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MUNICIPAL PROBLEMS.

The municipal programme promulgated at the beginning of the year which is so near its close has yet to be carried out. Some of the works are under way and no doubt will be completed in due course. The Point Ellice bridge question is still before the ratepayers. The tangle which ensued from the call for tenders for a steel bridge may be reduced to the benefit of the city as a result of the fuller and deeper consideration that may be given to the subject.

was at least worthy of consideration. The ratepayers will probably want to know why it is that of late years steel has almost entirely superseded stone in bridge work—whether there is any reason for such a state of affairs beyond the mere impossibility of spanning certain chasms in the old-fashioned way.

But there is a matter of more importance to the people of Victoria than the erection of any bridge. That is the matter of sanitation and health. We spend a great deal of money to guard our city against the introduction of disease from without. Why should we neglect any possible precaution to make it pure and wholesome within?

Under the auxiliary system as proposed tanks will be located in James Bay, Rock Bay, Cadboro Bay Road district, Spring Ridge and Victoria West. The proportion of sewer pipe necessary is also allotted to each district.

MR. BOYLE'S STATEMENTS.

"There is a large and ever-increasing number of thoughtful and well-informed people in Great Britain who express the serious belief that if radical changes do not come about in the near future, the United Kingdom will be relegated to the third position in the ranks of the world's trade and commerce."

The critics think "Ralph Connor's" book, "The Man From Glenarry," might be improved upon. But there never was a book published of which they did not say the same. The public is not so critical. It has already ordered one hundred thousand copies of the book.

In these days when wires multiply themselves so rapidly in our city streets, parents should warn their children to beware of offensive, harmless appearing dangling ends. Any one of the things released by the storm may be alive, which would not long be true of a child who entered upon an investigation of the phenomenon at close quarters.

ORDINARY BREAKFAST FOODS ARE FLAT AND LACK TASTE.

Malt Breakfast Food Is Delicious and Appetizing. Some of the common objections to oatmeal and other grain foods are, that they are flat and lack taste and flavor. Malt Breakfast Food is the acme of deliciousness; its flavor captivates all who use it.

ATHLETES, BICYCLISTS and others should always keep HAGGARD'S YELLOW OIL on hand. Nothing like it for stiffness and soreness of the muscles, sprains, bruises, cuts, etc.

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Compelling all the latest novelties in CUTTINGS, PASTINGS, OVERCOATINGS, 15 to 18 Suits HOMERUNS; also a full range of BLACK AND BLUE WOOLSTEDS, for evening or business wear. Every garment is made up first-class in every respect.

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THE PAPER COMBINE.

One of the chief of the resources of Canada is supposed to be wood-pulp. This commodity enters largely into the composition of many useful articles, chief of which is paper. A heavy protective duty has been imposed for the encouragement of the paper-making industry. The paper manufacturers of this country have been accused of forming themselves into a combine for the purpose of regulating competition and prices at home.

WHAT WOULD JOHN BULL DO? Toronto Globe. If the French treaty, now before the Senate, were ratified, for example, we may be sure that Germany would not be long in filing her claim for better treatment also; and if it would go on, we then come to the general question of all what would the United Kingdom do under these circumstances?

BRITISH FINANCIAL JOURNALS are remarking on the splendid success of the Dominion in the last five years, as exemplified in the address recently delivered by the general manager of the Dominion.

MARRIAGE BY TELEPHONE. Montreal Star. The system of marriage by telegraph or telephone recently introduced in some of the southern states is not in our judgment an improvement to the old fashioned wire-less wedding.

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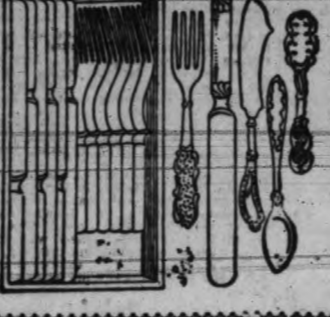
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SPENCER'S TOYS

AND ALL KINDS OF FANCY GOODS AT SPECIAL PRICES

Friday and Saturday

The room that these goods take up is more valuable to us than the loss made on these goods.

SEE WINDOWS Sunday School Teachers and those getting up Christmas Trees will do well to see the Toys and Fancy Goods.

ALTHOUGH OUR SALES

Were exceptionally large during the Xmas week, our stock of Groceries for the New Year's holiday is unexcelled. THIS WORLD'S BEST BOUGHT RIGHT. The prices will affirm our oft repeated claim: Always the Cheapest.

The Saunders Grocery Co., Ltd. 39 AND 41 JOHNSON STREET.

Conclusion of the Vogel College Serial Advertisement.

One more point we should like to make in favor of our institution is the facilities which we have, and the efforts which we put forth in teaching typewriting. We have said before that shorthand is merely a fast way of copying from dictation. What the business man will pay the typewriter for is not this, but for the typewritten letters, and consequently it is the typewriter which earns the salary. There are hundreds of typists who do not know shorthand, but who earn good salaries because they have common sense, and are able to type a letter without taking it down verbatim, and on typewriting we put a great deal of emphasis. We teach touch typing, that is doing the work without looking at the machine, and this method is from 15 to 20 words a minute faster than the style of using the eyes, as the stenographer need not lift her eyes from her notes.

