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Have You Seen Them?

Our new Small French Opera Fans, just received from Paris. What would be prettier or more suitable for a Christmas Present? Or some of our latest Silver Mounted Leather Purses and Card Cases, Photo Frames, Gents' Card Cases or Cigarette or Cigar Cases? We have a lovely assortment in fine Seal skin Russia Leather, and in fact almost any and all kinds you can ask for.

Remember the Time is Short

and we would ask you to come and pick out what is wanted and have it laid away until Xmas.

Challoner, Mitchell & Co.,

The Jewellers, 47 Government Street.

Christmas, 1897.

Befriend your Pocket-book.

By availing yourself of the opportunities presented at this store. Everything ready for the holiday business. Honest values and truthful goods.

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Kid Gloves, Purses, Handkerchiefs, Waist Silks, Patt'n Dresses, Notions.

The Westside

J. Hutchison & Co.

Everybody Happy.



Long delayed English Fruits have arrived from the Levant. Our own importation, Debona, Valencia, Sayras, Figs, Melon Fruit.

Bonbons, price regardless of cost.
Christmas Tree Candles, box 15c.
Cleaned Currants, 3 lbs. for 25c.
Crystallized Fruits, box, 25c.
Mixed Nuts, new, 20c.

A choice assortment of WINE AND LIQUORS.

DIXIE H. ROSS & CO.

SPECIAL XMAS NECKWEAR

With holiday greetings suitable to the season just opened and only to be procured in Victoria at

Geo. R. Jackson's

Low in price, but High Class Goods.

57 Government Street.

TO LET--FURNISHED

No. 137 Quadra Street, 9 rooms, all modern conveniences. \$25.00 per mo.
No. 138 Chatham Street, 8 rooms, all modern conveniences, \$17.50 per mo.
No. 134 Chatham Street, 8 rooms, unfurnished. \$12.50 per mo.

Apply No. 40 Government St.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WANTED—Pony and delivery wagon; must be in good condition and cheap for cash. "Horse" Times office.

FINE MANTOBO CREAMERY and Dairy Butter—25, 27½ and 30 cents per lb. Salt pork, 10c; lard, 15 and 16c. Robert Eccles, City Market.

WANTED—Gill for light house work. Apply 30½ Superior street, James Bay.

BOXING GLOVES, Punching Bags, Footballs, etc., new stock at J. Barsley's, 119 Government street.

THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY, of B. C., will meet this evening in the new Provincial Library. Action will be taken in the matter of rooms, and Capt. Walbran will continue his paper on Early Navigators of B. C.

MONEY TO LOAN on first-class mortgage, repayable either in a lump sum or in a fixed number of easy monthly payments, from 3 to 12 years. A. W. Moly & Co., mortgage brokers, 36 Government street.

FOR SALE—Houses and vacant lots and business property also farms and farming land. Call to examine our list before purchasing. W. W. More & Co., Real Estate Agents, 30 Government St.

COAL OR WOOD—Leave orders with Munz, Holland & Co., Broad street, opposite Bazaar.

\$5.00—No. 1 double screened household coal, per ton of 2,000 pounds, delivered to any part of the city. Hall, Gospe & Co., 100 Government street. Telephone call No. 83.

GOLF GOLF—Just received, a large supply of Silver-tone Golf Balls and Fergan Clubs at J. Barsley's, 119 Government street.

MELLOR'S MIXED PAINTS—Absolutely pure and full Imperial measure guaranteed, \$1.30 per gallon. Mellor's Floor Paints same price. J. W. Mellor, 70-75 Fort street.

GOLF BALLS AND BOXING GLOVES—A new stock just received by Henry Short & Sons, Gunmakers, 70 Douglas street.

SECOND-HAND GUNS bought and sold. Ammunition always on hand at Shors's Hardware, 57 Johnson street.

EIGHTY-FIVE CENTS BUYS A DOLLAR tin of Mellor's Carriage Paint, ready mixed. Requires no varnishing. Paint your buggy while its cheap. Mellor, 70-75 Fort street.

Vancouver Island Building Society.

The 100th drawing for an appropriation of \$100,000 will be held at the William Wallace Society's hall, Broad St. on Monday, the 26th December, 1907, at 8 P.M. See that your shares are not in arrears. By order, R. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

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Take the ALL-CANADIAN ROUTE To 58 Fort St.

To have your Umbrellas re-handled, repaired and repaired. Keys fitted and locks repaired in any part of the city on short notice. Every description of keys in stock or made to order. Any mechanical repairs.

58 Fort St. J. WAITES.

HALL'S BALSAM OF ANISEED

For Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, etc. Prepared by HALL & CO., dispensing chemists, Clarence block, cor. Yates & Douglas sts.

BAKER & COLSTON

Double Screened Alexandra Coal, \$5.00 ton. Do. Sack or Lump, Wellington 6.00 ton. First Quality Dry Cordwood, \$3.25 cord. Full weight and measure guaranteed. All orders executed day received. Telephone in name, Gawley & Co., No. 407.

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FOR 1898

Have arrived.

T. N. Hibben & Co.

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High Life Cigarettes

Are in Quality and Price Without Exception the Very Best Made.

H. L. SALMON'S.

AT H. L. SALMON'S.

57 Government Street.

PERSONAL.

Chas. Kernback, of Chicago, is at the Queen's.

I. H. Ker has returned from a visit to Edmonton.

Hon. S. Tollemache is over from the Terminal City.

Edmund, spending some time in Vancouver last evening.

Capt. Jones and W. D. Hayward, of Vancouver, are at the Grand.

Rev. J. E. Gardner, of the U. S. customs, San Francisco, is in the city.

R. Jamieson and A. C. Flamerfelt returned last evening from Vancouver.

James Murphy has left for Lac La Poudre, to spend Christmas with his parents.

Gold Fields, Ltd., is down from Barter.

Dr. C. P. Richards, wife and children are enjoying the hospitalities of the Hotel Victoria.

Mr. Smith and wife arrived on the steamer Bella and are stopping at the Wilsons.

George Metcalf and wife arrived from Seattle this morning; they are guests of Hotel Victoria.

J. A. Thompson, of Vancouver, is spending a few days in the city, and is registered at the Victoria.

J. H. Davidson, brother of Mayor Davidson of Nanaimo, is at the Wilsons. He is on his way to Dawson City.

Among the recent arrivals at the Victoria are W. G. McCurry and H. A. Bowie, of New Westminster.

G. A. Strickland, manager of the mining department of the Klondike M. T. & C. Co., returned from the Sound this morning.

Hon. Edgar Dewdney has left for the Mainland, and J. T. Bethune for the east on business for the Klondike M. T. & C. Co.

J. A. Fullerton and W. Manson, of the C.P.R., and J. E. Fagan, of the Vancouver Empire, are here to meet the incoming Empress.

A. W. Yowell, superintendent of Indian affairs, left on the Tees last evening for the northwest coast agency, to be absent till the end of the month.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WANTED—Boy to make himself generally useful, one who can milk preferably. Apply Mr. Wood, Old Esquimaux road.

NOTICE.

Mortgagee's Sale.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain indenture of mortgage dated the eleventh day of March, 1880, and registered in the books of the Land Registry Office at Victoria, B.C., on the 25th day of March, 1880 in charge book vol. 8, folio 128, and numbered 7044, traders will be received by the undersigned up to the 13th of January next for the purchase of all those pieces or parcels of land situate in the City of Victoria aforesaid, and known on the official map of the said city as lots numbered 829 and 830 (eight hundred and nine and eight hundred and ten). The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

DUMBLETON & INNES,
Solicitors for the Mortgagees.

The Mayoralty.

To the Electors of the City of Victoria:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—At the request of a number of citizens I have the honor to announce that I shall be a candidate for re-election to the office of Mayor at the election to be held next January, and respectfully solicit your votes and support.

CHAS. E. REDFERN.

MIRRORS RE-SILVERED.

Work Guaranteed.

70-75 Fort St. J. W. MELLOR.

A STAMPEDE FROM DAWSON

Mail Carrier Auk Arrived at Juneau With Late Interior Advice.

A Thousand or More Men Are Fighting Their Way Over the Trails.

Men Draw Lots to Decide Who Should Remain and Who Should Come Out.

The distress at Dawson City, caused by the shortage of provisions and everything else, with the exception of gold, was not relieved to an appreciable extent by the arrival in October of the steamers Bella and Wearo. The conditions there were just as bad, in fact, worse, a month after the arrival of the steamers, as they were before they put in an appearance with their scanty cargoes. Just before the departure from Juneau of the steamer City of Topoka, which arrived here early this morning, the old Indian mail carrier, Auk, arrived from Dawson. He reports that fully one thousand men, if not more, are straggling along the trail from the metropolis of the Klondike to salt water. They are all fleeing from starvation, which is now more threatening than ever. From the Indian himself not much information could be obtained, but letters that he brought out are sufficient to make those who have friends in the interior of the far northern country feel anxious for them, and were the means of making numbers of men who had started for Dawson turn their faces southward. One of these was Rene Legreux, of Kelly & Co., druggists, of Skagway and Dawson. He received letters from E. W. Pullin, of Seattle, who recently went into the interior. Perhaps Pullin is looking on the blue side, but he speaks as though he might not see his friends again. In his letter Pullin says that after the government officials had posted their bulletin warning the miners to get out of the country if they valued their lives, many of the men pooled what provisions they had and drew lots to decide who were to remain for the winter and who were to attempt the trip to Fort Yukon or to the coast. It was a question who were taking the greatest risks, those who remained and set their minds on spending several months on short rations or those who faced a hard thirty days' trip with just enough provisions to last them, if they did not take too long, for those to whose lot it fell to leave the country were grub-staked for the trip. In this way the population was thinned out, some who had to go starting for Fort Yukon and others for the coast. Others again started out for Fort Yukon, hoping to get back to Dawson with supplies. Of course all this will relieve the conditions, but even at the best there will be much suffering, for in that cold climate men have to be well fed. Pullin gives some prices which provisions now demand in Dawson, but he does not say that they can be bought even at the fabulously high prices quoted. Flour is worth from seventy-five to one hundred dollars for fifty pound sacks; beans, \$1.50 pound; candies, \$1.50 each and very few of them at that, and fresh fish, \$1.25 pound and very scarce. Cooking utensils, too, are none too plentiful, men satisfying themselves with pieces of tin for frying pans and old tin cans for other cooking purposes. It is all this discomfort and prospective misery that is driving the men out of the country, which the one thousand men following up old Auk are fleeing from. He does not contemplate that the men will have much difficulty in getting out, but he has made the trip so often that he would probably take no notice of hardships that other men could not survive. The next boat from the north should bring the advance guard of this army of men, many of whom a few weeks ago thought they were favored because they had succeeded in getting to Dawson, when so many had failed.

