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- Ladies' Jackets, regular \$4.75, 5.75, 6.50, etc. all at \$1.50
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- Black and Navy Serges, Black Dress Goods and all other lines reduced in proportion.
- Mantle Cloths and Cape Cloths included in this sale.

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for Good-Bye to 1896



We wish to thank our many friends who have been pleased to patronize us in '96. We will exert our every effort to please our patrons in '97. We want you to understand that we are in a position to take advantage of fluctuations in market values; that we work on a small margin of profit and give you the benefit of our experience and purchases. We shall follow the ups and downs closely and keep you posted every week. Our low prices are the fruits of well bought goods and the power of money.

"Wealth's wasteful tricks I will not learn.  
Nor see the glittering upstart fool;  
Shall not carved tables serve my turn,  
But all must be of burl!  
Give grasping pomp its double share,  
I ask but one recumbent chair."

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Without seeing the immense range of Ties, Umbrellas, Lounging Jackets, Gloves, Handkerchiefs and Mufflers in the very latest and noblest goods that are showing you will make a blunder that will cause regret. If you are going to give a present to the West it is no more costly than the old, and is much more appreciated. The best place to buy them is at

Geo. R. Jackson's  
57 Government Street.

### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WANTED—Baby buggy, in good order. Address, stating terms, "A. O. C." Times office, c-28-21

THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY OF B.C. needs his evening at 8 o'clock in the Provincial Library, Mr. J. Lewis will read a paper on a Chinese calendar found in Howe Creek, Canada, in 1883. d-28-11

WANTED—An errand boy. Apply by letter to C. E. Hodder, 43 Government St. d-28-11

LOST—Black and tackle, on 28th Dec. between corner Alfred street and Fernwood road and Oak Bay Junction. Reward for return to Brackman & Co. Milling Co. d-28-11

DON'T FORGET the farewell 25-cent Year Social Dance on New Year's Eve in 33 U. W. Hall. An excellent supper will be provided. The Fifth Regiment, 1000 strong, by permission of Lieut.-Col. Gregory and Officers, will supply the music. Tickets 25c each. d-28-21

LOST—A black cooker spaded eight months old; last seen on Quebec street on Christmas day. Any one returning same will be rewarded. C. E. Hodder. d-28-11

NOW is your time to get your piano tuned for Christmas—just as the London left at Fischer Brothers' music store, near Post Office. d-28-11

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One Night Only.

Wednesday, Feb. 3, 97

## ALBANI

### GRAND OPERATIC CONCERT

Including the Third and Fifth Acts of Gounod's

## "FAUST."

Act III.—The Garden Scene,  
Act V.—The Prison Scene.

The scenes from the opera and costumes are under the direction of Messrs. N. Vert and A. E. Harris, of London, Eng., and Montreal.

### ARTISTS:



### MADAME ALBANI,

Prima Donna.  
Miss Cecily Robinson, Mezzo Soprano  
M. D'Emprerie Pringle, Tenor  
Mr. Branton Smith, Tenor  
Miss Beatrice Langley, Solo Violinist  
Signor Seppilli, Conductor.

The scenes from the opera under the direct supervision of

### Ernest Gye, Esq.,

Late Lessee and Manager of the Royal Italian Opera, Covent Garden, London.

Prices: Reserved Seats, \$3, 2.50, 2 and \$1.50

To insure the appearance in Victoria of the famous Prima Donna, MADAME ALBANI, supported by her celebrated company of Artists in Grand Operatic Concert, and to guarantee subscribers a choice of seats at the advertised prices, thus frustrating the operation of speculators, the public are invited to subscribe to, and select their seats for this Concert to be held on February 2nd, 1897, provided a sufficient number of subscribers can be assured; subscriptions payable on opening day of sale, which will be duly advertised.

Speculation in seats will be strictly discountenanced, the management reserving the right of refusing to accept signatures for seats evidently intended for such purpose.

General Admission will be open for sale on Tuesday

Tuesday Morn'g, Dec. 29, at 9 a.m.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Alderman Thomas J. O'Malley, of the Twenty-second ward, was today indicted by the grand jury for the murder of Julius Colander on election night in November, 1894. O'Malley's indictment has created a sensation. He was elected to the council last spring with the indorsement of the Municipal State League and has a good record.

### IMPERATIVE DEMAND

The Sultan Must Enforce Reforms or the Powers Will Take Charge of Turkey

Abdul Hamid Holding Out as Long as Possible Against the Ambassadors.

Armenian Prisoners Being Released in Asia Minor and Constantinople.

Constantinople, Dec. 28.—The Russian ambassador, M. De Nelldoff, on Saturday acting in concert with the representatives of Great Britain, France, Italy, Germany and Austria, had another audience with the Sultan. The Russian diplomat began by warning the Sultan and the Turkish government if the revenues ceded for payment of the Turkish debt were touched, European control of the finances of the empire would become inevitable. M. de Nelldoff further informed Abdul Hamid that the Czar had guaranteed his personal safety and engaged himself to maintain the Sultan's supremacy, in the event of severe measures being necessary on the part of the powers. The Sultan, however, remained obdurate as far as consenting to concede to any measure of control by the powers, financial or otherwise. To this the Russian ambassador replied that the condition of the Turkish empire placed the throne and caliphate in imminent peril. Thereupon Abdul Hamid remarked, impressively: "I may be the last caliph, but I will never become the second khedive." In addition to these warnings M. de Nelldoff sent a note to the Turkish government and palace and the utmost significance is attached to it in diplomatic circles. He pointed out the precise terms and the necessity for the Sultan following the advice of the powers, who are acting in complete agreement on their plans for improving the situation, and warning them since more that the Sultan's refusal to do so would involve disagreeable consequences. The ambassadors of the powers will meet in future twice a week until they complete their recommendations. The envoys are acting together and will henceforth maintain the strictest secrecy regarding their deliberations or any action taken or contemplated, not even informing envoys of other powers as to the decision reached. These latest steps on the part of the powers are once again reported to have produced a profound impression in the Yildia Kiosk. In pursuance of the amnesty decree, Armenian prisoners in Asia Minor and this city and vicinity are being released in bunches of five.

### ATLANTIC & PACIFIC.

The Company is Given Thirty Days in Which to Settle up.

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—The final decree of foreclosure and sale of the Atlantic and Pacific railroad was filed in the United States circuit court on Saturday. This is the last of a series of similar decrees which have been made in suits between the same parties and for the same action in every district in which the insolvent Atlantic & Pacific has property. It is ordered that unless \$2,582,843.16 is paid by the railroad to its debtors within thirty days the entire property shall be sold at auction at Gallup, Bernalillo county, New Mexico. The foreclosure proceedings were instituted by the United States Trust Company, of New York, to cover the interest on an issue of bonds. The bonds were in two sets aggregating \$16,000,000, with interest at 6 per cent, payable annually. The issue was held in trust by the Mercantile Trust Company, and was known as the mortgage on the western division of the railroad. A second issue, with terms similar to the first, was taken by the Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Company. The suit came up in the United States circuit court in this city on October 5, 1896, before Judge Ross, who appointed Owen N. Marron to take testimony in the case at Los Angeles. Marron has filed his report, and consequent thereupon Judge Ross has filed

### The British-Canadian Gold Fields Co., (Limited)

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CAPITAL \$2,500,000.

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

The British-Canadian Gold Fields Co. (Limited) has advanced the price to \$10 about January 1st, 1897. The company has acquired several valuable properties, such as the Valley Group, on North Fork of Salmon; The Rothschild Group, near boundary line; The Lewis in Greenwood Camp; also a valuable property near Kaslo. We have the special handling of the treasury stocks of the Home-ake, the E. E. Lee, Field of Erie, the Red Mountain, View of Broadland and the Gibson Milling and Mining Company.

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the decree just mentioned. The bonds, aggregating \$12,000,000, delivered to the Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Company, have been decided to be subordinate to the first issue. It has been decided by the court that after the proceeds of the sale have been received the complainants distribute to the holders of the first mortgage bonds \$83,823.50, the first balance due. It is further ordered that unless the debt of the railroad be paid within thirty days, the sale shall take place as above mentioned, the proceeds to be used in the liquidation of the debts of the corporation.

### ATLAS BANK.

Other Concerns Show Their Confidence by Offering Assistance.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—William D. C. Grannis, president of the Atlas National Bank, which institution, as announced in these dispatches, is to go into voluntary liquidation, has been identified with the banking interests of Chicago largely for a quarter of a century. His reputation for business sagacity and integrity has been everywhere acknowledged. In the present condition of affairs Mr. Grannis enjoys the confidence and esteem of every banker in Chicago and their offer of liquidation is an evidence of the confidence reposed in him. Mr. Grannis is 70 years old. He was born at Hatley, province of Quebec, and came to Chicago in 1852.

### THE REAL ASSASSINS

Mme. Stambouloff Denounces Government Who Planned Death of Her Husband.

Summoned as a Witness, She Demands That the Real Assassins be Tried.

Sofia, Bulgaria, December 28.—Last night Mme. Stambouloff, widow of the murdered ex-president of Bulgaria, whose alleged assassins are on trial here before the mixed tribunal which is hearing the case. Mme. Stambouloff, when the trial commenced, declined to attend, but in response to repeated requests she attended the sitting of the court yesterday, dressed in the deepest mourning, a long black veil concealing her features. When her name was called profound silence fell upon the assemblage. The widow rose and shaking with passionate emotion she said: "You may insist upon my presence, I am here. I have nothing to say because I do not see arraigned before your honorable court those who are known to be the real assassins of my late husband. You know them, Mr. President, and you, too, Mr. Prosecutor-General. Is it not so? You know them and all the world does. Where are they? I don't see them here." Then with a gesture full of fire and indignation the unfortunate lady exclaimed, pointing to the alleged murderers of her husband: "Acquit these miserable people. Summon before you the really guilty men, who are at present the government. I have nothing to add; I will now withdraw."

These utterances of the grief-stricken widow of the great statesman, known as the Bismarck of Bulgaria, who was literally hacked and shot in the streets of this city on July 15, 1895, and who died on July 18th after his hands had been amputated, caused the deepest impression upon the audience, which was composed of people belonging to the higher rank of society.

The presiding judge, prosecutor-general, public prosecutor, or counsel for the defence, were dumbfounded and unmoved by the terrible earnestness of the black-clad female figure, who so forcibly denounced the methods employed in seemingly punishing the murderers of her husband, that they were unable to put a single question to her. She left the court room, a living picture of grief, demanding vengeance from a tribunal from which she knew too well, but little or nothing was to be expected. The tragic address of Mme. Stambouloff was a matter of general comment in the government newspapers to-day. But the key note of their remarks, taken from the leading organ of Prince Ferdinand, is that the wife and friends of Stambouloff ought to have taken measures for his protection, who the government newspapers add, "labored under mental derangement, or was so convinced of his own misdeeds that he sought death in the streets."

### ORIENTAL ADVICES.

Two New Japanese Lines to Run Across the Pacific.

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—The steamship Peru arrived from Honolulu and Yokohama. Although these ports have been declared infected the steamer was not quarantined on arrival here as she had a clean bill of health. The Peru brings the following Oriental news: One of the Corvans who was recently arrested at Seoul on the charge of espionage from the Russian legation, where his majesty is now seeking shelter, is reported to have been executed without trial.

The China Gazette states that a severe famine prevails in Chuan Tung Szechuen province owing to the disastrous floods, which ruined the crops. There have been many lives lost.

