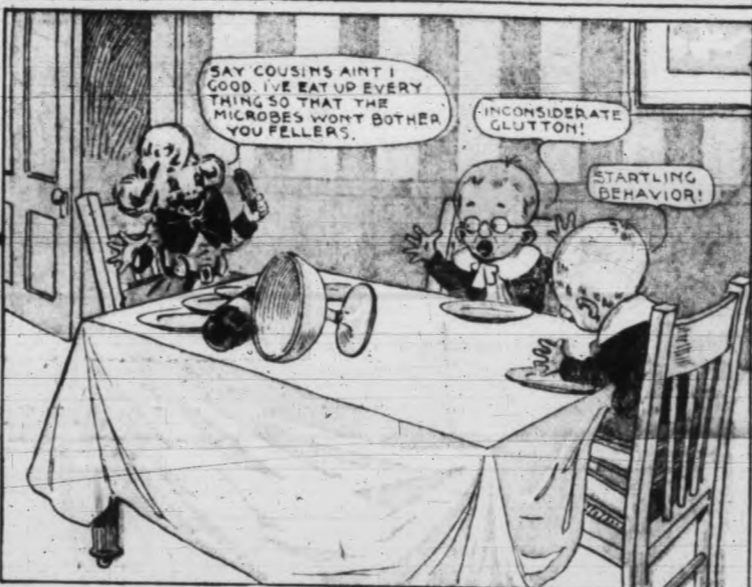
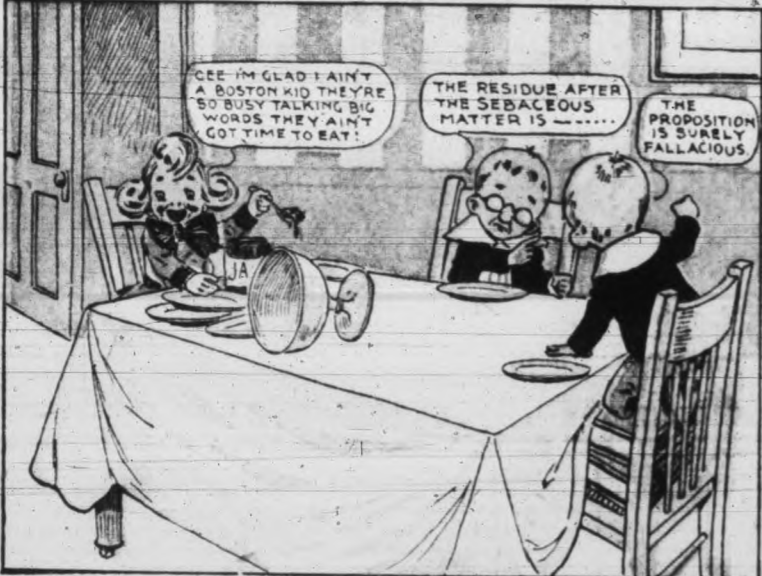
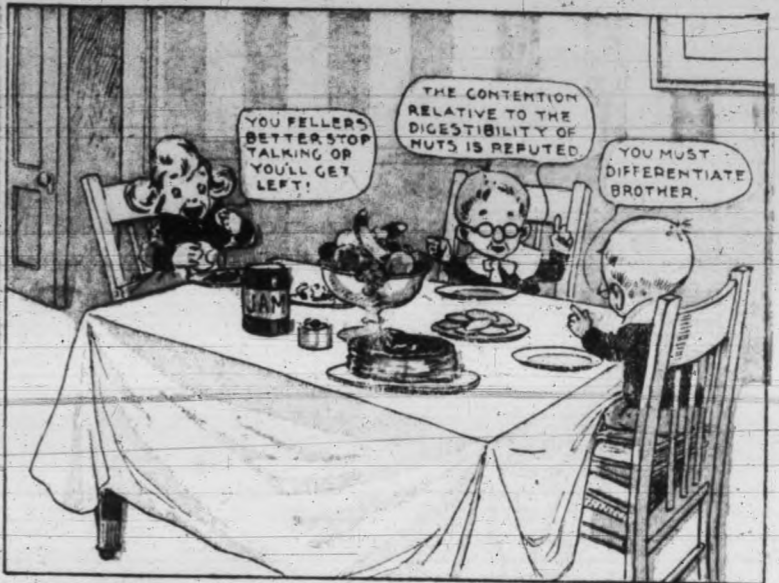


