians have received scant courtesy in the past and the citizens are determined they shall have none of them.

Another tunnel has been started on the Bondholder, Ten Mile, and the force of men increased.

The Enterprise group on Ten Mile, will increase the force of men to forty next week when stoping will be commenced in earnest. A Colorado citizen of the name of Koch has the contract to handle the ore, and he is tearing up ground in good style. Ten tons of ore will be handled daily.

#### ASASO.

##### The Kootenain.

When in this city a few weeks ago, Sidney J. Pitts, of Victoria and Leonard, purchased the lot immediately west of the Lakewood hotel, on which there is a blacksmith shop, for \$575. The other day he was offered and refused \$800 for the same lot.

The sampling works of the Kootenay Ore Company started work on Wednesday last, and run through thirty tons of ore from the well-known White-water mine. There are further quantities on the ground and now that the works are in active operation, there is little doubt but what the consignment will be ample.

An important strike of rich ore is reported upon the B. N. A., a claim on the South Fork of Kaslo Creek, adjoining the Silver Bell. The B. N. A. is owned by Tim Cronin, Lauchey McLean and Green Brothers, who also hold two adjacent claims in extension. The new strike was made after going through 26 feet of granite wash, and running 24 feet on the ledge. An attempt was then made to cut cross from the foot wall, but at 17 feet the hanging wall had not been reached. Rich ore was struck, however, showing considerable wire silver. Assays have not yet been obtained, but the ore looks very rich.

Ed. Baum reports a valuable find on the "Yuba Dan" group of which he and Mike Welch are the owners. The group is located about two and a half miles north of Bear lake, in the dry ore belt, between the Wellington and the London. They have run three tunnels, in one of which they tapped the lead and got in fine quantities at the foot of the property. They are still going ahead with work, but find difficulty in getting animals up with necessary supplies.

#### NELSON.

##### Nelson Tribuna.

On Thursday evening the passengers on the incoming train on the Columbia & Kootenay railway had an exciting experience. A short distance this side of Forty-nine creek a freight car loaded with coal oil pumped and the track and the baggage car and passenger coach also left the rails. A stout coupling was the only thing which prevented the car from falling into the river, some fifty feet below. Not having suitable appliances for getting the freight car on the rails again, the coal oil was taken out of it and it was destroyed.

The Bank of British Columbia this week reported \$250 worth of gold dust to Helena, Montana.

J. D. Farrell, of the Idaho, says that the property shipped during November over 200 tons of concentrates and made ore. The shipments averaged 220 ounces of silver. There is ore enough in sight on the property to last ten months. The Idaho paid a regular monthly dividend on Tuesday. This dividend will distribute \$20,000 among the owners of the property. There are four and a half feet of carbonate ore in the upper between tunnels No. 1 and No. 2.

John M. Harris of the Reco, estimating the contents of that portion of the silver which is drawn by the Carpenter, will be \$3,000,000 during the present season. With respect to probable dividends, he said that there were ten mines which would pay dividends of from \$50,000 to \$200,000, and in all between thirty and forty properties would pay dividends. Respect to the Reco, he said that a dividend of \$100,000 was guaranteed by March 1, 1907. There is sufficient ore block in the Reco which if worked would pay regular monthly dividends of \$50,000 for two years. The Reco tramway and concentrator will be completed in the spring before the snow leaves the mountains.

Hector McKee reports a rich strike

on the 140-foot level of the Wellington. A crosscut was being run in this level to strike the north vein. The vein was cut on Saturday of last week. The cold ore was found to be from 12 to 14 inches wide. A drift was run south on the vein thirteen feet, from which was taken a little over a carload of ore. Several assays were made, some of them running as high as 4013 ounces in silver. On the 240-foot level a small vein has been cut, the ore from which assays from 2500 to 3000 ounces in silver. On the east vein the ore has been cut at three levels, the depths being 95 feet, 140 feet and 185 feet respectively. The average thickness of the vein is from 12 to 18 inches, and the average assays in silver from 15 to 300 ounces and about 50 per cent lead. Five carloads of ore have been shipped from the mine in the past six weeks, and two carloads are sacked ready for shipment.