Yokohama merchants have applied to the government for charters for two new steamship lines, one to run from Hongkong to San Francisco and the other between Yokohama and San Francisco via Honolulu and Vancouver.

### BISHOPS' MANDATE

Excommunication of Those Who Head L'Electeur Looked for by the Politicians.

Likely to Lead to Serious Trouble in the Eastern Provinces—Ottawa's Election.

Papers in Connection With the Election of Boyd in Macdonald, sent West.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—(Special)—The excommunication of those who read L'Electeur in the province of Quebec was looked for here by leading French Liberals, who have been watching the trend of affairs between the bishops and the politicians. It is expected that this action will assist in the provincial elections—the course which Bishops Labreque, Lafleche, Blais, Gravel and Begon have taken. The country is face to face with a crisis and the people will be asked whether there is to be civil and religious liberty in the country. This is the plain view French and English-speaking politicians take of the matter here. They do not think the people will decide with such inexperienced men as Bishops Labreque and Blais, nor with old and infirm men like Bishops Lafleche and Gravel, whose names are familiar all over Canada in connection with the Manitoba school case, and Bishop Begon. It is well known here that the articles for which L'Electeur has been condemned were written by priests. It is also well known that David's book had been approved by theologians at Rome. The Liberals now have clear ground to work upon. They will require to fight for civil and religious liberties, relying upon all free men to support them in this course. The French-Canadians who are anxious for liberty will be obliged to look to the future and take their children from those institutions which are under the control of the bishops.

James G. Foley, deputy clerk of the crown in chancery, left to-day for Winnipeg with all the ballots, papers, etc., in connection with Boyd's election. It is important that someone should go from here to testify to the condition in which the papers were received from the returning officer.

(By Associated Press)

Montreal, Dec. 28.—Great indignation is being expressed among the better class of French-Canadians without regard to party about the excommunication of L'Electeur, the principal French-Canadian Liberal organ in Canada. Picaud, the proprietor, has dispatched lawyers to Rome to make an appeal to the propoganda, but as the excommunication for the present virtually kills the paper among the Catholic masses, another French Liberal paper, The New paper will be called La Revanche.

The trouble caused by the excommunication of L'Electeur of Quebec by the Quebec bishops is spreading. La Patrie of this city comes out with a two-column defiance of the Catholic church in which it calls upon Liberal Catholics to revolt. It calls the excommunication the beginning of a war to the death and offers itself and its financial and intellectual resources to aid in the war. The article was written by the proprietor of the paper, ex-Mayor Beaugrand, member of the legion of honor, while ill in bed this morning.

Quebec, Dec. 28.—La Soleil, the new French-Canadian Liberal paper which has taken the place of L'Electeur, came out this morning. It was sent to all the subscribers of L'Electeur under another name. This shows the plan of campaign which the Catholic Liberals intend to inaugurate against the hierarchy. Should the bishops excommunicate La Soleil they will drop that and immediately start another paper. The bishops had done the church more harm among the French-Canadian people than any previous act of theirs.

Ottawa News.

Ex-Ald. Crannell, Ald. Cluff and ex-Ald. Bingham were nominated for the majority here to-day. There will be a contest in every ward for the aldermanic seats.

The attention of the government has been called to the fact that the two-cent post card used in communicating with foreign countries contravenes the regulations of the Postal Union. One of the infractions complained of was the bearing of the address on the front of the card instead of the back. The British American Bank Note Company. A new plate was therefore prepared to replace the present one. It is of a neat design, with the objectionable frills removed. The color of the stamp and printing has been changed from green to madder red, similar to the three-cent stamp. As soon as the present supply of post cards is exhausted the new one will be issued.

If you're looking for toys call and inspect the stock of A. Barker, 122 Yates street. The very newest mechanical toys; no old stock. Prices the lowest.



EUROPE AND CUBA

Great Britain Advised to Offer Her Good Offices to Spain and the States.

Colonies to Take Part in the Big Celebration Next Year—Other Events.

London, Dec. 26.—The attitude of the United States towards Cuba continues to be the engrossing subject of discussion in political circles here and on the continent. The crisis has revived recollections in Paris of the ill-fated Mexican expedition, and interviews in this connection with the imperialists, Gen. Boulanger and M. Combes, and others have appeared in the French Press. Ex-Queen Isabella of Spain, is quoted as having expressed the belief that the ideal of Napoleon III. was the union of the Latin element as a counterpoise to the immense spread of Anglo-Saxon influence. Her Majesty is reported to have said:

"The failure of the Mexican expedition personally disquieted me in the direction of Cuba. You may add that tentative negotiations for the purchase of Cuba began before my abdication, and revived at the moment when Spain was crippled and harassed by international struggles."

The leading London weeklies devote much space to the Cuban situation. The Statist thinks there is very little prospect that Spain will soon be able to assert her authority in Cuba, and urges Great Britain, with or without the consent of some great European powers, to offer her good offices to the United States and Spain. The Statist attaches little importance to the general continental objection that the United States' right of interference would be dangerous to every European government's possessions in America, and says:

"Unless one or more of the great powers are prepared to forcibly oppose American intervention, a mere verbal objection will not carry weight. In case of war Spain will be absolutely ruined in the end. The best friend of Spain is he who tries to induce her to come to some arrangement in time."

Comment has been provoked by the feeling shown at the London County Council's recent meeting, when the chairman of the public works committee suggested that tenders for new fire engines be invited from America. The proposal was received with a howl of disapproval, showing that "made in America" is apparently regarded by the members of the council with equal aversion to "made in Germany."

It is understood that Joseph Chamberlain, the secretary of state for the colonies, has arrived at an important agreement regarding the part which the colonies are to play in the celebration next year of the Queen's reign, having exceeded in length that of any other English sovereign, and he will make a statement in the house of commons early in the coming session.

It is stated in Canadian circles that the proposal of the Toronto navy league, that the royal navy be recruited from colonial as well as home seamen, has been coolly received by the imperial authorities. Naval experts are credited with seeing many difficulties in carrying out the scheme, and according to the Manchester Guardian, they are doubtful of the alleged abundance of good material in the colonies, even in the case of the seafaring population of Newfoundland. It is not thought that the colony would yield the class of men needed for the navy, while in other colonies it is said the men likely to volunteer would be of very indifferent stuff.

It is announced as a result of a conference between the Belgian minister of marine and the company, which has undertaken to build the canal which is to make Brussels a seaport, that work on the proposed new water route to the Belgian capital will be commenced early in 1897.

The dispute between the Italian government and Prince Sciarra, respecting the latter's right of sending out Italian masterpieces of his art gallery, has been finally settled. A sensation was caused some time ago by the prince secretly disposing of several important paintings. According to the new agreement the prince presents the nation with about a dozen chefs d'oeuvre, and in return the embargo placed upon the sale of the others will be removed.

Christmas day here was snatching and was quietly spent. Many of the old customs were followed out in the true spirit of the English Christmas. At Queen's College, Oxford, the ancient ceremony of bringing in the boat's head was solemnly gone through in the presence of the university deans. At Rochester poor travellers enjoyed the Watts charity, in the shape of a good, old-fashioned dinner and a present of fourpence. In Liverpool 20,000 hotpots were given to the poor, and the impoverished people of this city were well cared for through thousands of free breakfasts, dinners, etc., in many parts of the metropolis. In the London workhouse 104,553 papers enjoyed the Christmas celebration, particularly the beer and tobacco features, and 4022 hospital patients were made as comfortable as possible under the circumstances.

It develops that Hubert Crackenthorpe, the author, who mysteriously disappeared in Paris during the month of October, and whose body has been found in the Seine, committed suicide in a fit of frenzy on receiving a letter from his wife announcing her intention of commencing divorce proceedings. It is believed that he jumped into the Seine from the Pont Concord after wandering all night in the Champs Elysee. The London newspapers say he was lately much in company with the wife of a leading London actor. The titles of some of his works, "A Dead Woman," "The Struggle for Life," etc., would seem to indicate that he was of a morbid turn of mind.

Another action for breach of promise will occupy the attention of the law courts at the next session. The plaintiff in the case is Miss Mabel Duncan, an actress now appearing at Daly's theatre in the "Gelsa," who sues Captain

Arthur Bingham Crabbe, late of the Third and Eighth Hussars, and now of the Fourth Battalion Royal Irish Regiment. The damages were fixed at ten thousand pounds. Miss Duncan is an exceedingly pretty young woman, who has had but a limited experience upon the stage. She is 18 years of age and daughter of Adam Seymour Dixon Duncan, who under the name of "Mr. Kilbooth," formerly owned the race horse Euclid. His disastrous experience on the turf led him to desert his family, and his daughter took to the stage as a means of support. Miss Duncan is related on her mother's side to the Earl of Breadalbane and the Earl of Lauderdale. Arrangements have been completed whereby the "Wishing Cup," the new comedy by Wilson Barrett and Elwyn Baron, is to be taken into the provinces by Cosmo Stewart, the young actor. Should the production be successful, the comedy will probably follow the run of the "White Elephant" at the Comedy.

"Rosemary" will have its last presentation for the present at the Criterion theatre to-night. Monday's "Baby," F. C. Burnard's adaptation of "Bebe," is to be revived for a few weeks in order that Charles Wyndham may have a vacation. On his return "Rosemary" will again be played until Parker & Carson's new comedy "Change Alley," is ready. Robert Buchanan's new nautical piece is "Ye Mariners of England." It will be tried in the provinces by Herbert Heath, preparatory to its production at the Metropolitan. The scene is the death of Nelson.

The great musical farce entitled "Stolen" will be presented at the Avenue theatre next week. The first act takes place in a west end drawing room, the second in the shop of a theatrical costumer, and the third act in a room above the shop for rehearsals.

The "Sorrows of Satan" is a production at the Shaftsbury Theatre for Saturday evening, January 9.

Birdie Netherland, who was recently awarded five thousand pounds in her breach of promise suit against the Hon. Dudley Majoribanks, son of Lord Tweedmouth, has invested three thousand pounds of the amount in good securities from which she derives a comfortable income. The remainder was promptly laid out with leading Bond street jewelers.

An interesting sale of autographs occurred at the Sotheby rooms on Tuesday and Wednesday. Among these were a long series of letters from Nelson to Lady Hamilton; an unpublished letter of Lord Chancellor Bathurst to Lord North, wherein he says: "Write a conciliatory letter to Sir W. Howe to save us from the destruction hanging over us;" General Burgoyne to Lord North, from Boston, October 10, 1775; letters of Ferdinand and Isabella, Lord Howe, Longfellow, John Quincy Adams, Chester A. Jefferson, Andrew Jackson, James Millson, James Buchanan, Mark Twain, R. E. M. Millard Fillmore, Jefferson Davis, General Longstreet, General Forrest, John Hancock, Carlyle, Dickens, Tennyson, Mendelssohn, Sir Francis Drake, Voltaire, Walpole, Darwin, Napoleon, Washington Irving, Jenny Lind, Joseph Bonaparte, David Garrick and scores of others.

CRUSOE'S ISLAND.

Mariners Declare That the Fabled Island Has Been Destroyed.