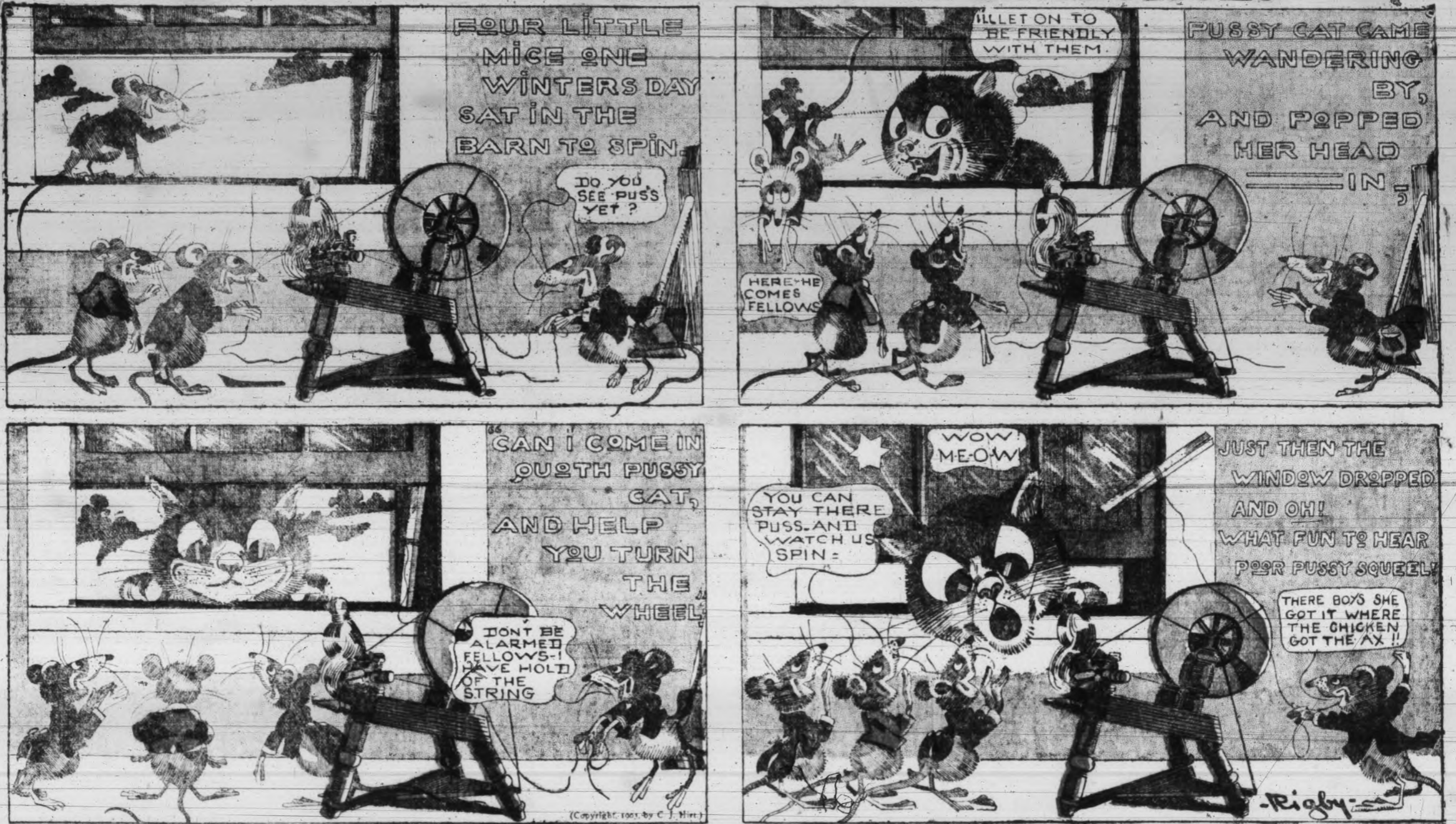
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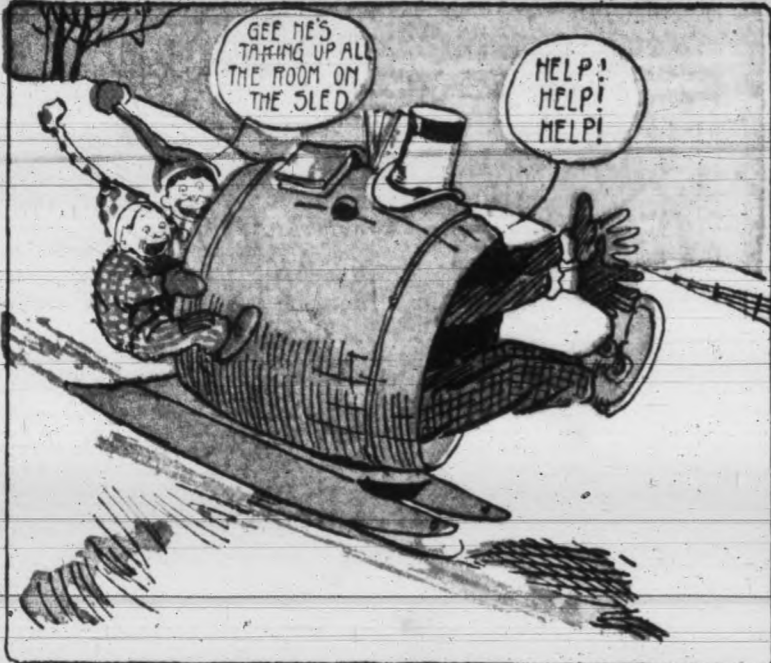
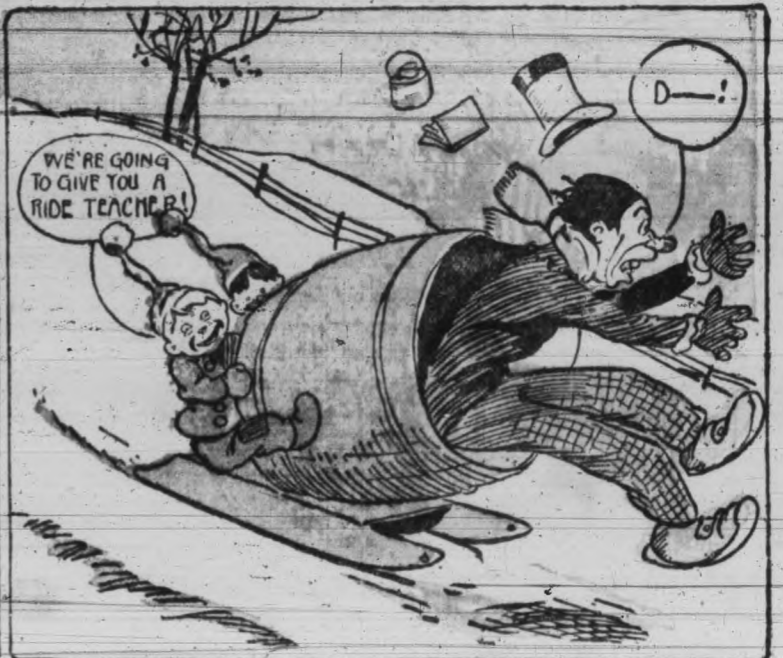
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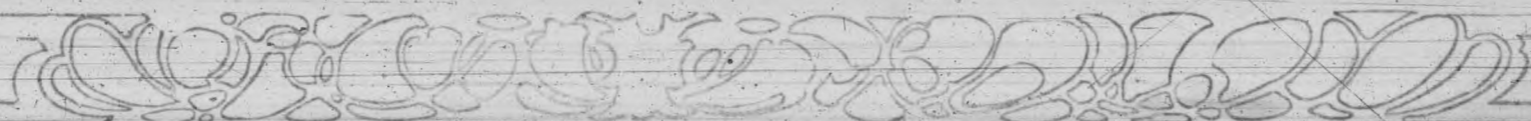
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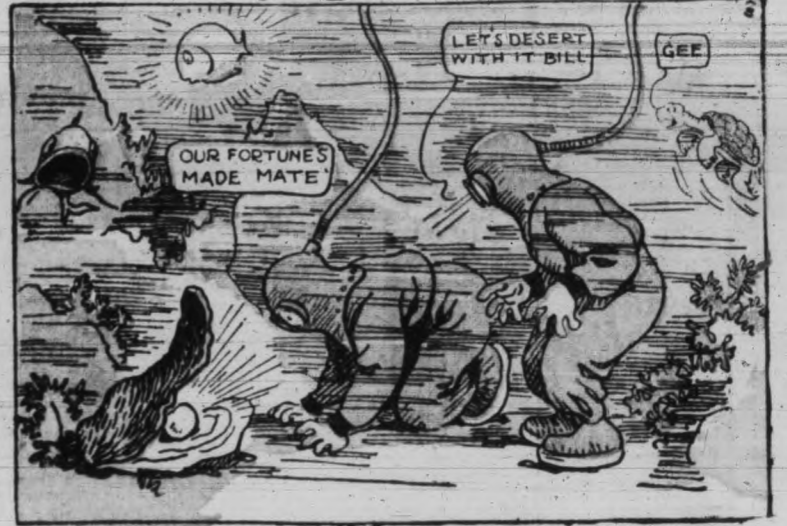
BINNACLE JIM TELLS HOW HE AND THE MATE DISCOVERED THE QUEEN'S PEARL.



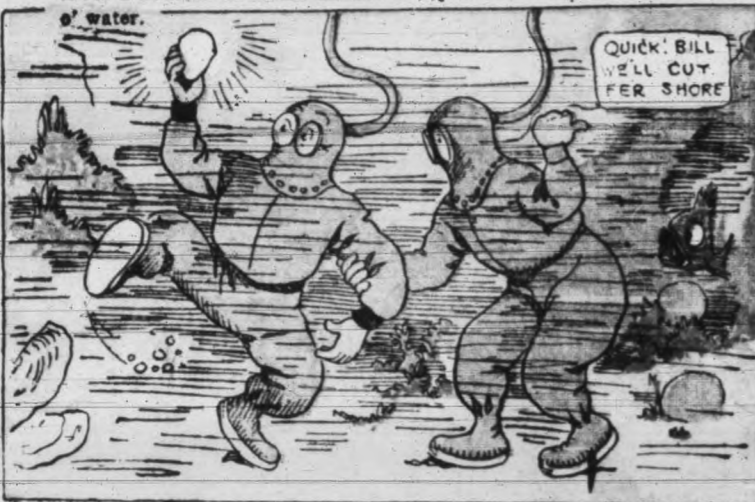
1. Bill an' me an' the monk an' that parrot o' mine had shipped on th' "Dancing Sally," Capt'n Soakum, master, an' just to show how greedy some folks be, when we struck th' pearl fisheries o' Bombay, wot does this same skipper do but lower a boat an' order me an' Bill overboard in twenty fathoms o' water.



