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\$5.00—No. 1 double screened household coal, per ton of 2,000 pounds, delivered to any part of the city. Hall, Gospel & Co., 100 Government street. Telephone call No. 33.

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AUCTION of nearly new costly Furniture and Real Estate, at 2 o'clock Monday, Oak Bay avenue. W. Jones, auctioneer.

GOLF BALLS and BOXING GLOVES—A new stock just received by Henry Short & Sons, Gunmakers, 72 Douglas street.

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Double Sorensen Alexandra Coal. \$5.00 ton. Do. Sack or Lump, Wellington 6.00 ton. First Quality Dry Cordwood. \$3.25 cord.

Full weight and measure guaranteed. All orders executed day received. Telephone in name, Gavriey & Co., No. 407.

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The Mayoralty.

To the Electors of the City of Victoria: Ladies and Gentlemen—Having been requested by a large number of ratepayers to offer myself as a candidate for Mayor at the ensuing municipal election, I have much pleasure in complying with their request, and I now most respectfully solicit the votes and influence of the electors of the municipality to secure my election.

Previous to the date of election I will by public notice call you together to place before you my views on municipal matters.

JOSEPH WISTROP CAREY.

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To have your travelling trunks, suitcases, covered and repaired. Keys fitted and locks repaired in any part of the city on short notice. Every description of keys in stock or made to order. Any mechanical repairs.

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SPAIN IS TOTTERING FROM THE CAPITAL

Members of the Royal Family Prepare to Fly to Escape Impending Revolution.

Six Members of a Family Lose Their Lives in a Fire on Prill Street.

Weyler's Reception Most Significant—Menacing Attitude of the Populace.

Arranging a Date for the Opening of Parliament—Government Considering Yukon Matters.

AWFUL ATTEMPT TO MURDER.

Francis Jones, Storekeeper at Hall's Crossing, the Victim of a Terrible Assault.

Hit over the Head with an Axe and His Throat Cut from Ear to Ear.

The Motive of the Attempted Murder was Robbery—Two Tramps Under Arrest.

Francis Jones, the storekeeper at Hall's Crossing on the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway, lies at the point of death at a neighbor's house, having been the victim of an awful attempt at murder for robbery, made at five o'clock last evening. Mr. Jones was struck in the dark and he has been unconscious most of the time since, so he cannot give a very clear account of what occurred, nor can he identify his assailant or assailants, for he cannot say whether there was one or more. One thing certain, the police did not see any time in acting. Twelve hours after the assault was committed Constable Maitland Douglas arrested at Oyster Bay two tramps, who had been skulking around the vicinity and placed them in jail at Duncan's. The arrest was effected after an all night chase.

The assault was a most brutal one. Mr. Jones was in a room at the rear of the store picking a grouse, when hearing a noise in the store he went to see who it was. He had hardly placed his foot in the store when he was struck down with an axe, receiving a terrible wound in the head. The men must have been bloodthirsty brutes for not being satisfied with the axe they stooped over the body of the unconscious man and cut his throat from ear to ear, without, however, severing the jugular. Then they robbed their victim of \$120, this having seemingly been the object of the murderous assault.

When Mr. Jones regained consciousness he succeeded in creeping to the house of a neighbor, Mr. Dunn. He had hardly reached there when he again became unconscious. Since then he has been conscious and unconscious at intervals.

Supt. Hussey has made arrangements which will prevent any suspicious characters from leaving the Island until the guilty parties are under arrest.

A dispatch received from Duncan's today says Mr. Jones will live.

RIBBICAL VEGETARIANISM.

And God said, behold I have given you every herb-bearing seed which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree in which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. And to every beast of the earth, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat and it was so. Gen., 1:29, 30.

AN UNSUCCESSFUL SCHEME.

Prince Bismarck's plan to Germanize Prussian Poland by buying up Polish estates and settling Germans on them has proved a failure. The Prussian Chambers nine years ago established a fund of 100,000,000 marks for this purpose. The Polish nobles sold their heavily mortgaged estates to the government readily, but instead of emigrating, bought with the money other estates in the country from Germans and gathered around them Polish laborers. The only result of the experiments has been to benefit the Polish landowners of Posh.

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THE CUBAN STRUGGLE

Much Anxiety Felt for the Safety of Lieutenant-Colonel Joaquin Ruiz.

Statement From Senor Palma—More Spanish Devility Discovered in Havana.

New York, Dec. 16.—A dispatch to the Herald from Havana says: Much anxiety is felt here for the safety of Lieut. Col. Joaquin Ruiz, aide de camp to General Blanco, who is believed to have met death as the penalty for bearing a proposition for surrender to a rebel camp. It seems that Col. Ruiz is a personal friend of Col. Aranguera, who was employed by him before the war, when Col. Ruiz was the engineer in charge of the Vento waterworks. Recently, under orders from General Blanco, Col. Ruiz opened correspondence with Col. Aranguera with the object of arranging an interview. Col. Aranguera wrote that he would meet Col. Ruiz if the latter only wished to talk of personal affairs, to which the Colonel replied that he wished to talk about political matters. Col. Aranguera wrote that he would absolutely refuse to receive him on these conditions and called his attention earnestly to General Blanco's orders that all persons entering insurgent camps to offer terms of surrender should be put to death. He assured Col. Ruiz that he was prepared to carry out the order to the letter, and while he esteemed him highly as an old friend, he would hang him if he neglected the warning. In spite of this, Col. Ruiz started alone on Sunday for Col. Aranguera's camp, determined to risk all in the attempt. In leaving, he said that if he had not returned by Tuesday night he might be given up as dead. So far nothing has been heard of him, and there is little doubt that the insurgent leader has put his threat into execution. If this be true much regret will be felt in Cuban circles in Havana, where Col. Ruiz was well known as a zealous soldier and an accomplished gentleman, but it is pointed out that his death will have a good effect as showing the indomitable spirit animating the insurgent leaders.

Major Fernandez, better known as Pizore, the insurgent leader, who, according to the official reports, was slain in combat with Spanish troops, was really killed while ill and helpless, awaiting an opportunity to surrender to Thomas Garcia, recently autonomist alcalde of Guines, an old friend. Pizore being generally ill, applied to him to arrange terms for his surrender. Garcia caused him to be taken to the Caucara estate, where he made him comfortable and arranged to have a detail of Spanish troops sent to bring him to the hospital of the town. Instead the troops went to the country and butchered this man. Senor Garcia is infuriated at this breach of faith and has declared his intention of coming to Havana to lay the matter before General Blanco and demand the punishment of the officer responsible for the murder.

The affair at Guines appears now to be a more important success than was at first supposed. Advice received by the Junta state that the insurgents captured 270 Mousers, with 220,000 cartridges, and 116 prisoners. General Calixto Garcia has sent word to General Pando that he will only release the prisoners under a solemn pledge signed by General Blanco, that they will be sent back to Spain. He complains that after the capture of Las Tunas the prisoners released on patrol were sent back to the ranks.

The insurgents in Santa Clara province have more than 6,000 men well armed, and are confident of ultimate success. They are also well provisioned with medicines and other necessities. General Gomez is at La Reforma, where he has been for nearly a year.

Within the last four days two large filibustering expeditions have safely reached Cuba, one landing in Matanzas province and the other in Baracoa, only five leagues from Havana. They consisted of clothing, medicines and dynamite. The rebels are now using large quantities with considerable effect. General Pando, who is operating in the east against General Garcia, has asked for reinforcements which have been sent, several battalions having been withdrawn from Pinar del Rio. General Bernal has started across Pinar del Rio at Cape San Antonio, where a large body of rebels in congress awaited. Reports from Cienfuegos state that the rebels are on the town almost every night. Rebels under Col. Calozazo and General Rodriguez surrounded a Spanish coffee plantation yesterday at the Carmen estate, Havana province. Spanish reinforcements arrived from Guines and a fierce engagement occurred. The details are suppressed, but the loss is admitted to be heavy on both sides. Another engagement is reported to have occurred December 14 near Guines de Lamena, between Moroto and Col. Aranguera's forces.

A Tennessee lady, Mrs. J. W. Towle, of Philadelphia, Tenn., has been using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for her baby, who is subject to croup, and says of it: "I find it just as good as you claim it to be." "Since I've had your Cough Remedy my baby has been threatened with croup ever so many times, but I would give him a dose of the remedy and it prevented his having it every time." "Hundreds of mothers say the same. Sold by Langley & Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

HOW HAYTI PAID UP.

A Graphic Description of the Indemnity Incident.

New York, Dec. 16.—The Dutch line steamer Orango Nassau, Capt. Nyber, has arrived from Port au Prince Hayti, December 6th. The Orango Nassau arrived at the Haytian capital on the same evening that the German war vessel anchored in the harbor. One of the officers of the Orango Nassau gave an account of the exciting scenes that transpired while his ship was at Port au Prince. In the absence of an American man-of-war (the Marblehead had not then arrived), the Haytians, who talk French almost exclusively, were of the opinion that the commander of the Orango Nassau might ally with them and insist that the question at issue be left to arbitration. Nothing of the kind occurred, however, and when it became generally known that the German ships would begin to fire on the city in four hours unless some guaranty of satisfaction was sent out that President Sam had announced his intention to fight the matter out. Fearing bloodshed, hundreds of families fled to the mountains. Many who were unable to fly to the mountains embarked on small boats and left the harbor, to get out of reach of the German guns. Everybody seemed thoroughly frightened. The four hours had almost expired when the citizens were surprised to see a white flag hoisted on the President's palace and presently an officer left the shore in a sloop and went alongside the Charlotte, with the indemnity. Arriving there, it was found that no ladder had been put up to permit him to get on board, and the courier had to climb up as best he could. It was a clear display of discourtesy, to say the least. The official and the German commander then exchanged signatures, and the latter offered the courier a glass of wine, which was refused. Here the incident ended, and the ship went alongside the Charlotte, with the indemnity. Arriving there, it was found that no ladder had been put up to permit him to get on board, and the courier had to climb up as best he could. It was a clear display of discourtesy, to say the least. The official and the German commander then exchanged signatures, and the latter offered the courier a glass of wine, which was refused. Here the incident ended, and the ship went alongside the Charlotte, with the indemnity. Arriving there, it was found that no ladder had been put up to permit him to get on board, and the courier had to climb up as best he could. It was a clear display of discourtesy, to say the least. The official and the German commander then exchanged signatures, and the latter offered the courier a glass of wine, which was refused. Here the incident ended, and the ship went alongside the Charlotte, with the indemnity.

