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OPERATION A SUCCESS.

Dr. Lorenz Moulds a Club Foot, Into Proper Shape.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 18.—Dr. Lorenz has for the first time since his arrival in New York operated on a club foot. The patient was a four-year-old girl. Dr. Lorenz kneaded and twisted the crippled foot until it was as soft and pliable as a piece of putty, and then he deftly moulded it into its proper form and announced that the operation was completed, and a plaster cast was fitted on the foot. The doctor said that she should be allowed to use her foot as much as she could after four or five days, and that it would be necessary to keep the cast on for six or seven months, after which she could walk.

CHALLENGED TO DUEL.

Cousin of King Alfonso Anxious to Meet Fract Who Is Suppressing Gambling.

(Associated Press.)

Madrid, Dec. 18.—Gen. Bourbon Yde Castellvi, a cousin of King Alfonso, was arrested yesterday evening in a gambling club. He was arraigned before the captain-general and was subsequently released. The general challenged the prisoner, who is responsible for the energetic attempts to suppress gambling.

POTATOES.

75 cents per 100 lbs. (Burbank Seedlings.) Free delivery.

SILVESTER FEED CO., City Market.

NEW TURF CONGRESS.

Representatives of Tracks Not Members of Western Club Will Meet in New York.

(Associated Press.)

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 18.—It was learned here last night that a new turf congress will be waged against the Western Jockey Club. John Ryan, who will open the Newport, Ky., course for racing, stated last night that a meeting of representatives of tracks not members of the Western Jockey Club will be held in this city next Friday. The object of the meeting, it is stated, will be to revive the old American Turf Congress. The following tracks will be represented, Kansas City, St. Louis, Baltimore, Savannah, New Orleans and Newport.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates Prepared by the Presbyterian Committee Total \$150,000.

(Associated Press.)

Toronto, Dec. 18.—The Presbyterian foreign mission committee has prepared estimates for 1908, totalling \$150,000. Reports from various missions showed encouraging conditions.

VENEZUELA MUST MAKE REPARATION FOR GROSS INSULTS OFFERED GERMANY

No Reply to Arbitration Proposal Yet Sent—The Blockade at La Guayra.

(Associated Press.)

Berlin, Dec. 18.—Aside from the financial claims mentioned in her ultimatum, Germany expects some form of apology from Venezuela for the diplomatic insults, which the foreign office says are more serious and more gross than those of which Great Britain complain. The foreign office points out that Premier Balfour's remarks yesterday evening in the British House of Commons about Germany having other than financial claims must be understood as applying to diplomatic reparation for these insults, and not to a material indemnity, like money or territory.

NEW VANCOUVER COAL MINES CHANGE HANDS

Big Deal Just Completed in San Francisco—Output of Collieries to Be Increased.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Dec. 18.—The Western Coal Co., capital stock \$1,500,000, completed a deal at San Francisco this morning to purchase outright all the coal and mineral property of the New Vancouver Coal Co. at Nanaimo; also the bunkers, barges and equipment of the Rosenfelds Sons, in "Friseo, the stock and business of J. C. Wilson & Co. and Howard & Co. of Oakland. The land acquired exceeds thirty-five thousand acres.

THE KING'S SPEECH

At the Prorogation of Parliament—Venezuelan and South African Affairs.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 18.—Parliament was prorogued this afternoon by royal commission. Only a score of members of the House of Commons were present when Black Rod summoned the lower House to the House of Lords to hear the King's speech. It was an unusually lengthy recapitulation of public events since January, including the action taken in connection with Venezuela, regarding which the speech said: "I regret that the constant complaints which my government have to receive vary to address to the government of Venezuela in regard to unjustifiable and arbitrary acts against British subjects and property during the last two years have been persistently disregarded, and that it has become necessary for my government, acting in concert with that of His Imperial Majesty the German Emperor, which also has a curious cause for complaint against the Republic, to insist on measures of redress."

CELEBRATION SESSION.

Gizeh Temple, Mystic Shrine, Will Give Banquet at Victoria Hotel To-Night.

The first ceremonial session of the Gizeh Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., will be held this evening. Some 50 visitors from Seattle and Tacoma came over by the majestic this afternoon, while a number have also arrived from Port Townsend, Vancouver, New Westminster and other points. The visiting nobles were met by a committee of the local order and extended a hearty welcome. They were afterwards taken for a drive throughout the city. A number went out to Esquimalt.

EIGHT-HOUR DAY.

Proposal to Bring Referendum Into Operation at Forthcoming Municipal Election.

Ald. Yates has given notice at the next meeting of the city council he will move; that the opinion of the electors of the municipality be taken at the ensuing election by a referendum on the question of the provisions of the corporation works be reduced to eight hours; and that upon the above question receiving an affirmative vote of 51 per cent. of the total number of votes, according to the voters' lists for municipal elections, the council will, within 60 days from the date when the said vote was cast, pass a resolution adopting eight hours as the standard working day on all corporation works.

ITALIANS WOUNDED

In a Duel With Two French Champions at Nice.

(Associated Press.)

Nice, Dec. 18.—The duels following the bombastic challenge of the Italian foreign champions, Vega and Pessina, to the French champions, Merionac and Cheroffer, were fought here this morning and resulted in both Italians being wounded. Their wounds are not dangerous.

NORTH WARD EXERCISES.

They Will Be Held To-Morrow Afternoon—Excellent Programme Prepared.