The annual meeting of the Hall Mines, limited, was held in London on Thursday. An attempt was made by the shareholders who are dissatisfied with the present management to effect a change of management, but they were rather heavily outvoted, the friends of the party at present in control having a majority of some 79,000 shares.

#### 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.

I have nothing to sell and therefore want no money, but as I know through 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 being cured and the proud satisfaction of having been the great service to one in need will be sufficient reward for my trouble. Absolute secrecy is assured. Send 5 silver cents cover postage and dress, Mr. George G. Strong, North Rockwood, Mich.

#### TUNNEL UNDER THE SEA.

A tunnel between the mainland of Italy and the island of Sicily is now being actively projected. Plans and a model complete in every detail were executed by an Italian civil engineer, De Jahn, and are now on exhibition at the University of Padua, says the Philadelphia Record.

The principle employed by him is that of boring in parabolic spirals. After thorough and careful studies of the Strait of Messina, its varying depths, the nature of the ground and all other conditions which might assist or interfere with the success of the enterprise, De Jahn decided to begin his tunnel near San Giovanni di Santello, at the foot of the Aspromonte mountain range, while the mouth of the other side will be located on the plain "Degli Inglesi."

The entire tunnel will be nearly two miles long and will consist of two shafts of about 10,000 feet each, descending at a grade not exceeding 32 feet in each 1000. Such a tunnel would be much preferable to a bridge, which would have a span of 4500 feet, and with the enormous strength of the winds in the strait such an attempt appears to be exceedingly dangerous. This tunnel will cost about \$350,000,000, but the money has not yet been appropriated.

#### THE CREW OF THE DAYSPRING.

The missing boat of the steamer Dayspring, which was wrecked in the great pass, north of New Caledonia, on October 16, while on a missionary tour about the New Hebrides, has reached Brisbane, with its occupants, consisting of the mate and five seamen, in an exhausted and destitute condition. The experiences of the men as told in Australian mail advices brought by the steamer Mariposa yesterday are thrilling. When they left the scene of the mishap, it was decided to make for Honouliuli, but the weather was so rough that, after heading about for several days they had to make for the Australian coast. In the interval the boat was carried right over a coral reef, and being unable to find an opening on the opposite side of the reef, which formed a sort of lagoon, the men had to take the boat right over it again. This was attended with great danger, as there was a high wind, and a heavy surf was breaking over the coral, rising at times to a height of thirty feet, but by noting off on the waves it was safely accomplished. On the morning of October 20, four days after leaving the wreck, the wind fell suddenly, and there being a nasty sea on the boat, which is a twenty-five footer, was turned completely over, and everything it contained except two tins of meat and a bottle of calicofoot jelly was lost, while the breaker, which was half full of fresh water, was filled with salt water. The mast was also carried away for the second time. The men were left only with their trousers and shirts and had nothing to cover their heads or their feet. After about two hours the boat was righted, but with the fresh water gone. With the food supply very short, rough weather prevailing, the heat of the sun, and the loss of the sextant, the plight of the men was serious. In this dilemma the course was shaped for the Chesterfield group, hoping to make Long Island. A barren island in the group was first struck and the men, in order to quench their thirst, threw themselves on the beach and allowed the waves to wash over them. The same day a flagstaff was seen on another island, which was reached on the 23rd of October, and which proved to be Long Island. Here an abundant supply of water was found in the tanks of an old whaling and guano station, and the breaker and two water-tight compartments of the boat were filled with it. Large numbers of turtle eggs and sea-cucumbers were also found, and a turtle and a good many mutton birds were killed and salted with salt found at the station and dried in the sun. The party had not matches and could not light a fire.

At Long Island the men had a rather novel experience. When they were making for the shore sharks snapped at the oars. The turtle that was killed was left just above high water mark, and the sea in the neighborhood was black with sharks, including one monster measuring almost double the length of the boat. They would come in with the tide and let the waves roll them over and over in the sand towards the carcasses. So numerous were they that the party could not get out of the boat, and had to draw it along the shore until they came to a spot where the beach suddenly dropped, and they could bring it close alongside.