THE WRECKED HELENISIA.

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—From a letter received in this city it would seem that the shipwrecked vessel sighted by the American ship J. B. Walker, on Inaccessible Island, is neither the Craighead, the Taymount nor the Latana, but the British steel bark Helenisia, and that she was wrecked there on August 3rd of this year. According to the letter, which is accepted by the insurance people as authority, all the crew got ashore and remained on the island until the J. B. Walker happened in sight. Captain Davis, of the Helenisia, boarded the Walker and was offered a passage for himself and crew to Japan. This he refused and asked Captain Wallace of the Walker to report him in order that somebody might be sent to take him off. This has since been done.

Singers, public speakers, actors, stationers, teachers, preachers, and all who are liable to over-tax and irritate the vocal organs, find in Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, a safe, certain, and speedy relief. A timely dose of this preparation has prevented many a throat trouble.

FOR JURY BRIBING.

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—United States Commissioner Hancock has ordered C. S. Bratton sent to Portland, Ore., for trial there in the United States district court on an indictment of jury bribing. Bratton was arrested in this city about a week ago by Marshal Baldwin.



The story is told of a young married woman who asked another young married woman how she managed to get along so amicably with her husband. The answer was, "I feed the brute—his stomach with food and his mind with fattery." "Even a man will have to admit that this young woman had solved about two-thirds of the art of making the average man happy." "The other third consists of keeping his body in such condition that he will enjoy his food and his mind in such condition that he will be susceptible to fattery." "It isn't much news, is it?" "No, but it is a good deal of news to a man whose nerves are racked and overworked." "The average man pays very little attention to his health, and won't take medicine of his own accord until he is flat on his back. A shrewd wife will keep an eye on her husband's welfare in this respect, and when she sees that he is bilious or suffering from indigestion, or is generally out of sorts, will see that he resorts to that most wonderful of all investigators, Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It is the best of all appetite, sleepers, blood-makers and flesh-builders. It corrects all disorders of the digestion and makes the liver active and the blood pure. It tones the nerves and cures all cases of nervous exhaustion and prostration. It cures 98 per cent. of all cases of consumption, bronchitis, throat and kindred ailments. Medicine dealers sell it." "Mrs. Rebecca F. Gardner, of Gratton, York Co., Va., writes: 'I was so sick with dyspepsia that I could not eat anything for over four months. I thought I was going to die. I weighed only 70 pounds. I took two bottles of your Golden Medical Discovery. I am now as well as ever and weigh 125 pounds.'"

For constipation—Dr. Pierce's Peppermint Cure.

TO COERCE CANADA

The Bill to Prohibit Sealing Causes an Interesting Debate in Congress.

The Arguments Advanced That Canada Can Be Whipped Into Submission.

Washington, Dec. 16.—In the house of representatives this afternoon Mr. Hitt, chairman of the committee on foreign affairs, secured unanimous consent for the consideration of the bill proposed by the senate yesterday to prohibit pelagic sealing by citizens of the United States. He explained its scope and purpose and the necessity for its enactment. Mr. Hopkins (Ill.) thought that a time limit should be placed on the operation of that act, so that in case the negotiations should collapse American citizens would not be at a disadvantage. Mr. Hitt said the United States government did not admit that pelagic sealing was a right. It was a barbarity. We were pressing upon Great Britain negotiations for the protection of the seals that the governments had already agreed to. If we were sincere we would pass the measure.

Mr. Johnson (N.D.) made a vigorous speech of an hour in opposition to the bill. He said he had been humiliated and shamed by the complete surrender of American rights and honor at the Paris tribunal. He was particularly sarcastic in his reference to Hon. Mr. Foster, who he termed the "great surrenderer," so great was his reputation in that line that China had paid him \$100,000 for surrendering to Japan. He created much amusement by enumerating some of the expenses of the Paris tribunal, and said he did not marvel that the experts, who had already made so much out of the government, should desire to keep up an agitation which permitted them to draw big salaries and roze the world at the expense of the public. Mr. Johnson, as another phase of the question, described the destruction of the seal fish by the seals. The recent increase in the catch at the fisheries on the Pacific coast and Alaska he attributed to the diminution of the seal herd. If these wolves of the sea had been exterminated, he said, we would not be sending relief to the miners in Alaska. Each seal requires ten pounds of fish per day. The coast of Alaska would become the greatest cod fishery in the world if these enemies of the fish were destroyed.

Mr. Hepburn (Iowa), expressed the opinion that the United States had the power at any time to compel Canada to adjust this whole question as to the seals. Pelagic sealing was not worth more than \$250,000 per annum. The bonding privileges granted to Canadian roads, over which we had absolute control, is worth twenty times as much to Canada as the right of pelagic sealing. He advocated retaliation as the weapon to be used to bring Canada to terms and said he could not understand why it had not already been employed.

Mr. Lord (California), in opposition to the bill, argued that if American citizens were to be bound, it was advisable that they should be bound jointly with the subjects of Great Britain. Mr. Hitt answered some of the criticisms which had been advanced. The admitted evil of the present system, he said, was pelagic sealing, which evil resulted in the killing of 30,000 seals annually. And yet the gentleman from N. D. (Mr. Johnson), proposed to meet this evil of a partial slaughter by an absolute slaughter of the entire seal herd. Was this a humane proposition from a government which was urging humanity on other nations? Mr. Hitt referred to the barbarity of the practice of killing the defenseless seal pups. After further debate the bill was passed; yeas 148, nays 78.

A COLOMBIAN ELECTION.

New York, Dec. 16.—The passengers on the steamer Holstein, which arrived from Santa Martha, told a curious story of an election in the Republic of Colombia which occurred on December 6th, and which resulted in the re-election of President Cano. It was stated that several days before the election fifty or sixty supporters of Senor Reyes, the Liberal candidate and opponent of Caro, were thrown into jail. The only known reason for this imprisonment, according to the passengers, was that they endangered the peace. The passengers also stated that the government troops surrounded the polling booths and permitted only supporters of Caro to vote. As a result of these occurrences, the passengers said, there was a certain amount of truth in the official statements given out by the government of Colombia, that Caro had been, unanimously elected.

PEREIRA STANDS ACCUSED.

New York, Dec. 16.—The Herald correspondent in Rio Janeiro, Brazil, telegraphs that the government authorities have seized a letter written by Vice President Pereira, which proves beyond doubt that he was at the head of the revolutionary movement which led to the recent attempted assassination of President Moraes. Brazilian authorities still have cause to fear a revolution and the government has requested Uruguay to prevent the gathering of revolutionary groups along the frontier.

RIVERA IN PORTO RICO.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Dec. 16.—When Gen. Rivera, the Cuban insurgent leader, who was recently released from Cabanas Fortress in Havana by royal pardon, arrived here on the steamship Colon, bound for Cadix, he was not allowed to land. A tailor was sent for and went aboard, taking the measure for clothing for Gen. Rivera.

BOUGHT "SALTED" MINES.

Denver, Dec. 16.—The Anglo-Continental Gold Syndicate, Limited, of Great Britain, has instituted suit against William C. Bushford and Daniel T. Keating for \$20,000 damages. It is averred that the defendants "salted" the Jersey Lily group of mines in Yavapai County, Ariz., thereby deceiving Expert Charles Reppell as to their value. The natural loss of the hair, either by disease or the age of the hair itself, may be replenished with a heavy growth by Hall's Hair Renewer.

NATIONAL BOARD OF TRADE.

Washington City, Dec. 16.—The National Board of Trade today adopted a resolution favoring the passage of the anti-scalping ticket brokerage bill, and also a bill favoring pooling under supervision of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

FLYWHEEL ACCIDENT.

Pittsburg, Dec. 16.—Adam Broderick was killed and a number of others slightly hurt by the bursting of a flywheel at the South Third Street plant of the Oliver Iron and Steel Company, at an early hour this morning. The accident was caused by the engine becoming unworkable. The flywheel was fifteen feet in diameter and weighed several tons.

SOUTHERN BANKERS' CONVENTION.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 16.—The Southern Bankers' Convention met here yesterday, on a call of the Atlanta Clearing House Association, to consider currency reform and reach measures by which to issue an elastic currency and take the government out of the banking business. By a unanimous vote the convention adopted a resolution demanding the retirement and cancellation of the greenbacks and the treasury notes of 1890 and the substitution thereof of bank notes in order "to reduce our eight different kinds of money to only two, viz. specie and bank notes," and demanding that the amount of gold and silver in circulation be increased.

AN OREGON RAILROAD COMPANY.

Albany, Ore., Dec. 16.—Articles of incorporation were filed today incorporating the Corvallis and Eastern railroad. The capital stock is \$2,500,000. The principal office is in Albany, and the objects as set forth in the constitution and operation of a railroad line from Yaquina Bay to the Snake River in Malheur county, Oregon; also the construction of a branch road from a point on the proposed line near Prineville to California, through the county, and the purchase of the Oregon Central and Eastern railroad.

FATAL TRAIN WRECK.

Clinton, Ind., Dec. 16.—Train No. 3, on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois railroad, which left Chicago at 11:30 last night, ran into an extra train here this morning. Three employes were killed and a half dozen others injured, but no passengers were hurt. The train was badly wrecked. Fireman O. L. Bremer, Fireman C. F. Dexter, Badly Injured Engineer G. Fisher, both engines were badly wrecked. The passenger car was thrown down an embankment and the mail car was smashed.

REV. C. O. BROWN.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Rev. C. O. Brown says he will launch the paper sent him by the Bay Conference of San Francisco. He says the action taken was instigated by Dr. McClellan, who is a member of the conference. He said he would publish a confession of one of those who testified against him before the conference. The action is to show a reason for his restoration to good standing or to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Bay Conference.