Appended is the programme of the North Ward school closing exercises which will be held in the assembly room of the school to-morrow afternoon commencing at 2 o'clock. Prof. Haynes and orchestra will be present, and an enjoyable afternoon is promised the parents and friends who attend. The programme follows:

Song, "The Maple Leaf," school recitation, "Father Xmas," 4 boys; recitation, "My Thanksgiving Visit," Edith Yeo; song, "The Orphan Newbaby," Hazel Morison; song, "My Old Winter," school recitation, "The Doll's Show," 7 girls; song, "My Kitty," Division IX.; trio, Misses Haynes, King and Lawrence; recitation, "Visitors From Storyland," 6 pupils; selection, "Concordia," orchestra; song, "Carol, Sweetly Carol," school recitation, "Her Hands," Ella Gilk; song, "Mr. Frog," 2 girls; selection, "Gathering of the Clans," orchestra; quartet, "Down in the Deep," 4 girls; recitation, "Xmas Gifts," Division IX.; (violin and piano), Juanita and Edward Sears; recitation, "The Bad Little Boys," Jennie Duncan; dialogue, "The Rehearsal," 7 pupils; selection, "National Overture," orchestra; presentation of medals, speeches, etc.; song, "Happy New Year," school; National Anthem.

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WILL RAISE FREIGHT RATES.

London, Dec. 18.—At a conference of steamship trading with India held this week at Liverpool, it was decided that the freight rates were not remunerative, and that it was necessary to increase them by five per cent. to ten per cent. in 1908.

A GRAVE CHARGE BY MR. PATERSON

STARTLING STATEMENT AT ISLAND MEETING

The Attorney-General Attacks the Opposition Candidate and Rouses a Tar-tar—Mr. Oliver's Speech.

(Special correspondence of the Times.)

The opposition meeting at the school house, Fulford harbor, on Monday night, was well filled, standing room only being available. A number of ladies were present, and followed the proceedings with great interest.

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WHAT TO BUY
At Xmas time is usually a vexing question.
If you are buying for a lady nothing will be more appreciated than a bottle of best perfume.

Have You Arranged That Little matter with your landlord? We mean wiring for

ELECTRIC LIGHT

Now is the time, before the Xmas holidays. B. C. Electric Ry. Co., 35 Yates Street.

Home Comforts. CHRISTMAS IS DRAWING NEAR.

What are you going to give for a present? We have just received a large assortment of the latest styles in Lounges, Couches, Chairs, Rockers, Centre Tables, &c.

ARE ANXIOUS TO END THE TROUBLE

NOTE PRESENTED TO CASTRO BY CITIZENS

They Say That the Time to Yield to the Powers Has Arrived.

Caracas, Dec. 17.—The indications here are that Venezuela will yield to the demands of the allies.

The leading citizens of Caracas have addressed a joint note to President Castro asking him to give full power to United States Minister Bowen to effect a termination of the present difficulty.

Caracas, Dec. 17, 1902: To the President of the United States of Venezuela: Sir,—The undersigned have met for the purpose of offering their aid to the government of Venezuela in the present conflicting situation, which has been created by the aggressive attitude of Germany and Great Britain, and upon your request to give our opinion in writing, we address you in the following terms:

"In view of the acts of violence already committed, and of the absolute impotence of Venezuela to meet force by force in response to the allied action of Germany and Great Britain, in view of the fact that Venezuela has exhausted all the means required by civilization and diplomacy to put an end to the present situation, and the government and people of Venezuela having complied honorably and worthily to the demands of the national honor, we consider with all due respect that the moment to yield to force has arrived. We therefore respectfully request that full power be given to the minister of the United States of America, authorizing him to carry out proper measures to terminate the present conflict in the manner least prejudicial to the interests of Venezuela."

"We subscribe ourselves your obedient servants. (Signed) J. E. Linares, H. I. Boulton, Carlos Santana, Nicomedes Zolougl, Carlos Suloaga, F. Desales, Felix Montauban, M. Chapellin, Juan Herrera, Juan A. Travieso, J. Dej Paul."

A Child's Cry

Pierces the mother's heart like a sword. Often the mother who would do everything for the little one she loves, is utterly impotent to help and finds no help in physicians. That was the case with Mrs. Duncan, whose little one was almost blind with scrofula.

"My little daughter became afflicted with scrofula, which affected her eyes," writes Mrs. Agnes L. Duncan, of Mansfield, Sebastian Co., Ark. "She could not bear the light for over a year. We tried to cure her eyes, but nothing did any good. We had our home physician and he advised us to take her to an oculist. Her eyes would have to be 'scraped.' They had become so thick he thought she would never recover her sight. As there was no one else to whom we could apply my heart sank within me. I went to your 'Common Sense Medical Adviser,' read your treatment on scrofula, getting the properties of medicines there advised. With five bottles of 'Golden Medical Discovery' I have entirely cured my child."

What frayed your linen? Not Sunlight Soap—No, indeed! SUNLIGHT SOAP REDUCES EXPENSE.

The Blockade. Washington, Dec. 17.—The following cablegram was sent to-day by the navy department to Admiral Dewey, in command of the United States fleet, addressed to San Juan:

"Send a competent officer with dispatch in a torpedo boat destroyer or other vessel to Caracas as assistant to the United States minister."

The following cablegram was sent to Commander Diehl, of the Marietta, now at La Guayra:

"Send Vandusen (executive officer of the Marietta) as assistant to the American minister temporarily."

It was stated at the navy department that one reason for sending the officers to Caracas was the fact that Mr. Bowen is almost overwhelmed with the amount of work imposed upon him by his many charges.

Proposal Rejected. Berlin, Dec. 17.—Germany considers that President Castro's proposal to arbitrate is inadequate, unaccompanied as it is by guarantees to pay if the arbitrators decided against him, and a reply in that sense has been, or will be, sent through Minister Bowen.

BUBONIC PLAGUE. Three Cases Under Treatment at Quarantine Station, New York.