But despite all this bad news, which has been circulated around Skagway and Drea and along the trails leading to the lakes, where many men are camped waiting for Lake Bennett to completely freeze over, it was not sufficient to deter all of them from giving up the trip. Most of the men would listen to the news and then go on with their preparations. Of course they are taking in lots of provisions and perhaps this may help those already there, but there is a long winter ahead and it is hard to say what will bring forth. One thing is certain, this stampede from Dawson will greatly lessen the output of the mines this winter.

The funeral of the late W. J. Henderson, who was accidentally drowned on Friday last off Beacon Hill, took place yesterday afternoon from Hanna's Undertaking Parlor. Rev. D. MacRae conducted the burial services at the undertaking parlors and at the cemetery. The First Battalion of the Fifth Regiment attended the funeral and marched slowly and solemnly to the cemetery behind the remains of the late member of their corps. The Orange order was also well represented. The pall bearers were: J. A. Bellard, E. F. Foxworth, J. J. Isaac and R. Irwin. The members of the Fifth Regiment contributed a large wreath to the floral offerings.

—Mr. John Hyland, Jr., of Telegraph Creek, and Miss Winifred Phillips, daughter of Mr. J. P. N. Phillips, of San Francisco, are to be married in the Bay City this evening. Both are well known in this city. Miss Phillips has several times visited Victoria as a guest of her uncle, Mr. J. E. Phillips.

—Mr. J. B. Dawson, of Nanaimo, is in the city on his way to Dawson. He will leave for the north on the next steamer, and will get things in readiness for himself, Mayor Dawson, of Skagway, and Mrs. Dawson, who will accompany him on his trip to the interior.

—A French A. P. Richards, of A. G. M. and Co., of Vancouver, are at the Grand.

TO THE GOLD FIELDS

The Steamers Tees and Rosalie Sail for Alaska with More Klondike Miners.

Steamers City of Topoka and City of Seattle to Sail To-Morrow—Other Shipping News.

The steamer Rosalie sailed from the outer wharf on Saturday evening for her usual Alaskan ports of call with another batch of miners bound to the gold fields, and a number of restaurant keepers, store keepers, trail builders and others for the coast cities. Among those who sailed from here was H. Cecil, a nephew of Lord Salisbury. Mr. Cecil, who is working in the interest of a British company, who propose to establish a telegraph line to the interior, has been in the east making arrangements for the supply of wire and attending to other matters for his company. He went over the Skagway trail several months ago, arranging for the route over which the wire is to be laid, and says that he has no doubt in his own mind but that a wire will be laid to Dawson from the coast. F. S. Clark, who has been in Victoria for some time, who has been in hotel at Skagway, was another passenger from here. In the hold of the Rosalie, besides a fair amount of general freight, was a large consignment of liquors shipped by Pither & Lincer of this city.

The steamer Tees sailed for Skagway, Drea, Juneau, Wrangell and Northern British Columbia ports yesterday evening, inaugurating her service to Alaska. Captain Meyers was in command. The Tees had many passengers and a large quantity of general freight, including a supply of provisions for the Northwest Mounted Police. Her passengers were made up for the most part of mining men and northerners returning to their homes. The greater portion of the mining element were bound to Wrangell, from where they intend to go in to the gold fields on the snow by way of the Stikine. A party of prospectors, consisting of W. W. Clarke, S. H. Clarence, J. A. Howarth and C. McDonald, went to Rivers Inlet, from where they will start inland on a prospecting expedition. The Tees will be continued on this route, making two trips per month.

The R.M.S. Aorangi will sail this evening for Honolulu, Fiji and Australasia with a large cargo of freight and a number of passengers. She will have in all about 2,700 tons of freight. During her stay here she will take on 1,000 cases of salmon, 200 tons of flour and five carloads of paper, which the Portland mills are shipping to Australasia and New Zealand newspapers. Ten passengers will embark at the outer wharf, two first-class and eight second.

Five steamers, all over 3,000 tons register, are being sent to the coast by the States Steamship Company, of New Jersey, to run on the Alaska route. The steamers are the Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Conemaugh. Between seasons the steamers will in all probability ply on the coast, giving cheap transportation along the whole line.

The wrecking steamer Whitehaw is expected to arrive shortly from San Francisco to take another cargo of the iron taken from the wreck of the San Pedro. She is now in command of Capt. Thomas Lockyer, the former master Capt. Dollard, having accepted an offer to take charge of a gold dredge on the Yukon.

The steamer City of Seattle has left the outer wharf at Tacoma after being thoroughly repaired and put in first class order. She will sail from here for Alaska to-morrow evening. The steamer City of Topoka is also scheduled to sail to-morrow.

News has been received from Bermuda under date of October 5th, that the schooner Abie Morris, which left Boston with passengers and freight for the Alaskan gold fields had put into that port in distress, she having sprung a leak.

The four-master British bark Marion Fraser arrived in the roads yesterday from Santa Rosalia. She will proceed to Tacoma to load wheat at that port for the United Kingdom.

Acting on behalf of the Klondike Mining, Trading and Transportation Corporation, Messrs. C. H. Lagrin and J. T. Bethune have leased Porter's wharf.

The steamer Maude returned from Comox yesterday with coal, after a smart voyage. She made the round trip in 30 hours.

The Dominion steamer Quadra took supplies to Discovery Island light-house this morning.

The C.F.R. Bulletin says the American liner St. Louis arrived at New York on Saturday from Southampton.

The R.M.S. Empress of Japan is due to arrive from the Orient to-morrow.

MARTIN AT OTTAWA.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—Hon. Joseph Martin, of Vancouver, arrived here yesterday, and had an interview with Hon. David Mills, minister of Justice.

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Prescription Store Always Open. D.E. CAMPBELL FAMILY CHEMIST VICTORIA B.C. Pure Drugs and Chemicals.

BIG DEAL IN COPPER MINES

Six Promising Claims on Jarvis Inlet Bonded for \$50,000—Blewitt Home From the East.

Texada Island Properties—Are Showing Up Well, and the Values Increase With Depth.

Edward Blewitt, the copper king, from Texada Island, returned yesterday from a protracted business trip to New York, Chicago, and other Eastern cities.

While Mr. Blewitt has been away his interests on Texada Island have been cared for by his son, Ralph Blewitt. Work on the Raven mine, which adjoins the famous Vananda, has progressed favorably.

The men with lots of money in the East are preparing to invest in the legitimate mining and other enterprises of the North Pacific coast, says Mr. Blewitt. They regard this section of the continent as the coming country.

I am thoroughly satisfied that the future will show a tremendous development of the mineral wealth of the North Pacific coast, including the various mining districts of British Columbia.

Judge Shoup, of Chicago, and myself have bonded the Fitzsimmons group of six claims on Jarvis Inlet. The mines are situated across from Texada Island.

A discolored, faded or gray beard does not appear to be a very serious matter, but may be cured by Buckingham's Dye for the Whiskers.

MRS. MCKINLEY DEAD. Aged Wife of the President At Last Quits This Life.

Canton, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Nancy Allison McKinley passed from life at a few minutes past 2 o'clock, with all her children and other immediate relatives at her bedside.

If each headache is misery, what are Carter's Little Liver Pills if they will positively cure it? People who have used them speak frankly of their worth.

GOSSIP OF LONDON

France and England Still Dispute in Africa—No Sign of an Agreement.

Russia Jealous Over the Extension of German Influence in the Orient.

London, Dec. 11.—Four cabinet councils in a week are calculated to arouse comment, but it must be admitted that the Marquis of Salisbury and his colleagues have a multiplicity of matters more or less urgently calling for a settlement.

Another Klondike Expedition Sailed. Portsmouth, N. H., Dec. 11.—The schooner Concord sailed from this port today bound for Alaska with a party of gold seekers.

Fleeing for Life. Thrilling Encounter with Hostile Hovas in Madagascar.

More than two years have elapsed since France by means of an overpowering army, routed the Hovas and remained in forcible possession of Madagascar.

The condition of this island at present further proves how unadapted the French are as colonists. Madagascar, writes a correspondent from Fort Dauphin, is in a much worse state than it was when in the hands of the Malagasy.

There has been some prospecting in the Fort Dauphin district in the north for gold and good paying quartz has been found, but nothing satisfactory has been accomplished because it is not safe for white men to live in the country parts.

I had a startling experience of this insecurity myself, previous to seeking safety at Fort Dauphin. One Saturday morning about 6 o'clock I woke through hearing savage yelling outside my hut.