RAILROAD MAN SUICIDES.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Yesterday afternoon, in view of hundreds of men in green uniforms lined up the Board of Trade. J. Moore, formerly passenger agent at Denver of the Chicago and Alton, shot and instantly killed himself. Moore, 41, was a resident of Chicago, and was on his way to his home in Chicago, where he was a resident of the loss of his position and money.

KILLED BY AN UNKNOWN ASSASSIN.

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 16.—Patrick Murphy, a pioneer resident of Temescal, was murdered by an unknown assassin at 8:15 o'clock last night. He was shot through the heart as he left his cottage to go to a nearby store, started back into the house and died in the presence of his terrified family.

BRYAN IN MEXICO.

Mexico City, Dec. 16.—President Diaz yesterday accepted an audience in Mr. Bryan's honor. The cities were charmed with Mrs. Diaz. Mr. Bryan visited the Catholic cathedral and the Academy of Fine Arts; then he left for his hotel. Today President Diaz of the Mexican National railway gives him a dinner.

LAVIGNE AND GRIFFO.

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—The boxing contest between lightweights Lavigne and Griffo will come off next Wednesday night in Oakland, under the auspices of the Occidental Athletic Club, which was organized yesterday for the stated purpose of handling fights for which permits could not be obtained in this city. The boxing exhibition will be held in the Exposition building on a wealth street.

MARE ISLAND COURT MARTIAL.

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—Lieut. Lafavour of the gunboat Wheeling is to be court-martialed at Mare Island on the 16th inst. He is charged with being intoxicated while on duty.

BARKENTINE SHARPSHOOTER.

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—The barkentine Sharpshooter has returned to this port from a trading expedition to the Caroline islands. She brought back a cargo of coops.

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Advertisement for Klondike Edition, featuring a decorative border and text: "Klondike Edition. 2 1/2 cts. A Copy. Every citizen of Victoria should purchase enough copies to send one to each friend residing outside of British Columbia. It contains Mr. Ogilvie's lecture, an article by Mr. Carlyle on Mining in British Columbia, and a great deal of reliable Klondike information. Our Calendars NEW YEAR. Eighteen different kinds. Purchasers of \$3.50 worth will be entitled to one, and regular customers are requested to leave their orders. BE IN TIME... Old Country Boot Store 91 JOHNSON STREET. COAL. MINED BY WHITE LABOR. NEW VANCOUVER COAL CO., Ld. NANAIMO, B.C. VICTORIA—KINGHAM & CO. (Office on Fort and Broad Sts. Telephone 213) Double Screened Southfield Coal, \$5.00 per ton. Double Screened New Wellington, 6.00 per ton. Of 2,000 pounds, delivered to any part of the city; weight guaranteed. Coal Wharf Foot of Johnson Street. The Electric Wood Yard WOOD AND COAL... Wood in all lengths as required, promptly delivered. J. E. PAINTER, Address, Line Street, Pandora St., at 38 Cormack St. Tel. 435. Canadian-Australian Mercantile & Mining Agency. Klondike Outfitting, Transportation and Advertising Business promptly attended to. Branches in all the principal cities of Australia and New Zealand. Local Agent and Special Press Correspondent. J. D. HATHAWAY, Late of Sydney, N.S.W. 502-B-11 91 Fort St., Victoria, B.C.

Advertisement for Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Co., featuring a decorative border and text: "TO LET 7-room cottage, Esquimalt street \$15 00 (furnished) 10 00 6-room cottage, Pioneer street 10 00 6-room cottage, Oak Bay 5 00 6-room cottage, 14-acre land 10 00 6-room cottage, large lots, Esquimalt 10 00 8-room house, Elsie street 15 00 7-room house, Fernwood road 10 00 7-room house, Elizabeth street 10 00 13-room house, Quadra street 15 00 etc. Large house Dallas road 35 00 \$10 reward will be paid for information leading to the conviction of any person injuring property for which we are agents. BEAUMONT BOGGS & CO., 28 BROAD ST. Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Co. NOTICE To Prospectors, Miners and Holders of Mineral Claims on unoccupied land within the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company's land grant: FOR ONLY ONE YEAR ONLY from the date of this notice, the Railway Company will sell their rights in surface rights of mineral claims, at the price of \$5.00 per acre, from the date of this notice, subject to all other restrictions contained in conveyances from the company prior to this date. One half of the purchase money to be paid in two equal instalments, at the expiration of six and twelve months, without interest. Holders of Mineral Claims who have not previously made other arrangements with the company for acquiring surface and mineral rights, are hereby notified to do so, or make the first payment on their claims, as otherwise they will be deemed and treated as trespassers. LEONARD H. SOLTY, Esquimalt, B.C., Commissioner. Victoria, B.C., June 1st, 1897.

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What the Provincial Press is Saying.

(New Westminster Columbian.)

The Klondike trade properly belongs to British Columbia and all our cities and towns, which have an equal advantage over American outfitting points, should pull together to secure and hold this trade.

(Rossland Record.)

Corbin is making application to the Dominion government for a charter to extend his railroad through the Boundary country, and according to the information at hand it will take the route of the Dewdney trail and be commenced in the spring. This will interfere, somewhat, with the Miner's wagon road, and give the C. P. R. people something to think about.

(Grand Forks Miner.)

A section of the Provincial Press has broken out in a long denunciation of the members of the government who have allowed their names to be used as directors on the boards of new Klondike mining companies. It is just possible that this outcry is made by the people who lack the ability to become promoters, and consequently are not in a position to be sought for as directors of companies themselves.

(Rossland Record.)

The Companies Act, 1897, is coming in for a vast amount of criticism. The lawyers do not like it for the reason that it is cumbersome, they say, and secretaries of companies hate it on account of the additional labor it imposes on them, and those who purpose organizing a company on account of the fees demanded. Provincial companies already registered as foreign companies are required to register under this act before January 1st, 1898, for which fee is \$10 with the additional charge for filing documents and advertising, but if they purpose selling fully paid shares at a discount they are liable to pay the scale of fees under this act. This also is a provision much objected to.

(Rossland Miner.)

The board of trade at its meeting Monday evening, unanimously endorsed the plan for a wagon road from Rossland to Cascade City, by referring it to the earnest attention and consideration of the government. Two routes were considered by the committee which had the matter in charge. One route was via the Dewdney trail and the Northport road, which would be about 25 miles in length. The second road was via the extension of the road up Centre Star gulch from Blue's sawmill northward, crossing the south and middle forks of Murphy creek, and then turning west and crossing the divide near the head waters of Sheep creek and Sheep lake, and thence following M. Has creek to Christina lake, and skirting the east shore of Christina lake to Cascade City. This would make a road 50 miles in length. It was evident from the report of the committee and the debate that those present favored the route via the Dewdney trail. It was admitted that the latter course would be a little steep in places, but the fact that but 16 to 17 miles would have to be constructed seemed to have considerable weight. It was thought that the road could be built for the sum of \$1,000 a mile.

(Vancouver News-Advertiser.)

The report from Ottawa that the Dominion government has practically decided to amend the mining regulations in regard to claims on the Yukon district in some important details will give general satisfaction. As we pointed out when a dispatch from Ottawa some months ago gave the details of the regulations which had been framed for the mining ground on the Klondike and other streams in the Yukon district, the decision reached by the government on the matter could not be considered as likely to be satisfactory. Since then the government has been able to secure other information and to get the opinion of Mr. Ogilvie and other competent authorities on the subject, and they have evidently taken the same view as we did, that the regulations were calculated to seriously hamper the mining industry, and, in some details, were really impossible to be enforced, if mining was to be carried on.

As the reports from Ottawa do not give the details of the change which the government proposes to make in the size and shape of the claims, it is not possible to discuss them. We, however, infer that the alterations will at least extend the width of the claims, so as to make the operation of them more easy and economical.

As regards the reservation of alternate claims by the government, there is no doubt that plan will be abandoned, and if it is decided to reserve a certain part of the ground along the creeks, that it will be in blocks containing areas equal to a number of ordinary claims. This, of course, can be done without the drawback to the operation of adjacent claims which would have been established by the reservation of alternate claims, as provided by the regulations now in force. There are, however, other questions connected with such reservations, which will make it doubtful whether the plan proposed is the best method by which a part of these rich gold deposits can be realized for the benefit of the federal treasury. At the same time we are in accord with the government in the view that the tax-payers as a whole should receive some benefit from the development of the public domain, especially under the peculiar circumstances connected with these extraordinarily rich deposits of gold. Now that the government has abandoned the impracticable regulations which, from lack of knowledge of the subject, it adopted at first, we may await with patience the publication of the manner in which it proposes to have the reserved claims worked. That the government should itself engage in mining operations, as some persons have proposed, is a suggestion not likely to be entertained. Mining, under any conceivable circumstances, is not a form of enterprise likely to be successful in the hands of any government, and the conditions in the Yukon would render such a method especially hazardous. Instead of such claims proving to be a source of revenue, they would almost certainly prove to be a loss to the government. Doubtless the decision will be to

served claims to the highest bidder, on such terms and at such a price as those who are competent from their experience and knowledge of the situation to be safe advisers may recommend. We presume that a formal announcement of the decision reached by the government on all these details will be published within a short time, so that those intending to go to the Yukon district may be fully aware of the regulations under which mining will be carried on there next season. As far as we can learn the government has decided to make some concessions in regard to the heavy royalty which it decided to impose on the output of gold. We think that it will be acting in the interests of the country if it makes very material reductions in the percentage and important modifications in the existing regulations as to the manner in which the royalty will be levied and collected. It has the experience of some of the Australian colonies to guide it in this matter. There are also minor details as regards mining licenses and other matters, not unimportant, both for revenue and police purposes, and which may also be very effective in securing for Canadian cities a large share of the trade which will arise from the influx of people from all parts of the world into the Yukon district. The recent little ebullitions of selfishness on the part of the people of some foreign cities may be profitably pondered by the government when it is framing regulations which should include, in some degree at least, the recognition of the principle that "charity begins at home."

ABOUT ANNEXATION

John W. Foster's Strong Argument in Favor of the Acquisition of Hawaii.