#### THE GENTLEMAN DIGGER.

Some curious stories are told of the ways of the newcomer in South Africa. It is said that recently a fresh clerk was imported for an office of the Netherlands (Transvaal) railway. The gentleman in question was made in Holland, and took thence an alarming amount of luggage. During the unpacking of one of his largest boxes—an operation which was watched with interest by several of the railway-youths' colleagues—a bright new steel spade came to view. "Hello," queried a bystander, "what's that for?" "I thought," replied in all innocence, the youth—"I thought I might do a little gold digging in my leisure hours."

Why not profit by the experience of others who have found permanent cure for catarrh in Hood's Sarsaparilla.

What could you give more suitable at this time of the year than a pair of heavy curtains or a warm down comforter. Weiler Bros. can supply.

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"The eruptions on the face particularly have been removed, and I feel like a new man. I consider Manley's Celery Nerve Compound better than doctor's medicine for blood and liver troubles as it has proved so in my case." -Isiah Laffer, Waterford, Ont.

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SS. "ROSALIE"

Leaves Victoria Daily at 10 a.m., except Sundays.  
Arrives at Victoria Daily except Sundays at 5 a.m.  
Leaves Seattle at 12:30 a.m., Daily except Sundays.  
For tickets and information call on J. K. DEVLIN, Agent, 75 Government Street.

#### Spokane Falls & Northern Ry.

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##### ALL RAIL TO NELSON, B. C.

The only through line to Nelson, Kaslo, Kootenay Lake and Slocan Points.

DAILY TRAINS SEMI-WEEKLY.

Daily except Sunday, between Spokane and Marcus.

1 A.M. Lv. Spokane, Arr. 5:30 P.M. Connecting January 8th, on Wednesdays and Saturdays trains will run through, arriving at Nelson at 5:40 p.m., making close connection with the steamer Nelson for Kaslo, and all lake points, arriving at Astoria at 9:00 p.m., same days. Returning passengers will leave lake points and Nelson on Tuesdays and Fridays, arriving at Spokane at 5:25 p.m. same days.

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The Shortest Route to Kootenay Points.

Overland leaves Seattle 8 p.m.; Arrives Seattle 8:30 a.m.

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#### ESQUIMALT & NANAIMO RY.

##### COMPANY.

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

Trains will run between Victoria and Sidney daily as follows:

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##### Canadian Pacific Navigation Co. (LIMITED.)

Time Table No. 29, Taking Effect December 24th, 1896.

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Victoria to Vancouver daily, except Monday at 10 o'clock.  
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#### NEW WESTMINSTER ROUTE.

Leave Victoria for New Westminster, Langford's Landing and Lulu Island, Monday at 7 o'clock, Wednesday and Friday at 7 o'clock. Sunday's steamer to New Westminster connects with G. I. R. No. 2 going east Monday.  
For Plummer Pass Wednesday and Friday at 7 o'clock.  
For Pender and Moresby Islands Friday at 7 o'clock.  
Leave New Westminster for Victoria, Monday at 10:15 o'clock; Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock.  
For Plummer's Pass Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock.  
For Pender Island and Moresby Islands Thursday morning at 7 o'clock.

#### NORTHERN ROUTE.

Steamships of this company will leave for Port Simpson and intermediate ports via Vancouver the 2nd and 15th of each month at 5 o'clock, when sufficient inducements offer will extend trips to West Coast ports and Queen Charlotte Islands.

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Steamer "Tees" leaves Victoria for Alberni and Sound ports on the 10th, 20th and 30th of each month.  
The company reserves the right of changing this time table at any time without notice.

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# Royal Baking Powder

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## THE B. C. SOUTHERN

Hon. Mr. Blair Pays This Scheme Some Attention in His Westminster Address.

He Wonders at the "Giveaway" Proclivities of the Provincial Authorities.

At New Westminster Hon. Mr. Blair was presented with an address on behalf of the corporation, which touched upon various points of public interest.

Hon. Mr. Blair, on rising to reply to the addresses that had been presented, expressed his personal regret that he had been obliged to shorten his stay in this and neighboring cities. He was glad, therefore, that the citizens of New Westminster had had a better chance to place before him, at least two of his colleagues, their views on various important matters. He said it was quite impossible for any minister of the crown to adequately discharge the duties of his office, with regard to British Columbia, until he had obtained, first hand, a practical knowledge of the country and its requirements. He congratulated New Westminster on having such a worthy young man (Mr. Morrison) to represent them. (Applause.) No other member of the house had made more friends, acquired more influence, or won such esteem in his first session. (Applause.)