On Tuesday Lieut. Peary and Mrs. Peary dined at the Harmsworths, and on Wednesday the United States ambassador, Col. John Hay, and Mrs. Hay gave a dinner in their honor.

C. J. D. Gold, of Cambridge, who rowed for Leander in the race for the grand challenge cup at the Henley regatta, had a rather unfortunate experience in the race for the grand challenge cup this year, sailed for New York today on board the Cunard steamer Leander.



The man who is blown up by a hidden mine of explosives may have seen things that should have aroused his suspicion.

The man who neglects the little disorders that are the signs of approaching ill-health is walking over a hidden mine that may cause his death.

There was \$22,000 in the pot. Ralston had drawn a pair of jacks making an ace full. His face betrayed his luck. Baldwin meditated, hesitated, coughed and squeezed his cards from time to time.

Constipation is a little illness that if neglected builds a big one. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation. One little 'Pellet' is a gentle laxative and two a mild cathartic.

It is rumored they are going to look into rowing matters at Yale, and perhaps train the Yale crew.

The members of the British Astronomical Association, who are going to India to witness the eclipse of the sun, will take with them a powerful cinematograph camera, which will produce five or six photographs per second.

On Friday afternoon Co. Hay had a long conference with the Marquis of Salisbury at the foreign office on the subject of Behring Sea.

A snapshot of the family group while the czar and czarina were at Darmstadt, showing Emperor William with his arm resting affectionately on the czar's shoulder, has furnished a German photographer with a picture which is selling freely.

All the forces of Gen. William Lockhart, the British commander on the Indian frontier, have been withdrawn to the Bar valley for the winter.

At the Christmas dinner of the New Vazaboni Club on Friday Rear Admiral Lord Charles Bessford was the guest of the evening and he created a sensation by his plain speaking on social questions.

"Money," he declared, "is now everything among us. Any vulgarism of whatever nationality, could buy his way among those who are described as the 'best and bravest in the land' but who worship the golden calf."

The popular rear admiral also urged a return to the old "code of chivalry and patriotism, the abhorrence of everything sordid and selfish."

The National Liberal Federation at its annual meeting at Derby on Tuesday last constructed a new platform which, it is hoped, will be broad enough to hold all the factions.

The Vagabonds were at first agast at this plain speaking, but the subsequent cheers showed that outspoken truths are not altogether unpalatable.

THE TALLEST MAN. The tallest man in the world is "Bud" Rogan, a negro who lives at Gallatin, Tenn.

Yellow Fever the Cause of Some Unexplained Legal Proceedings.

The honorable supreme court of the state of Alabama on the day of opening the regular term of court, says the Nashville Banner, a failure to meet at the city in the capital city of the state would have resulted in the omission of a whole term and the curtailed session of the court for nearly a year.

It is a very ridiculous figure in Montgomery on the day of opening the regular term of court, says the Nashville Banner, a failure to meet at the city in the capital city of the state would have resulted in the omission of a whole term and the curtailed session of the court for nearly a year.

We insist, a very ridiculous performance. That grave and reverend body has a duty to perform, which has been deliberately done and done with a proper regard for the dignity and the solemn obligations of the court.

Ringers, public speakers, actors, auctioneers, teachers, preachers, and all who are liable to over-tax and irritate the vocal organs, find in Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, a safe, certain, and speedy relief.

—Steeping silver and plated goods at Weiler Bros. Unlimited assortment of choice articles suitable for Christmas, wedding or birthday gifts.

EDDY'S TOILET PAPERS. Made on Hygienic Principles. Sold on Economic Rules. For Hotel, Office and Family Use. J. MITCHELL, Agent, Victoria and Vancouver.

SEAGRAM'S WHISKEY. THE SOLE AGENTS ARE R. P. RITHEB & CO., Ltd., Wharf St.

Seasonable Presents. Headquarters, 51 to 55 Fort Street. WEILER BROS. respectfully invite an inspection of their show-rooms, in which there is displayed the largest and most attractive array of XMAS PRESENTS to be seen in the city.

Our Calendars Klondike Edition. From the Old Country will be here about NEW YEAR. Eighteen different kinds. Purchasers of \$3.50 worth will be entitled to one, and regular customers are requested to leave their orders.

Old Country Boot Store. 91 JOHNSON STREET. Every citizen of Victoria should purchase every copy to send one to each friend residing outside of British Columbia.

NOLTE. CLASSES ADJUSTED. 37. EYES TESTED FREE. FORT ST.

The Toy Bazaar. No. 63 Yates Street. Next to Nicholles & Renouf's. CARRIES THE LARGEST STOCK OF Toys, Novelties, and Xmas Presents.

Klondike Rush. ARE YOU READY FOR THE Klondike Rush. I am ready to Conduct your sales.

W. JONES, AUCTIONEER. 133 Government Street, Corner Pandora Street.

COAL. BURNED BY WHITE LABOR. NEW VANCOUVER COAL CO., LTD. NANAIMO, B.C.

The Electric Wood Yard. WOOD AND COAL. Wood in all lengths as required, promptly delivered. J. E. PAINTER, Address: Lidge Shed, Pandora St., or 28 Cornmarket St. Tel. 424.

Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Co. NOTICE. To Prospectors, Miners and Holders of Mineral Claims on unoccupied land within the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company's land grant.

NOTICE. In hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an act to incorporate a company for the purpose of developing and utilizing to commercial use the iron ore deposits situated upon and near the coast line of the Province of British Columbia.

NOTICE. In hereby given that I intend to apply to the next sitting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for a transfer of the license held by me in and with respect to the Mirror Saloon, situate at the corner of Yates and Broad streets, to Alex. S. McDonald.

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Provincial News.

MIDWAY.

Midway, Dec. 8.—A cutting away took place recently at Camp McKinney, where Alex. Ramage received a knife wound about four inches in length on the back of his neck and a severe contusion on the top of his head...

KAMLOOPS.

Messrs. Wehrhritz, McIver, Blair and Nap, Latrounville, have this morning left town to inspect several of their properties in the vicinity of Jaco Lake...

ROSSLAND.

The main shaft in the Iron Mask, which is being extended to the 200-foot level, is now down 107 feet, and shows up a three-foot body of ore...

LILLOOET.

Lillooet is wreathed in white at present, but is enjoying the weather and sports. This is the season when the gay and festive kid causes good Christian men to cuss when their life is knocked out...

GREENWOOD.

Greenwood, Dec. 8.—It is reported here that J. E. Ross, M. E., of Spokane, has purchased all the interests held by Farrell & Mignon, of the Parrott smelting works...

NICOLA.

The weather continues mild with light showers of snow, much to the satisfaction of our stockmen, who are enabled to we their hay for a rainy day...

ASHROFT.

L. M. Lapointe, the cattle buyer, who has been up the road the past few weeks buying up all the choice cattle, brought in about 250 head Thursday evening...

VANCOUVER.

Much sympathy will be felt for the Messrs. Queen, of this city, who received the sad news yesterday of the death of their nephew, Mr. W. S. Queen...

contracted a rheumatic complaint and was laid up for some time, but since he was appointed to the run between Calgary and this city he had enjoyed good health until this last fatal illness...

Mr. C. Gordon Stewart, of this city, has received a letter from Lieut. Col. Ernest Balfour, of the London Scottish R.V.C., in which he remarks that "the statement that the Gordon Highlanders are largely composed of men of other nationalities than Scotchmen, is absolutely false..."

NEW WESTMINSTER.

The B. C. bazaar, which closed with a concert by the City Band, assisted by a contingent of Vancouver talent, has proved a grand success...

The first small debts court presided over by Mr. J. Pelly, S.M., was held at Abbotsford on Thursday, at which 15 cases were tried...

Bishop Domett will be in the East after attending a conference of dignitaries of the Roman Catholic church at Winnipeg...

The many friends of Rev. Father McGuire will regret to learn that he is dangerously ill, and his recovery is deemed doubtful...

By yesterday's Atlantic express 15 convicts from the British Columbia penitentiary were removed to the Stony Mountain penitentiary, Manitoba...

The British Columbia penitentiary has only accommodation for 102 convicts, but for some time past there have been as many as 116 within its walls...

Mr. Hobson, of the Forks, proposes to construct a large ditch next spring, when, no doubt, Japs and Chinese will do all the work...

The natural loss of the hair, either by disease or the age of the hair itself, may be replenished with a heavy growth by Hall's Hair Renewer...

Grogan-Talk about your double chested! Did you know that a doctor in Dublin had got-ruffed the eyelid by a pig snout...

Not that I am at all fond of having my name put in public places, but as a life saver to mankind I will do it...

To all who find themselves with health gradually slipping away, Kidneys and Liver so disorganized that they are incapable of keeping the system free from poisonous waste material...

All Dealers sell them at 25 CENTS A BOX

HOME NURSING SOCIETY.

Report of the Secretary-Treasurer Presented at Saturday's Meeting.

At the last meeting of the Home Nursing Society held on Saturday, the president, Mrs. D. W. Higgins, presiding, the following report was received from the secretary-treasurer...

In presenting our report we have to note a change, not only in names, but in method of work. On re-opening the maternity home December last it was decided to make a further trial of the work for six months...

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Miss Ellingson, who had been in charge of the home, was engaged at a salary of \$35 per month; sufficient furniture was kept to furnish a room for her, some of it was sold and the remainder given to the Friendly Help Society...

The last named society has co-operated with us by bringing to our notice, cases needing the nurse's care. Since adopting the present plan of work, eight maternity cases have been cared for. The society is to be congratulated upon securing the services of Miss Ellingson, who is highly spoken of everywhere for her services...