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—A few weeks ago a vessel putting in at Lisbon, after a trip around Cape Horn, reported the destruction by volcanic action of Juan Fernandez Island, famous as the fabled home of Robinson Crusoe. The master claimed to have seen the catastrophe from the deck of his vessel. The report was not given credence at the time by scientific men, and many denials were printed in the papers and magazines. But Capt. Powles, of the British ship James Kerr, now in port, asserts that the story is generally believed by seafaring men all over the world. The James Kerr recently arrived from Newcastle, New South Wales, where she was laid up four months on account of a coal mine strike. "Capt. Powles met a very large number of master mariners there, and says that the destruction of the island was a matter of common gossip among them. The captain himself has not passed within sight of the island since September, 1880, when he secured an excellent photograph of it from the deck of his ship. He says that some of the captains who arrived in Newcastle while he was there verified the report that the island was missing."

ROUGH PASSAGES.

Arrival of the British Ships Simla and May Flint at Frisco.

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—The British ships Simla and May Flint dropped anchor in the harbor on Thursday after a terrible voyage up the west coast of South America, in which the Simla was roughly handled and nearly wrecked and the Flint lost a man in a heavy sea, which swept the deck from stem to stern. The Simla comes from Liverpool, which port she left 124 days ago, and the Flint was 155 days out from New York. Apparently the vessels got into the same heavy gale, which is reported by both masters to have been the most severe experienced by them in many years.

On Sept. 22, when in latitude 34 degrees south, longitude 47 degrees west, the Simla encountered a very heavy gale which lasted three days. On the 25th a big sea broke over the deck disabling five men. The injured sailors were in their bunks for more than a week. On October 2, in latitude 45 degrees south, longitude 52 degrees west, a series of violent gales were encountered, lasting several days. Heavy seas broke over the deck continually, washing away the forecastle doors. The boats were washed off the forward deck. The ship labored heavily in seas that constantly flooded her decks to the rail, some of them passing clear over her.

"My boy was all crippled up and suffered awfully with rheumatism," writes Mrs. H. Wells, of Chesky, Ont. He also had a touch of diabetes. The doctors could do him no good, but Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills completely cured him."

Sold by all dealers and Edmanston, 245 St. St. Toronto, Ont. When all other remedies fail Dr. Chase's Liniment and Turpentine will cure the worst chronic cold. 25 cents.

Bank

President Isaac Lewis of Sabina, Ohio, is highly respected all through that section. He has lived in Clinton Co. 75 years, and has been president of the Sabina Bank 20 years. He gladly testifies to the merit of Hood's Sarsaparilla, and what he says is worthy attention. All brain workers find Hood's Sarsaparilla peculiarly adapted to their needs. It makes pure, rich, red blood, and from this comes nerve, mental, bodily and digestive strength. "I am glad to say that Hood's Sarsaparilla is a very good medicine, especially as a blood purifier. It has done me good many times. For several years I suffered greatly with pains of

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in one eye and about my temples, especially at night when I had been having a hard day of physical and mental labor. I took many remedies, but found help only in Hood's Sarsaparilla which cured me of rheumatism, neuralgia and headache. Hood's Sarsaparilla has proved itself a true friend. I also take Hood's Pills to keep my bowels regular, and like the pills very much."—ISAAC LEWIS, Sabina, Ohio.

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Alpha Rubber Co., Montreal.

THE MAILS ROBBED.

And the Thieves Got Away—Letters Dropped From a Steamer.

New York, Dec. 28.—The World publishes the following: Several business firms have wondered why important letters, collecting large sums of money, had been delayed in the mails. They have received their letters but not the enclosures, stained with the waters of the bay in which they had been tossed for two or three days before being picked up. The letters had been opened, the money inside transmitted by the firm's correspondents in Chicago, Cincinnati, San Francisco, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh taken out, after which the thieves had dropped the letters in the bay. Investigation made at the postoffice confirmed the story. The robbery is evidently one of the largest and cleverest ever known in the history of the department, and the total loss reaches thousands of dollars. The postoffice officials admit this much, but decline for official reasons to say anything further.

It was learned that the mail bags were stolen in a depot in this city from a western express that reached here Tuesday; that the letters were carried away, and that the thieves boarded an outgoing steamer and are now on their way to Europe or to one of the southern ports.

"All that I am at liberty to tell" said Postmaster Dayton, "is that these letters were found in the bay just off Coney Island, having been dropped by an outgoing steamer. That is all we can tell at present. There has been a robbery and the post office inspectors have the case in hand."

MOR LAW.

No Less Than Seven Men Lynched in Kentucky Within a Week.

Owensboro, Ky., Dec. 28.—Alfred Holt, colored, alias Alexander, who murdered Police Officer A. White, was taken from jail by a mob Saturday morning and hanged to a tree. The mob knocked at the jail doors, and informed Deputy Jailor John Ashby, Jr., that they had a prisoner which wished to lock up. Thus thrown off his guard, Ashby opened the door, only to face two big revolvers. He was overpowered and the keys taken from him.

Pleading for life, Holt was taken out of jail to the court-house yard. He was given ample time to pray. Then a rope was placed around his neck and he was swung high in the air, and in ten minutes he was strangled to death. Then the mob mounted horses in neighboring streets and alleys and left town as quietly as they came.

Holt's crime was committed the morning after election. White was killed with his own pistol, taken from his pocket by Geo. Basket, a negro, and handed to Holt. Holt's trial began this week, and the commonwealth rested Thursday, after producing conclusive evidence of the negro's guilt.

Including Holt, seven men have met death at the hands of mobs in Kentucky in about a week. Last Saturday Henry Findley was called on the door near Mayfield, and shot to death by masked men. Two days before the three Proctors were victims of a mob in Logan county, two being hanged and the other shot in his cell. Sunday night Jim Stone was lynched at Mayfield, at a guarantee of safety had been made by citizens. Tuesday night Will Snett, a negro boy, was brutally shot to death near Mayfield.

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FATAL RESULTS

Explosion of Fire Damp in the Maule Company's Mine at Princeton, Indiana.

Men Were Engaged in Repairing Damages Done by a Recent Explosion.

Princeton, Ind., Dec. 28.—A terrific explosion of fire damp occurred in the mine of the Maule Coal Company, this city at 3.30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, and as a result nine or more men were instantly killed and four were injured.

Robert Maule, married, treasurer of the Maule Coal Company. James Riley, married. John Ernest, married. Theodore Fabre, married. Robert Poylyite and James Poylyite, brothers. James Kratz, single. John Holmes, married.

The four men rescued are: Will Grim, slightly bruised; William Booker, colored, bruised and cut; Frank Drayes, badly burned and may not recover; John Davis, colored, slightly injured; Dave Nolan, James Turner, John Colgate, colored man, name unknown.

It was at first thought that twelve men had been killed in the mine, but Nolan, Turner, Colgate, and a colored man were taken out alive just before midnight. It is now thought that the death list will be reduced to eight or nine.

The men were at work making repairs of damages resulting from a similar explosion last Sunday. Besides the regular miners and blacksmiths others were assisting in the work, while Robert Maule, son of President John Maule, and treasurer and mine superintendent of the company, was superintending the work.

One year ago Friday Princeton was jubilant over the striking of a seven foot coal vein by the Maule company. But now many homes are the scenes of great sorrow, made so by the awful explosion of gas in the mine. When the mine began work the finest machinery was put in, and it was the intention of the owners to make it the finest in the state. The air shaft was not started until after the mine had been prepared to operate. Work has progressed slowly and there is still about 90 feet to excavate before it is completed.

Saturday about twenty men were engaged in repairing the damage done by the explosion, when the fire damp again let go with terrific force, this time with deadly effect. The escape of a part of the men from instant death, seems almost a miracle, when it is considered that the huge cages were blown from the shaft bottom to the top of the shaft house, over 500 feet above, by the force of the explosion. These cages were wrecked so that they were useless, and an iron bucket was improvised for a rescuing party as soon as possible after the accident.

Then the rescuing party began to bring up the dead. The scenes around the mine were most pathetic. Weeping piteously in anguish were wives, while the crowd vainly tried to comfort. Mothers, daughters, sons and other relatives of the men in the mine, with blanched faces, stood wringing their hands, and with great difficulty some men were kept from going down the shaft. Slowly the work of bringing up the bodies to the surface proceeded. It was believed that the men still in the mine were all dead, and those above only waited for their dead.

HON. MR. BLAIR. The Minister of Railways Welcomed at the Inland Capital.

Hon. A. G. Blair, minister of railways and canals, accompanied by Col. Douville, M.P., King's County, N.B., and Anlay Morrison, M.P., New Westminister, arrived at Kamloops at three o'clock on Wednesday morning from the coast, and spent the day in the city. He was presented with an address from the Board of Trade, in which the interests of the city and district were made known. A special request was made that Kamloops should be aided to a direct connection with any line from Kootenay to the coast which the government might happen to build. Objection was also offered to the abolition of the cattle quarantine, which was represented as likely to do British Columbia stock raisers much injury. New buildings for federal offices were suggested. Mr. Blair made the most courteous reply, promising attention to the various matters touched upon in the address. He again referred to the British Columbia Southern land grab in connection with the Crow's Nest Pass railway question. Mr. Blair's advice to the people was: Hold on to your land. Don't part with the valuable assets nature has showered upon

you. Don't hand over to any monopolistic corporation the sources of your wealth or in very short order you will become the losers of wood and drawers of water for the few to whom you have entrusted your wealth.

It would be his duty, Mr. Blair added, to stand between the people and any such corporations, and to prevent the happening of so grave a calamity as the one he had depicted. The Crow's Nest Pass Railway and its extension to the coast should be under the control of the people, with the power to impose rates and authority to regulate its management. Happily for the country the road cannot be built without the substantial pecuniary aid of the government and that aid would not be forthcoming unless the people's rights were properly safeguarded. The government can and will insist upon, as a condition of assistance, the release from their grip of the tremendous monopolistic powers entailed upon those who have secured the coal and timber, with the charter for the construction of the British Columbia Southern. Freed from monopolistic greed, fair freight rates and easy means of egress and ingress, several great cities, from half a dozen to a dozen, may be looked for in this province before many years have elapsed.

Regarding the matter of the cattle quarantine regulations, specially referred to in the address, Mr. Blair said he had noted carefully the views ex-

SIMPLE TEST FOR TYPHOID.

Little is now spoken of in the realm of bacteriology as being impossible or beyond the reach of science, but the latest discovery in that branch of medicine has aroused the whole profession and set every important laboratory in the country at work. It is of more interest to the world at large than most scientific discoveries seem, for it is of immediate benefit to the public, and the new knowledge can at once be put to practical use. What has been found, in brief, is a test for the early diagnosing of typhoid fever, the disease that so frequently baffles physicians and is often not recognized as typhoid until it is well advanced.

The new test, known as the blood test, has never once failed in the hundreds of tests made in this country and abroad and now it is an accepted scientific fact. Within the last few days, the bacteriological laboratory of the board of health, says the New York Herald, has set the seal of confirmation on this new system of typhoid diagnosis by announcing that they have made this fall more than 100 tests, and all with success.

The new test in detail is a beautiful simple. From a complicated scientific process it is reduced to a few movements of the hand of an expert bacteriologist, and all is done. The drop of dried blood taken from the lobe of the ear or the tip of the finger of a suspected typhoid patient and sent to the laboratory on a

The test is therefore absolute. The discovery was originally made by Robert Pfeiffer of Berlin, Koch's assistant, in the fall of 1894, but he kept the secret to himself for many months, and it was not until late in 1895 that other European scientists were working actively on it. Gruber and Durham, in Berlin, confirmed Pfeiffer, Gruber much simplifying the process. Widal, in Paris, made at the same time a series of important experiments, writing at length regarding their success in the spring of this year, and Bordet published an article relating the history of what had been done.