New York, Dec. 16.—Three cases of bubonic plague are under treatment in the Swinburne Island hospital at Quarantine. The sufferers are the first and second cooks and the second steward of the Prince line steamer, Saxon Prince, which arrived from Durban, South Africa, yesterday.

The first man taken ill, according to the report of Captain Johnston, was the second cook. He first complained to the captain when the ship was out two weeks. As the steamer left Durban on November 9th, this places the reported illness on November 23rd.

Liquor on Tender. Hundreds of Cases Seized on United States Steamer.

Coal Operators Are Now Presenting Their Side of Case.

Seranton, Pa., Dec. 17.—The anthracite coal operators opened their side of the controversy with the mine workers to-day before the strike commission, and the attorneys for the non-union men began calling witnesses.

Several little girls testified on Monday that they worked all night in a silk mill in order to help their fathers get along who were employed in the mines and received poor pay.

Chairman Gray then requested counsel for the company to indicate in his statement handed up, whether the figures given are for one, two or more men.

General Manager Hay said the Pennsylvania Coal Company has two systems, one where four men work in a place, and know as a four-handed place, and another where there are only two men, and known as a two-handed place.

Mr. Darrow challenged the good faith of Mr. May, who handed the figures to the commission, and said it was unfair to have given them to him or to the commission without indicating how many workmen's earnings were represented in them.

Mr. Darrow asked the son-in-law who was paying for the lawyers who were representing the non-union men, and then asked the liveliest time "his" was almost racked to pieces by a hacking cough.

MISS SADIE E. RUSK, OF RUSKVILLE, ONT., HAS A TRYING EXPERIENCE.

Ruskville, Ont., March 1st, 1902.—It affords me much pleasure to testify to the excellence of DR. WOOD'S NORWAY PINE SYRUP.

Gray differed with him. The chairman said it made no difference if the operators were paying for the lawyers. The colloquy was carried on for some time, and finally Chairman Gray consulted his colleagues, and, as a result, quietly answered that the commission thought it immaterial who was back of the non-union men.

CANADIAN NOTES. Farmer's Sudden Death—C. P. R. Orders 500 Flat Cars.

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—At Maple Creek, Alberta, to-day, Henry A. Forsythe was found guilty of receiving \$1,700, which he knew to have been stolen.

Heart Disease Caused Death. William Thomas Lonsdale, a well known farmer of Headingley, died last evening of heart disease. He was 65 years of age.

New Cars. St. Marie, Ont., Dec. 17.—Algonia Central car shops has received an order for 500 flat cars for the C. P. R.

Toronto, Dec. 17.—Rev. Dr. D. J. Caswell, for 25 years identified with the Anglican church in Huron county, is dead, aged 57 years.

Serious Charge. Belleville, Ont., Dec. 17.—John Tumblo, of Cashel, Man., a man with nine children, is in jail here charged with incest. His 13-year-old daughter Bessie is the complainant.

Wanted. WANTED—Two wheeled rigs, strong enough to carry 200 lbs. daily over bad roads; also 1 set harness, in good repair. W. J. Lines.

Wanted. WANTED—By young woman with several years' experience, situation as nurse to invalid, no objection to leaving city. Address "Nurse," Times.

FOR SALE. CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE—At James Bay Bridge Fruit Store. All sizes.

FOR SALE—An all white smooth fox terrier, one year old; registered in Canadian Kennel Club; winner first puppy and special at last Victoria Kennel Club show; this is a good one and will be sold reasonable. Apply in the forenoon at W. F. Hall's, 47 Hayward Ave.

FOR SALE—Good strong horse, harness, top buggy, cheap, in bloc or separately; also, piano, in good condition. G. M. Times.

FOR SALE—Nice lot on South Turner street, on sewer; price \$500. Heisterman & Co.

FOR SALE—Two phonos and two expert wagnons and horses. At W. A. Robertson & Son's, Blanchard street, Victoria.

FRUIT TREES, ETC.—New catalogue, post free. Mt. Tolmie Nursery, Victoria, B.C.

MATRASSES, Stoves, Sewing Machines and Bone Cutters at the Old Curiosity Shop, cor. Yates and Blanchard streets.

TO LET. FURNISHED ROOMS for housekeeping; also unfurnished rooms; single rooms, \$5 per month. Commercial Hotel, Douglas street, opposite City Hall.

TO LET—10 roomed house, with all conveniences, 42 Henry street, Rock Bay. Apply 33 Bridge street.

TO LET OR FOR SALE—Good chicken ranch, 10 acres land, cottage, orchard, barn, chicken houses, etc., on East Beach road, 6 miles from Victoria. A. T. Beaumont, P. O. Esquimalt.

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TO LET—All kinds of storage taken at 92 Wharf street; bonded and free warehousing. Harry S. Ives.

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WEATHER BULLETIN

Daily Reports Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department:

Victoria, Dec. 18--5 a.m.--There has not been much change in weather conditions since yesterday; the high barometer area over the Pacific states has slightly decreased, and a storm area appears to be approaching the Vancouver Island coast.

Forecast. For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Friday. Victoria and vicinity--Light or moderate winds, generally fair and cold.

New Westminster--Barometer, 30.08; temperature, 20; minimum, 24; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco--Barometer, 30.12; temperature, 44; minimum, 44; wind, 6 miles N.; weather, clear.

Per steamer Majestic from the Sound--J. G. Tait, J. C. Caskey, C. C. Buchanan, O. H. Hadden, J. Shaker, W. C. Peterson, F. Ashley, Fred Carre, Jr., A. McKenzie, H. Noyes, W. Strerrett, R. Ryan, C. W. Busk, A. D. Wright, Miss McArthur, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Richardson, Miss Jackson, Mrs. Jackson, G. N. Noyes, C. Chapman, Primrose, and Dockmaster Mitchell of 32 people.