A Compliment to Great Britain—True Freedom Under the British Flag.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Ex-Secretary of State John W. Foster, who, while a member of the Harrison cabinet, negotiated the first treaty annexing Hawaii to the United States, and who has since visited the islands and taken much interest in their acquisition, when asked as to the status of the annexation question, said:

"The opponents in congress of Hawaiian annexation will not have disposed of the question by voting against and defeating this measure. They must decide what shall be the policy and conduct of the United States towards the islands for the future, having refused the application of the island government for incorporation into our union. Such an act necessarily carries with it the right of the former to determine its own political destiny, uninfluenced by considerations affecting the United States."

"But such a course would present embarrassments to congress of no small moment. During the last administration of President Cleveland, the house of representatives resolved that 'foreign intervention in the political affairs of the islands will not be regarded with indifference by the government of the United States.' During the same session the senate, by an unanimous vote, went a step farther and declared that 'any intervention in the political affairs of these islands as an act unfriendly to the United States.' These utterances were in line with the policy of our government for half a century, but it is possible and competent for congress to change the policy of the government at any time. Its rejection of annexation would, in effect, nullify the declarations cited, but there would still be another serious embarrassment to the commercial clauses of that convention, which would be in harmony with the views long cherished by many of our public men, but the commercial clauses of that treaty present a different question."

"They are two in number—first, a stipulation on the part of Hawaii not to lease, dispose of or create any lien upon any port, harbor or other territory to any other government; and second, to grant to the United States the exclusive right station to Pearl Harbor as a coaling and naval station. The first of these political clauses might terminate with the treaty, and after the rejection of annexation it would be inconsistent on our part to insist upon its maintenance. The second clause, however, is held by the senators who ratified the treaty to be a permanent grant. The denunciation of the reciprocity treaty would still leave us with the grant of Pearl Harbor. It is the only place suitable for a naval station in the islands or anywhere within a radius of 2,000 miles. Whatever may be the sentiment of the American people as to annexation, I doubt whether any considerable body of them would approve of the surrender of this very valuable station for our growing navy and for which we have paid so dear a price in our reciprocity arrangements. And yet, with the rejection of annexation, we must look forward to the certainty of its eventual surrender, as our occupation would be impossible of the islands under the domination of a powerful government."

"Even if rejected by the United States it will not be difficult for the present Hawaiian government to successfully maintain itself against local opposition. The property interests, which are almost exclusively held by the white residents and foreigners, will control the government so long as it maintains its independence. But it is plain that the islands cannot long maintain their autonomy. The most threatening present danger is from Japan. That country may be perfectly sincere in its declaration that it does not seek the annexation of the islands, but the current of events, if not checked, will lead inevitably to that result."

"But I do not think the islands will pass under the dominion of Japan. If the people of American origin now in the islands of the government are rejected by foreigners, they will, in my opinion, turn to their kinsmen, the English and Canadians. They have learned from the colonial history of Great Britain that wherever the British flag goes up there follows equal taxation, just and impartial administration of the laws, and honest government. Information as to how we may be of service to the Hawaiian people, I have no doubt, will be gladly received."

SHIPPING LIST.

VESSELS ON THE WAY TO BRITISH COLUMBIA

British ship Alton, 1400 tons; Wolfe, master; from Liverpool to Victoria with general merchandise. R. P. Rithet & Co., consignees. Sailed July 29th. Put into Callao on October 16th with her master sick. British ship Benita, 1907 tons; Taylor, master; from Liverpool to Victoria with general merchandise. R. P. Rithet & Co., consignees. Sailed September 7th. British bark Agnes Oswald, 1380; Nicol, master; from Stanley, F. I., to Victoria; Turner, Beeton & Co. Sailed from Stanley, Falkland Islands, September 27th, bringing the cargo of the British ship Pass of Bahama. British ship Lord Ripon, 2704 tons; Butler, master; from Liverpool to Victoria, with general cargo. Robt. Ward & Co., consignees. British ship Dado, 2057 tons; from Liverpool to Victoria with general merchandise. Turner, Beeton & Co., consignees. Sailed September 15th. French bark Ville de Redon, 937 tons; Mabon, master; from Ponta Arenas to Victoria. Sailed August 12th. British bark Pass of Killarankie, 1009 tons; Atkinson, master; from Salaverry to Vancouver with sugar for the British Columbia Sugar Refinery. British ship City of Delhi, 1240 tons; Swan, master; on berth at London for her 1st. To bring general merchandise. British ship Dunboyne, 1425 tons; McNeil, master; on berth at Liverpool for Victoria. Commenced loading on November 15th. To bring general merchandise. British steamer Garonne, on berth at Liverpool and London for Victoria with passengers and freight. Bringing miners for the Klondike. German bark Philip Nelson, 513 tons; Neemann, master; from Salaverry to Vancouver. Bringing sugar for the British Columbia Sugar Refinery. British ship Carnarvon Bay, 1795 tons; Griffiths, master; on berth at Liverpool to load general merchandise for Victoria and Vancouver; to commence loading at the end of December. R. P. Rithet & Co., agents. British ship Alagonia, 2050 tons; Keates, master; to bring sugar from Java for the British Columbia Sugar Refinery; will arrive towards the end of February. German ship Magallane, 1530 tons; Rumpff, master; from Callao; to load lumber at Hastings for South America. British bark Pamela, Detschardt, master; from San Blas to Royal Roads, Sailed October 24th. Norwegian bark Ellora, Wagle, master; from Panama to Royal Roads for orders. British ship Glehn, Taylor, master; from Adelaide to Royal Roads for orders.

VESSELS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA PORTS.

VICTORIA. British ship Senator, 1612 tons; Vaughan, master; from Delgoa Bay; awaiting orders. Nicaraguan bark Wrestler 347 tons; Nielson, master; with nitrate for the Victoria Chemical Works and Hamilton Powder Company.

VANCOUVER. British S.S. Empress of India, Marshall, master.

FRASER RIVER. British ship Lebu; Thorborn, master; loading salmon for Liverpool on account of Evans, Coleman & Evans, Vancouver. German ship Adelaide; Meyer, master; loading salmon for United Kingdom on account of Bell-Irving & Co.

CHEMAMUNUS. American bark Colusa, to load lumber for Melbourne, Australia. American brig John A. Briggs; to load lumber for Melbourne, Australia.

IN BEHALF OF ALASKA. Washington, City, Dec. 16.—Senator Frye yesterday introduced a bill providing for the purchase or construction of a vessel for the revenue cutter service on the Yukon river, and appropriating \$40,000 for this purpose.

Senator Faulkner introduced a bill incorporating the Cook Inlet Tanana and Yukon Railway Company, authorizing the construction of a railway and telegraph line from Tuxeda harbor, on Cook Inlet, in Alaska, through Mantana Pass to the Alaskan Boundary and along the Yukon and Tanana rivers and to North Sound. The capital stock of the company is fixed at sixty million dollars. Ex-Senator Squire, of the State of Washington, is one of the incorporators. A bill introduced by Senator Elkins restores all the lands in Annette Island, Alaska, to the public domain, except those in the southwestern peninsula of the island.

PORTLAND'S KLONDIKE RELIEF. Portland, Dec. 16.—The Klondike Relief Committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce has secured pledges for more than 100 tons of provisions. Yesterday the committee advertised for volunteers to accompany the expedition to Dawson, and their headquarters were besieged by applicants, many of whom have spent several years in Alaska. The committee has offered the War Department the services of a sufficient number of men to transport the supplies into the Klondike.

MORE SPANISH DEVILTRY. Havana, Dec. 16.—A small box, apparently made to contain samples of some description, was found at Casa Nueva, where the United States consulate is situated. An examination of the box showed that it contained a tube filled with an explosive. Fortunately, the cover was not removed in the ordinary way, but was splintered open. Underneath the cover was a piece of sand-paper intended to light a box of matches and thus bring about an explosion. Client—You say that when I buy on a margin, and the stock depreciates, I am to put up more margin. But in case it goes up, what happens in that case? Broker—That's a matter that needn't trouble you; it won't happen.—Boston Transcript.

SENATE'S CHANGE OF BASE. Chicago, Dec. 16.—A special to The Record from Washington says: There has been a decided change in the situation in the Hawaiian treaty within the last few days, and members of the committee on the Foreign Relations are quite confident of its ratification. Senator Hoar says he is not opposed to annexation of the Hawaiian islands as a territory, provided the rights of the natives are thoroughly protected. He is, however, opposed to a Hawaiian state. Morrill, of Vermont, has also been contented against ratification, but like Hoar he is coming around all right. This leaves Pettigrew as the only Republican Senator opposed to annexation. Gorman, Morgan and Money have commenced active operations on the Democratic side, and are making a thorough canvass in behalf of ratification. Although the fate of the treaty has been doubtful ever since the assembling of Congress, the prospect is now more hopeful than ever.

Those unhappy persons who suffer from nervousness and depression should use Chase's Little Nerve Pills, which are made especially for weak, sleepless, dyspeptic sufferers. Price 25 cents.

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ANDREW SHERET, Plumber. 102 FORT ST. Gas, Steam and Hot Water Fitter. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PRICE OF CLOCKS AND WATCHES HAVING BEEN ADVANCED 25 PER CENT., NO ADVANCE WILL BE MADE BY US ON FORMER PRICES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. S. A. STODDART, DIRECT IMPORTERS, 68 YATES ST.

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NOTICE. Is hereby given that I intend to apply to the board of licensing commissioners of the City of Victoria, B. C., at its next sitting, for a transfer of the license now held by me to sell spirituous and fermented liquors by retail from the premises known as the Clarence Hotel, situate on the corner of Douglas and Yates streets, in the City of Victoria, B. C., to William James Parridge. Dated this sixth day of December, 1897. S. BURICK.

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THE DYEA DIVERSION.