Widal's process was much simpler than either Pfeiffer's or Gruber's, but it remained for a Canadian, Wyatt Johnson, of Montreal, bacteriologist to the board of health there, to devise a test along the same scientific lines, but so simple that it could readily be put into operation and results obtained quickly.

After hearing some friends continually praising Dr. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, Curtis Fleck, of Anaheim, California, purchased a bottle of it for his own use and is now an enthusiastic over its wonderful work as anyone can be.

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NOTICE. Stanley Avenue between Cadboro Bay Road and Pandora Street is closed for public traffic. By order, E. A. WILMOT, City Engineer.

NOTICE. As we are closing out our fire business by auction, all parties indebted to us must settle their accounts before December 31st, 1896, otherwise they will be placed in court for collection. Parties who have left watches or jewellery for repairs will kindly call for them as early as possible. DAVIDSON BROS., JEWELLERS, 29 Government street.

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pressed therein and by others with whom he had come in contact during the morning. The cattle man of the district could reply upon him to make known the condition of affairs in this province, so far as the cattle trade is concerned, to his colleagues, the minister of agriculture, and they might further rest assured that every consideration would be given to the representations made by the member for the district in this connection. He noted that it was only by careful study of the whole Dominion, which took no little time, that any minister could form reasonable conclusions as to the good or bad effect of any proposed legislation or change in existing legislation. It might be that at this juncture the influence of the more thickly populated east might appear to tell against the interests of a section of the west, but he believed that the time was not far distant when that influence would be transferred to the Pacific slope. However, he wished the Kamloops cattle men to understand that their interests would not be lost sight of and that the case they made for the continuation of the present regulations would receive fullest consideration.

Hon. Mr. Blair's remarks were very heartily applauded. Col. Douville, M.P., and Aubrey Morrison, M.P., spoke briefly and were also cordially received. In the evening a grand banquet was held, at which Mr. McIntosh, president of the Board of Trade, took the chair.

card is mixed with sterilized water and a fraction of it put on a microscopic slide. To this drop, or a portion of a drop, of pure typhoid culture is added. This typhoid culture is part and portion of a laboratory's puff nowadays, and has been water since this discovery was made. The slide is then put under the microscope. Now, as these experiments have proved one of two things will happen. Either the typhoid germ existed in that portion of the drop of blood mixed with the typhoid culture or it did not. No ordinary microscopic investigation can tell anything conclusive about that drop of blood, unmixed. But—and this is one of the mysteries of science—as soon as the mixture on the slide is brought within the field of vision, and the bacteriologist sees distinctly existing in the typhoid culture either move about as before or there is a cessation of the rush to and fro of these minute bodies and an agglutination or concentration of the organisms into large clusters.

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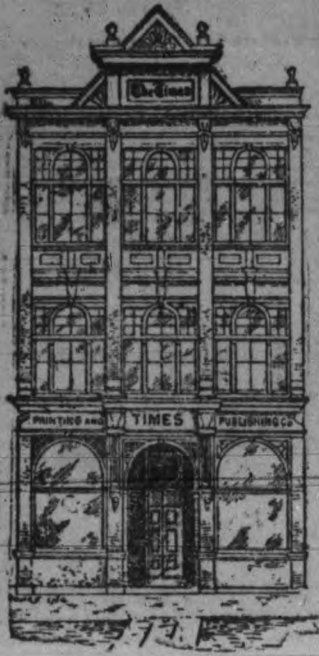
A NOVEL EXPERIMENT.

The most curious experiment ever made with a piece of ordnance was at Portsmouth, England. A stage was erected in the harbor within the tide mark; on this an Armstrong gun of the 110-pound pattern was mounted. The gun was then loaded and carefully aimed at the target—all of this, of course, during the time of the low tide. A few hours later, when the gun and the target were both covered with water to the depth of six feet the gun was fired by means of electricity. We said "aimed at a target," but the facts are that there were two targets, but only one was greeted for this special experiment; the other being the hull of an old vessel, the Griper, which lay directly behind the target and within range of the ball. The target itself was placed only 25 feet from the muzzle of the gun. It was composed of oak beams and planks, and was 21 inches thick. In order to make the old Griper invulnerable, a sheet of boiler plate three inches thick was riveted to the water-logged hull in direct range of the course the ball was expected to take if not deflected by the water. On all of these—the oaken target, the boiler plates and the old vessel's hull—the effect of the shot from the submerged gun was really startling. The wooden target was pierced through and through, the boiler-iron target was broken into pieces and driven into its backing, the ball passing

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The Daily Times.

MONTREAL AND THE TARIFF.

The proceedings connected with the tariff inquiry at Montreal would appear to have left different impressions on different minds.

The tariff commission, which ended its labors in Montreal on Saturday, though it may sit here again later on, must have been a good deal surprised, as well as the rest of the community, at the strength of the demand which developed here for a decided measure of tariff reform.

THOSE COAL LANDS.

In the provincial act of 1890 providing for the granting of land to what is now known as the B. C. Southern Railway Co., the following clause is contained: "Wherever along the line of the Crow's Nest and Kootenay Railway the full quantity of twenty thousand acres per mile in alternate blocks cannot be had, the deficiency shall be made up out of a belt of land five miles in width along the east side of Elk river, extending between a point five miles below Morley creek and a point 28 miles above Michel creek, and from a belt two and a half miles in width on each side of a coal creek, extending to the summit, and from a belt three miles in width on each side of Michel creek, and on each side of the east and west branches of said creek to the summit."

available only to make up a deficiency. But in 1893 an act was passed which provided that: "The land mentioned in section 10 of the 'Railway Aid Act, 1890,' may be made available to the company as portion of the grant in respect of the construction of the eastern section of its said railway, and may be applied for upon completion of the second twenty miles of the eastern section of the said Company's railway."

Says the Canadian Gazette: "One has only to glance at the English timber-trades journals to realize what openings there are for Canadian enterprise in Europe. The Swedish commercial agent in Alexandria is urging Scandinavians to compete in the supply of the 150,000 cases which the Egyptian sugar refiners use each year for the export of their produce. If Sweden, why not Canada? From Palestine, too, this Swedish agent has an inquiry for 250,000 orange cases. Date-boxes, floorings, and door-and-window frames are also wanted in Tunis, the Norwegian agents there report, and a good deal, we are told, could be done in the sale of wooden houses. Then we read of a Michigan company filling large orders for sashes and doors for Cape Town, South Africa. If Michigan, why not Canada? Someone has suggested that English consuls abroad might do for Colonial exporters what Norwegian, Scandinavian and German consuls do for their respective people in pointing out profitable openings for trade. Could not Mr. Chamberlain do something for the colonies in this direction?"

STRANGEST TOWN ON EARTH.

Assuredly the most curious town in England, and the most upside-down-looking place is Northwich. As the stranger walks up one of the streets he wonders whether he is the victim of a disordered imagination or whether an earthquake has been visiting the locality. Here two houses are leaning one against the other, as if for mutual support; there are more leaning from each other as if in sullen anger; higher up are dwellings sunk in the centre or at the ends; the pavement on one side in certain places is higher than the other, while a little farther on it is lower. In short, everything has a general appearance of topsy-turvydom in this town of what are described as "drunken houses." The cause of it all is not far to seek, Northwich, as everyone knows, or ought to know, is the centre of the salt industry, and it is the drawing of the brine and rock salt for the manufacture of this very necessary commodity that is the moving factor in the mischief. On nearly all sides of the town are big salt works, with their engines pumping hundreds of thousands of gallons of brine every week, while the extensive mines of the rock salt are being cut into in all directions. At a depth of some 200 or 300 feet are immense submarine lakes of brine, and as the contents of these are pumped and pumped away the upper crust of earth is correspondingly weakened, and the result is an occasional subsidence. In some of the mines where the salt is blasted and cut away one can walk a mile in certain directions. As the glistening white or deep red rock is cut away, great pillars of it, some eight feet square, with a large thickness all along the roof, are left to support the earth above. Sometimes, however, the mine is flooded, the pillars dissolve in the water, and the earth falls in with all on top of it. Luckily, this kind of subsidence generally happens in spots where houses are not numerous, and for this reason no lives have been lost in recent years. One morning a few years ago a horse left in a stable over night was found to be missing and a hole filled with water occupying the place where the animal should have been. Near Wincham and Marston, suburbs of Northwich, lakes area in extent are now seen where green fields used to be, and there is a spot where the highway takes the form of a railway embankment. On either side are big ponds where the earth has subsided, and the road goes through like a bridge. This itself is bound to go at some future time, and it is to be hoped that no one will be at that time in the immediate neighborhood. All these subsidences have a "pulling" effect on the nearest buildings, which are drawn "all ways." Such a state of things is amusing as well as interesting. "This desirable property to let," is the sign one may see cheek by jowl with one at the beginning of a stile road, bearing the legend, "This road is dangerous." One has to be aware of such roads at night time in this neighborhood. A part of the path may have sunk 10 feet or so during the preceding hour, and an involuntary drop into the water, which rises as fast as the earth falls, is a rapid way out of this world. In order to make all buildings last a fairly decent length of time all new erections are built in frames of wood, this being the only material that will last longer than if the building was on the ordinary principles. Even under these conditions and taking into consideration the fact that in the town itself the subsidences are gradual and give some warning, living must be rather exciting in certain portions of Northwich. Hay! Hay! Hay! Choice quality at \$13 per ton on the wharf. The Brackman & Ker Milling Co., Ltd. Ask your grocer for Windsor Salt For Table and Dairy, Pastry and Dairt

BRITISH COLUMBIA RAILWAY POLICY.