The married circle of the King's Daughters is also willing to assist us by providing what is known as a maternity bag for our specially deservent cases. The present is a more economical method than the former and further reaching in its sphere of usefulness...

We take this opportunity of thanking the Friendly Help Association for the use of their rooms and their co-operation generally; also the subscribers for their support and help for a continuance of the same to aid in carrying out the good work already begun.

MARGOT JENKINS, Secretary-Treasurer. Victoria, December 11, 1897.

MATERNITY HOME. December 1, 1900, to May 3, 1901. Receipts.

Table with columns: Balance, Great City Council, Patients' fees, Laundry, Subscriptions and Donations, Total.

Table with columns: Expenditure, Matron salary and help, Provision, Allston Iron Works, Water rate, Telephone, Printing, Balance.

HOME NURSING SOCIETY. June 1 to November 30, 1897. Cash on hand, Subscriptions, Sale furniture, Donations, Total.

Table with columns: Expenditure, Matron salary, Admittance, Cash on hand, Total.

WILL USE THE SAME TRACKS. C.P.R. and Corbin Have Evidently Made a Combine.

J. L. G. Abbott, who is the local solicitor for the C.P.R., is just now securing the right of way for the Corbin line to this city...

It is rumored that an arrangement has been entered into with D. C. Corbin, by which the C.P.R. is to have the right of way for the Red Mountain railway...

The object of this is to compete to greater advantage with the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railways, that have for a long time been seriously cutting into the business of the C.P.R.

It is also said by some that the C.P.R. regards the proposed railway as a part of its exclusive territory, and is determined, if possible, to drive all its competitors here out of the field at any cost.

Mr. A. Melias, the well known New Westminster tailor, writes: "I was suffering from a severe case of cold in the head, which was apparently developing into catarrh..."

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TENDERS

Construction of Steamers. Scaled tenders, addressed to the Hudson's Bay Company at Victoria, will be received until noon on Monday, the 20th December, 1897...

TO LET. 5 roomed house, furnished, \$25. 5 roomed house, Belcher Avenue, \$15. 5 roomed cottage, large barn, Chambers Street, \$20.

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EXPLORING A MYSTERY.

Specimens of actual handwriting are nowadays required to fix upon a writer the authorship of an anonymous composition which it may be desirable to trace to its source.

Unless a person has been brought up on such strictly non-combative diet as mush-and-milk he will probably not turn the other cheek when he gets a slap on the jaw, but will wait into battle with an alacrity worthy of the occasion.

OUR NEGLECTED RESOURCES.

British Columbia imports too much. Being a young community the province must necessarily import a certain number of articles, but the list of imports is altogether too lengthy.

satisfactory; British Columbia pays away money for imports when she ought to be drawing in heavy sums for exporting those identical commodities.

Since the beginning of the great engineering strike the Clyde alone has lost the contracts for six ocean liners of the largest size.

M. MOISSAN'S DIAMONDS.

In the year 1862 a celebrated French chemist, named Moissan, commenced to experiment upon this subject; and with a view to nature's methods of manufacture he gave to his discovery of some minute diamonds.

THIBET AN UNEXPLORED COUNTRY.

The immense territory of Thibet is almost completely surrounded by mountain ranges of appalling magnitude.

lady artist who was commissioned to paint it. For years the sweet Marie has set her face sternly against the exhibition of any "counterfeit presentment," and she says now that it has been published the females are all chagrined to find that the famous authoress is pretty.

Mr. Labouche says in Truth: "To a reasonable man it signifies nothing whether a man calling himself a baronet is legally entitled to his baronetcy or not. But that is not the opinion of the baronets, and they are difficultly seeking for a mode to secure the Sir Simon Pures against the interlopers.

DARWIN'S AWAKENING.

Observations which first suggested His Theory of Evolution. As long ago as July 1, 1837, young Darwin, then 28 years of age, had opened a private journal, in which he proposed to record all facts that came to him which seemed to have any bearing on the theory of the doctrine of transmutation of species.

CHAMPAGNE FROM APPLE PARINGS.

The practice of the economics in the fruit raising sections of the west has developed a new article of export, from the orchard owners and the evaporator.

STUNG BY CACTUS PLANTS.

Several men employed about Horticultural hall, in Fairmount Park, are nursing very bad hands, and one of them is just sure that he is out of danger from blood poisoning from stings received in handling prickly pear cactus plants.

AMERICA'S NEW ARISTOCRACY.

Ferdinand Brunetiere, the most brilliant of French critics, has just published a book written by him on the subject of the aristocracy of the country in the United States.

SMOKE THE GREAT CADADER CIGAR. J. RATHAY & CO. MONTREAL.

IF A MAN DIES.

Man born of woman is of few days and sorrow. The measure of his lot—A shadow to-day, he is cut down to-morrow—A shadow—and is not.

GRAND CONCERT.

By the Choir of First Presbyterian Church. Wednesday Evening, Dec'r 15, at 8 o'clock.

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Under the distinguished patronage of His Honor Lieut-Governor McInnes, for the benefit of the deserving poor of Victoria.

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AMUSEMENTS.

THE A.O.U.W. HALL. Ladies Street, Victoria. Mr. Lindley returns thanks for the generous patronage he has received here and regrets to announce that this will be POSITIVELY THE LAST PERFORMANCE.

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JOHN MAXWELL, DECEASED—All persons having claims or demands on the estate of John Maxwell, late of Burrard Inlet, Salt Spring Island, B. C., are requested to send the particulars to Mr. James Maxwell, of Burrard Inlet, Salt Spring Island, or Mr. James Maxwell, of the same place, the executor. And all persons indebted to the estate are also requested to pay such debts to the executor above named. Dated 27th Nov., 1897. Bodwell, Irving & Duff, Solicitors for executors, 2 Houghton St., Victoria, B. C.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL—Dr. Frank Hall has removed to his new office building, No. 103 Yates street, just above Douglas street. nov25-1m

REWARD—I will pay the sum of \$25 for the conviction of the party or parties who stole windows, locks, iron pipes and taps from house on corner of Humboldt and Esplanet streets, Wm. Lang, 814 Yates street. nov24-1m

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—For a modern cigar smoke J. C. Meiss & Co.'s, 103 Johnson.

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—Broken glass, the only stock in town, at Erskine, Wall & Co.'s, will be sold cheap.

—Pudding bowls from three to eleven inches at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 80 Douglas street.

—CODFISH—Genuine Newfoundland, at R. H. Jameson's, 33 Fort street, Red Front Store.

—Specially opportune is this announcement—Partridge, 80 Yates street, is offering ladies' waterproofs at cost.

—If you're looking for toys call and inspect the stock of A. Barker, 383 Douglas st. The very newest mechanical toys; no old stock. Prices the lowest.

—Pabst Bohemian, from Milwaukee, the finest beer the world ever produced, on draught at 5 cents per glass, at the Bank Exchange, the cleanest, cleanest, cheapest restaurant in the city. Never closes.

—A splendid stock of sporting goods just received direct from the best factories in England and the United States, comprising shot guns, rifles, shooting coats, etc., at Henry Short & Son's, Gunmakers, 72 Douglas street.

—Although a mail arrived at Jeneau from Dawson before the Topeka left the former port no mail was brought down by that steamer, at least none was left here. This mail, too had been anxiously looked for. Postmaster Shakespear, having matches from all parts of the world asking if it had arrived.

—Shortly before midnight on Saturday a Chinaman without a stitch of clothing was picked up in the gutter on Esplanade street by Constable Carson. How the unfortunate man got there is a mystery. Chinamen simply "no subed" when questioned by the officers. It looked very much as though while sick and unconscious he had been allowed to wander out into the street, where he undressed himself, his clothes being found scattered around the road. Dr. Fraser ordered the man's removal to the hospital, where he still lies unconscious.

—In supreme court chambers this morning Mr. S. D. Schultz for plaintiff in Leacock vs. West applied for an extension of the injunction restraining the defendant from disposing of or encumbering a quarter interest in the Jim Corbett claim on Gordon river. Mr. Archer Martin opposed the application and produced affidavits to show that the defendant afterwards re-staked by the defendants as the Jim Corbett, had never been properly re-staked. Mr. Schultz submitted affidavits in reply. Mr. Justice Walker reserved judgment.

—Last appearance of the Lindley Company to-night at A.O.U.W.

—Judge Harrison, of Nanaimo, is taking what cases that come within his jurisdiction in the supreme court here, to relieve the crush of business caused by the inability of the Supreme Court Judge to attend to their duties. The Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Drake are ill; Mr. Justice Walker is just recovering from an illness and Mr. Justice McColl, although his resignation has not yet been accepted, is not taking any cases, and Mr. Justice McColl is engaged on the Mainland.

—Mr. H. E. A. Robertson applied to Hon. Mr. Justice Walker in chambers this morning for an injunction to prevent the city from selling at the annual tax sale a piece of land, the last part of lot No. 794, owned by Mrs. Jamieson. In 1896 the property was sold by the city for taxes due in 1893, Mrs. Jamieson being the purchaser, and a year later receiving her deeds. Now the city is advertising the property for sale for the 1894-5 taxes, amounting to about \$100. Mr. Robertson contended that Mrs. Jamieson was not responsible for taxes incurred before she received her deeds. An adjournment was taken until Wednesday.

—The Harry Lindley Co. will close their engagement in Victoria this evening with the presentation of "A celebrated case," a play which had an exceedingly lengthy run when played in the east. On Saturday evening the audience was one of the largest that has ever been seen in the hall. Before seven o'clock all the seating accommodation had been taken and then people began to crowd the aisles and stand in every available spot. Before the curtain rose the door-keeper was obliged to turn those who wished to enter away. Two plays were presented, Divorce and The Upper Hand. The Lindley Co. will again be seen in Victoria after they have closed their engagement in Vancouver, and theatre-goers will look forward to their return, for one and all they are first-class entertainers.