All these petty squabbles over the Klondike trade, in which deputations the cities of Seattle, Portland and San Francisco are cutting anything but a pretty figure, will, we are quite confident, be amicably settled by the larger sense of the two governments. The behavior of the three American cities we have named, in attempting to drag their government into a position which could only have resulted in its stultification, is a death contempt. A parcel of school children wrangling over a game of marbles in a back alley might be expected to do something similar to what has been done by the boards of trade of those cities, but it is very hard to realize that boards of trade composed of grown men, supposedly endowed with common sense and something of business knowledge, could have so far forgotten themselves as to draw the attention of the whole continent to their miserable attempt to strike a foul blow.

WORDS OF WARNING.

In the opinion of Hon. Edward Blake "Canada would have to bear the brunt of a hostile occupation by American troops in the event of war with the United States, and," continues Mr. Blake, "even Canada's valor would find it difficult to prevent that exceedingly unpleasant contingency." Thus one great thinker after another places himself on record to the effect that Canada should waste no time in taking those precautionary measures which may one day save to her the precious jewel of independence.

When a man reaches 101 years and is as straight as a greenstick, can read without glasses and is never ill, his opinions on how to attain longevity are worth having. Stiles MacMillan, of St. Albans, Vt., is the man, and he says: "More people die from gluttony than from drink and tobacco combined." Singularly enough, the centenarian's verdict is sustained in the highest court by no less a judge than Professor Vichow, the famous Berlin savant. MacMillan never eats sweets, drinks only a moderate quantity of spirits, and smokes cigars, but smokes continually. Of the vices gluttony is by far the commoner, and in reality the more disgusting, the harder to check, and, as those two very respectable authorities declare, much the deadlier.

The Columbian Indians in a pardonable spirit of joy at the Royal City having got its "annual municipal business survey" over in advance of all its sister cities and boroughs in the province. The Columbian attributes Mayor Owens's victory to his commendable habit of taking time by the forelock. He was earliest in the field and like the early bird he has got the municipal worm as his reward. Mayor Owens has had a long experience as alderman, is thoroughly conversant with municipal business and is very popular with the citizens. We hope New Westminster under its new council will enjoy great prosperity in the coming year.

Quoth the Nelson Tribune: "Should F. J. Deane, editor of the Kamloops Sentinel be chosen as the candidate for North Yale he will make it exceedingly warm for the present chief commissioner of lands and works, for it must be

true propositions the horrors of a military occupation, even by troops so humane and amenable to the better promptings of nature as the American troops undoubtedly are? Very few, let Canadians ask men from lands less favored what it is like to have the iron sceptre of martial law, in the hands of a stern commander, stretched forth over one's native country, whose slaughtered sons lie heaped and rotting on the battlefields and whose cities and towns have been plundered by the victorious soldiers, and then given to the flames. This is not a fanciful picture, as anyone who has conversed with elderly men from the Southern States can witness. And what happened to the Southern States might happen to Canada. It is very fine and big for "eminently practical" personages to shout "nonsense!" to all suggestions that Canada prepare now for the future; we know where those personages disappear when the trouble comes. We seek them not then in the front ranks or in any of the ranks of death.

We prefer to hearken earnestly to the voice of patriots like Hon. Edward Blake and do what we can to warn our compatriots to take no chances. It is little short of a disgrace to Canada that her military establishment is so small; ridiculously small, in view of the fact that she has four hundred thousand able-bodied men between the ages of eighteen and forty to draw upon. We have been scolding merrily at the Americans sending the Yantic to Detroit, but we have small cause to jeer; that is a direct warning to Canada that her great neighbor at the south is earnestly preparing for what may come. The Yantic will see upon her decks year after year, henceforth, hundreds of young Americans learning how to fight on shipboard; learning all about modern naval gunnery, torpedo management and the manoeuvres of a ship of war in action. While our young Canadians are laughing at them and learning absolutely nothing that will help their country when war is forced upon it.

Why should not Canada have a strong naval reserve? Why should our militia not number at least one hundred thousand? Why should not our garrison artillery be armed with the very best modern weapons? Why should Canada not possess thousands of cavalry like the Mounted Police? In short, what is Canada thinking about? Is this dream of British succor in case of an emergency to paralyze Canada's self-reliance forever? We might further ask if Canada would not be infinitely better able to talk business without the "feeling of dependence and subservience" Hon. Mr. Ross fears might result from reciprocity treaties hastily concluded with the States if she had at her back a thoroughly-trained, well-officed, properly-equipped army of say one hundred thousand of her sturdy sons, and an effective naval reserve similarly equipped for instant action? In all the circumstances and in view of possibilities, every able-bodied Canadian should either be a trained soldier or a trained naval fighter.

Mr. Labouche in the current number of Truth, discussing the question of millionaire parvenus attempting to buy their way into "good" society, and after expressing his utter contempt for such spiritless creatures tells this capital yarn: "I never knew the late 'Barney Barnard' indeed, to my knowledge, I never saw him. But I once heard that a number of fine ladies and gentlemen had been invited to meet him. Each went to the dinner in the hope of getting something out of him, and their hopes rose when, after the dinner was over, he thanked them for the pleasure of finding himself amongst them, and said that he was anxious to do something to show his appreciation of their kindness. Then he related to them the story of Hamlet, and wished them good evening. I always had a sneaking admiration for the departed Barney after I heard this story."

A GOOD WOOD POLISH. In these days of uncarpeted floors and Persian rugs a good wood polish is always welcome. A polish that holds from Japan is said to be very fine for furniture, as well as floors. It consists of one pint each of linseed oil and cold, strong turpentine, the whites of two eggs and two ounces of spirits of salts. These several ingredients to be mixed thoroughly together and poured into a bottle, which should be well shaken before the polish is used. A few drops are poured upon a rubbing pad of soft silk and the wood rubbed with it, being afterwards polished with an old silk handkerchief. The process is a tedious and fatiguing one for the cleaner, but its effects surpass that of any easier and quicker method.

GOVERNMENT GROUND. To the Editor:—Pray, sir, raise your voice against the iniquitous vandalism of the destruction of the trees in government grounds. Now the old picturesque buildings have disappeared they are the only beautiful objects left on that slope. The maples and poplars are sources of shade and beauty for many months in each year, and it is a cruel, wicked abuse to deprive Victoria of its trees, its principal source of beauty. The Wellingtonians are forest trees, timber factories and no beauty of form, and altogether out of place, almost grounds of limited area, but the maples and sycamores and other deciduous trees are an annual beauty, the joy of every lover of nature. We hear so much of the formality of boulevards and other beautifying of streets in other cities as a model worthy and desirable object to be attained by every progressive community, yet here we find the beautiful trees that have taken a lifetime to grow, ruthlessly cut down in the midst of a town priding itself on its beauty. By all means tear down the fences and throw the grounds open on every side as the fullest enjoyment of the public as a whole in the most beautiful and abundant trees and maintain at any price the reputation of Victoria as a beautiful city.

admitted that Deane is a ruler, independent and fearless, three virtues which the present representative lacks. We believe there is not much "it" about it now, and we believe that Mr. Deane will fully realize the Tribune's shrewd suspicion that it will be made uncomfortably sultry for the chief commissioner. He needs warming up very sorely.

In applying such an epithet as "an enemy of the West" to the Toronto Globe the Colonist is surely overstepping the bounds of fair criticism. It is true that the Globe in its article on the Klondike gold fields does commit several blunders, such, however, as one may see in every eastern newspaper; but surely that is no reason why the Colonist should pour a column of abuse upon the Globe. If the Colonist means to say that the Globe was designedly unjust to the West and the article in question merely another instance of the Globe's studied hostility, why must it consider the Colonist absurd.

It is hard to know what to believe about the Dawson famine, or the alleged Dawson famine. One party says there have been terrible scenes and that hundreds are fleeing for life over the frozen trails. Another party says there is plenty of food and nobody is starved at all. Who is the genial-romanticist? The latest arrivals blame it all on Ank, the Indian mail carrier, whose indignation they say is no Arctic growth. Some definite assurance that all is well at Dawson would be comforting.



BARON GAUTSCHI.

The Austrian crisis, terminating as it did, in the resignation of the entire cabinet, has brought a new lot of statesmen into prominence. The new premier is Baron Gautschi von Frankenthurn. It is thought that he will be able to patch up the differences between the German and Bohemian speaking people of the empire. The baron was born in 1851. In 1873 he entered public service in the department of war. In 1885 he was made minister of war. In 1888 he retired from the cabinet with Count Taffel, but was chosen to the same office in 1895 under Count Badini.

COST OF SOLOMON'S TEMPLE.

A noted statistician and investigator who has lots of time for such work, has been doing some figuring on the cost of the Temple of Solomon, and says few people even in these days of paltry extravagance and millionaire display have an adequate impression of the enormous cost of the great temple. According to Villalpanda, the "talents" of gold, silver and brass were equal to the enormous sum of \$5,807,822,000. The worth of the jewels is placed at a figure equally as high. The vessels of gold, according to Josephus, were valued at 140,000 talents, which, reduced to English money, was equal to \$578,206,200. The vessels of silver, according to the same authority, were still more valuable, being set down as worth \$446,844,000. Priests' vestments and robes of singers, \$2,010,000, and the trumpets, \$200,000. To this add the expense of the building material, labor, etc., and some wonderful figures result. Ten thousand men hewing cedars, 60,000 hewers of burdens, 80,000 hewers of stone and the overseers, all of whom were employed for seven years, and upon whom, besides their wages, Solomon bestowed \$7,733,970. If their daily food was worth 50 cents each, the sum total for all was \$3,877,088 during the time of building. The materials in the rough are estimated as having been worth \$2,545,337,000. This gives a total, just for this much of the expense, which by no means expresses the whole cost, at \$10,719,700,201, or about \$52,117,034,867.40.

THE VESTA'S CREW SAFE. They Reached Port Townsend Yesterday Having Crossed Over to Neah Bay. The crew of the schooner Vesta, wrecked nine miles beyond Carmanah Point, for whom grave fears were entertained, are safe. Thomas Daykin, Jr., of Carmanah Point, who started from home early on Wednesday morning to pilot the crew to Victoria, pleasantly surprised his friends by stepping off the City of Kingston this morning. He and the crew of the Vesta reached Port Townsend yesterday from Neah Bay, but for some reason the news of their safety was not sent from Townsend.