He was pleased personally, even for a brief period, to be present. His trip had been a source of constant delight, and a revelation to him, and the four weeks had been pleasantly and profitably spent. The country he had found rich beyond the dreams of avarice. This was the testimony of mining experts who visited South Africa and the leading mining districts of the world. He was well aware that Kootenay was not the only mineral district in the province, and he was led to the conclusion that there devolved upon the Dominion government the serious responsibility of developing these districts.

Regarding the question of how to develop the country, he was not justified in making any definite pledge; he was not authorized to do so. The question of railway construction embraced many complex questions. Even assuming the Crow's Nest Pass road was to be built, the question remained as to how the work was to be prosecuted, and as to whether this work was to be entrusted to a company entirely, or a company, assisted by the government, or to be done entirely by the government. Then, if it was decided to be a work which the government would not undertake, the nature and extent remained to be determined of any assistance which the government might give. All these questions must be approached with caution and dealt with in a statesman-like way.

Recently he had been led to doubt the expediency of certain steps which had already been taken. The provincial legislature had incorporated the British Columbia Southern railway, and had granted large franchises and liberal land grants, viz., 200,000 acres per mile of timbered lands. This, for a road about 700 or 800 miles long, meant a grant of 15,000,000 acres. Perhaps, this grant did not include the gold, silver, and precious metals, but it doubtless did include the baser metals and the coal, which were of vast value. The cost deposits were to the extent of 250,000 acres, and when he found all that had been granted to the British Columbia Southern railway, he stood appalled at the nature of the legislation. (Applause.) By what right, he said, should any one corporation be vested with such supreme power? To have its grip on the coal and timber to such an extent was an appalling consideration. (Loud applause.)

Personally, he felt sure that, if these undertakings could not be carried out without aid from the Dominion, the government would not sanction the existence of any such monopolistic power in British Columbia. (Loud applause.) If any assistance were given by the Dominion, this company would be made to relinquish these privileges. He believed it would be better for the Dominion to grant even greater concessions than to allow such a gigantic monopoly to grow up in this country.

Regarding the coast Kootenay railway, the government would be prepared to deal with it in a liberal spirit. The government, however, proposed to exercise control over the traffic rates, and this, he said, without reflection on any existing railway. In his opinion, it was not well for any government to relinquish all control on a company even composed of the best men the country could produce. If the company were composed of a band of angels, they must, as time went on, grow more aggressive. (Applause and laughter.) The government should guarantee the people against excessive exercise of power by these companies. It would be premature to declare any policy in these matters, but these were a few general ideas which he thought might be acted upon.

Regarding the bridge, Hon. Mr. Blair did not know if this was necessarily a part of the railway problem. It might be an independent undertaking, and be under the public works of some other department, but, when the matter did come before parliament, it would receive his best consideration. It was the disposition of the present administration to look thoroughly into all matters brought to their attention, especially in relation to British Columbia, as all Canada was looking towards the de-

velopment of this province, and hoped to reap a share of the benefits. As far as the government was concerned this development would not be checked by want of action on the part of the present administration.

He regretted he had been called back to attend to the affairs of his department so soon, but he had learned a great deal on his trip, and he was thus much better prepared to take action on British Columbia affairs, at the earliest moment on the re-assembling of parliament. He hoped that the visit of himself and his colleagues to this province would be to their benefit, and that the people of this province would feel that these visits had not been without benefit to them. (Loud and long applause.)

### HOW THEY DWARF TREES.

The art of dwarfing trees as commonly practiced in both China and Japan is really simple and very easily understood, being, as it is based on one of the commonest principles of vegetable physiology. Anything which has a tendency to check or retard the flow of sap in the trees naturally prevents the formation of new wood. This process of retarding wood growth is done in many different ways. By pruning, so as to prevent leaves from forming, and giving the tree health and vigor; by confining the roots in a small place; by withholding water; by banding and twisting the branches, and by a half hundred other processes, which all proceed from the same principle. In dwarfing trees the Chinese and Japanese gardeners are careful to always choose specimens which are naturally stunted, particularly if they happen to have branches opposite or regular, for it must be understood that a one-sided tree has no value in the eye of the artistic Oriental dwarfier. When a tree has been chosen, its main stem and roots are twisted in a zigzag form, which process is intended to check the flow of sap. The pots in which they are planted are narrow and shallow, so that they hold but a small quantity of soil compared with the wants of the plant, and no more water is given them than is necessary to sustain life. Nature generally struggles against this kind of treatment for awhile, or until her powers seem to be in a great measure exhausted. When she finally yields to the powers of art, ere long the beautiful and curious dwarf tree, the wonder of the Orient, is produced.—St. Louis Republic.