Per steamer Comber from Vancouver--F. A. Cuthbert, Wm. Frame, Finlay, J. Bunzies, D. Taylor, J. M. McKinnon, F. Carter-Cotton, J. Barton, G. Barton, G. Mozeridge, G. Lee, E. Burnett, Mrs. H. Giffen, Wm. Farrell, A. H. Macgowan, G. H. L. Tolson, W. A. Cutler, J. M. Kirk, Lambert Bond, J. B. Stewart, J. H. Hunt, R. J. Kerr, C. H. Ashwell, W. J. Taylor, O. H. Topp, W. C. Wells, W. M. Wilson, W. J. Graves, Mrs. Morrison, H. Kerr, J. Jeffry, A. A. Maynard, S. F. McKenzie, Miss Mills, C. G. Duncan, J. W. McGregor.

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS. Victoria Meteorological Office. 18th to 16th December, 1902.

The week has been chiefly noticeable for the heavy rainfall on the American coast and the continuance of strong on-shore gales at the entrance of the Straits of Juan de Fuca, where hourly wind velocities of 64 miles occurred.

At Victoria, 5 hours and 36 minutes of bright sunshine were registered; the highest temperature was 46.9 on the 15th; and the lowest, 32.7 on the 12th; rain and melted snow, 50 inch.

At New Westminster, highest temperature, 40 on 14th-16th; lowest, 22 on 11th; precipitation, .22 inch.

At Kamloops, highest temperature, 24 on 15th; lowest, 2 on 11th; precipitation, .14 inch.

At Barkerville, highest temperature, 34 on 15th; lowest, 6 below zero; no precipitation.

"AGAIN ADJOURNED.

The Calc Case Has Been Laid Over Until After Christmas.

The Sooke calf case was continued yesterday afternoon in the provincial police court. Witnesses were examined to further substantiate the contention of the defence that the skin produced in court was not that from a Jersey calf, as claimed by the prosecution.

An adjournment was made until Wednesday, the 24th, with the understanding that a further adjournment shall then be made until after Christmas.

COMPANIES TO DISCARD OIL IN FAVOR OF COAL.

VANCOUVER NOTES.

Al Fong, Pung Sing, Lin Won, Young Foo and two other Chinamen, arraigned in the police court on Tuesday, pleaded guilty to a charge of participating in a gambling game. The game which the Chinamen were playing is said to be something new, and as yet its name has not been located in the calendar.

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized on Tuesday morning at the First Presbyterian church manse, of Mr. George W. Paterson, the night clerk of the C. P. R. telegraph office, and Miss Henriette Delmas. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. G. MacBeth.

An ex parte council meeting of the Congregational church was held on Tuesday evening in the vestry of the Central church, Rev. B. B. Blyth, of the First Congregational church, Victoria, was among those present.

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NEW WESTMINSTER.

The movement for the abolition of the ward system is becoming general in the municipalities in the lower Fraser valley. Coquitlam and Chilliwack will likely adopt such a by-law, but Delta took it up too late for this year.

A meeting of citizens generally approved of the suggestion to form a local tourist association.

NELSON.

Property owners of Nelson voted on Wednesday on the Electric Light Loan By-law for \$150,000, the money to be used in putting in a power plant and extending the city's electric light system, on which \$75,000 has already been expended. The by-law carried by 271 to 89 against.

In the Supreme court here on Wednesday before Mr. Justice Martin, the jury in the case of Hopkins v. Le Roi No. 2 Mining Company brought in a verdict of \$5,000 damages for the plaintiff. Judgment will be given with costs.

done by local shipwrights there was no doubt. This city had every facility for building either a steel or wooden vessel. In the new C. P. N. boat now building in Esquimalt there was a model vessel.

Mr. Wood, in reply to this, said the company were willing, he thought, to go this far. He could not give a definite answer until he looked up the information. He was prepared to say, however, that if the hulls could be built as satisfactorily here as in England or if the machinery for them could likewise be built as cheaply and substantially as elsewhere, the local firms would be favored.

Mr. Piper assured President Wood that Victoria shipyards turned out better work than other yards in the province. The Douglas firm obtained about Shawinigan lake was generally conceded to be better than that found on the Mainland. There was no danger of a local yard taking advantage of the company. There were several yards in the city, and there would be keen competition between all.

Mr. Wood objected to the clause asked for on the ground that as a business proposition the insertion of the stipulation in the by-law would give rise to conditions which might cost the company many thousand dollars. The company were only too anxious that the steamers should be built here, and their intention was that they should be, providing that a local tender could be secured at as low a figure as could be obtained from outside sources.

After some further discussion the meeting adjourned.

COAL GROWING IN FAVOR.

Restrictions Will Be Enforced With Respect to Use of Fuel Oil.

A. Lindsay, who has just returned from San Francisco, regards the coal trade prospects as much brighter than they have been for some time past. The explosion of oil on board the steamer Progresso has attracted the attention of the public to the danger which accompanies oil as a fuel, and the necessity for greater care with respect to it.

Hither there has practically been no restriction enforced with respect to the use of fuel oil on steamers. Now there will be enforced strict rules, which must be obeyed. Light oils which blazed at 85 or 100 degrees have even been used. It is proposed, Mr. Lindsay says, to limit for steamers oils which blaze at 300 degrees. While he does not expect that the limit may be placed as high as that last mentioned, yet it is certain that the lighter oils will be excluded for steamboat use, and will thus be debarrred from entering into competition with coal.