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NO SUNDAY LABOR IN RUSSIA. Under a new imperial ukase in Russia labor upon Sundays is on the fourteen great feast days of the Greek calendar to be severely punished. Hours of labor are restricted to eight for children and eleven for adults, and to ten hours on Saturday.

MOKE THE GREAT COUSADER CIGAR J. RATTRAY & CO. MONTREAL.

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It was 8 o'clock on Wednesday morning when Mr. Daykin, Captain Lombold and the seven men comprising the crew of the Vesta, reached Carmanah Point.

The Vesta will never be floated. She was driven over a reef of rocks which ran parallel with the shore and with the rise of the tide was carried right up to the beach.

But a closer examination shows that the Vesta did not get off as easily as the casual observer would imagine.

The crew having saved their provisions took a look around, and almost alongside the schooner found a post, on which was painted: "Nine miles to Carmanah." This was the first intimation they had of where they really were.

Captain Lombold gave Thomas Daykin, Jr., authority to take charge of the wreck and he went down, examined her, placed a man in charge and returned to Carmanah to bring the crew to Victoria.

THE FIRST STANDING ARMY. The first standing army of which there is any record was organized by King Saul, 1038 B. C. The army of Xerxes, in invading Greece, numbered 1,700,000 foot and 80,000 horses, 480 B. C. The first standing army of modern times was maintained in France by Charles VII., 1445.

MOST OFTEN IN TROUBLE. The right leg is far more subject to accidents than the left. It has been found that the ratio is about thirteen serious accidents to the right leg to three to the left.

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On Monday, December 27, at 8 p.m. For freight or passage, apply at the office of the company, 64 Wharf street, Victoria, B. C.

THE AUCTION. I have received instructions to sell by Public Auction without reserve, To Close Consignment 50 Carpets, Art Squares and Rugs, at my sale rooms, 81 Johnson street, on Saturday Evening, Dec. 18th. Goods will be on view Friday, 17th. Terms Cash. P. J. DAVIES, Auctioneer.

The Mayoralty. To the Electors of the City of Victoria: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—At the request of a number of citizens I have the honor to announce that I shall be a candidate for re-election to the office of Mayor at the election to be held next January, and respectfully solicit your votes and support. CHAS. E. REDFERN.

OUR WINDOW DISPLAY TO-DAY consists of the finest lot of Autoharps, Meloharps, Columbia Zithers, Etc. to be found in the city. A Most Suitable Xmas Present for Everyone. A sheet of music with every \$5 you spend, remember. M. W. Waitt & Co. 60 GOVERNMENT ST.

PIANO TUNER. GIDEON HICKS, who has changed his headquarters from Vancouver to Victoria, will attend promptly to orders left at F. N. Hibben & Co's Address, care Rev. J. F. Hicks, No. 6 Springfield Avenue, Victoria West.

Vancouver Island Building Society. The 100th drawing for an appropriation in the above society will be held at Sir William Wallace Society's hall, Broad St. on Monday, the 20th December, 1897, at 8 p.m. See that your shares are not in arrears. By order, R. WILLIAMS, Secy. P. O. Box 608. Satisfaction guaranteed.

WANTED—A girl to help in family. Apply Mrs. Bannerman, No. 16 St. Louis St. HOUSE WANTED—Will purchase a house and lot if price and terms are satisfactory. House must have not less than ten rooms, with all modern conveniences and be well situated. Address, with particulars, "Business," Times office. WATER'S Short Black Coats, all sizes. Gilmore & McCandless, oct26-17.

FOR SALE. WHITE CHILYANTHEMUM flowers for sale at Jay & Co's Nursery, Cook St. FOR SALE—My farm at Boundary Bay, near Ladysmith, 100 acres, cheap land, part upland and part bottom land, now run as a dairy farm, with cream separator, cattle and sheep; will be sold cheap in bloc or separate. Apply to Wm. McDowell, on the premises. dec16-17

FOR SALE—A two-story house on Broughton street, to be removed at once. Apply Victoria Transfer Co., Ltd., 21 Broughton street. dec16-17

FOR SALE OR TO LET—Or Richmond avenue, two-story house, eight rooms, all in good order; most desirable dwelling. Apply Dalby & Claxton, 64 Yates street. FOR SALE—Houses and vacant lots and business property, also farms and farming land, all for sale or lease on terms purchasing. A. W. More & Co., Real Estate Agents, 98 Government St. dec16-17

FOR SALE—Good sheep run on Cortes Island; excellent landing on property; three miles from shore. P. O. and school; price moderate. Apply Alex. Philip, Auctioneer, St. James street. dec16-17

FOR SALE—The fixtures, furniture and stock of the Hall Saloon, Fort street. Immediate possession given. Apply to A. W. Barnett, on the premises, or to Wm. Harrison, 62 and 64 Johnson street. aug12-17

TO LET. TO LET—Large front sunny bedroom, comfortably furnished. Call on the doctor. Terms moderate. E. L. Times office. dec16-17

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TO LET—Furnished room, suitable for single gentleman. Near Pandora car. Apply F. M., Box 284, City. dec16-17

FOR RENT—A nicely furnished room; 139 Fort street. dec16-17

TO LET—The Commercial Hotel, Douglas street. Apply K. Porter & Sons, Douglas street. AMUSEMENTS. RUGBY FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP—Victoria vs. Nanaimo Hornets, at Calcutta grounds, next Saturday, Dec. 2, 8:45 sharp. Admission 25 cents; grand stand free. dec16-17

GRAND TARGET and trap shooting match at Parson's Bridge on Thursday, December 17, for Turkeys, Geese and Ducking. Fig. LOST AND FOUND. LOST OR STOLEN—On the 15th inst., one large black and white dog named "Wanuck" part Newfoundland and part spitz-necked setter. Any person keeping him after this notice will be prosecuted. Wm. McDowell, 94 Superior street.

WOOD AND COAL. VICTORIA WOOD AND COAL YARD, corner Government and Discovery. All kinds of fuel for sale at lowest current rates. Your order solicited. Delivery free. Also steam wood sawing done. Telephone No. 149. A. C. Howe. ju16-17

DOUBLE SCREENED Household Coal, \$5 per ton of 2,000 lbs. weight guaranteed, delivered to any part of the city. King, manager, corner Fort and Broad streets. Telephone call 233. This coal is mined by the New Vancouver Coal Co., Ltd., Nanaimo, B.C. 216-17

MISCELLANEOUS. MRS. DR. C. C. CHAMBERS, the celebrated clairvoyant and Medium, Brunswick Hotel, Room 1. MONEY TO LOAN on first-class mortgage, repayable either in a lump sum or by a series of monthly payments. Term 3 to 12 years. A. W. More & Co., mortgage brokers, 98 Government Street. MISS HOWES, Test Medium, 124 Douglas street. Do you wish to know if you will succeed in the Klondike, or in any of your love affairs, consult her. She predicted the unsuccessful return of the steamer Bristol, and has located a large number of mining claims in the United States and British Columbia. Readings from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays. USE ADVERT FLOUR—A pure, fine whole wheat flour. E. J. Irving, 124 Douglas Avenue, sole agent. Orders taken at Speed Bros' grocery. dec-1-17

JOHN MAXWELL, DECEASED—All persons having claims or demands on the estate of John Maxwell, late of Burgoyne Bay, Salt Spring Island, B. C., are requested to send the particulars to Mr. James Maxwell, of Burgoyne Bay, Salt Spring Island, or Mr. James Lunnay of the same place, the executors. And all persons indebted to the estate are also requested to pay such debts to one of the executors above named. Dated 27th Nov., 1897. J. Irving & Puff, solicitors for executors, 2 Broughton St., Victoria, B. C. 2627

NOTICE OF REMOVAL—Dr. Frank Hall has removed to his new office building, No. 103 Yates street, just above Douglas street. nov25-17

REWARD—I will pay the sum of \$25 for the conviction of the party or parties who stole windows, locks, lead pipes and tape from house on corner of Humboldt and Rupert streets, Wm. Lang, 814 Yates street. nov23-17

A. & W. WILSON, PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS, Bell Hangers and Tinsmiths. Dealers in best descriptions of Heating and Cooking Stoves, Ranges, etc. Piping supplied at lowest rates. Broad street, Victoria, B.C. Telephone call 126.

MRS. DR. C. C. CHAMBERS, the celebrated clairvoyant and Medium, Clarence Hotel, Room 5. VETERINARY. R. F. TOLEMEY, VETERINARY SURGEON—Graduate Vet. Col., Member Ont. Vet. Med. Soc. Office at Dray's Livery 100 Johnson street. Telephone 182; residence telephone 417; calls promptly attended to day or night. Victoria, B.C.

SCAVENGERS. JULIUS WEST, GENERAL SCAVENGER, successor to John Dougherty. Yards and cesspools cleaned, contracts made for removing earth, etc. Office at Dray's Livery, 100 Johnson St., Fort street, Douglas street, will be promptly attended to. Office address, 59 YECORNE street. Telephone 182.

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family. Ap- St. Louis St. man a house are satisfi- not less than convenience use, with par- office. is, all staa. oct20-11

As good as the name—the "Nugget" cigar. J. C. Meiss & Co. See Captain Beach, the "man fish," at the Drill Hall to-morrow night.

Hotel Victoria, Victoria, strictly first-class. Rates \$2 upwards. Christmas books, albums, etc., at wholesale prices. Johnston Kirk block.

—Funding bowls from three to eleven inches at R. A. Brown & Co., 80 Douglas street. —CODFISH—Genuine Newfoundland, at R. H. Jameson's, 33 Fort street, Red Front Store.

—Specially opportune is this announcement—Partridge, 86 Yates street, is offering ladies' waterproofs at cost. —Pabst Bohemian, from Milwaukee, the finest beer the world ever produced, on draught at 5 cents per glass, at the Bank Exchange, the coolest, cleanest, cheapest restaurant in the city. Never closes.

—The pupils of the South Park school will meet at the school between 9 and 11 on Monday morning, bringing gifts for the poor. —A splendid stock of sporting goods just received direct from the best factories in England and the United States, comprising shot guns, rifles, shooting coats, etc., at Henry Short & Son's, Gun-makers, 72 Douglas street.