### NAUGHTY CURIOSITY!!

To the Editor:—I am curious. As a member of the finance committee I noticed the sum of \$20 being paid to a gentleman named William Wilson for services rendered to the corporation as arbitrator. No doubt it is a fair and reasonable charge. The gentleman rendered the service and deserved the pay. "The laborer is worthy of his hire." "A fair day's wage for a day's work." But this is why I am curious—why that trait of my character is just now abnormally developed; I want to know whether this is the same Mr. William Wilson, clothes of Government street, of Municipal Reform fame, whose noble and patriotic endeavor to stop the building of the bridge at Point Ellice met with such signal success. If this is the same Mr. William Wilson, and if you cross-examine me, Mr. Editor, I will not deny it—what on earth has happened? This same Mr. William Wilson, through the Municipal Reform Association, has declared his solemn opinion that aldermen should not be paid for their services. Arbitrators may, but aldermen should not!! The services for a few hours at the most must be well remunerated but the services for a year should be commensurate!! Oh, consistency, where dwellest thou? If not in the wise man of Government street surely thy dwelling is not in the abodes of men!

Perhaps someone has personated the gentleman—there are a lot of William Wilsons around town. Perhaps someone paid in the claim for him, he being too disinterested to do it for himself. Perhaps, Mr. Editor, I dream of myself. It perhaps it is Ald. William Wilson—the same name, you know—only, unfortunately, the signature is so different.

I am so perplexed, Mr. Editor, about this thing. You see, my faith in Mr. William Wilson as an advocate of public men doing public service for love, honor and glory was so great that I cannot get over it. I assure you my confidence in the gentleman and the Municipal Reform Association was so touching, that I nearly once made a speech about it. This \$20 business has quite upset me. I feel, as a toad, that I must call this very day upon the city treasurer and draw the last quarterly payment of the aldermanic salary.

I may be doing the gentleman a wrong. He might mean to give it back to the city treasurer for the relief of the poor, or to employ an extra man upon the streets for ten days, or perhaps my imagination fails me, but the \$20 won't fail Mr. Wilson.

As an alderman at a dollar per day, with \$5 extra for expenses, I am filled with such deep sorrow that Mr. William Wilson should have desisted so low as to accept payment for his executive and administrative services to the city. Do, dear friends and fellow citizens, do weep with me.

I hope that the editor of the Province will not notice this letter. His righteous soul would surely be vexed that so poor a pupil as Mr. William Wilson should have written him from the Province.

W. MARCHANT.

—Hungarian Flour for \$1.95 at Johns Bros.

—Tom and Jerry at the London Saloon.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 24.—Three children of Mrs. McKim, who lives near Flanklyn, Pa., were burned to death last evening at their home while their mother was away visiting a neighbor.

### PASSENGERS.

Per Str. Kingston from the Sound—S. Cohen, O. A. Copeland, Wm. Carlson, W. F. Parry, Pat. Nagle, John Miller, Anna Richards, Mrs. Richards, Mamie Wahlron, Georgie Evans, J. M. Anington and wife, Miss Carrie McKenzie, J. T. Sheridan, Mrs. Goldsmith, J. E. Fox, Miss Forsyth, Chas. Millard, Capt. Roberts, H. D. Copp, G. A. Shields.

Per Str. Islander from Vancouver.—J. H. Senkler and wife, W. S. Wilton and wife, H. M. Hubbard, L. A. Wolfe, Mrs. McDonough, N. McLean, F. T. Okell, J. Stewart, Rev. F. A. Ford, N. P. Saunders, J. B. Taylor, J. Brath, F. Soaser, Mrs. Probert, C. P. Few, W. McNeil, J. A. Thomson, Jos. Hunter, F. W. Foster, F. V. Austin, Master Vincents, W. B. Charles, W. E. McCormick, A. McDermott, D. Cartmel, B. McClark, H. W. Heles, F. Angus, Alex. McDonald, Selby Coles, A. H. Phillips, T. L. Lewis, E. J. Christie, W. E. Fisher, F. W. Foster Jr.