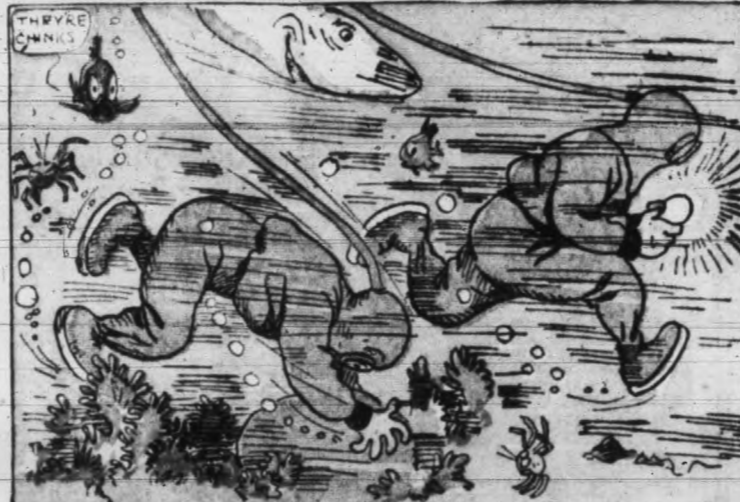
2. While Bill an' me didn't relish th' idea there weren't nuthin' fer it but to go below while the monk manned the pumps, an' say, th' sharks an' devilfish an' things we saw down there on th' bottom o' th' sea 'us enough t' fill a book.



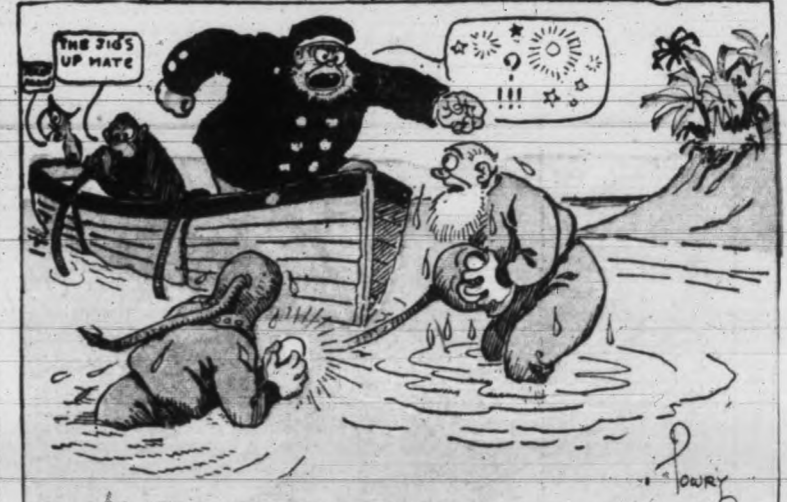
3. Well, arter stumblin' around among th' coral an' sponges an' scarin' out reptiles an' lizards 'at no mortal eye had ever seen afore, when all o' a sudden we sighted a bluish light off th' port bow, as it were, an' bust my mizzen sheets if it didn't turn out t' be th' biggest pearl at 'us ever diskivered.



4. There 'us a nice howdy doo. Two common seamen on th' bottom o' th' ocean an' richer than a ship's owner. Well, you can bet it didn't take Bill an' me long to decide to leave th' capt'n in th' lurch, but how to do it 'us th' next question, an' there 'us th' monk an' th' parrot to consider.

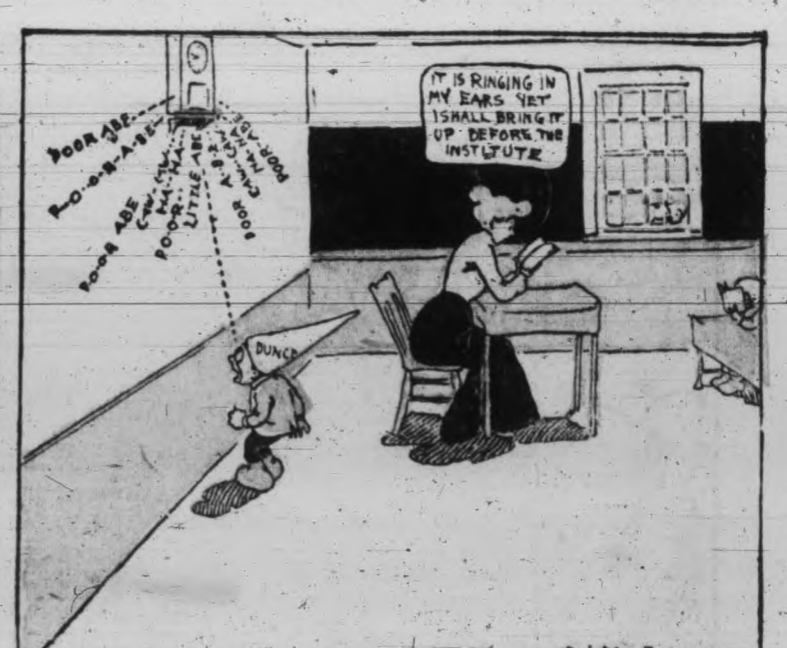


5. It happened that I'd took my bearin's afore goin' below an' arter figgurin' fer a while I reckoned 'at by keepin' due north fer about three sea miles we'd touch th' main land. So we set out at a good clip, considerin' th' roughness o' th' ground, Bill in th' lead usin' th' pearl fer a glim.



6. Douse my glim if we didn't fergit t' cut our cables an' when we emerges on shore who 'us there t' hail us but th' olo cap hiss' at we toed in - an' o' course he took th' pearl an' arterard sold it to th' Queen o' England fer her ta-ra-ra. An' instead o' thankin' Bill an' me he had us hailed up fer desertion.

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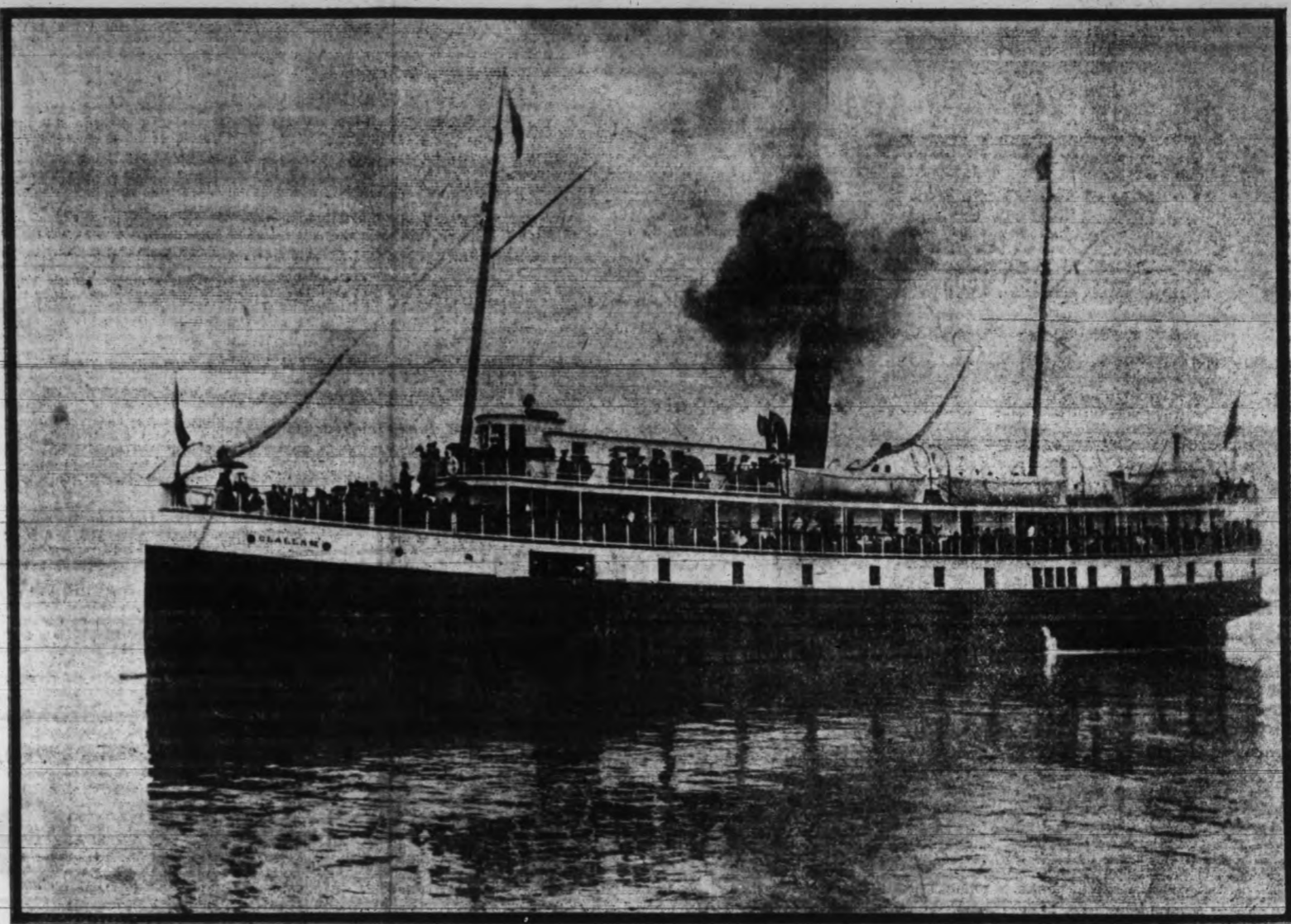
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STEAMER CLALLAM.