The explosion on the Progresso has caused a decided feeling in favor of coal as a fuel among travellers. This preference for coal in public opinion will have its effect in inducing transportation



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RESULT OF MEETING YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

The Conditions Under Which the Company Agree to Grant the Concession.

There was another important conference in the city hall yesterday afternoon between A. E. Wood, president of the Victoria Terminal Railway Company, and the deputation from the Trades and Labor Council, His Worship the Mayor and the board of aldermen. The meeting was called to secure if possible the insertion in the company's by-law, soon to be placed before the ratifiers, a clause which would insure the building in Victoria or Esquimalt, or somewhere in the immediate neighborhood of this city, of the two boats which are contemplated for the ferry service.

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plained that a flag of truce had been raised and it was really impossible to do justice to the subject under such hampering circumstances. But the Mayor was not content that the effect of his remarks should be confined within the limits of the hall in which they were uttered. He thought they were of sufficient importance to warrant publication.



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VOTE FOR THE BY-LAW.

To-morrow the ratifiers of Victoria will have the opportunity to discharge a very important duty. The sanitary condition of the city is of vastly greater moment to the residents than who shall occupy the Mayor's chair or who shall obtain seats at the Council board.

MAYOR AND ALDERMAN.

Mayor Hayward has the reputation of being one of the most consummate political jockeys in the business. He knew what he was doing when he suggested to Alderman McCandless that the start in the race for the Mayor's stool should not take place until after the holidays.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

Now that the municipal armistice has been officially declared at an end, there are certain matters that have passed into the chronicles of the past that may fitly be made the subject of inquiry. There is the management of the industrial exhibition, for example.

COMMUNICATIONS.

To the Editor:—I note with considerable surprise the following language in your editorial column of last evening: "Strange things are done in the name of politics in British Columbia. Such eccentricities as the disfranchisement of a constituency for a whole year create comparatively little stir here."

THE MAYOR'S VERSATILITY.

To the Editor:—Mayor Hayward, in last evening's Times, in trying to defend himself from the charge of having broken the truce agreed upon between ourselves, goes back to the Pioneer's dinner and publishes the remarks that I made there, but he forgets to state under what conditions those remarks were made.

MR. M'PHILLIPS EXPLAINS.

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POINT ELLICE BRIDGE CASES.

To the Editor:—Now, as it is the end of the year, we shall expect to have full reports of the various expenditures made by the city authorities, and as the Point Ellice bridge cases have been up for discussion for an important item in this matter would for one would like to see an accurate statement made so as to show how, if it can be proved, the disbursements were made.

CITIZENS.

As I have already stated, this is the time of the year when we should have full statements made on such public matters, and the authorities, at the city hall, or someone else, should be able to give them. By all means let us have a full statement so that we may see that those who suffered by that sad accident have been in a sense partly recompensed for their losses.

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City News in Brief.

John Labatt's Pale Ale is sparking purity.

Hurray for Santa Claus, Scoupi's ball, Victoria West, to-morrow evening.

In the happy holiday days the ideal drink is John Labatt's crystal Indian Pale Ale.

At the last of the Advent series of organ recitals to be given at St. John's church after evening service on Sunday next, A. Longfield will have the assistance of the following vocalists: Mrs. Currie, Miss Lugin, A. T. Goward and Gideon Hicks.

Victoria West Methodist Sunday school will hold their annual Christmas entertainment for the children in Semple's hall to-morrow evening.

A very pretty wedding took place last evening in the presence of a few friends at 93 Herald street.

The remains of the late Frederick W. Goodwin were laid to rest yesterday afternoon.

The funeral of the late Frederick W. Goodwin was held at 2 o'clock from the parlors of W. J. Hanna to St. Barnabas church.

One of the first Sunday school entertainments of the season will be held in Semple's hall to-morrow night.

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Brass-Hammered Brass Trays from Benares & Morchadabad have arrived, and on sale at the Indian and Persian Depot, 15 Broad street.

The Dupont block in New Westminster, which was completely gutted by fire last week, is to be built at once.

Rev. Dr. Campbell on the 1st inst. celebrated the marriage of Mr. James Henry Eastman and Clara Pauline Clemanance.

Professor Alexander, who has been lecturing in this city for some time, has decided to remain here until the New Year at least.

The programme in connection with the closing exercises of the Hillside school will begin at 10:30 Friday morning.

B. J. McMahon has severed his connection with the Nanaimo Free Press. He is to be succeeded by J. Edward Norcross.

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The Sir William Wallace Society will meet on Friday evening next. At the meeting the nomination of officers for the ensuing term will take place.

The contract for the erection of the new Congregational church on the corner of Pandora avenue and Blanchard streets has been awarded to H. J. Knott, the contract price being \$8,215.

A party from Nanaimo, including Robert Evans, Thos. O'Connell, James Crossan, A. Davis and J. Curry, arrived on the noon train.

The closing exercises of Victoria West school will be held in Semple's hall to-morrow, commencing at 11 o'clock.

John Dawson, ex-mayor of Nanaimo, died yesterday at the age of 67 years. He had been a resident of Nanaimo since 1864.

R. W. Greer, formerly agent for the C. P. R. Company in this city, has again been promoted, this time to the position of general freight manager for the company in Vancouver.

The Sewer Rentals By-law will be submitted to the ratepayers to-morrow, the polls being open from 8 a.m. till 4 p.m.

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(CHAPTER X.—Continued.)

Before he had read the first page his face was like the dead, and with a groan he sank back into a chair.