LOCAL NEWS.

Cleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

—The Senior Liberal Association will meet this evening in the Adelphi Hall.

—Cloth bound books, 25c; good authors. Also Christmas cards. Johnston's, Kirk Block.

—An important meeting of the Liberal Association will be held this evening in the Liberal Club rooms.

—Glasses just received and for sale cheap for cash at R. A. Brown & Co.'s 80 Douglas street.

—Especially opportune is this announcement—Partridge, 80 Yates street, is offering ladies' waterproofs at cost.

—This evening the cinematograph pictures of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight will be on view at the Fitzsimmons music hall.

—Captain Beach, the "man fish," will give his aquatic exhibition in connection with the concert to be held at the drill hall on Saturday next.

—On Friday next the public schools of the city will close for the Christmas vacation. This year no promotion examinations will be held at this time, the closing exercises thus being deprived of their usual formality.

—The entertainment given at the Temperance Hall on Saturday evening drew a large audience. The entertainment Saturday evening next is to be conducted by Mr. Gordon Hicks, leader of the choir of the Metropolitan Methodist church.

—Three drunks contributed to the exchequer this morning, one donating \$10 and the others two dollars each. Lionel Dickenson was summoned for failing to connect his premises, the hitch block at the corner of Douglas and Pandora streets, with the sewer. The connection will be made at once.

—The choir and congregation of Calvary Baptist church, on the fifth anniversary of their choir leader's, Mr. G. F. Watson's, connection with the church, presented him with a large ornamental clock, which he acknowledged in a brief speech. The presentation was followed by a social.

—A Longfellow evening will be held by the members and friends of St. Saviour's Church, Victoria West, on Tuesday, Dec. 22nd. Rev. W. D. Barber will deliver a lecture on the poet's life and works, and a programme consisting of selections from the poet's works will be given.

—Copies of the Phoebe Hearst architectural plan for the University of California have been received by Mayor Redfern. These will be followed shortly by a programme, topographical map and a plan of the grounds, all of which will be exhibited here so that local architects may enter the competition.

—L.O.L., No. 1507, of Saanich, has elected officers as follows: J. J. White, W.M.; P. Burgess, D.M.; H. Brothour, recording secretary; Julius Brothour, financial secretary; W. R. Armstrong, treasurer; G. H. Shugart, chairman; J. Fargo, D. C.; H. Hooton, lecturer; John Brothour, J. Critchley, A. McKenzie and J. Camp, committee.

—The interest of Victoria musical circles will be aroused by the announcement of a concert to be given by Mme. Frances Graham to-morrow evening at Institute Hall. Mme. Graham (who in private life is Mrs. Brughman) is a Canadian by birth, but received her musical education in Paris. She has had a great success in London during the Carl Rosa Opera Company's season there some two years ago and her representations of Hansel and Gretel and Siebel (Faust) were considered the best that have been given in London during recent years.

—An express company has been formed to do business between Victoria, the Sound and Alaska. The new company, the Alaska-Pacific Express Company, has Jacob Firth, president of the Puget Sound National Bank, of Seattle, for its president, and M. G. Hall, superintendent of the Northern Pacific Express Company, for its general manager. Mr. E. E. Blackwood, of the Northern Pacific agent, is to be the local representative of the company, which will commence operations to-day. Agents have been appointed at all important Alaska points. The services of the company will be conducted through the desks of the P. C. S. S. Co., and the W. & A. S. S. Co.

—In an interview at Montreal, Mr. C. C. Chipman, commissioner of the Hudson Bay Company, said the expected visit of Dawson in the spring, via the Fort Wentzel, Strickson and Tedin Lake route, would probably lead to the establishment of new Hudson Bay posts at Glenora and Lake Tedin; already the company have a steamer plying on the Stekeen river, which has been utilized in carrying supplies up to the posts in this part of the country, and more steamers of the most approved and suitable kind will be built by the company to meet the demands of the service. It is altogether likely that the company will extend their posts into the heart of the new mining region. This done in connection with the establishment of the Glenora and Lake Tedin posts, would give the company a belt line of establishments around the new gold region. Mr. Chipman dwelt upon the fact with which the people of the West were entering upon the business of property providing



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WILL SELL THE AIR
It Will Be in Compressed Form For Power Purposes.

Rosland Miner: A project is now under consideration for supplying the mines of the camp with compressed air from pipe lines radiating out of a big central compressor. The promoters of the enterprise propose doing away with the local compressing plants now in operation at the various mines, so that the only machinery required would be the drills, the pumps and the hoists, each of which would be supplied with power direct from the company's pipes. No announcement is as yet made of the price at which the company would furnish air, but it would evidently be at a very considerable reduction over the present cost, since the plant, if installed, would be in direct competition with the West Kootenay Electric Power & Light Co., which contemplates furnishing motive force at 50 per cent of the present rate. With the two rival companies in the field against each other, a big reduction over present costs would be assured.

The proposed new plant would be erected under the Taylor system of air compression, which has received practical tests in the east, and has proven highly satisfactory and exceedingly economical. The patents are controlled by a Montreal company headed by the inventor, G. H. Taylor, and a subsidiary company, composed of Spokane people, has recently been formed for the purpose of installing plants in this country. The company is now putting up a plant at Alsworth, similar, except in capacity, to the one which it may erect here. The Alsworth plant has a capacity of 500 horse-power and air will be distributed from it by pipelines to the neighboring mines.

The company has not disclosed the location of its plant, further than to say that it will be on one of the streams within nine miles of Rosland. It is conjectured that the site will be at the junction of Big Sheep and Little Sheep creeks.

The Taylor system of air compression is altogether unique. It utilizes the fall of water, but dispenses with any moving parts. The plant consists of a cistern, down the centre of which passes a vertical tube, widening out at the bottom into a large drum. At the top of the vertical tube, and connected with it, is a horizontal supply pipe. The water, which is automatically mixed with air, flows through the supply pipe down the vertical tube to the bottom of the cistern. During the course of the fall the bubbles of air contained in the water are compressed in a measure proportionate to the height of the fall. Arriving at the bottom of the drum, the compressed air is caught in the drum, while the water allowed to escape. The drum acts as a main pipe line leads, while branch pipes run off to supply individual customers. It is estimated that in such a plant as may be built here it will be impossible to distribute to the mines 70 per cent of the potential power contained in the water.

G. H. Taylor and W. S. Nucham, who are representing the company, were here last Monday looking over the field, but the object of their visit has just transpired.

THE HUNGARIAN LOTTERY.

This week saw the so-called "Little Lottery" (Klein Lotto) borne to the grave.

The Klein Lotto has been associated with notable swindles, of which the case of Melchor Parkay, who managed to break the lottery in the tune of \$90,000 francs, is the most notable. It has its romance, too. One winter, when the frozen Danube prevented any crossing from Buda to Pesth, a young clerk, whose poverty had been an insurmountable obstacle to his suit for a rich girl's hand, saw a man waving his arms on the opposite side in a steady, methodical manner. Having heard of a similar lottery awhile before, he guessed that the man was signalling the winning numbers to an accomplice, and counted, first 38, then 8 and lastly 18. He staked his last five guineas and won not only the money, but the girl—Pall Mall Gazette.

Hack Law, committed for trial on the charges of forging documents used in a customs house enquiry at Seattle, will have an opportunity of defending himself in a few days. J. E. Gordinery, one of the witnesses, to suit whose convenience the case was adjourned, having arrived this morning from San Francisco, Hack Law has elected to be tried under the Speedy Trial act.

"What folks utter do," said the old colored man, "in ter try ter get everybody around 'em some 'nother ter bein' 'banful' 'yes," replied Erastus Puckley, with emphasis; "de's what dey utter; did o' by de 'ter look ter de 'ah chicken coop," Washington Star.

Russell—Well, dear, did you notice that I came home yesterday?
Wife—Yes; and I noticed in this morning's paper that the new apparatus for heating the club rooms would not be in working order before to-night—Detroit Free Press.

For Christmas
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SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

HOCKEY.
A Drawn Game.

The hockey match played at Vancouver on Saturday afternoon between Victoria and Vancouver again resulted in a draw game, each team scoring three points.

FOOTBALL.
Y. M. C. A. Victorious.

The Y. M. C. A. football team met and defeated the Victoria College team at the Caledonia grounds on Saturday afternoon in the first match of the intermediate league series. The score was five goals.

Junior League Meet.
A meeting of the Junior Football League will be held in the Y. M. C. A. parlors this evening to frame a constitution and draw up rules and regulations. Clubs intending to enter the league are invited to send delegates to the meeting.

BASKET BALL.
Wasps vs. Swifts.

The basket ball match to be played this evening in the hall adjoining the Philharmonic hall on Fort street will undoubtedly be a most interesting one. The Wasps and Swifts, the two teams who will struggle for the trophy, have long been practising for the event and both are in the pink of condition. The teams are:

Swifts—Guard, A. Reid; backs, W. Kinsman and J. Hemsworth; forwards, H. Erskine, P. Smith, F. Cullin and C. E. Wilson.

Wasps—Guard, C. Marshall; backs, E. Burns and H. Wilson; forwards, P. Marchant, J. Noot, E. White and F. Hamber.