Per Str. Rosalie from the Sound.—H. Croft, Geo. Foster, F. Hayes, F. B. Williams, D. McVay, Mrs. McVay, Miss Johnson, R. Olds, H. M. Pentecost, Mrs. C. Zeigler, Jas. Ewing.

### CONSIGNEES.

Per Str. Kingston from the Sound—Langley & H. Bros., Chicago Stove Co., care Bk. B. N. A., S. Leiser & Co., E. G. Prior & Co., McGregor & Son, B. C. Flour Mills, Jno. Cunningham, The R. H. Co., J. Hockenbeck, Kelly-Seanglers, T. Star's Co., Joe Levi, Peter Union, Miss E. Berry.

Per Str. Islander from Vancouver.—J. Liery, L. Cassey, J. Sommers, M. King, Turner & Co., P. W. Dempster, Lowenberg & Co., Thos. R. Barlow, E. H. Robinson, Yajo & B. Lenz & L. Yiel-Hew Co., Colonel Pub. Co., Wm. Buckett, G. A. Richardson, Don Ex. Co., Arthur H. Langley & H. Bros., T. Lubbe, A. W. Jones, H. Fairall, L. Wille.

Per Str. Rosalie from the Sound.—E. G. Prior & Co., J. Pierce & Co., H. C. Heaton & Co., Langley & Henderson, Carter, Hall & Baker, H. Young & Co., R. Craft, E. J. Salson, Weiler Bros., H. Tye Hdw. Co., S. Leiser, J. Wilson & Co., Erskine Wall & Co., Ellis & Given, Hud Bay Co., Leason & Gilbert.

### VICTORIA MARKETS.

Ogilvie's Hungarian flour	40.50
Lake of the Woods	36.50
Rainier	35.50
Snowflake	35.75
XXX	35.50
Luce	35.50
Premier (Bunderby)	35.50
Three Star (Bunderby)	35.50
Strong Baker's (O.K.)	35.50
Selen	35.75
Wheat, per ton	40.00
Barley, per ton	30.00 to 32.00
Middings, per ton	32.00 to 33.00
Brass, per ton	32.00
Ground feed, per ton	25.00 to 27.00
Corn, whole	30.00 to 32.00
Corn, cracked	35.00
Cornmeal, per 10 pounds	35c.
Oatmeal, per 10 pounds	40c.
Roll'd oats, (Or. or N. W.)	3c.
Roll'd oats, (B. & K.) 7lb. sacks	30c.
Potatoes, per bushel	13c.
Cabbage	10c.
Cauliflower, per head	10c. to 12c.
Hay, baled, per ton	\$15
Straw, per bale	75c.
Green peppers, cured, per lb.	10c.
Onions, per lb.	10c.
Bananas	35c.
Pears	40c.
Grapes	20 to 25c.
Lemons (California)	25c. to 35c.
Apples, Eastern, per lb.	10c.
Oranges (California) per doz.	40 to 50c.
Oranges (Japanese), per box	60c.
Fish—salmon, per lb.	10c. to 12c.
Fish—small	8c. to 10c.
Smoked haddock, per lb.	12c.
Eggs, Island, fresh, per doz.	50c.
Eggs, Manitoba	25c. to 30c.
Butter, creamery, per lb.	35c.
Butter, Delta creamery, per lb.	35c.
Butter, fresh	30c.
Cheese, Cheddar	15 to 20c.
Hams, American, per lb.	16c. to 18c.
Hams, Canadian, per lb.	16c.
Bacon, American, per lb.	16c. to 18c.
Bacon, rolled, per lb.	12c. to 16c.
Bacon, long clear, per pound	12c.
Bacon, Canadian, per lb.	14c. to 16c.
Lard	12c. to 14c.
Sides, per lb.	7c. to 15c.
Meats—beef, per lb.	7c. to 15c.
Veal	10c. to 15c.
Mutton, per lb.	10c. to 12c.
Pork, fresh, per lb.	10c. to 12c.
Pork, sides, per lb.	8c.
Chickens, per pair	\$1.00 to \$1.50

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**Windsor Salt**  
For Table and Dressing, Pure and Best

**BIRTHS.**  
DUMBLETON—At New home, Rockland avenue, on the 21st inst., the wife of Allan S. Dumbleton, of a daughter.

**DIED.**  
DEARY—In this city on the 13rd inst., Jane Deary, the wife of John Deary, daughter of Thomas Seward, of 131st St. B.C., aged 28 years.