"I write to say good-bye," she said. "But, oh! it breaks my heart to write it. I have been so happy. I loved you so much—so much. I have desired only you. And yet all the time I have had a foreboding that my happiness could not last. I have loved you more than duty, more than anything. I cannot tell you what has happened or all that I have suffered during the last two days. It is too long a story. Sufficient, Basil, that it is clear to me that my dream is ended. I have fought and struggled and endured. I am worn out with agony and grief, but my eyes are clear. O Basil, why did I ever learn to love you? Why was this cup of joy ever placed to my lips? Why should the path of life be almost always the path of suffering and sacrifice? Forget me if you can, Basil—it is best you should; and if you love me, don't try to see me; don't even write to me again. Oh, Basil, Basil, don't make my burden heavier for me; pity me, and leave me in peace. My place is here by the side of my sick and suffering sister; I cannot leave her. How could I be happy, knowing as I do that to leave her would be to increase the agony a thousandfold that she endures without ceasing from day to day?"

"It adds to my burden of grief to think that you may misunderstand all this, for I understand clearly enough that from your point of view you cannot possibly see as I see. But, oh, Basil, you will forgive me, will you not, if I have given you the impression that I think of you as suffering. But you are a man, you are strong, you have your art to live for, you have fame to crown you and fill your life. You will forget poor little suffering Dodo, and she will be almost happy if she knows that you are happy."

"Ah! how I shall watch your career from a distance, and how I shall rejoice in your success and in your growing fame, and my reward will be that once I inspired you to paint a great picture and that once you loved me."

"For two days and nights, Basil, I have faced the inevitable, and I have tried to face it calmly and without fear. I have searched for a way of escape, for, oh! it is so hard to give you up! But there is no escape for me. I have prayed that if it were possible this bitter cup might be taken away; but I know now that it is God's will that I should drink it. In the end, I doubt not that my life will be the richer for the suffering and the sacrifice, though the bitterness of death would be nothing to what I now feel in giving you up. Yet all is not lost; I am the richer for loving you—and in giving I shall grow richer still."

"And now—and now—Oh! how I wish I could write the last word! Try to forget me, Basil. Oh! if when the last word were written I might die, how happy I should be! You see, I am ready to go now, and I would like to kiss you once more and feel your kisses upon my lips for one happy moment. But that would only make my battle all the harder. I cannot say farewell for ever—I cannot. I cannot!—Your broken-hearted Dodo."

Basil folded the letter at length in a strangely mechanical way, and put it into his pocket; then he sat quite still, and stared blankly at a canvas on his easel. He felt too stunned to be able to think clearly. He would like to see the man who had received a heavy blow. He needed time to recover from the shock. After a while he looked at his watch, then he hunted up a time-table, then he sat down again. He was too late for the last train to Hopdown.

"There's no doubt she means it," he said at length. "And she is of the stuff of which martyrs are made, and unless I can counteract the influence of that scheming fiend of a sister, she'll make a martyr of herself and break her heart in doing it."

Basil was not without hope that he could prove himself more than a match for Elizabeth. Before the evening was out he grew slightly contemptuous. "And are we all to be run by an hysterical woman?" he said to himself with a curl of his lip. "Is the will of this latter-day saint to be imposed upon us all without protest and without resistance? I'll see her in—Jerusalem first!"

But after a while he began to recognize the fact that Dorothy had a will also. Dorothy was not one that was simply dominated over by a stronger personality. Some other force than Elizabeth's will had been at work. Some argument, some appeal, some exhibition of weakness or suffering must have contributed to the result. Dorothy was not the kind of woman to be coerced. Elizabeth's might be, and doubtless was, the stronger will; but that was not all. There had been some appeal to her judgment, or to her conscience, or to her sympathy. What was that appeal, and how could it be met and counteracted?

Basil slept very little that night. There were times when he could have shed tears over Dorothy's letter—when its pathetic appeals almost unmanned him, and he longed to take her in his arms and kiss away her tears and comfort her as her mother might have done had she been alive.

At other times anger and indignation almost got the better of him. It was not right of Dorothy to attempt to play with him after that fashion. She ought to assert her womanhood, and refuse to be led by the nose by a scheming and selfish sister; she was not the brave and heroic soul that he had imagined her, if she went down in this way before the first blast of opposition.

But anger always changed very quickly into pity. Moreover, he loved her so passionately that it seemed almost sacrilege to cherish a thought for a single moment that reflected on her in the smallest degree.

But for Elizabeth the tide of his contempt rose every hour. It was she who was interposing her sinister influence to wreck his life and to wreck Dorothy's. "If she will only give me an opportunity," he said to himself, "she shall hear in ten minutes more plain truths than she has listened to for the last two years."

He doubted very much, however, if that opportunity would be given. Behind the fortress of her pretended ill-health, she was always safe from attack. Basil took the first train to Hopdown, and then hurried on foot along the well-kept road in the direction of Sandhurst. He was burning with impatience to get the matter out, to probe the trouble to the bottom. Dorothy's appeal that he would not attempt to see her was an impossible request. He must see her. Even though he widen the gulf between them a thousandfold, he would still demand to be brought face to face with her.

July was drawing towards its close. The weather was brilliantly fine; the country was looking its loveliest. But he had no eyes for nature to-day, nor ears for the soft, low music that only just disturbed the silence of the trees. His heart was beating at fever speed, and every vein and nerve in his body seemed to be on fire.

How long the miles seemed! The brown smooth road stretched away into endless distance, the hot sun beat pitilessly upon his head, but he never slackened his pace for a moment. On and on and on, up hill and down dale, and all the while his heart burnt with a fierce passion of unrest.

At length, after what seemed hours of tramping, he came in sight of the lodge gates, and with a little sigh he slackened his pace and wiped his hot forehead.