—The first of a series of entertainments to be given for the benefit of the Pastime Athletic Club will take place next Wednesday night. The club has secured Mr. Chas. E. Hand and his accomplished wife to provide the entertainment, which will be followed by a grand ball.

—The public schools closed to-day without any public exercises, although in most of the divisions there were recitations, etc. No promotion examinations having been held, there were no long promotion lists, but some of the pupils, who have shown their fitness during the term, will be promoted. Several of the classes presented their teachers with Christmas gifts.

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—The pupils of the South Park school will meet at the school between 9 and 11 on Monday morning, bringing gifts for the poor. —A splendid stock of sporting goods just received direct from the best factories in England and the United States, comprising shot guns, rifles, shooting coats, etc., at Henry Short & Son's, Gun-makers, 72 Douglas street.

—The first of a series of entertainments to be given for the benefit of the Pastime Athletic Club will take place next Wednesday night. The club has secured Mr. Chas. E. Hand and his accomplished wife to provide the entertainment, which will be followed by a grand ball.

—The public schools closed to-day without any public exercises, although in most of the divisions there were recitations, etc. No promotion examinations having been held, there were no long promotion lists, but some of the pupils, who have shown their fitness during the term, will be promoted. Several of the classes presented their teachers with Christmas gifts.

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WALSH IS STRANDED Yukon Administrator Lost a Large Part of His Outfit and is Waiting for Relief.

Men Coming Out From Dawson Have a Hard Time Along the Trail.

Another Eight Hundred Men Induced to go to Fort Yukon for Provisions.

The latest advices from Dawson City are not reassuring—in fact they put on an even worse face on the condition of things than did the reports brought out by Jack Dalton. There are also a number of men between Dawson and the lakes who are suffering untold hardships.

Included in these latter are Major Walsh, administrator of the Yukon district, and the members of his party, who lost a large portion of their provisions, while one member of the party named Freeman was drowned in the Lewis river.

These late advices were brought down by W. Kastner and George McLachlan, of Montana, who arrived here last evening on the Corona, having left Dawson on Nov. 3 in company with P. J. Holland, George Huth and William King. They followed along the bank of the river which they could not navigate on account of float ice, no solid ice being encountered until Lake Le Borge was reached. They started with 400 pounds on the sleds, but before they had gone far they had to discard their sleds, bedding, and everything that was not absolutely necessary.

When they passed Major Walsh, who is waiting at Big Salmon for his log trains to arrive from Skagway with a fresh supply of provisions, the thermometer registered from 52 to 70 below zero. Major Walsh has had an awful experience and Mr. Kastner says he will never get to Dawson. He lost two boats and a large portion of his provisions, and most of what he did save has been damaged.

Eight miles below Rink Rapids Kastner and his partner met another party in a bad predicament. He could not obtain their names, but they were coming out from Dawson. Two of them had crossed the river, and were unable to get back to their companions, who had all the provisions. When they crossed the ice was solid, but before they could get back it had frozen.

Another Kastner's party passed 30 men who were coming out. He had been able to make better progress than they on account of having discarded all unnecessary luggage. None of these men had more than enough provisions, and they were suffering severely from cold.

Just before Kastner left Dawson the government officials and the officers of the Alaska Commercial Company had managed to decrease the population of Dawson by another 800. This was done by promising all those who made the trip to Fort Yukon a stock of provisions free of charge. Of course there were some bull-headed enough to decline the offer, saying it was a scheme of the government to get them out of the country.

They seem to have a lingering hope that provisions will reach them by some means, but this is impossible for some months at least, for at present it is barely possible to make the trip with just enough provisions to last on the way. In Dawson there are already many men in the hospital, their sickness brought on by living on short rations.

Kastner thinks there are enough provisions to last for some time longer, but he is not sure. He is waiting for relief from the government, but he is not sure when it will come.

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LAUGHTER IN SOCIETY. "Has laughter gone out of fashion?" asked Sir Lewis in an address at the Forum on November 10th. Are we never to have the honest guffaw—the loud laugh, which, as the poet says, bespeaks the vacant mind?

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TRANSPORTATION.

CANADIAN PACIFIC NAVIGATION CO. (LIMITED.) Time Table No. 31, Taking Effect November 18th, 1897.

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

ESQUIMALT & NANAIMO R.Y. GOING NORTH. Daily Sa'y. Lv. Victoria for Nanaimo and Esquimalt 8:00 a.m.

ESQUIMALT & NANAIMO R.Y. GOING SOUTH. Daily Sa'y. Lv. Wellington for Victoria 8:00 a.m., Lv. Nanaimo for Victoria 8:15 a.m.

THE LIBRARY CAR ROUTE. ROCK BALLAST—NO DURT. GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY.

Pacific Coast Steamship Co. The Company's elegant steamers UTA OF PUEBLA, WALLA WALLA and CIMA TILLA, carrying H. B. M. mails, leave Victoria, B. C. for San Francisco, at 8 p.m. Dec. 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, Jan. 5, 10, 15, 20, Feb. 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, Mar. 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, Apr. 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, May 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, Jun. 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, Jul. 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, Aug. 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, Sep. 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, Oct. 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, Nov. 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, Dec. 5, 10, 15, 20, 25.

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THE MILITIA BALL

A Large Gathering of Dancers Attend the First Ball of the First Battalion.

A Gorgeous Affair—Splendid Decorations—First Class Music—Good Floor.

The members of the First Battalion of the Fifth Regiment are to be congratulated on the success of their first military ball. They well deserved the great success which attended their efforts...

The decorations were grand. All along the walls and galleries hanging of various colors completely enveloped everything, and with the evergreen border and the large panels made up of bayonets hung at intervals and shining with the reflection of the lights...

The supper room was at the upper end of the hall, being divided from the dancing room by a partition of flags and bunting. There were three tables, and the way that they were laden with inviting eatables for the dancers showed that the tables were strong or they must have collapsed.

The dancing began about 8:30 and about 700 couples joined in the grand march. The set of honor was made up as follows:

Serjt-Major Mulcahy and Lady Turpin. Sir C. H. Tupper and Mrs. Muteahy. Hon. C. E. Pooley and Mrs. Peters.

The beautiful decorations, the charming ladies with their handsome gowns, the somber black suits of the men, relieved by the uniforms, made a sight long to be remembered.

It was away in the wee sma' hours that the happy throng disbanded, tired, but all declaring that they had passed a most enjoyable evening. It was indeed a successful affair and the militiamen are to be congratulated.

STATEMENT FROM PALMA.

New York, Dec. 16.—T. Estrada Palma has given out a statement concerning a report from Havana that Dr. Domingo Mendez Capote was, after being elected president of Cuba, forced out by General Gomez and replaced by General Bartolome Masso. The statement says: "The election for president of the republic followed the revision of the constitution, and took place during the latter part of October. There were three candidates for president, General Maso, Dr. Capote and General Calixto Garcia. General Maso, who had been vice-president in the outgoing government, obtained a large vote and was consequently elected president of the republic. Dr. Capote was elected vice-president. It is entirely wrong to suppose that General Gomez could substitute presidents, convene assemblies or even suggest candidates. That power rests exclusively with the people of Cuba through their representatives elected and convened for the purpose."

SAN FRANCISCO IS HOPEFUL.

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—Whether this city secures the bulk of the Alaska trade or not, it is already evident that the Klondike excitement will greatly benefit the mercantile community. Heavy orders for supplies have already been closed. A few days ago the Alaska Commercial Company sent orders for 400,000 pounds of bacon, 200,000 pounds of ham, 200,000 pounds of lard and 16,000 cases of canned meats. Estimates on even larger quantities of provisions have been asked for by the Alaska Exploration Company, which expects to have fifteen steamers plying between San Francisco and Dawson next summer.

AN OFFICIAL WARNING.

Madrid, Dec. 16.—An official note has been issued describing as inventions intended to mislead the sinister rumors as to the relations between the United States and Spain, the supposed effect of President McKinley's message, the agitation in the army, the attack on the American consulate in Havana, and the report that filibusters, sunk the floating dock there. "It urges the people not to trust the foreign press and to rely on news directly emanating from Madrid and Havana."

The Most Prominent Are Fashionable.

Dyspepsia or indigestion has become a fashionable disease. There are very few individuals who have not at various times experienced the miserable feeling caused by defective digestion. No pen can describe the keen suffering of the body and the agony and anguish of mind endured by the dyspeptic. Dr. La Londe, of 236 Pine Avenue, Montreal, says: "When I ever run against chronic cases of dyspepsia I always prescribe Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills and my patients generally have quick relief."

Provincial News.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Miss Thornber, who died recently at Greenwood, opened the public school there in September, 1896, and had ever since been in charge of it. She was educated in New Westminster, where her parents still reside, and where, under Principal H. Strimburg, she took her High School course. Besides being very attentive to her day school duties, she taught in Sunday school in Greenwood, and unselfishly placed her musical ability at disposal, both in connection with church services and public entertainments. At the time she was 'taken ill, she had in hand the providing of a Christmas tree for the children of the town, a pleasant duty that must now develop upon others. She will be much missed, and her untimely death is sincerely mourned. The body was sent on Thursday, 7th inst., by special conveyance to Penitencio, whence it was to be shipped by steamer and C. P. R. to New Westminster, for burial in the city in which her girlhood was spent.

The Board of Licensed Commissioners met yesterday morning, when all the licenses were renewed, that of the Caldonian hotel being transferred to P. McMahon. The Mayor expressed the opinion that clubs should be inspected.

The closing exercises of the girls' division of the Central school were held yesterday.

Rev. M. H. McIntosh has accepted the call of the West Church and Knox Church congregations.

A man named Charles McManus, for some time engineer on the steamer Brunette, was found dead in the Elkhof house, yesterday afternoon.

A sneak thief who gave the name of W. McNeely, was arrested by Sergeant Dilworth on Tuesday night. The man stole some underclothing from a front street store, and when placed under arrest, made a daring dash for liberty, but was re-captured. He will be sentenced to-day.

The many friends of Mr. C. D. Peeler will regret to learn that he is seriously ill, and that he has to have an operation performed.