STEAMER CLALLAM FOUNDERS AND FIFTY PEOPLE PERISH

All Women and Children Were Drowned By the Capsizing of Boats After Leaving the Vessel.

Several Well-Known Victorians Among the Lost—Survivors Tell of Last Night's Disaster in the Straits.

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 - MRS. LAMONA.
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 - MRS. A. J. C. GALLETT, OF VICTORIA.
 - MISS GILL.
 - MRS. REYNOLDS.
 - MRS. THOMAS SULLINS AND TWO CHILDREN.
 - MISS S. E. BOULTON.
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- WAITER ARCHIE DUST.
- THIRD COOK TUNG LUNG, CHINESE.
- FIRST ASSISTANT ENGINEER J. SMITH.
- FIREMEN MANSON AND TUDHOPE.
- STEVEDORES H. SEARS AND R. CURRY.

Victoria was stunned to-day by the tidings of a marine disaster which stands with the Pacific Islander and Condor horrors as the most heartrending in the history of the Northwest seas.

During the early hours of the morning, within a comparatively few miles of this city, the steamer Clallam, which plied between here and the Sound, was lashed to destruction by the wind and seas, and upwards of fifty lives were lost.

This was the terrible culmination of a frightful battle with the elements which began yesterday afternoon off Discovery Island. Although it was known that the Clallam was in a sore predicament, it was expected that the strenuous efforts exerted during the night would be successful, and the steamer and her precious freight taken to some friendly shelter.

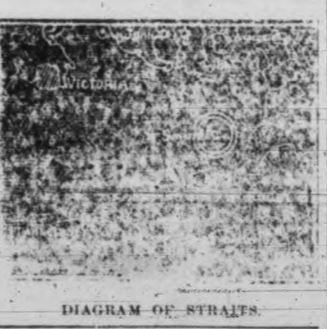
But alas that hope was vain.

Like a bolt from the blue came the brief message which carried grief to every heart and plunged the city into the deepest gloom.

The first intimation of the catastrophe was received at Port Townsend about 9 o'clock this morning, when the tug Sea Lion arrived there with twenty-five survivors.

The story gleaned from them was that owing to the terrific southwest gale and the tremendous sea the Clallam became unmanageable off Discovery Island yesterday afternoon. The heavy seas broke in the dead lights and the vessel began to fill. All the women were placed in three boats, but these capsized alongside, and their unfortunate occupants are believed to have perished.

The tug Richard Holyoke, which left Port Townsend at 7 o'clock in response to a message from this city, picked up



the ill-fated Clallam in the Straits, and started to tow her to safety. Unfortunately the condition of the steamer became such that the hawser had to be cut, and the captain and crew of the tug devoted themselves to the rescue of the passengers. The tug Sea Lion also came along and assisted in the rescue. The steamer shortly afterwards foundered off Smith Island.

As far as can be learned at the time of writing, when the Clallam left Port Townsend, her last point of call, there were eighty-six souls on board, of whom fifty-three were passengers and thirty-three captain and crew. Of these it is estimated that thirty-three were saved.

As already stated those on board the Clallam last evening saw no signs of the ill-fated Clallam on their way down. Capt. Troup, superintendent of the C. P. R. fleet, when seen by a Times rep-

representative this morning, said: "No we saw nothing of the Clallam. I was on board the Charmer, and with the captain and look-out man was in the wheel house. We kept a sharp watch throughout the trip, but saw no indication of a steamer in any direction. The weather was rough, although the night was quite clear, the stars being visible. The Charmer has made trips in much worse weather than that which prevailed in the Straits last night, but in the Gulf it was exceptionally bad. The tide was at the flood and very strong, so a steamer would drift at a considerable rate. I was told by the agent that when he last saw the Clallam she had a couple of sails out, and efforts were being made to steer her."

ALL WOMEN LOST.

The Boats Capsized and the Lady Passengers Perished.

(Special to the Times.)

Port Townsend, Jan. 9.—The tug Sea Lion arrived here at 9 o'clock this morning with the first news of the loss of the steamer Clallam in the straits early this morning.

The Sea Lion brought twenty-four survivors. The tug Richard Holyoke arrived at 10:30 with nine additional survivors.

Owing to the high southwesterly gale and heavy sea the Clallam became unmanageable yesterday afternoon when off Discovery Island. Heavy seas broke the dead lights, and the vessel began to fill.

All the women passengers were placed in three boats, which capsized alongside, and all were lost.

As a result of telegraphic advices from Victoria, from which place the Clallam's predicament was seen, the tug Richard Holyoke was dispatched from Port Townsend and got a hawser aboard of

the Clallam and started to tow her into shelter.

Owing to the high wind, Captain Roberts, of the Clallam, was unable to inform Captain Hall, of the Holyoke, of the condition of the Clallam.

About 1 o'clock the tug Sea Lion which had been sent to aid the vessel, spoke the Clallam and learned that she was foundering and steamed ahead and notified the Holyoke, which cut her hawser and assisted the Sea Lion in rescuing the passengers.

SURVIVORS' STORY

Of the Loss of the Clallam—There Was No Panic Aboard.

(Special to the Times.)

Port Townsend, Jan. 9.—The Clallam left this port at noon for Victoria and proceeded in the teeth of a heavy gale.

The steamer reached within eight miles of its destination, when the heavy seas drove in the deadlights and the water poured into the vessel. The fires were put out in a short time and the well known steamer was completely helpless, drifting about with something like eighty souls.

The wind was blowing a gale and seas were running mountain high. The ebb tide started the steamer toward Race Rocks, and the flood tide took her back towards Smith's Island, which is 12 miles north of this city.

The tug Sea Lion, which was sent out from Seattle last night, was the first to return to this city with the fearful news. She arrived shortly after 9 o'clock this morning, with twenty-five passengers and the crew from the Clallam.

The tug Holyoke, which left here last night at 7 o'clock, arrived an hour later with nine more saved.