To the Editor: Before availing myself of your courteous permission to present for the consideration of the government and people of British Columbia some matters bearing upon the necessary for railway construction through the central portion of the province, I may be permitted to introduce myself by saying that for twenty years I have paid close attention to all Canadian questions and especially to those bearing upon the development of the resources of the Dominion. I am not wholly unknown as a writer upon such questions. In addition to a great deal of work along such lines in the newspaper press, I have dealt with them in several of the more important periodicals. In 1888, I think it was, the Century printed a paper from me wherein the immense possibilities of the Canadian Northwest were set out. In the following year I treated the same subject in Chambers Journal, and afterwards by request of the New York Independent and Chicago Interior I presented some phases of the subject to their readers. During the last five years I have given special attention to British Columbia, investigating as best I could its resources and the advantages of its position as a part of Canada and a portion of the British Empire. The result of these investigations is an enthusiastic faith in the future of the province, which I believe only needs to have far-seeing and statesmanlike councils prevail in the conduct of its affairs to make it take a place among the most prosperous and progressive of countries. It is with the hope of being able to contribute something to such a result that I have undertaken what I hope will prove an interesting series of letters. That the occasion is timely to consider the matter will be admitted. It is timely both from a federal and provincial point of view. There is abundant evidence that the Laurier ministry is beginning to realize the importance of opening British Columbia to colonization and capital. I say "beginning to realize" advisedly, for it would be untrue to say that the ministers would show a very meagre appreciation of the subject to suppose that they are as yet able to appreciate what may be done in this direction as fully as some of us who have given the subject careful and prolonged investigation. Three of the ministers have visited the coast. Mr. Laurier himself came out when he was leader of the Opposition. All of them have been profoundly impressed with what they have seen and learned; but to credit them with having already formed a policy is to impute to them a degree of haste which would be a sad reflection upon their judgment. If the visiting ministers have been non-committal in their language, I think, indeed I may say I know, that their caution has been due to a desire not to commit themselves to any line of action until they have had full opportunities for considering all the questions involved. Hence I submit that it is of great importance that the ministry should be fully informed of what can be done, in order that they may be in a position to judge as to what ought to be done. While in these letters I shall present one phase only of British Columbia development, I do not wish to be understood as antagonizing even by implication any other project. The merits of all should be fully and fairly presented. The occasion is timely from a provincial standpoint. At present the centre of political and business influence of the province is on the coast. Here are the men who were the pioneers of this great British Columbia, and here they have accumulated by years of toil and prudence is for the most part invested. Here are their homes. Here, too, they rightly believe is an arena where, under wise policy, a great and prosperous community can be built up. Yet it must be clear to every one that there is a possibility that the coast may be overbalanced by Kootenay. I have recently heard more than one competent observer express the opinion that by the close of the century the preponderating influence in this province would be in the southeast corner, for great as Kootenay is, it is only a corner of British Columbia. We have seen in that part of the province in what the opening of the country by efficient means of transportation results. Reached by the water and rail lines from the Canadian Pacific on the north and by the American system of railways from the south, the Kootenay, or at least one part of it, has been overrun with prospectors, whose work has been so full of promise that it is safe to anticipate the influx of upwards of fifty thousand people before the close of the century, especially as we may confidently look for the construction of the Crow's Nest Pass railway and the extension of two or more of the American roads to points in the auriferous region. Have the people of the coast reflected upon what this means? Have they realized that it may mean very much to them and be not wholly to their advantage from a political point of view, and in respect to those things which are the subject matter of legislation, unless such a policy is adopted as will lead to the opening and settlement of other parts of the province concurrently with Kootenay? I submit to the people of the coast if it is not a matter that touches their personal and property interests directly that the development of the province should be symmetrical, and not be confined to a narrow strip along the international boundary. Let everything be done that can reasonably be done to supplement what is now in progress there; but let the fact not be lost sight of that before we had heard of the apparently limitless wealth of gold and silver stored in the Kootenay mountains we had learned that British Columbia possessed resources that were sufficient to place it in the forefront of the Canadian provinces. The wealth of Kootenay comes like an unexpected legacy. Let it not cause us to lose sight even temporarily of our greater heritage. The great aim of the provincial gov-

ernment ought, I submit, to be to seize the opportunity before it is too late to open British Columbia from the coast. The East has already marked Kootenay for its own, and it is not very easy to see what the coast can do to get and hold its trade. The Crow's Nest Pass railway certainly will not help it to do so. Regarded from the broad Canadian standpoint, this perhaps is a matter of no great concern; but when I look north of the Canadian Pacific railway and see there a domain, rich in the precious metals, with millions of acres of farming land and even a greater area of the finest pasture land, when I see there a region greater in extent than the United Kingdom practically cut off from every thing that will contribute to its occupation and yet so situated, in respect to the coast that its advance would mean the prosperity of every city on the seaboard it seems to me that whatever position the Dominion government may take in regard to claims made on behalf of particular localities, there can be no manner of doubt that the provincial government and the provincial legislature should, so far as the resources of the province will allow, aid in building a railway through this vast and almost unexploited field. I submit that the time to act in this matter is now; not year after next or at some indefinite date in the future, but now, at the very next session of the legislature, in order that the policy of the province may be defined in time to ask the government of Canada to so shape its policy as to assist in carrying it out. CHAS. H. LUGRIN.

THE CATCH A FAILURE.

People of Newfoundland Will Have the Herring Fish to Look After. St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 28.—An official report to the government says that the herring fisheries at Fortune Bay, mainly undertaken by American vessels is a total failure, and that thousands of people along the harbors in the vicinity of where the herring are usually caught are threatened with starvation. It is estimated that about 4,000 people are injuriously affected and that most of the number will become a burden upon the colony.

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LOCAL NEWS.

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--Blank books, memo, books and a nice line of stationery at wholesale prices. Johnston's, Kirk Block.

--Just received direct from the manufacturers a special line of English walking sticks at Henry Short & Sons, 72 Douglas street.

--A small fire occurred at the Newport lodging house on Yates Street on Saturday evening. The blaze was extinguished without the aid of the fire department.

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--Petitions are being circulated in the city approving of Mr. Sorby's harbor improvement scheme. The petition will afterwards be sent to Ottawa and the minister of public works asked to give the scheme his favorable consideration.

--To-morrow evening a concert will be given at their hall by the Second Victoria Company of the Boys' Brigade. The Central Presbyterian Sunday school will hold their Christmas entertainment in conjunction with the concert.

--At the Y.M.C.A. popular concert on Saturday evening the following programme was given: Solo, Mr. Rowlands; solo, Miss Dora Wolf; solo, Mr. Roper; solo, Miss Penketh; club singing exhibition, Miss Emma Wolff; recitation, Miss Nicholls; vocal solo, Mr. Wheeler; reading, Mr. Jackman; solo, Mrs. Rowlands, and solo, Mr. Rowlands.

--Cedar Hill school had their annual Christmas tree at the school house on the evening of December 24th. Santa Claus was lavish in his distribution of gifts and a well laden tree greeted the children. The number of presents from the section was augmented by a large number from the city obtained by Mr. Miller, secretary of the school board. A programme of songs, recitations, etc. rendered mainly by the pupils of the school, was well received. All felt that they had spent a very pleasant evening and returned to their homes feeling extremely grateful to Santa Claus for his generous donations.

--At the last meeting of Milton lodge No. 311, Order Sons of St. George, the A. D. G. W. P. Thomas Bradbury, attended and installed the officers for the term in their various offices and congratulated the lodge on its great advancement during the past 18 months. The auditors also presented their report, showing a great increase both financially and in membership, the past year having been the most prosperous of any in the last four years. The Sons and Daughters of St. George will hold a tea party and social gathering of the members of both lodges and their families and a few invited friends on New Year's eve, when they hope they will be able to retain their reputation of having a jolly good time together, greeting old, making many new acquaintances and spending an evening always to be looked back to with pleasure.

--The two young men, Robert McLean and William Lang, who so bravely saved three lives a year ago, were presented with the medals of the Canadian Royal Humane Society at the band concert given at the drill hall on Saturday evening. A very large attendance was present and the two young men were loudly cheered. The presentation was made by Lieut. Governor Dewdney, and on the platform with him were Mrs. Dewdney, Hon. Col. Baker, Miss Allison, Lieut. Col. Gregory and Mr. Herbert Kent, who was acting on behalf of the society. The medals are of silver and on one side is inscribed the act for which they were presented and on the other a crown surrounded by the words "Royal Canadian Humane Society." The medals were the gifts to the society of Lady Grant and Mrs. Billings, of Ottawa.

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--Lunch 25c. at the Oriental.

--Miss Stella Wilson was the winner of the large Christmas cake raffled at Messrs. Kippen & Botsford's.

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--On account of the holidays the weekly whist tournament of the J. B. A. A. will not be held this week.

--Segher's Council N. M. I. will elect officers to-night. The sixth of their whist parties will be held in their hall, View street, on Wednesday evening.

--The Spring Ridge Methodist church Sunday school will hold their annual Christmas tree entertainment to-morrow, Tuesday, the 29th at 8 o'clock.

--A social and dance will be given by the Daughters of England in the A. O. U. W. hall on January 1st. Lt. Col. Prior will act as chairman. The Wolff orchestra will furnish the music.

--The electors of South Victoria will meet to-morrow evening at Cedar Hill school house to further consider the petition to the government asking for a reduction of assessments.

--A farewell leap-year dance will be given by the ladies of Hope Lodge No. 1, Degree of Honor, in the A. O. U. W. hall on Tuesday evening. At midnight an excellent supper will be provided by the committee in charge.

--The Natural History Society of B. C. will meet in the provincial library at 8 o'clock this evening. Mr. J. Deans will read a paper on a Chinese calendar found in Dove Creek, Cassiar, in 1883.

--Sergeant Langley and Officer McKenna, of the provincial police force, have gone to Kamloops for the purpose of removing a number of convicts from there to the penitentiary at New Westminster.

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

--Santa Claus will visit the Protestant Orphans' Home on Thursday afternoon next. Donations towards the Christmas tree will be thankfully received, and may be left at H. Porter & Son's stores. A cordial invitation is extended to all friends of the institution.

--Three boys named Joseph Reynolds, Herbert Northcote and William Purdon, who were living with Father Durand at Camox, ran away on Thursday last and came to Victoria on the City of Nanaimo. The provincial police were notified and will probably send the boys back by the next steamer.

--The retiring superintendent of the Metropolitan Sunday school, Mr. E. A. Lewis, was presented by Mr. B. Donough on behalf of the teachers and officers of the school with a very handsome gold-headed cane as a mark of esteem in which he has been held while occupying the office of superintendent.

--The following officers were elected at the last regular meeting of Victoria Lodge No. 83, Daughters of St. George, and were installed by the worthy district deputy, Mrs. G. Penketh: W. president, Mrs. Churton; vice-president, Mrs. T. Bradbury; chaplain, Mrs. Brakes; financial secretary, Mrs. Mulcahy; recording secretary, Mrs. Nur; treasurer, Mrs. Greenhaigh; and first conductor, Mrs. Cox.

--Last week the kindergarten classes conducted by Mrs. McNaughton on the corner of Fernwood road and Yates street held their closing exercises. The exercises evinced careful training on the part of Mrs. McNaughton and assistants. The little folks acquitted themselves well and will count the days until they return to their work again. The schoolroom is being repaired and beautified, and will be much improved for next term.

--At the last regular meeting of Dauntless lodge C. O. O. F., the following officers were installed by D. D. G. M. J. Walsh: Noble grand, A. Neal; vice-grand, H. Waterson; corresponding secretary, James E. Firth; financial secretary, James B. Colvin; lecture master, James Tarr; conductor, Walter Noble; treasurer, I. T. Pearce; warden, Samuel Fulk; and representative to grand lodge, I. T. Pearce and James Welsh.

--All arrangements are completed for the Surprise ball to be given by the Companions of the Forest this evening. The hall is prettily decorated and a party souvenir is awaiting each of those who attend. The Wolff orchestra of seven pieces will supply the music. A nice lunch will be provided. The committee in charge are Miss Sinclair, Mrs. Trace, Mrs. Dudgeon, Mrs. Hawk, and Mrs. Lang, assisted by Mr. Trace, Mr. Snider and Mr. Rennie.

--The children of St. John's Sunday school will hold their annual Christmas entertainment and Christmas tree to-morrow evening in the school room. Santa Claus will appear by way of a brick chimney, the bricks of which will each contain a present and will be afterwards distributed by that genial old gentleman. A programme will be given including a farce entitled "Granny Grinches Christmas." The entertainers are: Mrs. Dewdney, Lieut. Governor, and Mrs. Dewdney and Mayor and Mrs. Beaven.