Colors—Swifts, blue and white; Wasps, red and white. The game will commence at 8 o'clock.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Charmer from Vancouver—M. H. Graham, T. Niles, J. H. Fullerton, J. E. N. Pugh, H. Manson, H. Bonner, J. E. Pagan, W. C. Morley, R. Jamieson, J. E. Sears, H. Briggs, Mrs. Sears, A. O. Plummer, A. Englishman, A. French, May Russell, T. Stewart, Mrs. Gouge, R. Jardine, J. E. Gregson, C. E. Post, C. J. Moran, T. E. Pooley, H. B. Spurling, K. Schofield, S. A. Moore, A. E. Smith, R. W. Ross, J. H. Lundie, W. A. Gilmore, H. T. Drake, D. Harold, A. G. Gore, W. D. Hayward, F. J. Patton, W. G. Beed, J. Robinson, C. J. Winata, J. P. Fisher, W. J. Snodgrass, D. McRae, Capt. J. E. James, Miss Dawson, F. Sulder, W. J. B. Pender.

Per steamer City of Kingston from the Sound—A. S. Collins, Miss Morozzo, H. E. Jones, Mrs. Brown, Dr. G. P. Richards, wife and son, J. Boyle, F. M. Ritter, G. A. Strickland, G. Gray, S. Lewis, J. P. Paquet, Beed, J. Robinson, C. J. Winata, J. P. Fisher, W. J. Snodgrass, D. McRae, Capt. J. E. James, Miss Dawson, F. Sulder, W. J. B. Pender.

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CONSIGNERS.

Per steamer City of Kingston from the Sound—Nicholas & Benson, J. Robinson, Pell & Co., Hickman Tye & Co., J. Bushing, G. Clark, S. Lester & Co., Sinclair & Co., Brackman & Ker, W. H. P. B. Co., J. Taylor, Okell & Morris, Hudson Bay Co., Melchior & Son, Province Clear Co., M. Vanston, L. Goodrich, A. Motrop.

Per steamer Charmer from Vancouver—Langley & H. Ross, Bank of B. C., S. Reid, H. E. Shaw & Co., E. Barle, D. H. Ross, H. Jamieson, Lenx & Lester, M. W. Wall & Co., F. K. Turner, Gilmore & McC, J. Hutchison, A. E. Swales, W. Fisher, A. Bell & Co., H. B. Co., E. G. Prior & Co., Sara Bank of Nova Scotia, H. L. Salmon, E. Wall & Co., D. Lindsay, F. Landisberg, F. J. Claxton, Roy R. Jamieson, D. H. Ross, W. S. Co., T. Campbell, G. A. Robinson, G. P. S. Co., J. Wilson, G. W. Nell, S. V. Fisher, P. H. Leher, Z. Jackson, Anson Holden Co., R. P. Hill, Co., J. H. Baker, Sisters St. Anne, Vie Phoenix, J. H. Co., Hall & Co., Prov. P. Angus, J. P. Co., Hall & Co., Prov. P. Angus, L. Dickinson, C. O. Russell, J. W. Anderson, Leach & Co., J. Hill & Co., W. Williams, Mrs. Hewlings, C. Hayward, B. C. Furniture Co., Kidom & Co.

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—15 cent tea kettles, 15 cent dish pans and other cheap tinware at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 80 Douglas street.

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That we have just opened the finest assortment of Holiday Goods we have ever handled. Silks, Handkerchiefs, Mufflers, Gloves, Choice Neckwear and Full Line of Gents' Furnishings. Just the thing for Xmas Gifts.

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ALL READY FOR CHRISTMAS

Best Leather Goods.
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Gold Chain Bracelets.
Fine Sterling Silverware.

AND NEW GOODS STILL ARRIVING.

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That Boy of Yours

...To Say Nothing of Papa's GIRL

Wants, above all else, something interesting and amusing at this joyous Xmas season. Have Santa Claus make a selection from our stock of

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We have got the newest, best and most complete stock of Toys in the city. No old stock—everything bright and new. Prices lower than the lowest. Give us a call.

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In 15 k. Gold, very choice.
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In 1-10 Gold Filled, cannot be told from the more expensive article.
In Sterling Silver, of beautiful finish.
Bangle Bracelets in Gold and Silver—Best English make.

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If your feet are protected by Rubbers, Gum Boots or Cork-Soled Boots you can go about in the wettest weather without any trouble. If you don't have proper footwear it means colds, sickness, doctor's bills, etc. We have a great stock of watertight footwear. Yours for moderate money.

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Japanese Fancy Goods at Special Low Prices.

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Shaving Sets, Razors in cases, Table Knives, Military Hair Brushes, E. P. Spoons and Forks, Purse, etc., Solider Cases.

Finest Variety of Pocket and Sporting Knives in the Province.

78 GOVERNMENT STREET. **FOX'S**

A BOY WITH NERVE.

Tattooing is not nearly so common among savages as it was before the influence of missionaries began to be felt. Many of the natives of the South Pacific Islands, however, still keep up the practice. Every native boy, when he reaches the age of eight years, must submit to the needle. It is a peculiar fact that all Samonians are tattooed alike. Devices representing animals are never used. The tattoo marks run from the waist to the knees in intersecting lines resembling the small checks sometimes seen in cloth fabrics. The lines are so close together that at a distance a nude appears to be clad in a pair of close-fitting blue knickerbockers.

As an illustration of the capacity of the Samonians to endure pain, the following incident will suffice: A boy, eight years old, named Maa, injured his foot in a jagged piece of coral. Gangrenous set in and he realized that his leg would have to come off to save his life. He tied a string tightly around his leg above the knee, and seating himself on the ground, severed the member at the knee with an ordinary sailor's jack-knife. The rude flap of flesh were bound together, covered with healing leaves, and, strange as it may seem, the lad recovered. Samonians regard any exhibition of the conspicuousness of pain as an evidence of weakness.

—Founded on Fact—The Celebrated Case—To-night at A.O.U.W.

—Fine walrus, alibone, Siberia, pen-um old stock—at Erskine, Wall & Co.'s

The Providence Having Decided to go to the...

Klondike

In January, the whole of the large and well selected stock of

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E. FRANK, Prop.
39 Gov't St., next to Redfern's.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE PRICE OF CLOCKS AND WATCHES HAVING BEEN ADVANCED 25 PER CENT, NO ADVANCE WILL BE MADE BY US ON FORMER PRICES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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DIRECT IMPORTERS, 68 YATES ST.

A Wager, and What Came Of It

"Talking about hypnotism," said Clara, "reminds me of Ethel Roubens. You all know Ethel—she was just as gay and thoughtless as a butterfly, but not a bit fast, you know, though you might fancy so when you hear this story."

ing to do but be married afterwards." Exchange.

"Ethel's cousin John was going to bring a young man to call on her, and told her how stiff and unemotional she would find him. 'Even you, Ethel,' he said, 'won't be able to thaw his heart.'"

"You know how pretty Ethel is. Well, she flared right up at this challenge. 'I'll make you a bet,' she laughed, 'that I'll make him kiss me.'"

"Ethel was her prettiest gowns and sweetest smiles and gazed at him with all the hypnotic power she could call to her service, but the spells didn't seem to work; and John told her she didn't know a little bit about hypnotism, and the time was nearly up for her to win or lose her bet."

100 DROPS CASTORIA. Vegetable Preparation for Assimilating the Food and Regulating the Stomach and Bowels of INFANTS & CHILDREN. Promotes Digestion, Cheerfulness and Rest. Contains neither Opium, Morphine nor Mineral. NOT NARCOTIC.

DISCOVERY OF A NEW ANESTHETIC. Pain From Deep Burns Extinguished by Use of Orthoform.

AIRGONAUT'S STORIES. According to the statement of the ten-year-old daughter of a Massachusetts clergyman, there are ways of making an old sermon seem almost new.

A BANKER'S EXPERIENCE. "I tried a bottle of Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine for a troublesome affection of the throat," writes Manager Thomas Dewar, of the Standard Bank, now of 14 Melbourn ave., Toronto.

SEE THAT THE FAC-SIMILE SIGNATURE OF CHAS. H. FLETCHER IS ON THE WRAPPER OF EVERY BOTTLE OF CASTORIA.

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TRANSPORTATION. OCEANIC FOR Hawaii, Samoa, New Zealand and Australia. S.S. MOANA sails Thursday, January 8th, 1898, at 2 p.m.

Victoria & Sidney R'y. Trains will run between Victoria and Sidney daily as follows: Leave Victoria at 7:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m.

Puget Sound & Alaska Steamship Co. TIME CARD No. 13. Effective August 24th, 1897. Subject to Change Without Notice.

Str. City of Kingston. FROM TACOMA, DAILY (EXCEPT SATURDAY).

NORTHERN PACIFIC. The Quickest All-Rail Route to ROSSLAND KOOTENAI and KETTLE RIVER MINING DISTRICTS.

Going to Chicago or Anywhere East? THE NORTH-WESTERN LINE. THREE CO. FIRST CLASS TRAINS leave Minneapolis and St. Paul for Chicago on arrival of trains from Victoria, as follows:

JNO. MESTON Carriage Maker BLACKSMITH, ETC. 2nd Street, between Johnson and Park streets.

TRANSPORTATION. CANADIAN PACIFIC NAVIGATION CO. (LIMITED). Time Table No. 21, Taking Effect November 15th, 1897.

ESQUIMALT & NANAIMO RY. TIME TABLE NO. 29. To take effect at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 4th, 1897.

ESQUIMALT & NANAIMO R'y Co. COMMENCING Monday, November 1st, 1897. S.S. "CITY OF NANAIMO" W. D. OWEN, Master.

THE LIBRARY CAR ROUTE. ROCK BALLAST—NO DUST. GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY. MEALS IN DINING CAR A LA CARTE.

Pacific Coast Steamship Co. The Company's elegant steamer CITY OF PUEBLO, WALLA WALLA and UMAWILLA, carrying H. B. M. MAIL, leave VICTORIA, B. C., for San Francisco, at 9 a.m., Dec. 10, 18, 25, 30, 31, 1897.