Every man interviewed tells another phase of the disaster from that of his neighbor, but all agree in the essential particulars.

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CANDIDATES SPEAK TO THE ELECTORS

A MEETING IN SOUTH PARK LAST EVENING

Aspirants to Aldermanic and School Boards Presented Their Views - Small Attendance.

There was a poor attendance at the meeting held by the candidates for municipal honors and for school trustees at Assembly hall of the South Park school last evening. It was decided to dispense with the usual addresses by mayoralty candidates, allowing more time for those running for the school board. This being decided, Alderman Barnard was voted to the chair. Among those occupying the platform were: Messrs. Wilson, Oddy, Worthington, Douglas and Fell (candidates for the city council), and Messrs. Lewis, Erskine, Boggs, Cook, Spragge and Mowat.

During the evening Rev. A. Ewing, superintendent of Presbyterian Chinese missions, asked the two candidates for mayor and those aspiring to aldermanic honors where they stood on the gambling question. He also wanted to know whether they would favor the granting of more liquor licenses. C. E. Redfern answered to the same effect. He had always been against gambling and his policy was not to increase the number of licenses. J. A. Douglas thought it was a serious question. His experience had always been that efforts made to suppress gambling resulted in its breaking out somewhere else in a worse form. It was a matter that required some consideration. B. H. Oddy said that if he was elected and was the fortunate individual to be appointed to the board of police commissioners, he would do everything in his power to run a decent, orderly town. Messrs. Wilson, Worthington and Fell pledged themselves in return to suppress gambling if it was their fortunate honor to be returned.

to connect with the sewers, the old box drains were being left in the streets. The result was that the Isolation Hospital was continually full of patients. He noticed the passing council had a surplus of \$5,000. Had he been an alderman an effort would have been put forth to spend that money on street improvements. The streets were never in a worse condition than at present. He was in favor of macadamized roads. He would, if elected, see that the sanitation of the city was improved and the immense expense involved in the maintenance of the Isolation hospital reduced.

Ex-Alderman Worthington was in favor of improving the street crossings and constructing permanent sidewalks at various points. He agreed with the previous speaker regarding the deplorable condition of the streets. The tramway company, he thought, was to be blamed to a great extent. As the water meters had been introduced, he would like to see this move confined, and the work on the mid-flats pushed forward with the greatest possible despatch. He was in favor of a revision of the trades licenses.

At this juncture Rev. W. Ewing put his questions regarding gambling and liquor licenses. Edmund Boggs, a candidate for school trustee, said that the past year had been a most harmonious one among the trustees. Speaking of improvements, he said some \$500 had been spent in re-pairing desks. The high school grounds had been put in shape for about \$1,700. The wooden school buildings were a disgrace. His endeavor had always been to increase the standard of the teaching staffs, and to secure more male teachers. During the past year 29 teachers had been appointed, 16 of whom were educated in Victoria. The manual training schools had been taken over by the board, and domestic science schools had been introduced. A high school cadet corps had been organized. Speaking of the segregation of the Chinese, he told of the efforts of the school board in this direction. As there had been a number of applications from Chinese children at the commencement of this term, they had been given a room apart with a separate teacher. These, however, were only primary grade children. This he thought might continue without any objection. G. J. Cook believed in the advancement of the city. He therefore thought that the school system should be the best. The children of Victoria should be given a good, sound elementary education. W. G. Eden was in favor of free books and the introduction of plain sewing among the girls attending the public schools of Victoria. He thought that a site should be reserved on the mud flats for the erection of a school. R. Erskine, in answer, would do his best to see the schools kept in good repair. He would also do everything in his power in the interests of education. E. A. Lewis had always taken a great interest in education. Children well taught in their youth would make bright, intelligent men and women. He believed in having sufficient school accommodation for all wishing to attend. The schools should also be kept in good repair. If elected he would do his best in the interests of education. R. Mowat had not a definite platform. He was pleased to see that the school system of Victoria was as good as any in British Columbia. Although not supporting any practical changes, he was in favor of making any alterations that would result in better education. Referring to the Chinese question he said that it was impossible for the two races to associate harmoniously. There was no provision against the separation of the Chinese and whites, although there was nothing stated allowing it. The Chinese could therefore be segregated quietly, and there could be no interference. He had ascertained that there were at present 44 Chinese children attending the Boys' Central, 18 the North Ward, 10 the Hillside, 10 the Rock Bay and the Girls' Central, making a total of 88. The schools should be kept in repair, and there should be sufficient accommodation. P. J. Riddell advocated a continuance of the present high and satisfactory standard of the Victoria public schools. A commercial course in connection with the schools would be a great advantage to many of the boys. He also favored better accommodation for the children of the outlying districts. Providing he was elected he promised to represent the city on the board of school trustees to the best of his ability. D. Spragge said more school accommodation was an absolute necessity, especially in Victoria West. He spoke of the Chinese question, favoring the establishment of an entirely separate school for the Oriental children, providing them with a teacher of their own. The board was bound to give the Chinese a good education. He was proud of the standing of the local schools, and if elected would do all in his power in the interests of education. The meeting was then closed.

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Creditors' Notice. IN THE MATTER OF ACHILLE BOSCHI, DECEASED, LATE OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA, AND OF POLITO CERESIO, 'COMO, ITALY, INTERSTATE. Letters of administration of the estate and effects of the intestate, within the province of British Columbia, have been granted to Leonard Calvert Mills, as Attorney-in-Fact of Francesco Maria Boschi, widow of the intestate, and for her use and benefit. Take notice that, pursuant to the 'Trustee and Executors Act,' all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the above named deceased are requested to send by post or deliver to the said Leonard Calvert Mills, as such attorney as aforesaid, at the office of the undersigned on or before the 1st day of February, 1904, full particulars of their claims, duly verified, and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them. And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased according to law, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice, and that the said Attorney for the said Francesco Maria Boschi will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof, to any persons or persons of whose claim notice shall not have been received by him at the time of such distribution. And further take notice that all persons from whom moneys were due to the said Achille Boschi, deceased, are required to pay the same to the said Attorney within the period above mentioned. Dated this 15th day of December, 1903. S. PERRY MILLS, 51 Langley Street, Victoria. Solicitor for the Attorney-in-Fact of the said Francesco Maria Boschi.

Silver Band Mining Co., Ltd. The annual meeting of shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, 74 Wharf Street, Victoria, B. C., on 10th February, 1904, at 9 p. m. E. B. MARVIN, President. F. F. HEDGES, Secy. Treas.

The Daily Times.

Published every day (except Sunday) Times Printing & Publishing Co., JOHN NELSON Manager.

THE WRECK OF THE CHALLAM.

At the time of writing it is not clear whether direct responsibility rests upon anyone for the addition of the latest chapter to the melancholy marine history of the Northwest.

The Challam is wrecked; many homes are in mourning under circumstances which must intensify grief almost beyond the point of human endurance.

Last night was not an exceptionally rough one. There was apparently a combination between the elements and unsuspected weaknesses in the structural formation of the ship, the result being a terrible disaster.

There is little satisfaction in the thought that if the craft had been larger she would have been able to withstand any wind and to successfully encounter every sea that runs in the straits.

In the midst of our grief at the thought of the untimely and terrible end of so large a number of people, there is comfort in the thought that there was no ground for the first suspicion that the male passengers and crew of the Challam temporarily forgot their manhood and thought first of saving their own lives.

Reinforced Cod Liver Oil. Analysis shows that Cod Liver Oil contains traces of Iron and Phosphorus, but not in sufficient quantity to be of any practical value.

FERROL THE IRON-OIL FOOD. The Oil is reinforced by the addition of sufficient Iron and a medium of Phosphorus. The result is a well balanced medicinal food.