--The following programme will be given at the Hogomany concert of the Sir William Wallace Society on Thursday evening: Vocal solo, "Nita Gihana," Mr. C. Rowlands; instrumental solo, "Scottish selections," Miss Blackie; vocal solo, "The Flowers of the Forest," Mrs. McGraw; vocal solo, "Angus Macdonald," Mrs. Rowlands; recitation, "How Martha Caught the Mouse," Mr. Irvine; dance, "Highland Fling," Mr. W. Anderson; quartette, "Annie Laurie," dance, "Reel & Tulloch," Messrs. Muoro, Russell, Johnson, and Anderson; vocal solo, "Battle of Sterling," Mr. C. Rowlands; vocal solo, "Coming thro' the Rye," Miss May Wolf; vocal solo, "The Rowan Tree," Mr. Gordon; and vocal solo, "The Dear Home Land," Mrs. Rowlands.

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BEHRING SEA CLAIMS.

Mr. Charles Spring Continues His Evidence on the Onward Case.

This morning at 10:30 o'clock the Behring Sea Claims Commission resumed its sitting in the legislative assembly rooms. Mr. Charles Spring, continuing his evidence under examination of Mr. Peters in the case of the Onward, said that he had fully paid the crew of the Onward for the work done by them on that vessel's sealing cruise in 1886. Some were paid up till the time of seizure and some till the time of arrival in Victoria. The Indian hunters received their pay on all the skins, on those that were seized as well as the others.

As to Mr. Warren—He said that in December, 1886, the partnership existing between him (witness) and Captain A. McLean, was dissolved, witness retaining his interest in the claims against the United States government, and Captain McLean retaining his. The witness placed the value of sealskins in 1881 at \$7.50 each.

Mr. Peters submitted letters from Captain D. Munro, of the Onward, dated from Sitka, describing the seizures and trials at Sitka, also the document dealing with the dissolution of partnership between witness and Captain McLean. Michael Harkin, cook of the schooner Onward on her Behring Sea cruise in 1886, said there were sufficient provisions on the Onward. He told of the seizure and the towing of that vessel to Ounulaska. While there he saw some provisions taken from the Onward and put on board the steamer St. Paul. He was taken to Sitka from Ounulaska on the San Diego and from there brought to Nanaimo on the United States revenue cutter Corwin. They were taken to Victoria by Mr. Spring.

To Mr. Lansing—None of the crew of the Onward went on board the St. Paul. An adjournment was then taken until 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

THE WEBLING SISTERS.

Attraction for To-Morrow Night at the Drill Hall.

Speaking of the Webbing Sisters, who appeared at the Vancouver opera house last Saturday evening, the daily News-Advertiser of yesterday says: "The entertainment given last night in the opera house by the Misses Webbing was an excellent one. Those present were most enthusiastic and, whenever occasion afforded, loudly expressed their appreciation of the efforts of the entertainers. "The programme was a mixed one, including pretty nearly everything in the way of artistic and finished acting, graceful dancing and cultured singing. The Misses Webbing showed themselves accomplished artists, decidedly clever and versatile. The costume was most elegant. "With the Misses Webbing is Miss Elsie Macfarlane, a most accomplished and finished musician. The opening piece on the programme was a piano solo by Miss Macfarlane, which was loudly applauded and which merited the outspoken appreciation it received. "The programme for the Webbing Sisters' Victoria engagement at the Drill Hall to-morrow evening will be far superior to that at Vancouver, as the Misses Webbing will be assisted by Herr Reimuth, Mr. W. North and the Fifth Regiment Band."

THE THEOSOPHISTS.

At the regular public Sunday evening meeting of the Theosophical Society the subject for discussion being "Theosophy and Adepts," the speaker said: "Theosophy is that great ocean of knowledge which spreads from shore to shore of the evolution of sentient beings. Unfathomable in its deepest parts, it gives the greatest minds their fullest scope, yet shallow enough at its shores, it will not overwhelm the understanding of a child." It differed with the ordinary religious theories of special creations, and at the same time with the modern scientific one, which did not admit the existence of a soul in man. Theosophy says that "man is a soul," and that this soul is immortal and never had a beginning but has always existed. And as evolution went forward it would evolve a more perfect instrument than the body, which it functions through at the present day. Man could take this evolution into his own and by living a pure and noble life for the benefit of humanity his mind would expand and grow life after life until such times as he should have gained all experience. And this was evolution carried to its highest, for it eventually made man a god. Such, the speaker said, were "the adepts," and they were in existence to-day and known to different members of the Theosophical Society. And we have only to examine the histories of the different religions and peoples, for they all have had their saviours. Jesus, Moses and Abraham were all sent to the Jews at stated times, and these were men from the great brotherhood of adepts. But humanity, through religious strife and wars, has to a great extent lost the key as to what these men were. Once more, these adepts, or masters, are giving their knowledge to the world, through the Theosophical Society. And it is those "masters" who have sent the "great theosophical crusade" round the world, that the people may have the old teaching in regard to the existence of the soul after death of the body and its reincarnation after a period of rest, pointing out also what relation each soul has to one another and to a race. When men come to understand that selfishness, greed, vice, cruelty, war and bloodshed are simply the result of looking at ourselves as safeguards from the rest of humanity. Then they will cease these vices and begin to practice universal brotherhood, which is the fundamental teaching of theosophy, and the great "masters of wisdom." Com.

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PERSONAL.

James McGee, Lardeau, is at the Oriental. J. H. Reynard, Tacoma, is at the New England. Capt. J. B. Libby, Port Townsend, is at the Diarrid. Hamilton Abbott returned last evening from Vancouver. G. D. Scott and James Orr, Vancouver, are at the Oriental. Thos. E. and E. B. Ladner leave for San Francisco this evening. W. D. McIntosh and wife returned last night from the Malakal. E. Elliott and daughter, Vancouver, are guests at the New England. George McL. Brown, C.P.R. district passenger agent, is at the Diarrid. James McGregor, M.P.P., and H. L. Bates, Nanaimo, are at the Oriental. J. C. Macuire was a passenger on the Charmer last evening from Vancouver. E. W. Pratt, has returned from Vancouver, where he spent Christmas with friends. Hewitt Bostock, M.P., who is returning home, passed through Winnipeg on Saturday. H. E. L. Robertson and A. W. Cooke, Salt Spring, are spending the holidays at the Oriental. Hon. D. W. Higgins and Mrs. Higgins have left on a visit to Halifax and other Eastern cities. J. Reed and John Hendry, Vancouver, and C. C. Fisher, New Westminster, are at the Diarrid. A. Garesche, B. Springer and J. P. Falls were passengers on the Charmer from Vancouver last evening. J. A. Manly and wife, L. A. Manly and Charles Cummings and wife, Grand Forks, B. C., are registered at the Diarrid. William, a brother of C. E. Jeter, and Mrs. Jones, of Walla Walla, Wash., are spending the holidays in the city. They are registered at the Diarrid.

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time as only American frequenters of such establishments know how to do. In England such a man would probably be found in such a place with a glass of some alcoholic mixture beside him; but such is never the case with an American. If he wants a drink he goes to the bar and takes it standing—will perhaps take two or three, one after another; but when he has settled himself down to loaf, he satisfies himself with chewing a cigar, and covering a circle around him with the results. With this amusement he will remain contented hour after hour; nay, throughout the entire day, if no harder work be demanded of him. So was Robert Lefroy found now. When Peacocke entered the hall or room, the mad did not rise from his chair, but accosted him as though they had parted only an hour since. "So, old fellow, you've got back alive?"

"I have reached this place, at any rate." "Well, that's getting back, ain't it?" "I have come back from San Francisco."

"You are to be paid. I have come here to pay you." "That's what you owe for the knowledge. But for coming? Ain't I to be paid extra for the journey?"

"What do I want of a copy?" said the man, taking the photograph in his hand. "He was always more trouble than he was worth—was Ferd. It's a pity she didn't marry me. I'd've made a woman of her." Peacocke shuddered, as he heard this, but he said nothing. "You may as well give us the picture. It'll do to hang up somewhere if ever I have a room of my own. How plain it is! Ferdinand Lefroy—of Kilbrack! Kilbrack, indeed! It's little either of us was the better for Kilbrack. Some of them paint-singing rogues from New England has a now."

"I ain't better count them." "It ain't worth the while with such a trifles as that." "Let me count them then."

"You'll never have that plunder in your bags again, my fine fellow." "I do not want it." "And now about my expenses out on this operation, and had bought shares, and endeavored to sell them on the following day. He had, however, managed to leave the place before the police had got hold of him, and had escaped, so that no one had been able to say at what station he had got upon the railway. Nor did any one in San Francisco know where Robert Lefroy was now to be found. His companions had been taken, tried, and convicted, and were now in the state prisons—where also would Robert Lefroy soon be if any of the officers of the state could get hold of him. Luckily Mr. Peacocke had said little or nothing of the man in making his own enquiries. Much as he had hated and dreaded the man, much as he had severed from his companions—good reason as he had to dislike the whole family—he felt himself bound by their late companionship not to betray him. The man had assisted Mr. Peacocke simply for money, but still he had assisted him. Mr. Peacocke therefore held his peace and said nothing. But he would have been thankful to have been able to send the money now due to him without having again to see him; but that was impossible.

"On reaching Chicago he went to an hotel not far removed from that which Lefroy had designated. Lefroy had explained to him something of the geography of the town and had advised that for himself he preferred a modest, quiet hotel. The modest, quiet hotel was called Mrs. Jones's boarding-house, and was in one of the suburbs far from the main street. "You needn't say as you're coming to me," Lefroy had said to him; "nor need you let on as you know anything of Mrs. Jones at all. People are so curious and it may be that a gentleman sometimes likes to be 'perdoed.'" Mr. Peacocke, although he had but small sympathy for the taste of a gentleman who likes to be "perdoed," nevertheless did as he was bid, and found his way to Mrs. Jones's boarding-house without telling anyone what he was doing.

Before he started he prepared himself with a thousand dollars in bank-notes, feeling that this wretched man had earned them in accordance with their compact. His only desire now was to hand over the money as quickly as possible, and to hurry away out of Chicago. He felt as though he himself were almost guilty of some crime in having to deal with this man, in having to give him money secretly, and in coming out to the end of an arrangement, of which no one else was to know the details. How would it be with him if the police of Chicago should come upon him as a friend and probably an accomplice of one who was "wanted" on account of forgery at San Francisco? But he had no help for himself, and at Mrs. Jones's he found his wife's brother-in-law seated in the bar of the public house—fast, everlastingly roasting American loungers—with a cigar as usual stuck in his mouth, leaning away his

these two cousins of the same name, what could be more likely than that his money should have been lured out of him by such a fraud as this? But yet—yes, as he came to think of it all, it could not be true. The chance of carrying such a scheme to a successful issue would have been too small to induce the man to act upon it from the day of his first appearance at Bowlek. Nor was it probable that there should have been another Ferdinand Lefroy unknown to his wife; and the existence of such a one, if known to his wife, would certainly have been made known to him.

"It's a lie," said he, "from beginning to end." "Very well; very well. I'll take care to make the truth known by letter to Dr. Worlie and the Bishop and all the pious swells over there. To think of such a chap as you, a minister of the Gospel, living with another man's wife, and looking as though butter wouldn't melt in your mouth! I tell you what, I've got a little money in my pocket now, and I don't mind going over to England again and explaining the whole truth to the Bishop myself. I could make him understand how that photograph ain't worth nothing, and how I explained to you myself as the lady's righteous husband is all alive, keeping house on his own property down in Louisiana. Do you think we Lefroys had a any place beside Kilbrack among us?"