The funeral will take place from the residence of D. McDonald, Douglas street, at 9 o'clock a.m., and from St. Andrew's R.C. Cathedral at 2:30 o'clock on Saturday morning, Dec. 26th.

### Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital.

### CHRISTMAS DAY.

The usual Christmas donations of all kinds will be thankfully received at the Hospital, or if intending donors will kindly drop a postal card to Mr. Robert Jenkinson, the House Steward, he will send to a very address named and gladly acknowledge any gift.

### MUNICIPAL NOTICE.

All parties having accounts against the Corporation of the City of Victoria are requested to render a statement of same at the City Treasurer's Office not later than Saturday, the 26th instant.

CHAS. KENT,  
Treasurer.  
Victoria, B. C.  
City Treasurer and Collector's Office, Dec. 22nd, 1896.

# Great Bargains In Jewelry at Davidson Bros., 59 Government Street.

## Have you Seen the Latest?

THE BELMONT BOW SOREMTO KNOT YACHT TIE

An immense assortment of latest colorings in Broches, Paisleys, Dresden Swivels, and the latest London cravat—large broken checks in beautifully blended colors.

The best of everything in fine Gents Furnishings for Holiday trade.

**SAMUEL SEA, Jr.,**  
49 Douglas St.

## MORTGAGE SALE.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned until the first day of February next for the purchase of all that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the city of Victoria, in the province of British Columbia, and more particularly known and described as follows: Lot number fifty-two (52) of the eastern half of section twenty-two (22) of the Township of Esquimalt, according to the map of Esquimalt as filed in the Land Registry Office at Victoria, and there numbered two hundred and twelve (112). Mortgage registered in Charge Book vol. 12, folio 46, No. 15136. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. There is a good house on the property, Rental street, now tenanted to a desirable tenant.

**ALICHER MARTIN,**  
43 Government street, Victoria, B.C., Solicitor for mortgage.

Dated December 21, 1896.

## Ha! Ha! Ha!

Mother you are not going to beat us out of a Plum Pudding this year, nor Cake either, because I see in Henry Clay's window the biggest Plum Pudding ever made in Victoria, and we can buy from half a pound to ten pounds and it is going like sixty.

Well, Charlie, we will have to have some because his name always recommends his goods.

**HENRY CLAY, 39 Fort St.**

## Don't Forget

Your Musical, Golf, or Bicycle Friends

THIS XMAS WE HAVE everything you want in these lines.

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36 Fort Street. Five Sisters Block.

Waltham Watches 3 oz. Solid silver Case	\$10
Elgin Watches	" 10
Dnebar Watches	" 10
Columbia Watches	" 10
Waltham Watches 2 oz. Solid silver Case	\$7
Elgin Watches	" 7

Fraser Valley and Kootenay Railway Company.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, at its next sitting, for the passage of an act to incorporate a company to be called "The Fraser Valley and Kootenay Railway Company," to construct, equip and operate a line of railway from some point on Burrard Inlet or English Bay to New Westminster; thence eastward through the valley of the Fraser River and the southern part of British Columbia, by the most direct and feasible route, to the town of Kamloops, and power to acquire the Burrard Inlet and Fraser Valley Railway Company, or any railway, or portion of a railway, either as a branch or part of such main line; to build a branch line or lines from the City of New Westminster to some point on the coast line between the International Boundary Line and Point Grey, and such other branch lines as may be deemed advisable to construct and maintain steamers, ferries, wharves and docks; to make traffic and operating arrangements with other railway lines, and to construct, maintain and operate telegraph and telephone lines for other than railway purposes.

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New Main Spring, 75c.  
Balance and Pallet Staffs, \$1.25.  
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