To the Electors of Victoria. Ladies and Gentlemen: At a request of a number of the voters of this city, I offer myself as a candidate for School Trustee in the forthcoming election.

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A. J. MALLETT PRACTICAL PLUMBER. 97 YATES STREET, VICTORIA, B. C.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA. In the Matter of The Companies' Winding up Act, 1896, and in the Matter of The Victoria Times Printing and Publishing Company Limited Liability.

NOTICE. All mineral rights are reserved by the Dominion of Nanaimo Railway Company within that tract of land bounded on the south by the south boundary of Comox District, on the east by the Straits of Georgia, on the north by the 50th parallel, and on the west by the boundary of the N & N. Railway Land Grant.

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THE DOMINION HOUSE.

According to Gossip General Election May Not Take Place Until Summer.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Jan. 8.—The political outlook today is that the general election will not take place before June next.

DIPLOMAS PRESENTED. To the Pupils at the Girls' Central School Yesterday Afternoon.

The diplomas were presented to the fifteen successful candidates from the Girls' Central school at the recent school examinations. The event was made interesting by making it a public affair.

A programme of music, including Christmas carols and a solo by Miss Phyllis Jay, "Gloria in Excelsis," was given. Rev. Dr. Elliott S. Rowe then delivered an address, eulogizing the work of the pupils and the teachers of the school.

Addresses were given also by Bishop Perrin, Archbishop Scriver, Rev. W. Hugh Allen, C. E. Holmes and Mrs. J. J. D. Drury, the chairman of the board, then presented the diplomas to the successful pupils.

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The harder you cough the worse the cough gets.

Shiloh's Consumption Cure The Lung Tonic

is a guaranteed cure. If it doesn't benefit you the druggist will give you your money back.

Prices 25c., 50c. and \$1.00. S. C. WELLS & CO. Toronto, Can. LeRoy, N.Y.

First Chance IN THE New Year For An OVERCOAT

A few choice ones left and they are being sold at REDUCED PRICES. See for yourself. PEDEN'S

34 Fort St. Merchant Tailor.

IF YOU'VE SEEN A MAN SINCE XMAS

Whose eyes are bright and stop elastic, and who walks as though he owned half the town, you can make up your mind that he bought his Xmas gifts from us.

J.L. WHITE & CO. People's Popular Prescription Pharmacy, Phone 542. Always Open. Near P. O.

Christmas Present FOOTBALLS

JNO. BARNESLEY & CO. 115 GOVERNMENT ST.

Peerless and Distinctive Pianos

CARRIED BY US. For twenty years have we represented the cream of the Canadian Piano Manufacturers.

M.W. WAITT & Co. 41 GOVERNMENT STREET.

MISSING! Reward \$1,000.

I will give \$1,000 to the party or parties who will furnish information to Andrew Ferguson, or the undersigned, that will lead to the finding of David Ferguson, dead or alive, who was last seen at the Dominion Hotel, Victoria, Dec. 19, 1903.

Description.—Height, 5 ft. 11 in.; weight, 140 lbs.; brown hair, sandy moustache and beard close cut. The above photo is a good likeness. Ferguson is not wanted for any offence.

J. M. LANGLEY, Chief of Police.

Young Ladies' Basketball Westminster vs. Victoria.

Drill Hall Concert TO-NIGHT. Admission, 25 cents.

Spencer's Western Canada's Big Store. THE JANUARY SALE GOES MERRILY ON.

THE JANUARY SALE GOES MERRILY ON.

Already the first week has sped by—large quantities of goods have vanished and yet the pace keeps up. Women know and appreciate this sale and its opportunities.

Table with 4 columns: Gowns, White Dress Muslins, White Goods Sale in the Men's Department, A Great January Offering of Men's Colored Shirts Monday. Includes prices for various items like corset covers, table linens, and suits.

The Oxygencure, GRANITE AND MARBLE WORKS, HOUSES TO RENT. Includes details for medical treatment and real estate listings.

Corporation of the City of Victoria.

Church Services To-Morrow

CHURCH OF OUR LORD. Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. usual, with sermons by Rev. H. J. Wood.

Balance Sheet, 31st December, 1903.

Table with columns for ASSETS, LIABILITIES, and BALANCE. Includes items like Public Lighting, Water Works, and various loans.

Receipts and Expenditures, 1903.

Table with columns for RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURES. Includes items like Sewers Rental, Sinking Funds, and various municipal expenses.

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA.

Multiple tables for different corporations: The Port Street Local Improvement, Yates and Broad Streets, Menzies Street, Government Street, and Carnegie Library Fund. Each table shows balance sheets and receipts/expenditures.

Real Property, Etc., Owned by the Corporation.

Table listing real property owned by the corporation, including lot numbers, addresses, and values.

Receipts and Expenditures, 1903.

Table showing receipts and expenditures for 1903, categorized by department like Education, Public Library, and Sewerage.

Advertisement for MOWAT & WALLAGE, LEADING GROCERS, COR. YATES AND DOUGLAS STS. Features the slogan 'We Get Some Every Day'.

Advertisement for The Need of Our Bread, The London Vancouver Bakeries, D. W. Hanbury, Prop. Includes an illustration of a baker.

Advertisement for Wood's Phosphorine, 'The Great English Remedy'. Includes an illustration of a man and a woman.

Additional tables for various corporations and departments, including 'SEWERS RENTAL', 'SEWERS TAX FUND', and 'CARNegie LIBRARY FUND'.

FIRE SALE! FIRE SALE!

ARMY AND NAVY

CLOTHING STORE

117 GOVERNMENT STREET 117

Stock

Damaged by

Fire

And Water

Fire Sale Starts

Monday

Morning, Jan. 11

(Doors Open 9 O'clock)

Fire Sale

Stock

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Fire

And Water

Clothing
Boots & Shoes

Mackinaws
Gum Boots

Pants
Suspenders

Blankets
White Shirts

Trunks & Valises
Men's Socks

Underwear
Neckties

Overcoats

Oilskins

Hats and Caps

Color'd Shirts

Collars, Cuffs

Gloves

Raincoats

Work'g Shirts

Sweaters

Boys Knickers

Suspenders

Handkerch'fs

Boots & Shoes

Work'g Boots

Cardigans

Boys' Suits

Boys' Boots

Men's Shoes

FIRE SALE---MONDAY, JAN. 11TH.---FIRE SALE.

Army & Navy Clothing Store

117 GOVERNMENT ST. 117.

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Sale Begins Monday Morning, Jan. 11th. Doors Open 9 O'clock.

VICTORIA, B. C., SATURDAY JANUARY 9, 1904.

Surveying Tibet--A Secret Service Story

The only Englishman who ever got to Lhasa was Thomas Manning...

It is, of course, of the essence of a secret service that it should be secret...

The service was organized far back in the sixties, by Colonel Montgomerie...

turned back Pundit A went on. He got to Lhasa on January 10th, 1896...

A still more adventurous journey was performed by this same Pundit in 1874...

The service was organized far back in the sixties, by Colonel Montgomerie...

The beasts barked, and their masters came and roared Kintooop out...

Such are the men who accumulate the information about the "back of beyond"...

SIR FRED. BRAMWELL. Sir Frederick Bramwell, whose death has just been announced...

REV. JAS. TURNER, President of B. C. Methodist Conference...

An Old Shropshire Town

Nearly seven hundred years ago Bridgnorth citizens began to surround their town with a stockade of palings...

There appear, however, to have been no walls here until the burgesses thankfully accepted the necessary wagon-loads of the king's royal hands...

They asked for charters and got them. For the asking and for certain empthems payments...

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THE MAJESTIC'S FINE SHOOTING. The shooting of the Majestic with her big guns is at once a matter of surprise and admiration...