"Certainly you are a liar," said Peacocke. "Did you not tell me that your brother was buried at San Francisco?" "Oh, as for that, that don't matter. It don't count for much whether I told a crammer or not; that plecter counts for nothing. It ain't my word you was going on as evidence. You is able to prove that Ferd Lefroy was buried at Frisco. True enough, I buried him. I can prove that. And I would never have treated you this way, and not have said a word as to how the dead man was only a contain, if you treated me civil over there in England. But you didn't."

"I am going to treat you worse now," said Peacocke, looking him in the face. "What are you going to do now? It's I that have the revolver this time." As he said this he turned the weapon round in his hand. "I don't want to shoot you—nor yet to frighten you, as I did in the bedroom at Leavenworth—not but what I have a pistol too." And he slowly drew his out of his pocket. At this moment two men sauntered in and took their places in the further corner of the room. "I don't think there is to be any shooting between us."

"There was," said Lefroy. "The police would have you." "So they would—for a time. What does that matter to me? Isn't a fellow to protect himself when a fellow like you comes to him armed?" "But they would soon know that you are the swindler who escaped from—San Francisco, eighteen months ago. Do you think it would be found out that it was you who paid for the shares in forged notes?"

"I never did. That's one of your lies." "Very well. Now you know what I know, and you had better tell me over again who it is that lies buried under the stone that's been photographed there." "What are you men doing with them pistols?" said one of the strangers, walking across the room, and standing over the backs of the chairs. "We are a-looking at 'em," said Lefroy. "If you're a-going to do anything of this kind, you'd better go and do it elsewhere," said the stranger.

"I was thinking myself." "But we are not going to do anything," said Mr. Peacocke. "I have not the slightest idea of shooting the gentleman; and as he has just as little of shooting me." "Then what do you sit with 'em out in your hands in that fashion for?" said the stranger. "It's a decent widow woman that keeps this house, and I won't see her set upon. But 'em up." Whatupon Lefroy did return his pistol to his pocket—upon which Mr. Peacocke did the same. Then the stranger walked slowly back to the other side of the room.

"No they told you that he—did they—at Frisco?" asked Lefroy. "That was what I heard over there when I was inquiring about your brother's death." "You'd believe anything if you'd believe that." "I'd believe anything if I'd believe in your cousin." Upon this Lefroy laughed, but made no further allusion to the romance which he had crassly invented on the spur of the moment. After that the two sat without a word to swear them for a quarter of an hour, when the Englishman got up to take his leave. "Our business is over now," he said, and I will bid you good-by." "I'll tell you what, I'm a-thinking," said Lefroy. Mr. Peacocke stood with his hand ready for a final adieu, but he said nothing. "I've half a mind to go back with you to England. There ain't nothing to keep me here."

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British Columbia.

VANCOUVER.

The steamer Capilano has arrived in port from the northern halibut banks with a cargo of 132,000 pounds of fish. This is not only a record cargo, but the boat also made a world's record for a day's fishing, catching no less than 110,000 pounds of halibut in one day.

Advices received from the superintendent of the Two Friends, in the St. John, state that the vein is increasing in width and rich spots of galena are coming in with carbonates. The ore now being mined, which will comprise six carloads, will give an average of 500 ounces of silver to the ton.

While going home about 11:30 o'clock on Christmas night, Mr. J. Sheriff, of the C. P. R., was shot at by a highwayman and narrowly escaped serious injury. Mr. Sheriff was walking along Seymour street when he heard a voice from behind say "Hands up."

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KASLO.

Rossland Miner.

An interesting case is being investigated by the police magistrate. A Hooper, said to be most respectably connected in the east, is under arrest charged with obtaining money under false pretences. The information is laid by J. W. Ciekie, of the Kaslo Hotel, and charges that he uttered and cashed a check on the Bank of Montreal at Nelson, never having had an account at that institution. In order to obtain the evidence of the bank officials, the investigation was on Tuesday postponed for a week.

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Nothing was ever heard of him by his wife or friends until last night, when a well-dressed man walked into the store at Flat Rock. It was John Chan. He asked the direction to Mary Crim's residence. A boy 12 years of age stepped forward with the remark that he would show him to his mother's house. Crim recognized his child and clasped him to his breast and almost carried him to the house. Crim had been in British Columbia for ten years engaged in mining and had amassed a fortune. The reunion of the family was a happy one.

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## DAY'S SHIPPING NEWS

**Lampson's Discouraging Opinion of the Outlook for the Sealing Industry.**

**Verbena Chartered to Load Lumber—A Troublesome Boom of Logs.**

The tug Hope returned from Cowichan yesterday with a large boom of logs for the Sayward mill. While rounding Trial Island the after part of the boom broke and a number of logs were lost. When the E. & N. railway bridge was reached the boom made fresh trouble. It refused to go through the span, and although men worked all yesterday afternoon with pikes and log hooks, the strong tide running out would disarrange the logs as fast as they got them into shape. Another attempt was made this morning, and as the tide was running up the logs were more easily managed. A half-hour's work got everything in shape, and the boom was hauled through the bridge up to the mill.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 28.—Steamer Queenstown, Captain Cross, from London, arrived here today having on board Captain Toblason and son, the mate and crew of the Norwegian barkentine Neptune, picked up December 9th, in latitude 45, longitude 18 west. The barkentine had a crew of nine men and was from Belle, Honduras, bound for Havre with a cargo of logwood. When abandoned there were ten feet of water in her hold.

The Walla Walla will leave for San Francisco this evening with the following Victoria passengers on board: F. R. Perry, Miss E. Elliot, Mrs. E. Elliot, E. B. Ladner, Thomas E. Ladner, Geo. Obenauer and wife, Mrs. D. Browning, Mrs. T. Browning, J. J. Snow and wife, Mrs. E. Sim and child, Mrs. C. Crozier, Miss M. Crozier, T. H. McKay and C. Crozier.

Port Townsend, Dec. 28.—The board of government surveyors, which inspected the revenue cutter Oliver Wolcott recently, recommended that she be sent to Behring Sea for patrol service. The secretary of the treasury has approved this report, and it is intended that the Wolcott be detailed for patrol duty on Puget Sound or at San Diego.

A letter received in the city from Lampson's London, gives anything but an encouraging outlook for the sealing industry. The letter states that there does not appear to be the same demand for sealskins as in former years, and that prices are likely to remain low.

The British bark Verbena, Captain Judd, which arrived at Port Townsend some time ago, has been chartered by Robert Ward & Co. to load lumber at Moodyville.

## TALKED RECIPROCITY.

Hon. Mr. Fisher had a Conference with Chairman Dingley.

Buffalo, N.Y., Dec. 28.—The Commercial's Washington correspondent writes that before the Canadian minister of agriculture, Hon. Sidney Fisher, and the quarantine commissioner, Duncan McEachern left Washington they had a conference with Chairman Dingley of the ways and means committee. The conference was not formal in any way, nor was it held by the direct sanction of the Canadian government, but the subject of a new reciprocity agreement between the United States and Canada was talked over at length. The Canadian officials expressed a desire for the restoration of intimate trade relations between the two countries under conditions that should not do injury to the trade of either. Governor Dingley expressed a desire for reciprocity as far as could be granted without injury to the interests of American farmers and manufacturers, but said there were a good many things to be considered before a satisfactory treaty could be made. There was some further discussion on articles which might be made reciprocally free upon entry to either country but no definite programme was agreed upon. The Canadian government now has a commission taking testimony regarding the effect of the existing Canadian tariff law.

## MONETARY CONFERENCE.

Friends of the Movement in the States Receive Encouragement.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The expectation of the friends of the movement for an international monetary conference is that the question will be taken up in the senate soon after the holidays, though it may be considered first in Republican caucus. The committee has been clearly encouraged owing to reports received as to the probability of the success of securing a conference and its success when once secured. Senator Hoar, a member of the committee, has secured other members much valuable information collected by himself while in Europe last summer. He told them that France was aggressively in favor of an international understanding and that the sentiment in Germany is very favorable, but that the Emperor was the stumbling block in that country. He also expressed the opinion that England would be found much more tractable on the question than it was popularly considered probable. He has suggested that a little pressure, of a business character, might be brought to bear with good effect upon England, going so far as to say that the payment of some

debts owed by this country to England in silver might bring the English people to speedily realize the importance of an agreement on the subject and prove a valuable object lesson.

## CHINESE IN TORONTO.

Laundrymen Organize to Shut Out Chinese Competition.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—At a meeting of the proprietors of the principal laundries of the city it was resolved to request the civic authorities to enact a by-law imposing an annual tax of \$70 on all public laundries, and also compelling them to conform to certain conditions. The object aimed at is the checking of the inroads at present being made into the laundry business by the Chinese.

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—The Conservative leaders in Winnipeg and at other provincial points are actively preparing for the western-Conservative convention to be held in this city about January 29. It is understood the convention is called at the request of Sir Charles Tupper, and there is a possibility that the party chief will journey to Winnipeg to be present.

Walkerton, Dec. 28.—F. C. Messner, a private banker here, whose solvency has never been suspected, has absconded. The liabilities are believed to be \$80,000, and assets \$40,000.

## SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

### CHESS.

Moscow, Dec. 26.—Steinitz won the thirteenth game of chess, queen's gambit declined, after forty moves, late last night. The score is: Lasker, 7; Steinitz, 2; draw, 4.

### INTERNATIONAL MATCH.

The Mechanics Institute Chess club of San Francisco, has accepted the challenge of the Victoria club. On Saturday evening Mr. William Christie, of the C. P. R. Telegraph Company, received a wire which stated that the Mechanics Institute Chess room will have a table ready January 1 at 7 p.m., and that the Examiner will appoint a timekeeper. This match will decide the tie of last season, when Victoria and San Francisco won a game each. Mr. Piper will have charge of the Victoria game. The C. P. R. Telegraph Co. and the Pacific Postal Telegraph Co. will give the use of their wires free, and a direct wire will be run to the B'ford, where the match will be played.

### FOOTBALL.

**TOO MUCH GAMBLING.**  
New York, Dec. 26.—The World today says: "Very likely the last big college game has been played in New York. Members of the University Athletic Club are opposed to Yale and Princeton meeting here next season. C. C. Cuyler, Tracey Harris and Julian W. Curtis, members of the U. A. C., have announced themselves opposed to playing again in New York. The objection to these games is the speculation and immense amount of gambling induced by the play."  
**VICTORIA VS. NAVY.**  
Saturday's Rugby match at the Cauteen grounds resulted in a win for the Victoria club, the score being 11 points to 0. The game was a very rough one; Scholefield had his arm injured, and Miller is nursing a badly sprained ankle. The extent of the navy men's injuries is unknown, but the majority of them had many bruises and it is reported that one man had his collar bone broken.  
The Y. M. C. A. played the Columbia at Beacon Hill on Saturday afternoon. Both teams played well and the match resulted in a draw, the score being two to two.