HYLAND-PHILIPS.

Details of the Nuptials of a Couple Well Known in Victoria.

The San Francisco Chronicle has the following regarding the wedding of Mr. John Hyland and Miss Winifred Phillips:

Miss Winifred Phillips, daughter of J. M. Phillips, the well known stone contractor of this city, was married last evening to John Hyland, of Victoria, and in a few days the happy young couple will start out on a honeymoon trip under circumstances as romantic as were ever conceived by the imagination of a novelist.

The young bridegroom is interested with his father in a number of trading posts on the Stickeen river and the frozen country in the interior that is tributary to Telegraph creek. This will be their destination when they start out on their bridal trip. The fair bride will abandon the silks and laces in which she looked so charming on her wedding night, for warmer garments of fur, and with her husband will brave the rigors and hardships of a journey by dog team up the frozen course of the Stickeen river in the dead of winter. They will sail from here on the 22nd inst. for Wrangell.

The rest of the journey will be on a dog sled, which is used and now awaits their arrival. Hyland made the trip many times before, and to him the journey over the frozen waters will be no new adventure. It will be a novel experience to Mrs. Hyland, however, although she looks forward to the strange bridal tour with fond anticipations. Comfortable quarters await them at Hyland's principal trading post on Telegraph creek, and they will have the inclemencies of the long winter.

The wedding ceremony was performed at the California street Methodist church at 8 o'clock last evening, in the presence of a large gathering of friends of the contracting parties. Rev. Samuel Hirst, of Vallejo, who was called in as an old friend of the bride's family, officiated, and was assisted by Rev. Dr. J. W. Phelps, pastor of the church. The bride was beautifully arrayed in a toilet of white satin and wore the usual veil and orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of bride's roses. The bridesmaid was Miss Jeanie Bonnemort, who looked very pretty in a costume of pink satin. She carried a bouquet of La France roses. Martin J. Egan was the best man.

The ceremony was followed by a wedding feast in the dining hall of the Russ House, where the health of the happy couple was generously toasted in fountains of champagne. Over fifty guests were at the enjoyable festivities, and the occasion was kept merry until a late hour.

ACTION AGAINST TRUST COMPANIES.

St. Louis, Dec. 16.—A fight to a finish is now on between the Attorney General of Missouri and the St. Louis Trust Company, the Union Trust Company, the Missouri Valley Trust Company of St. Louis. Some time ago the Attorney General applied to the Supreme Court for a writ of quo warranto to determine what right, if any, the trust companies involved had to do a bank business, the ultimate object being to deprive them of their characters.

Judge George A. Magill, of the Union Trust Company, on giving his testimony yesterday, said if the views held by Attorney General Crow were endorsed by the Supreme Court the trust companies could not remain in business.

The Attorney General holds that all the trust companies named are violating the law in doing what he terms a general banking business, as well as the business of a trust company, under a charter from the state to do the business of a trust company alone. A law was enacted in 1893 prohibiting trust companies from doing the general business of a banking establishment, and this is the basis of the present prosecution.

"Was that a man's valise or a woman's that the police found by the railway track?" asked the city editor.

"I dunno," answered the police report. "There was nothing in it but one of Yola's stories, a copy of 'The Dolly Dialogues,' a paper sack of caramels and a pack of cigarettes."—Indianapolis Journal.

A LARGE SYNDICATE

Sir Adolphe Caron of Ottawa Organizes a New One—It Will Operate in B. C.

Made Up of Leading Men and Has Strong Connections in England and France.

(From Rosland Miner.)

L. Davis, of London, Eng., the representative of one of the largest syndicates in British Columbia, left Toronto a few days since for this section and is expected to arrive here shortly. He is the mining expert of the North Star Milling & Development Company, Limited, of Ottawa. This company has been formed by Sir Adolphe Caron. It is associated with a Parisian syndicate and also a London syndicate. Mr. Davis' mission to this section is to examine mines that have been offered for sale to this company.

The Canadian company is composed of Sir Adolphe Caron, president; Hon. Lyman M. Jones, president of the Massey-Harris Co. of Toronto, first vice-president; Richard P. Lounsbury, of New York, non-in-law of Haggin, the largest stockholder of the Anaconda mine, second vice-president; directors, Sir J. A. Chapleau, lieutenant-governor of Quebec; Hon. Francis G. Cernow, of Ottawa; A. M. Crockett, Toronto; J. A. Carlow, president of the Canadian Savings Loan & Investment Company, Toronto; D. C. Corbin, president Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway; E. B. Gravenaugh, G. J. Gould, New York; Harold Kennedy, lumberman, Quebec; Hon. Jas. O'Brien, Montreal; J. W. Mellae, Ottawa, Ont.; Thomas Marks, Port Arthur; W. A. Charles, Toronto; S. Nordheim, Toronto; Duncan Ross, St. Catharines; James Smith, Montreal; A. Talbot, acting treasurer; Thomas Walmsley, Toronto; Dr. Sewell Webb, New York; Hon. Peter White and W. R. White, Q.C., Toronto; and Hon. J. H. Turner, premier of British Columbia; A. H. Boves, Toronto, acting secretary. The bankers are the Bank of Montreal.

The Canadian syndicate is in direct touch with the Parisian syndicate, composed of La Banque de Paris et des Pays Bas, the largest bank after La Banque de France, La Banque Internationale de Paris, La Compagnie Francaise des mines d'or et d'exploration de Paris, which works in sympathy with the company of exploration of London. These two companies have had more than any other to do with the large mines of the world.

The London syndicate associated with the Canadian syndicate is composed of the Colonial Mines Exploration Company, Limited, John Morrison and T. S. Marshall.

Mr. Davis, in a recent conversation with an Ottawa correspondent, said: "I have been all my life in mining operations, beginning with the drill and ending as a practical expert. In 1893, 1894 and 1895 I was in the Transvaal and Matabeland; after that I went to West Australia, thence to Brazil, and on my return from Brazil I came out here. I was travelling in the interests of the Compagnie Francaise des mines d'or et d'exploration, 20 Rue Tarbout, Paris, and the Exploration Company, 11 Cornhill in Europe. I have also had something to do with the Calumet mine in Venezuela. I only arrived in Canada on October 22, and have been engaged in Nova Scotia looking over the various properties submitted by the North Star Company. I leave to-night for British Columbia to inspect properties offered to the company. I am the expert of the syndicate which is partner in the European syndicate. A strong syndicate of men who are not going to risk money, except on most excellent ground will secure only the best mines being floated. The company will investigate fully before securing any rights."

NO ROOM FOR DYSPEPSIA.

Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets Prevent Its Existence.

Humanity has been afflicted with Dyspepsia, indigestion and other stomach diseases, since the world began. But until lately, there were no Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets to cure these complaints. In years gone by, people had to suffer from Dyspepsia, etc. To-day there is no more need to do so than there is for a millionaire to starve with hunger. Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets cure Dyspepsia as quickly as the millionaire's dollars buy his food.

There is nothing boastful in this assertion. Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets cannot help curing these diseases. They cannot possibly have any other effect, once they are taken into the stomach.

The ingredients of Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets form the same digestive agent that a healthy, vigorous stomach supplies. Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets digest the food, in short.

If all the food you eat is thoroughly digested, you cannot possibly be afflicted by Dyspepsia, indigestion, nor any other stomach disorder. That is plain.

Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets prevent the existence of these diseases returning after the Tablets have once cured them.

The smaller Tablets that go with each box of Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets are the most perfect agent known, for regulating the bowels.

Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets—each box containing a full double treatment, can be procured at all drug stores, or will be sent to any address, on receipt of the price, 50 cents a box, by the Dodd's Medicine Company, Limited, Toronto.

I write this to let you know what I would not do: I would not do without Chamberlain's Pain Balm in my house if it cost \$5 per bottle. It does all you recommend it to do, and more.—J. B. Wallace, Wallaceville, Ga. Chamberlain's Pain Balm is the best household liniment in the world, and invaluable for rheumatism, lame back, sprains and bruises. Be ready for emergencies by buying a bottle at Langley & Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

MUNICIPAL NOTICE.

Real Property Tax Sale By-Law, 1897.

List of Lands and Improvements within the corporation of the City of Victoria, to be sold for Taxes and Costs on the 27th day of December, 1897, at the City Hall, Victoria, at 12 o'clock, noon, in pursuance of "The Victoria Real Property Tax Sale By-Law, 1897," unless in the meantime the arrears of Taxes, Interest and Costs due in respect of each Lot in the Schedule hereunder written be paid.

Table with columns: Lot, Block, Section, Land and Improvements, Assessed Owner, Registered Owner. Lists various property lots and owners for tax sale.

City Treasurer and Collector's Office, City Hall, Victoria, B. C. November 24th, 1897.

CHAS. KENT, Collector of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, B.C.

JNO. MESTON

Re Estate of Squire Hilton, Deceased. All persons having claims against the above estate are requested to present the same to the undersigned within ten days from date. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate settlement.

J. G. HILTON, Administrator. 10th, 1897.

Carriage Maker BLACKSMITH, ETC.

Broad street, between Johnson and Panders streets.

ESTABLISHED 1894.

Victoria Loan Office.

42 JOHNSON ST.

MONEY TO LOAN

On any approved security. Business strictly confidential. Private entrance, Oriental Alley. F. LANDBERG, Proprietor. P.O. Box 505.

NOTICE

Application will be made to the Parliament of Canada during its next session, for an act to incorporate the British Pacific Railway Company, with power to construct a railway from Victoria, British Columbia, to Winnipeg, Manitoba, via Bala, Inlet, Carleton Place, and Prince Albert, and a branch line through the Assiniboia and Yukon districts and a branch down the valley of the Grand Staircase and Kootenay Rivers to the 49th parallel of latitude, with power to purchase, lease, amalgamate or make running arrangements with existing lines or companies on the line of the proposed railway or connecting therewith, Montreal, 16th November, 1897.

GEM RESTAURANT.

Opposite New Central Building, VICTORIA. Meals 15c. and upwards. Satisfaction Guaranteed. ALIX. LIPSKY, Prop.