How often during the last few weeks he had pictured his approach to that quiet and creeper-laden lodge; he had even fancied that Dorothy would come down the drive to meet him; he had seen the light of a great love shining in her eyes and her laughter echoed a joy that could not be put into words.

How different the reality from his dreams! He looked eagerly along the road, but no one was coming to meet him. He feared that he would prove an unwelcome guest.

The shady drive inside the gates was cool and grateful after the glare of the high road. Past the first bend he came upon Tommy Isaacs, as usual, with his broom. "Good morning, Tommy," Basil said, assuming a cheerfulness of manner that was an utter mockery, "and how are you to-day?"

"Oh, I be purty middlin', Mr. Pen-darriss; and how be you?" "I'm well, thank you; and how are they all at the house?" "Only so so, sir. Terrible so so, I b'lieve."

"What do you mean by so so, Tommy?" "I do mean, nothin' to speak of, sir. The gov'nor seems all right, but the others be very so so."

"You mean Miss Elizabeth?" "Age, and Miss Dorothy also—at least, that's what Susan says."

Basil did not wait to ask any more questions, but hurried forward to the house. He had hoped all the morning that he would find Dorothy in the garden and that his first word would be with her; but this hope also was doomed to disappointment. No one was about. An ominous silence seemed to hang over the place, and a curious sense of apprehension began to grip his heart.

He walked very slowly now that he was in sight of the house, and kept hoping that someone would come through the open door on to the lawn; but there seemed to be no sign of life about the place.

He could command a view now of a dozen windows and he looked eagerly from one to another; but no face was visible, not even a servant came into sight.

The stillness was so great that the crunching of the gravel beneath his feet seemed to wake innumerable echoes. It would have been a relief if a cock had crowed somewhere, or a dog had come to the door and barked.

For a moment he paused and looked round him. He half wondered if he were awake. Everything seemed so unreal, so different from what the reality ought to be; so strangely out of harmony with all that he had imagined, that it seemed almost reasonable to conclude that he was dreaming.

He mounted the steps at length and rang the bell, and in a few moments a servant appeared, bland and deferential. Basil made an effort to ask for Mr. Cleveland, but the servant did not wait for him to complete the sentence.

"Come this way, if you please," he said, as though he were a doctor, and was expected.

The drawing room door was thrown open, and as quickly closed behind him. Basil breathed hard and threw himself into a chair.

"She's expecting me," he said to himself. "She knew that I should come the first train; that nothing would keep me away. If I can have five minutes alone with her, I think I shall be able to overcome her scruples," and a smile wreathed his face, the first since the receipt of Dorothy's letter.

The house was strangely quiet. Not a voice, not a footstep could be heard anywhere. Why did not Dorothy come at once he wondered; for, of course, the servant would tell her that he had arrived and was waiting for her.

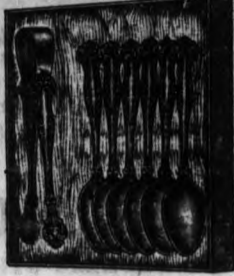
At length there was a footstep outside. He heard the door handle creak; the door was being pushed slowly open. He rose instantly to his feet and waited. (To be continued.)

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When Mr. Legg saw the paragraph in Sunday's Colonist he was greatly surprised and somewhat alarmed. He certainly had no cause for alarm, but a great deal for surprise, simply because the highway he wants is three or four miles from the celebrated road which has been the subject of dispute for so many years. Mr. Legg owns property between Colquitz stream and the cross road which extends from Craigflower to Burnside roads. He has secured the consent of owners of property between his land and the highway, and all he wants is an outlet, hence his application.

He was much surprised to learn that this harmless request was to reopen the subject of many a legal battle and no end of trouble, and at once communicated with the authorities to ascertain if this were really correct. He was very much relieved to learn that he was several miles from the storm centre, that he is out of earshot of the hostilities should they break out anew. The Colonist jumped at a conclusion on Sunday, and an extra long one at that.

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NOTE—Subscriptions are due and payable from Wednesday, 10th December, and every Wednesday following, at the Society's office, 15 Trenchard Ave.
A. ST. G. FLINT, Secretary.

Notice to Creditors.
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM JAMES MACAULAY, DECEASED, LATE OF VICTORIA, B. C.
Take notice that, pursuant to the Trustee and Executors Act, all creditors and others having claims against the estate are requested to send by post or deliver to the executor or to the undersigned on or before the 28th day of January, 1903, their claims, the statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.
And further take notice that after such date mentioned in the said executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which she shall then have notice, and that the said executor will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by her at the time of such distribution.
Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 15th day of December, 1902.
M'PHILLIPS, WOOLTON & BARNARD,
Bank of Montreal Chambers,
Corner of Government and Bastion Streets,
Victoria, B. C.
Solicitors for the Executor.

Municipal Election, 1903.
Notice is hereby given that in order to qualify as voters at the forthcoming municipal election, either as license holders or householders, such persons are required, during the month of December, to make and subscribe before a Supreme or County Court Judge, Stipendiary or Police Magistrate, Commissioner of the Peace, or Justice in the Supreme Court, Justice of the Peace or Notary Public, the statutory declaration provided by the "Municipal Elections Act." This declaration may be made before Mr. W. W. Northcott, City Assessor, who is a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Victoria, at his office at the Hall. Assessed real estate owners are not required to make this declaration.
WILLINGTON J. DOWELL,
C. M. C.
Victoria, B. C., Nov. 20th, 1902.

Estate of Jos. Keir, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given that all persons having any claim against the estate of Jos. Keir, deceased, late of Sonoma, Vancouver Island, are required to send particulars of such claim to the undersigned on or before the 30th day of January, 1903, in which date the executor will proceed to distribute the assets amongst the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which she shall have then had notice.
Dated this 5th day of December, 1902.
JOHN N. EVANS,
Attorney for Executor, Martha Smith,
Duncan.