Spokane Falls & Northern Nelson & Fort Sheppard Red Mountain Railways. The only all rail route without change of cars between Spokane, Rosland and Nelson. Also between Nelson and Rosland.

Spokane Falls & Northern Nelson & Fort Sheppard Red Mountain Railways. DAILY SCHEDULE SUNDAY.

CARTER'S LIVER PILLS. CURE SICK HEAD ACHE. Sick headache and relieve all the troubles that lead to a bilious state of the system, such as Distention, Nervousness, Dizziness, etc.

Provincial Press is saying. (Kamloops Sentinel.) The Kaalo Kootenai says that timber preservation demands immediate attention.

(New Westminster Columbian.) To promote the development of British Columbia, "to encourage capital." That is our end and aim; to that intent we burn the midnight oil, and rack our brains.

(Kaslo Kootenai.) To the man who wishes to invest his capital where it will be safe and reasonably sure to yield good returns, Kootenay comes in for first consideration.

(Golden Era.) The question of redistribution is one of the most important that should come up at the next session of the legislature.

(Vancouver News-Advertiser.) A favorite designation by its journalistic supporters of the present provincial government is that it is a "progressive government."

There is no article in the line of medicine that gives so large a return for the money as a good person strengthening plaster, as Carter's Heart Wood and Bells Balm.

position must be admitted to be "non-progressive," obstinate, if you will, to the verge of stupidity.

The Liberal platform, which has been published widely throughout the province, while having its shortcomings, like everything human, on the whole is most excellent.

The Opposition are quite active in this district and becoming formidable. The government has friends here, but no organization and no work is being done.

Among the things that Klondikers will want next year in large quantities, and for which they will be ready to pay good prices, will be fresh eggs and butter.

There is one of our largest churches last evening in the evening and most eloquent preacher in the United States delivered a sermon based on the following text: "How long will you be angry with me, O God?"

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I write this to let you know what I would not do. I would not do without Chamberlain's Pain Balm in my house if it cost \$5 per bottle.

WAS LUCKY TO GET OUT ALIVE.

Patients in a Chinese Hospital Have Little Chance to Recover. If ever the surroundings were conducive to ill health or a prolongation of disease, those of a Chinese hospital are certainly meant to be productive of continued recovery to the patient.

It is a room about ten feet wide and ten feet long, filled with the beds and ends of a junk about the size of a small boat. It takes two candles to make a light and so filled with the malarious smells that are daily heavy in the air.

SONG WAS INAPPROPRIATE.

Choir Sang a Hymn at Variance With Pastor's Sermon. In one of our largest churches last evening in the evening and most eloquent preacher in the United States delivered a sermon based on the following text: "How long will you be angry with me, O God?"

DEGENERATE FAMILIES.

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Ayer's Pills being composed of the essential virtues of the best vegetable aperients, without any of the woody or fibrous material whatever, is the reason why they are so much more effective and valuable than any other cathartics.

A Tennessee lady, Mrs. J. W. Towle, of Philadelphia, Tenn., has been using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for her baby, who is subject to croup, and says of it: "I find it just as good as you claim it to be."

First-class Athletes and Racers use Adams' Anti-Fatigue Gum. It gives staying power, keeps fatigue from coming on, and restores vitality.

Government street, between Courtney and Johnson, is closed to traffic until further notice. E. A. WILMOT, City Engineer.

MUNICIPAL NOTICE. Real Property Tax Sale By-Law, 1897.

List of Lands and Improvements within the corporation of the City of Victoria, to be sold for Taxes and Costs on the 24th day of December, 1897, at the City Hall, Victoria, at 12 o'clock, noon, in pursuance of 'The Victoria Real Property Tax Sale By-Law, 1897,' unless in the meantime the arrears of Taxes, Interest and Costs due in respect of each Lot in the Schedule hereunder written be paid.

Table with columns: Lot, Block, Section, Lands and Improvements, Assessed Owner, Registered Owner. Lists various property lots and their owners.

City Treasurer and Collector's Office, City Hall, Victoria, B. C. November 24th, 1897. CHAS. KENT, Collector of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, B.C.

NOTICE. Government street, between Courtney and Johnson, is closed to traffic until further notice. E. A. WILMOT, City Engineer. Also advertisement for Charles Hayward, established 1864, Victoria Loom Office, and MONEY TO LOAN.

Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious. ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure.

WOMEN IN COUNCIL

The Third Annual Meeting of the Local Council of Women Held at the City Hall.

Lady Aberdeen Sends Her Best Wishes and Regrets Her Inability to Attend.

Victorian Order of Nurses Flourishing—President's Address—Friendly Help Report.

The third annual meeting of the Local Council of Women was held to-day at the city hall. After a few minutes had been spent in silent prayer, the president read a telegram from Her Excellency Lady Aberdeen, who extended her kind wishes to the Council and said she regretted that she was unable to be present.

President's Address. Ladies of the Council:—To-day we hold the third annual meeting of our Local Council of Women, and although anniversaries must ever bring with them something of sadness and regret for deeds or duties left undone, they are also signs pointing to the progress and cheer we on our way to future attainments.

One of our great sources of encouragement in our work to-day—indeed, our very greatest—is drawn from the unanimous sanction extended to it by our bishops and clergy, who during the past week have united in intercession for us, that our efforts may be blessed and our counsels guided by inspiration from above.

Our chief source of regret in the past lies in our failure to gain the support of the authorities for two measures which we earnestly desired to carry—the enforcement of the Curfew Law, which is now in operation in most Canadian cities, and the establishment of an industrial home for boys; movements which the late and discouraging of juvenile delinquency in our midst have shown to be primary necessities in this city, for it is universally conceded that true progress, as well as benevolence and economy, lie in the prevention rather than the correction of evil.

Of our efforts in the past twelve months—what our council has attempted or accomplished—we shall shortly hear in the report of our recording secretary. Our work has been ever directed towards movements and reforms which touch the home at every point, and if our reach has been sometimes higher than our grasp, we are not thereby discouraged, but shall continue to strive until we attain.

This year (1897) has been in every sense the jubilee of woman. Not only has it given an immense stimulus to our individual loyalty and patriotism, but an unprecedented encouragement and impetus to womanhood collectively—for one of us—a very woman in every thought and action, has celebrated the sixtieth year of a reign unparalleled in England's or the world's history. Our Sovereign Lady the Queen, as monarch, wife and mother; head of the state, of society and of a household, has held before us an ideal womanhood, and brought into unappreciated recognition our capabilities and potentialities; setting the moral height and standard to which the humblest of her sisters may aspire; for not primarily as the greatest sovereign of the greatest empire in the world, will our Queen's name be handed down to coming ages, but as the exemplary domestic pattern of those womanly virtues and graces which may adorn the lowliest station. The central idea of our council's teachings is: "The Home and How to Elevate It," not, indeed, limiting it to a place enclosed between four walls, with bounded horizon of personal cares and griefs and joys, but inviting us to reach out, helping hands to less favored lives and hopes, striving to let in a little sunshine and sunshine where unwholesome environment and physical discomfort make the name of home too often but

a pitious mockery; and while we emphatically deprecate any claims which are detrimental to our own first duties, we have in our Queen's splendid record the incontrovertible evidence that even the world-wide interests of a throne do not necessarily preclude the right ordering of the home-mother's kingdom. In this year also we have seen a great convention reigned over by another woman, Francis Willard, the queen of temperance, whose noble life and work open out to us another sphere of womanhood, the right to work for the uplifting of humanity and the elevating of ourselves and others to higher aims and ends, not only in organized opposition to those grosser lives usually connected with intemperance, but systematically suppressing in ourselves intemperate thoughts and judgments, abstaining from unchastity and self-indulgence in every form, qualifying ourselves to wear the white ribbon of blameless lives. With such examples as these let none assert that woman's life must needs be a contracted and circumscribed one. From them we may all gather encouragement, and larger views in our different vocations and station of life, bound to these noble souls by our common tie of womanhood; and if among these great representatives women I have not to-day specially included our council queen and president, it is only because she reigns ever in our hearts; the head and spirit of our work, the very embodiment and incarnation of the Women's Council. It is wholly due to our president's talents and energy that this, the greatest organization of woman's work ever attempted, has reached its present successful issue, for the stage of this movement has now passed when we stood in the attitude of apologists, endeavoring to justify our existence. The prejudice and indifference which assailed the council at its inception has given place to generous and outspoken appreciation from the leaders of the nation, in church and state—able and thoughtful men, whose approval in itself bestows a badge of merit. It is now recognized on all sides that "the lights of woman," a term supposed to suggest bold assertion and aggressive agitation, means in council ethics but woman's right to fulfil in a larger sphere and with a higher motive than before her duty to herself, her home and the world to be true to the higher self in her, and to live up to her responsibilities and privileges.

Perhaps our greatest danger now lies in the unguardedness born of success; and some among us would doubtless emphasize the wisdom of moderation, and of making haste slowly, but the council amalgamates and utilizes us all, the seniors with their conservative traditions, to restrain and moderate the young with their newer lights and progressive energy to point to wider spheres and lead the way.

And, now remains the crucial test of all, are we each individually and in one corporate capacity living up to the council's great standard? We all know that it is easier to die for a creed than to live up to it! This is a world-wide power for good; but only in so far as every link in the great chain is sound and strong—the local councils loyal to the national, every affiliated society staunch to the local—and every member of every society linked to all in faith and loyalty. We have for our motto—one of the greatest ethical precepts ever enunciated, laid down for us by the Divine Teacher who has ever seen, or ever will see: Are we each doing our utmost best to follow His Divine Teaching; and do we for a moment realize what this lived-out love of humanity, always linked to its only safe incentive love to God, would mean? It would mean the opening of Heaven's gates on earth. Universal brotherhood would be no longer a meaningless phrase. Egoism, and individualism, and greed—those trine curses of humanity would be relegated to the father of evil.