PERILS OF MICROBE-DODGING. Microbes snatch at us from around every corner. We can get on the good side of a dog by patting his head...

But the castle's the thing here, as in so many of our old towns. Not for its stoniness in decay, seeing that a mere fragment of a wall remains...

A Tragedy of Royalty Recalled

The operation performed on the throat of the German Emperor the other day and the reports in the press...

It was evident that he considered his father's case hopeless and that he had no confidence in Sir Morell Mackenzie...

On the 8th of March, 1888, the news came that the Emperor had just died at Berlin. At the white cottage...

THE BILLION GOLD STRIKE. Another Meadow View in the Far North.

as a surveyor of the Himalayas, having triangulated 93,000 square miles...

THE PASSING OF GOVERNOR'S BARGE. Among the institutions at Portsmouth which are to pass away...

With firm step he walked to a small table in the middle of the room...

Oh, no," replied Prince William, "on the contrary, my father, as was foreseen when I left Berlin, is despatched of He is suffering, without the slightest doubt, from cancer. It is a matter of only a certain number of days, perhaps weeks...

The cockpit on the Victory, where Nelson fell, is to be lighted by electricity.

Britain's New Colonial Secretary

At the present moment there is no more conspicuous figure in the British cabinet...

The present Mrs. Alfred Lyttelton will be remembered by many Canadians who were in London during the coronation festivities...

The town house of Mr. and Mrs. Lyttelton is situated in a most delightfully historic neighborhood...

The speech delivered by Mr. W. J. Bryan, who is being given in the Victoria Lyttelton Club...

Within the past few years the German Emperor has taken many opportunities of manifesting a generous spirit towards Catholics...



You know what a difference there is in apples. Some have such a rich, pleasant flavor...

Wethey's Mince Meat

They are sound apples, full of flavor, carefully peeled and cored. To this apple goodness is added the richness of the clean delicious raisins of Valencia...



Views on the subject of education, has established in the quaint old rooms of this house a small school...

The drawing room in the house I have just mentioned is as charming in its unostentatious yet thoughtful arrangement as the rest of the quaint old house...

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WANTED-Position as housekeeper for gentleman by experienced middle-aged lady...

WANTED-Position as working housekeeper by experienced lady...

WANTED-Two nurse girls, about 14 years old, who mother's general help...

WANTED-Position as governess, English, music, drawing, needlework, etc...

EMPLOYMENT AGENCY-J. Devereux, 1 Richardson Street, Hours, 10 to 12.30 p.m.

W. J. HANNA, Graduate U. S. College of Embalming, New York, 402 Douglas Street, Office Telephone, 408 Residence Telephone, 611.

WANTED-A lady requires mother's help and to take part care of children; good home (city). Apply 1 Richardson Street.

WANTED-Mother's general assistant or nursery governess (Victoria West); good wages. Apply 1 Richardson Street.

WANTED-At 1 X L Second-Hand Store, No. 8 Store Street, next to E. & N. station, furniture, stoves, clothing, tools, jewelry, etc., etc. We buy Job lots in any line. Best prices paid.

TO LET-Furnished housekeeping rooms, single or en suite, with bath, 130 Vancouver Street.

TO LET-Central, two bedrooms, with sitting room, electric light, bath; no other lodgers. Address Mater.

TO LET-Room and board; also table board; electric light, all conveniences. 72 Blenheim Street, between Johnson and Pandora; stairs walk from Government Street.

Dairy Chop A first-class milk producer; cheap. McDowell & Rosie 38 JOHNSON ST. TEL. 457.

INSTALLATION OFFICERS, Vancover-Quadra, No. 2 A. F. & A. M. Monday evening, Dec. 28th, 7.30 p.m. Members Nos. 1 and 24 and visiting brethren cordially invited. R. B. McMeekin, Secy.

COURT CARIBOO, No. 743, I. O. F. meets in Caledonia Hall, first and third Tuesday, at 8 p. m., each month. Th. Le Messurier, Fin. Secretary, Garbally road.

ZINC ETCHINGS. ZINC ETCHINGS-All kinds of Engravings on zinc for printers, made by the B. U. Photo-Engraving Co., 23 Broad St., Victoria. Maps, plans, etc.

Municipal Election MEETINGS Public meetings will be held by the Candidates for the Mayoralty at the following times and places:

North Ward School, Monday, Jan. 11, 8 o'clock. Old Fellows' Hall, Spring Ridge, Tuesday, 8 o'clock.

All other Candidates are invited to attend. Chair to be taken at 8 o'clock.

THE MAYORALTY To the Electors of the City of Victoria. Ladies and Gentlemen:

I beg to announce that I am a candidate for the office of Mayor for the ensuing year, and respectfully solicit your votes and influence at the coming election.

CHAS. E. REDFERN. Ladies and Gentlemen: I beg to announce that I am a candidate for the office of Mayor for the ensuing year, and respectfully solicit your votes and influence at the coming election.

G. H. Barnard To the Electors of Central Ward. Ladies and Gentlemen:

I beg to announce that I will be a candidate at the coming election for the office of Mayor for the ensuing year, and respectfully solicit your votes and influence.

To the Electors of South Ward. I beg to announce myself as a candidate for South Ward, and most respectfully request your votes and influence.

W. WILSON. Ladies and Gentlemen: I beg to announce myself as a candidate for the office of Alderman for the ensuing year, and respectfully solicit your votes and influence at the coming election.

JAMES A. DOUGLAS. Ladies and Gentlemen: I beg to announce myself as a candidate for Alderman at the forthcoming election, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

B. S. ODDY. Ladies and Gentlemen: I beg to announce myself as a candidate for Alderman at the forthcoming election, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

THOMAS I. WORTHINGTON. Ladies and Gentlemen: I beg to announce myself as a candidate for Alderman at the forthcoming election, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

THORNTON FELL. Ladies and Gentlemen: I beg to announce myself as a candidate for Alderman at the forthcoming election, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

W. F. FULLERTON. Ladies and Gentlemen: I beg to announce myself as a candidate for Alderman at the forthcoming election, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

H. M. GRAHAME. Ladies and Gentlemen: I beg to announce myself as a candidate for Alderman at the forthcoming election, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

ROBT. DINSDALE. Ladies and Gentlemen: I beg to announce myself as a candidate for Alderman at the forthcoming election, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

I. L. BECKWITH. Ladies and Gentlemen: I beg to announce myself as a candidate for Alderman at the forthcoming election, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

H. D. FINLAYSON. Ladies and Gentlemen: I beg to announce myself as a candidate for Alderman at the forthcoming election, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

JOHN KINSMAN. Ladies and Gentlemen: I beg to announce myself as a candidate for Alderman at the forthcoming election, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

Municipal Notice Municipal Elections, 1904. Public notice is hereby given to the electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria...

The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows: The candidates shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder...

The office of Mayor, in the Court Room of the City Hall, at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p. m. of the day of the nomination...

For the office of Alderman for the Central Ward, in Room No. 7, Public Market Building, Cormorant street.

For the office of Alderman for the South Ward, in Room No. 5, Public Market Building, Cormorant street.

For the office of Alderman for the North Ward, in Room No. 3, Public Market Building, Cormorant street.

WM. W. NORTHCOOT, Returning Officer.

Municipal Notice Election of School Trustees. Public notice is hereby given to the electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria...

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS. IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GODFREY KENNEL, DECEASED. Take notice that pursuant to the Trustees and Executors Act...

SYNOPSIS OF REGULATIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF MINERALS ON DOMINION LANDS IN MANITOBA, THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES AND THE YUKON TERRITORY.

Coal-Coal lands may be purchased at \$10 per acre, or paid to the mining interest. Not more than 320 acres can be acquired by one individual or company...