### THE OAR.

London, Dec. 26.—Truth prints a letter from R. A. Lehman, Oxford coach, in which he records the progress made by Harvard, and the anxiety and willingness of the crew to learn the English style of rowing, and comments as follows: "Already we can see the grand challenge cup sailing across the Atlantic."  
**GOLF.**  
On Saturday afternoon the monthly medal handicap was played at the Oak Bay links. In the B class Mr. G. V. Cuppige was winner, his record standing thus: 111-4-104. In the A series Mr. Harvey Combe was winner with a score of 88-2-80. Mrs. Combe was the winner of the ladies' handicap with a score of 57.  
**TREKING.**  
The proprietors of the Sidney Hotel have arranged a shooting tournament for New Year's day. Several of the members of the local gun clubs will take part. The principal event of the day will be the contest between Mr. F. S. MacInure and Mr. C. W. Minor. They have made a match for one hundred birds at unknown angles. Those taking part will also have an opportunity of testing their ability to bring down live birds.  
Next Tuesday morning the Albany subscription lists will be opened at Jameson's book store. The Montreal Herald has published a list of the names of other members much valuable information collected by himself while in Europe last summer. He told them that France was aggressively in favor of an international understanding and that the sentiment in Germany is very favorable, but that the Emperor was the stumbling block in that country. He also expressed the opinion that England would be found much more tractable on the question than it was popularly considered probable. He has suggested that a little pressure, of a business character, might be brought to bear with good effect upon England, going so far as to say that the payment of some

## FIGHTING IN CUBA

Spaniards Exterminate a Party of Texan Sharpshooters and Claim a Victory.

Insurgents Burn Houses in the Immediate Vicinity of the City of Havana.

New York, Dec. 28.—A dispatch to the World from Key West, Fla., says: "The Lone Star Company of the patriot army of West Cuba, consisting of fifteen Texan sharpshooters, perished to a man after bravely fighting for more than five hours against vastly superior Spanish forces in Pinar del Rio province, killing double their own number and wounding probably as many more. The Cuban band was observed near Pinar del Rio city, Thursday morning and General Moliquet sent two squadrons of cavalry to attack it. After a running fight the band, which proved to be composed of fifteen Texans, was chased into a 'bottle' a bit of hummock having only one opening. The Texans seeing they were in a hole retreated to the further end and fortified themselves hastily behind some big boulders. The Spanish troops dismounted and surrounded them, pouring in a fire from all sides. The brave Texans replied and kept up the fight for more than five hours. By getting on a light ridge behind the Texan's position the Spanish were enabled to pour in a fire that killed all but two of the Texans. Those two gallantly continued the fight and held off the enemy an hour longer. Then overcome by thirst and enfeebled by the loss of blood flowing from a dozen wounds, they were cut to pieces by the Spaniards. The bodies of the Texans were left to the buzzards while the dead Spaniards were buried in the field. Twenty wounded were carried to Pinar del Rio city. Gen. Rivera ordered the names of the valiant Texans to be called at roll call for the next two months as a mark of honor. Several suburbs of Havana were attacked last night by insurgents. For two hours there was a constant firing within four miles of the palace. Ten houses were burned and the insurgents captured a lieutenant and five soldiers. Extra guards were sent to the outskirts of Key West, Fla., Dec. 28.—The Havana newspapers refer in a savage tone to the United States and especially against the policy which permits filibustering steamers to leave port and all the eagerness of the American press to print 'anything to discredit Spain' as they put it. The story of the Three Friends expedition, printed in New York, is used as a text. La Tucha is especially bitter and sarcastic in his comment, stating: "The lying press is to blame for half the war troubles."

The attacks upon the suburbs of Havana have become common now. Saturday night a fight was heard in the city proper, while fires from the burning buildings could easily be seen. The officials sent out extra troops yesterday for guard duty. Advice from Artemisa reports deadly fighting. Rivera's band made two dashes at the Spanish colony and in two instances inflicted considerable loss. Col. San Martin's troops were forced back Saturday morning by a strong force of insurgents, who drove them half a mile until reinforcements arrived and turned the tide of the battle. The fight reported to have occurred near Pinar del Rio city on Friday is claimed by the Spanish as a victory. They report that they cut to pieces a large insurgent band. A battalion from Cuenca, near Matanzas, were set upon on Thursday by a large Cuban force and compelled to retreat under the guns of Fort Maininas. They lost 26 men wounded and the Cuban loss was about the same. The Spaniards lost field equipments, tents, many arms, and one small cannon.

Three Baltimore boys, who were bitten by a Mad Dog, Die.

Baltimore, Dec. 28.—Robert Perry, one of the eight boys bitten by a mad dog on Dec. 1 and subsequently died at the Pasteur Institute, New York, died of hydrophobia. This makes the third victim, Robert Henry and Con Eppers having died from the same cause within the past week.

New York, Dec. 28.—Regarding the death of Robert Henry and Con Eppers, two of the patients, Dr. LaBlanc, of the Institute, said that the death of the boys did not prove that the Pasteur system was a failure. He said: "We do not absolutely guarantee that our treatment will prevent hydrophobia, any more than vaccination is an unquestionable preventive against smallpox. About one patient, out of 200 we have treated has died, while 50 per cent. of those not treated have died."

Halifax, Dec. 28.—The fire in the east slope of the Springhill colliery is practically under control. It is expected that mining operations will be resumed in a few days. The closing of the east slope will not affect the output of the mines as every ton of coal needed can be raised by other slopes. It was intended to close the east slope at the end of the year.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—Over 500 tickets have been disposed of for the Laurier banquet at the Windsor hotel. It is said that the speaker's address will dwell chiefly on the tariff and Manitoba school settlement, and it is likewise held that Hon. Mr. Greenway will say something about the situation in regard to the Manitoba premier will tell his hearers that he will faithfully carry out the arrangement entered into between the Dominion and local governments, and that he is ready to take a Roman Catholic into his cabinet to show his good will toward the minority in that province.

Brantford, Dec. 28.—R. R. Henry, the unseated Conservative member for South Brant, who defeated Paterson at the general election, was again nominated by the Conservatives on Saturday to contest the constituency at the approaching bye election.

Orillia, Dec. 28.—On Saturday, while

chasing a fox, Jake Gaudaur slipped and fell, his gun going off. The shot went over his head killing his dog. The champion is being congratulated by his friends on his narrow escape.  
Toronto, Dec. 28.—Nominations for mayor this morning resulted as follows: E. A. Macdonald, proposed by Ald. Gowanlock, seconded by John McCallum; Mayor Fleming, proposed by Mr. E. J. Barock, seconded by Mr. J. W. St. Leon; Ald. George McMurrich, proposed by R. W. Elliott, seconded by G. W. Dewar. E. A. Macdonald may withdraw, but in any case his candidature is not regarded seriously.

**Castle News.**  
London, Dec. 28.—A special dispatch from Rome says a landslide entirely destroyed the village of Santa Ana de Plagoa, demolishing 118 houses and rendering 150 families homeless. No loss of life is reported.

An Athens dispatch says: Floods have occurred in Lavradon district. They were accompanied by some loss of life. There was a landslide at Hattsmore Sunday night. A laborer's house was overwhelmed and the man, his wife and several children were buried.

**American News.**  
New York, Dec. 28.—The Press says that a letter received in New York from a relative of William Waldorf Astor declares that the millionaire has renounced his citizenship and sworn allegiance to Queen Victoria.

**Glasgow Beef Ham, Eastern Oysters at R. H. Jameson's.**

**PASSENGERS.**  
Per Str. Islander from Vancouver.—Geo. McLBrown, Hamilton Abbott, B. S. Byrne, Thos. Ladner, A. O'Connor, J. A. MacChure, G. D. Scott, H. L. Strauts, D. Stewart, C. Thorn, J. Clifford, F. H. Parker, C. W. Johnson, Jas. Mitchell, W. D. McIntosh and wife, Jno Hendry, C. W. Pratt, Rev. T. H. McKay, Mrs. Thos. McLoughlin, B. Springer, J. H. Duncan, A. Garesche, H. L. Macaulay, J. Hudson, Jno Tyson, W. Clayton, A. Brencley and wife, J. P. Falls, W. Blair, R. A. Musant, Mrs. Sim, Mrs. Elliott, Miss Elliott, J. H. Noonan, G. J. Snow and wife.

**MARRIED.**  
SLADES BOYS—On the 24th December at the Reformed Episcopal Church by the Rev. Bishop C. Rice, assisted by the Rev. W. Wilson, R. D. Lieut. Sampson Slades, R. N., H. M. S. W. J. Swan, son of Colonel Joseph Slades, Royal Artillery, of Ripple Court, Kent, to Fanny Harriet, eldest daughter of the late Lieut. George Sayer Boys, R.N.

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## No. 267. BY-LAW

Respecting the Municipal Election for the City of Victoria for the year 1897.

The Municipal Council of the Corporation of City of Victoria enacts as follows:—

1. The nomination of candidates for the respective offices of Mayor and Alderman of the City of Victoria shall take place at the City Hall, in the aforesaid city, on Monday, the 11th day of January, 1897, from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

2. In case more than one candidate for Mayor is nominated, the vote of the electors for candidates for the said office shall be taken by ballot in the Court Room, in the City Hall aforesaid, on Thursday, the 14th day of January, 1897, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

3. In case there are more candidates nominated for the office of Alderman in any Ward than there are vacancies to fill up, the vote of the electors for the candidates for the said office shall be taken by ballot on the 14th day of January, 1897, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the respective places following, that is to say:

For the North Ward—At Room 11 of the Public Market Building, Cormorant street.  
For the Central Ward—At the building on the southwest corner of Douglas and Pandora streets.  
For the South Ward—At No. 27 Government street (east side).

4. The provisions of the "Election By-law," passed the 3rd March, 1888, and the schedules thereto, and the "Election Amendment By-law, 1892," so far as applicable, and not inconsistent with this by-law and the "Municipal Elections Act, 1886," shall be read with and form part of this by-law.

5. William Walter Northcott is hereby appointed the Returning Officer at the said election; Robert H. Johnson is hereby appointed Deputy Returning Officer at the said election for the office of Mayor; James H. Falconer is hereby appointed Deputy Returning Officer for the North Ward at the said election; William Burnes is hereby appointed Deputy Returning Officer for the Central Ward at the said election, and Thomas J. Desbarge is hereby appointed Deputy Returning Officer for the South Ward at the said election.

6. The "Municipal Election By-law, 1896," is hereby repealed.  
7. This by-law may be cited as the "Municipal Election By-law, 1897."

Rec onsidered, adopted, and finally passed the Council the 23rd day of December, A. D. 1896.  
[S.] ROBERT BEAVEN,  
Mayor.  
WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,  
C. M. C.

**NOTICE.**  
The above is a true copy of a by-law passed by the Municipal Council of the City of Victoria on the 23rd day of December, A. D. 1896, and all persons are hereby required to take notice that anyone desirous of applying to have such by-law or any part thereof, quashed, must make his application for that purpose to the Supreme Court of B. C. within three months next after the publication of this by-law in the British Columbia Gazette, or he will be too late to be heard in that behalf.  
WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,  
C. M. C.

## MORTGAGE SALE

Tenders will be received by the undersigned until the first day of February next for the purchase of all that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the city of Victoria in the province of British Columbia, and more particularly known and described as follows: Lot number fifty-two (52) of the eastern half of section twenty (20), Block 7, Part 2, according to the map or plan thereof as filed in the Land Registry Office at Victoria, and there numbered two hundred and twelve (112). Mortgage registered in Charge Book vol. 12, Folio 109, No. 124365. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. There is a good house on the property, Hendall street, now rented to a desirable tenant.  
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42 Government street, Victoria, B. C., Solicitor for mortgagees.  
Dated December 21, 1896. 6c11-31

## Fraser Valley and Kootenay Railway Company.

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

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