We should learn to look with scorn on miserable aims that end with self, and to work with healing hand the festering sores of life. These may woman "sovereign of this painful earth" and to be given the supreme honor of "preparing the way of the Lord and making straight His paths."

The following report of the Friendly Help Association was then read: Madame President and Ladies: With the generous help of His Worship the Mayor, kind friends, and our own united efforts, we have been able to relieve the several wants of three hundred and twenty-two needy cases, from the 1st of January to the end of November of the present year. Our methods of assisting are somewhat varied. Strong and able-bodied men are instructed to earn their food and clothing, the former from the city, the latter through the Salvation Army. The aged, needy and helpless get prompt and generous assistance. One great fact we wish to impress on the kind-hearted people of our city is the assisting of door to door beggars. In doing so they deal a death blow to our one great aim—that is, keeping a check on impostors. The city of Victoria is divided into small districts, each district having a lady visitor, so there are really no cases of neglect, and no need for begging. Our experience with a great deal of the poverty we meet is intemperance on the part of the men, and lack of energy on the part of the women. If some wise head could suggest some way of dealing with the former mentioned evil, and the latter misfortune, a number of homes in our fair city would be different to what they are, and our Friendly Help Association would not be put to their wits' ends, as they are at times, to know how to deal with such cases.

The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$30.25, the expenditure for the year was \$53.10; the total receipts being \$83.35. It also showed that 25 societies were now affected by the council. The election of officers resulted in the re-election of the old board saving the vice-presidents. For the office of vice-presidents there were a number of nominees and when the ballots were counted, it was found that the following ladies were elected: First vice-president, Mrs. Robson; second, Miss Lawson; third, Mrs. Bennett; fourth, Mrs. Angus and fifth, Mrs. McQuade. An adjournment was taken for luncheon.



Before Retiring....

take Ayer's Pills, and you will sleep better and wake in better condition for the day's work. Ayer's Cathartic Pills have no equal as a pleasant and effectual remedy for constipation, biliousness, sick headache, and all liver troubles. They are sugar-coated, and so perfectly prepared, that they cure without the annoyances experienced in the use of so many of the pills on the market. Ask your druggist for Ayer's Cathartic Pills. When other pills won't help you, Ayer's is THE PILL THAT WILL.

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LATE LOCALS.

—Trouble with the telegraph wires accounts for the non-appearance of dispatches in the Times to-day.

—At Nanaimo on Saturday evening Charles Moth failed to throw Billy Murdoch, the local wrestler, in fifteen minutes.

—The steamer City of Nanaimo on Saturday brought from Comox a Chinaman who had been caught between two coal cars and badly crushed.

—There will be an extra whist competition at the I.B.A.A. this evening. Special prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the evening's play.

—The death occurred yesterday at her late residence on Blanchard street of Malba Kennel, wife of Godfrey Kennel. Deceased was 64 years of age and a native of North Carolina. The funeral will take place on Wednesday afternoon.

—The funeral of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Kelly took place yesterday afternoon. The members of the Christadelphian Society conducted the services at the residence on Third street and at the cemetery.

—The following candidates for the Cambridge University Preliminary Local Examination presented themselves this afternoon at the Collegiate School, the presiding examiners being the Hon. James Baker, minister of education, the Bishop of Columbia, and Mr. J. W. Laing, M.A. Oxford; Masters G. S. Brown, A. C. Fletcher and A. C. Roberts and Misses E. Heaney, A. M. Bedford, E. H. Bryce, L. Sute, C. Black, J. O. Brown, E. E. Derrill, E. A. Jenkins, E. Bayley, G. M. Hovel, M. L. Field, L. J. Carter and M. H. Lovell.

—The trial of Jung Hoek, charged with cutting and wounding a Jap, is proceeding this afternoon before Judge Harrison in the Speedy Trials court. Most of the time was taken up in examining the principal Japanese witness as to whether he was competent to take an oath. It was finally decided that he was not, the cross-examination bringing out the fact that he was in a transient state as far as religion was concerned, not yet having fathomed the intricacies, to the heathen mind, of the Christian religion. The trial will probably last for a couple of days.

METALLIFEROUS MINES INSPECTOR.

To the Editor:—The Times of Saturday evening contains an article dealing with the above named subject and is one that the government cannot afford to lose sight of. The want of a mines inspector is daily and hourly in the mouths of every miner working under incapable managers and foremen, and for the safety of the men alone, an appointment should be made forthwith. Apart from the safety of the men, it is not fair that companies investing their capital should be subjected to the responsibility of accidents, the result of careless or incapable management. Most mining properties are in the early stages of development, and not so liable to accidents as far as if a competent inspector should be appointed much of the work already done would have to be done over again at great expense to those interested without their having any special knowledge as to the true state of affairs. I understand that provision has been made for such an appointment and the qualification for the same shall be seven years' experience. Here is an appointment where duty should be out of sight, for if the appointee is the tool of any party or party's experience would not be necessary, while others having twenty-five years' experience would make good inspectors, while others having twenty-five years' experience would make good inspectors. The position is to allow the miners whose judgment in that respect is better than any other, to nominate not exceeding one man from each mining camp, such names being submitted to the gold commissioner at Victoria, who shall announce the names through the papers of the province. Those holding a free miner's license and being recognized as miners in each camp or locality would take a vote and forward the returns to the gold commissioner at Victoria and in that way an intelligent appointment could be made by the government. The papers being accepted by another method, the gold commissioner at Victoria would be enabled to select the best man for the position. The inspector being in touch with the miners would at all times be in possession of the true condition of every mine, especially

cluding the weak points without anyone being subjected to disclosure or litigation for actually making known real dangers. It is in the best interest of the province in general and miners in particular to see that every prospect is worked in the most economical manner ensuring safety, so that the many mines as possible may become at the earliest possible stage dividend paying—and in that way insure confidence in the following investors. W. J. LEDINGHAM.

OFFICIAL CORRUPTION THIEVES.

Transvaal Ruled by Monopolists, Who Contribute to Oom Paul.

The Transvaal government have once more set the law press laws in motion against two local journals, and demanded the names of the writers of articles charging members of the legislature with being the recipients of bribes from the monopoly companies. The secretary of Levels Eng. Dr. Leyds was himself accused the other day in the volksraad of having been in the pay of those companies, but does not seem to have taken any very energetic measures to rebut the allegations. The atmosphere of Treator and Johannesburg is heavily laden with reports of corruption and bribery in high quarters, and it is not to be asked the victories so far scored by the railway and dynamite companies are not calculated to allay the general feeling of indignation.

Notwithstanding the great mass of evidence accumulated by the industrial commission in proof of the heavy exactions of these corporations, the sub-committee of the volksraad treats the affair as a gross exaggeration, and accordingly proposes ridiculously inadequate abatements of the rates in each case. The proposed reduction of 10 shillings on dynamite would still leave the price some 30 to 40 shillings per case in excess of the price at which European makers offer to supply it in the land free of all charges. As to the proposed reduction of £200,000 in the railway charges on mining concessions, that will not weigh heavily on a company whose gross earnings last year amounted to over £2,000,000, in contrast with £100,000 two years ago, and whose net profits reached £1,000,000, as against £400,000 in 1894. While the gross traffic expanded by leaps and bounds, the ratio of expenses dropped from 25 per cent. Yet the company is said by the sub-committee of the volksraad not to have been making a profit, and to be asked to make an abatement in its charges of about one-third of what after considering all the evidence the industrial commission considered equitable.

The participation of the government in last year's operations, according to the handsome sum of £737,304. It is easy to understand that there is no very burning desire on the part of the executive to curtail so profitable a source of revenue as temporarily, though there can be little doubt that the general rates would stimulate general enterprise and hence a more generous yield by the other sources of revenue. The best and wisest course to adopt in this matter would be for the state to take over the railway, paying for it on the basis of the average profits of the last three years. The average profit of £1,000,000 would be ample, and the money lent thereon at 4 per cent. As to the profit of such an operation to the government there can be no sort of question. Even if such concessions were made to the mining industry as involved a reduction for a time of a round £500,000 in the net income, the latter would still amount to upward of £1,200,000, which is about £50,000 more than its share of last year's profits. This, of course, is quite apart from a consideration of the immense business which would be conferred on the mining industry, on the prosperity of which the welfare of the national finances wholly turns.

PERPETUAL.

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RARE WORKS OF ART SAVED IN INDIA.

Appropos of the disturbances in the Swat valley on the Northwest Indian frontier the congress has passed a unanimous vote of thanks to the Indian government for the steps it has taken to preserve the works of art and historical remains in that region. The congress will present a communication to the government of India asking that it be considered a matter of urgency to renew the orders already given out against the destruction of these ancient monuments. Sir Alfred Lyall is deputed to lay the resolutions before George Hamilton, secretary of state for India.

From the point of view of the archaeologist the most interesting feature of the preceding notice is due to M. Sennar, who explained the results of the examination of what is the oldest manuscript yet discovered in India. This also comes from the extreme northwest country, the scene of the present outbreaks. It consists of a great mass of leaves covered with strange letters. The letters were the Karoshithi writing in use in the extreme northwest. In the opinion of M. Sennar, letters of his particular form could not be of much later date than the Christian era and might be considered a Buddhist book allied in character to the well-known Dhammapadam.—Chicago Times-Herald.

DIED.

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