Persons of eighteen years and over and joint stock companies holding free miners' certificates may obtain entry for a mining location.

A free miner, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,500 square feet by marking out the same with two legal posts, bearing location notices, one at each end of the line of the lode or vein.

At least \$100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof.

For the office of Alderman for the North Ward, in Room No. 9, Public Market Building, Cormorant street.

For the office of Alderman for the Central Ward, in Room No. 7, Public Market Building, Cormorant street.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS. IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN TWAY, LATE OF LAKE DISTRICT, B. C. FARMER. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate of the late John Tway, who died on the 28th day of December, 1903...

ARTHUR H. BEE, Administrator. 11 Trousance Ave., Victoria, B. C.

The Under Secretary

"We know each other well enough to be candid!" Lady Venable's pretty mouth was set in a smile that was sweetly mischievous, and her eyes were all kindness. "So that if the under-secretary had any apprehensions of unpleasant elements in the quality mentioned, there was no cause for them."

conversation. Still, she was pleased that Barlow did not challenge her eye. That card had proved stronger even than she had hoped. "There was another silence, and the man did not seem clear how he should break it."

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found you will be quite right, but I—I— She would get it over, at any rate. "If you would tell me whether this is true, I should be so much obliged."

known, gathered all the force of his nature into an expression of searching command, with the fascination of keen perceptions utterly baffled. "Lady Ethel, we have both said too much to rest here. Tell me all your meaning."

Free to Men and Women! To those who are not what they ought to be. I send this book closely sealed free—write to-day. If you are a weak man I want to help you. I want to show you the way to future happiness, and I offer you free my beautiful book, illustrated with photographs of fully developed men, showing how men begin to break down as the result of overwork and of electricity.

Dr. McLaughlin's Electric Belt, With Free Electric Suspensory for Weak Men. Cures Nervous and Vital Weakness, Enlarged and Inflamed Prostate Gland, Lost Memory, Wasting of Strength, Weak Back and Kidney Trouble, Rheumatic Pains in Back, Hips, Shoulders and Chest, Sciatica, Torpid Liver, Indigestion and Dyspepsia.

Dr. McLaughlin's Belt is as Good for Women as for Men. I Have a Book Especially for Women. Free on application. Every man or woman who admires the perfection of physical health and strength should read this beautifully illustrated book, WHICH I SEND FREE.

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THE CANADIAN RUBBER CO. OF MONTREAL. The rubbers we make are just the kind a well-dressed woman wants to wear. They are stylish and graceful—they give their wearer an air of elegance and refinement. CANADIAN RUBBERS are made from the purest Para gum, they are made to fit the very latest styles in leather footwear from the latest Cuban or dainty French heel.

A MUCH COURTED DUCHESS. The new Duchess of Roxburgh's experiences since her debut in 1887 up to the time of the definite announcement of her engagement to her present husband must have been of a varied description, if we are to believe the American papers.

LIFE OF DISRAELI. Lord Rowton's death, will probably hasten the appearance of the long-awaited "Life" of the Earl of Beaconsfield. The absolute control which Lord Rowton possessed as literary executor made it impossible to produce a life of the great Conservative leader while his private secretary felt the time inopportune or the burden of the work too great for him.

HELP THE OVERWORKED HEART—Is the great engine which pumps life through your system hard pressed, overtaxed, groaning under its load because disease has clogged it? Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart is nature's lubricator and cleanser, and daily demonstrates to heart sufferers that it is the safest, surest, and most speedy remedy that medical science knows.

Kingham & Co. VICTORIA AGENTS FOR THE WESTERN FUEL CO., NANAIMO, B. C. New Wellington Coal. Long or Sack \$6.50 per ton. Delivered to any part within the city limits. OFFICE, 24 BROAD ST. TELEPHONE 641.

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CHRISTMAS TIME IS CANDY TIME. For a map in Confectionery, Bon-Bons and Christmas Toys, go to Maple Leaf Confectionery, 88 DOUGLAS ST.

TENDERS For the purchase of the Guyane Estate, situated on Salt Spring Island, B. C., will be received up to the 8th day of January, 1904, by F. J. BITTANCOURT, Auctioneer and Commission Agent, Office, 53 Blanchard Street. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

URIC ACID In the blood causes Rheumatism, Sciatica, Lumbago, Neuralgia and Gout. You can remove the cause by wearing one of our REX RHEUMATIC RINGS. Manufactured by the Rex Rheumatic Co., Hartford, Conn. PRICE \$2.00. Sold by W. B. Shakespeare, Jeweler, Victoria, B. C.

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BRIDGE IN BELGIAN

According to most of our publicists, (for many has been hounded for the last few years with deep-rooted hatred of England.)

THE CUCKOO CLOCK

The summer birds, alas! have fled to sunny lands and gay.

IMPROVED HEALTH HINTS

Do anything but die! Don't do anything do everybody.

STUDIES OF THE VERBAUCULAR

Conversation between the ribbon counter girl and the girl at the candy counter.

READING IN BED

Mr. Franz T. Bullen, the novelist, says: "With all due deference to the expert opinion in your columns, may I state that I have never since I was 12 years old read at any length anywhere else."

be an exception, but at 47 years of age my eyes are as keen as ever they were, and I read in bed every night.

COMING DOWN MANY PEGS

Parodies, at best, are brutal caricatures. Yet it may be a good thing, after all, to keep the poetry of the language abreast of the times.

TEARS ARE THE LANGUAGE OF PAIN

There is no difference between an opulent King and a beggar, once dead. The earth covers the doctor's blunders. Ingratitude is a vice against nature.

CITIZEN—HOW CAN YOU BE TIRED WHEN YOU ARE DOING NOTHING?

Tramp—I reckon it's 'cause dere's so much up in ter do.—Chicago News.

GRACIOUS!

"Gracious!" sighed Mr. De Spesser. "I wish I could acquire an appetite."

MITE AND MITRE

A review of the Dean of Bristol's "Odds and Ends" appeared recently, and Dr. Pigeon recalls a story which, he says, is too good to be lost.

ROMANCE OF A PICTURE

The portrait of a lady by Nattier, the French artist, which realized 3,100 guineas, at Christie's, London, recently, was bought by its late owner for the sum of 25.

SEEING THE WIND

"Strange as this statement may seem, it is perfectly true. On the first windy day go into the open air, taking with you a bright saw.

"LAID IN GERMANY"

During the hearing of a compensation case at Southwark County court, London, Judge Addison remarked, "I have had some experience of 'new-laid eggs in this court,' and I find they are mostly laid in Germany."

Foul Breath, Catarrh, Headache

ARE BANISHED BY DR. AGNEW'S CATARRHAL POWDER. IT RELIEVES IN 10 MINUTES.

CANADA'S LAND OF THE SKY

Canadians who have seen something of the Rockies and Rockies and have never been in Switzerland are naturally curious to know if any rational parallels or comparisons between the two could be drawn.

Mr. Whympier talks of the first ascension of a mountain as a sportman would

bagging a pheasant or a hare. While camping in the Lake Louise region, although mountain-climbing was not then the purpose in view, two of the party "cut off the head" of the Mitre and Mount Whyte.

TURNING AND TWISTING

Around and around With endless rebound, Suiting and fighting, A slight to delight in, Confounding, astounding.

Between the spot where the water takes its first spring into the air and the point

where it flows into the torrent the difference of level is 1,225 feet. The height of the fall itself is 320 feet.

I was showing two American ladies, a few weeks ago, over the cathedral, and

several years of age, marrying a widow reputed to have 200,000. "I guess they talk about it," was her reply.

THE DEAN ADDS, IS-FIRST-HAND—NOT AN OLD CHESTNUT!

This, the Dean adds, is first-hand—not an old chestnut!

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