NOTICE.
Application will be made by the undersigned at the next meeting of the Board of Licensees, Commissioners for the City of Victoria, to be held at the expiration of one month from this date, for the transfer of the license to sell beer, spirits and other fermented liquors by retail at the St. George's Hotel, Esquimalt road, Victoria, from Stephen Harold Robin and Philip Cronkite to Hugh Simpson, of Esquimalt, British Columbia.
Dated this 5th day of November, 1902.
H. BULLY,
P. CROMBIE.

Take notice that at the expiration of thirty days from this date I intend to apply to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to lease for mining purposes the foreshore (including the rights attached thereto) in Metochia District, fronting a part of my property at Peedler Bay, commencing at a point marked "A. T. W., N. E. Cor." plotted on the shore at a point between high and low water mark at or near the southern end of the boundary line between the William Head Quarantine Station and my property, thence seaward in continuation of said boundary line one half mile, thence west one half mile, thence north to shore line and easterly along the shore line to place of beginning, and include the foreshore and land covered with water.
Dated at Victoria this 26th day of November, 1902.
A. T. WATT.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a Crown Grant or a lease of the foreshore opposite my land, being a portion of the S. E. quarter of Section 11, Township 11, Renfrew District, commencing at a point on the eastern boundary of the S. E. 1/4 Section 11, Township 11, Renfrew District, which is twenty-two chains eighty-five links south of the N. E. corner of the 1/4 Section; thence in a southerly direction, following the shore line to its intersection with the southern boundary; thence east along such boundary to the middle of the channel; thence in a N. E. direction, following such middle line of channel to the eastern boundary, and thence following eastern boundary to point of commencement.
Dated at Victoria this 27th day of November, 1902.
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IN MORE STABLE CONDITION.

A dispatch from Washington, appearing in yesterday's Post-Intelligencer, says: "The treasury agent of the seal fisheries on the Pribilof islands, Alaska, reports that the losses of the sealing privilege, the North American Commercial Company, as the result of the current season's operations, accepted and shipped 22,304 skins as the total catch of the season, being a decrease of 308 as compared with 1901.
"The report indicates a more stable condition of the seal herd than has heretofore prevailed, undoubtedly due to the diminished catch of the British-American sealing fleet. Reports from various sources indicate increased activity on the part of the Japanese pelagic sealers in the Behring Sea."

THE NEW FERRY.

According to present calculations the steamship Princess Victoria will leave Newcastle-on-Tyne for Victoria about the middle of next month. Capt. Troup, of the C. P. N. Co., has been informed from time to time of the progress of the work on the new vessel, and according to his last advice steam was to have been raised aboard on the 6th of this



Give Warning of Approach of More Serious Trouble.

Do you experience fits of depression with restlessness, alternating with extreme irritability, bordering upon hysteria? Are your spirits easily affected so that one minute you laugh, and the next fall into convulsive weeping?
Do you feel something like a ball rising in your throat and threatening to choke you; all the senses perverted, morbidly sensitive to light and sound; pain in the ovaries, and especially between the shoulders; sometimes loss of voice; nervous dyspepsia, and almost continually cross and snappy, with a tendency to cry at the least provocation?
If so, your nerves are in a shattered condition, and you are threatened with nervous prostration.
Undoubtedly you do not know it, but in nine cases out of ten this is caused by some uterine disorder, and the nerves centering in and about the organs which make you a woman influence your entire nervous system. Something must be done at once to restore their natural condition or you will be prostrated for weeks and months perhaps, and suffer untold misery.
Proof is monumental that nothing in the world is better for this purpose than Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound; thousands and thousands of women have written us so.

How Mrs. Holland, of Philadelphia, suffered among the finest physicians in the country, none of whom could help her—finally cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.
"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—For over two years I was a constant sufferer from extreme nervousness, indigestion, and dizziness. Menstruation was irregular, had backache and a feeling of great lassitude and weakness. I was so bad that I was not able to do my own work or go far in the street. I could not sleep nights.
"I tried several splendid doctors, but they gave me no relief. After taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound I soon began to feel better, and was able to go out and not feel as if I would fall at every step. I continued to take the medicine until cured.
"I cannot say enough in behalf of Lydia E. Pinkham's medicine, and heartily recommend all suffering women to try it and find the relief I did."—MRS. FLORENCE HOLLAND, 623 S. Clifton St., Philadelphia, Pa. (Jan. 6, 1902.)

Another case of severe female trouble cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, after the doctors had failed.
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"I thank you for the relief I have obtained, and I hope that every woman troubled with female weakness will give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial. I have recommended it to many of my friends."—MRS. MARIA BOWERS, Millersville, Ohio. (Aug. 15, 1901.)

Will not the volumes of letters from women made strong by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound convince all of the virtues of this medicine?
How shall the fact that it will help them be made plain?
Surely you cannot wish to remain weak, and sick, and discouraged, exhausted with each day's work. You have some derangement of the feminine organism, and Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will help you just as surely as it has others.

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BETTS—At Vancouver, on Dec. 13th, Hazel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Betts, aged 5 years and 6 months.
ANDERSON—At Vancouver, on Dec. 11th, Henry Anderson, aged 56 years.
BUNTING—At Vancouver, on Dec. 14th, James Bunting, aged 56 years.
The American Locomotive Company has declared a dividend of 1 1/2 per cent. on preferred stock, payable on January 21st, 1904. The earnings for the six months, ending December 31st, 1902 (partly estimated), were reported to be \$15,205,352, an increase over the same period in 1901 of \$34,387.

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