A Merry Xmas TO ALL

WE'VE GOT THE STORE WE'VE GOT THE GOODS WE'D LIKE

Your Money Too. M.W. Waitt & Co. 44 GOVERNMENT STREET.

NOTICE. James Bay bridge is closed to vehicular traffic until foundation of wall is completed.

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Don't Forget to Call on A. EDWARDS. 51 VICTORIA STREET. NEXT DOOR TO THE POODLE DOG.

YOUR TOYS AND XMAS PRESENTS. Which we are selling at bargain prices.

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THROAT PASTILLES

Containing Eucalyptol, Menthol, Capoteum and Licorice, are highly recommended for singers and speakers.

TABLE SILVER FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

Should be got now. Look over your silver, and, if you want extra pieces of entire new sets, come to us.



ALWAYS READY THE ELECTRIC LIGHT

is always ready for use. A child can turn it on. NO DIRT. NO SMELL. NO LAMPS TO FILL. NO ESCAPING GAS OR WASTE.

B. C. ELECTRIC CO.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Victoria, Dec. 26-5 a. m.—During last night one of the severest ocean storm areas of the season moved rapidly across Vancouver Island to the Mainland.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Clam chowder and oyster cocktails at the Senate. Have you tried our soft shell walnuts, 25 cents per pound?

GET WISE

Now that Christmas is over, you require a good tonic—something to build you up. Take a bottle of our Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites, 50c. and \$1.00 bottles. We guarantee it.

THE OLDEST, STRONGEST AND BEST

The Mutual Life of Canada

NOW IN ITS 32nd YEAR, IS THE ONLY CANADIAN COMPANY ON THE MUTUAL PLAN. IT OFFERS THE BEST POLICY AT THE LOWEST RATES.

Have You Seen THE Belt Line

Johns Bros.' Window?

The most attractive window display in the city, showing the new Point Ellice bridge with trolley, fire motor, V. & E. train running over it.

Johns Bros.

250 DOUGLAS STREET.

XMAS PERFUMES

Now is the time to select your presents, while our stock is large. We carry the best French, American and Canadian makes.

HALL & CO.

Dispensing Chemists, Clarence Block, Cor. Yates and Douglas Streets.

—D. G. S. Quadra left this morning to erect a buoy off Chemainoa.

—As the wire between here and the Mainland is not working today, it was impossible to find out this afternoon what time the Charmer sailed for Victoria.

—The annual sale of property in arrears for taxes will be held in the city council chambers to-morrow noon.

The popular steamer Rosalie sails at 9 a. m. daily, except Saturday, from Hudson's Bay Co.'s Wharf for Seattle and other Puget Sound points.

—Steamer Amur leaves for Skagway this evening. She will carry few passengers being North-bound.

—To-morrow evening in the lecture room of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church the annual Christmas treat of the Sabbath school of that church will take place.

—Steamer Unatilla got in from the Golden Gates yesterday morning after an uneventful passage.

—There is now in the course of construction at Sidney a new tug for use in connection with the fishing boats on the Fraser next year.

—Two football matches were played yesterday. One was an Association game at Beacon Hill between the Fernwoods and Columbia.

—A male nurse reported yesterday that he had saved the life of a prominent merchant of this city.

—A meeting of the Victoria City Kennel Club will be held to-morrow evening, commencing at 8 o'clock.

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Place Your Orders For The Xmas Turkeys, Geese or Chickens WITH ERSKINE, WALL & CO.

Mutual Life Insurance Co., New York, is among those staying at the Dominion hotel.

G. Wylie, of the ship Bankburn, which had such a narrow escape from being dashed to pieces on the rocks off Oak Bay last evening, is mentioned in another column.

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THE WESTSIDE For New Year and Return Presents

All this week every article of Fancy Goods, Furs, Jackets, Men's Furnishings and other things suitable for New Year's Gifts or Return Presents, AT SPECIALLY REDUCED PRICES.

Furs at Reduced Prices. It is hardly possible to hit upon a more appropriate or more acceptable New Year's Gift.

Ladies' Black and Brown Russian Fur Neck Ruffs, with four tails. \$1.10

Ladies' Brown and Grey Opposum Neck Ruffs, SPECIAL. \$1.75

Grey Opposum Neck Ruffs, with four full tails, SPECIAL. \$2.75

Alaska Sable Horsehoop Collar, with 6 tails. \$6.50

High Class Furs, in Electric Seal, Alaska Sable, Bear, Marten, Mink, etc., AT SPECIALLY REDUCED PRICES.

Jackets and Silk Waists at Reduced Prices

Ladies' Grey Home-spun Three-Quarter Jackets, cloth and satin trimmed, SPECIAL. \$5.75

Ladies' Semi-Fitting Three-Quarter Coat with velvet collar. \$12.50

Ladies' Stylish Silk Cloth Coat, fashionable collar. \$15.00

Ladies' Handkerchiefs. For New Year's Gifts. Ladies' Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, usual. 30c. each. SPECIAL. 20 cents

Ladies' Delicate Lace Edge Handkerchiefs, SPECIAL. 17 1/2 cents

60 Dozen Ladies' Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs, usual. 30c. and 50c. YOU CHOOSE. 25 cents

Men's Neckwear. For New Year's Gifts. 55 Dozen Men's Silk Neckties, Black, Blue, Green, Brown, Striped, Club and Four-in-Hand styles, usual. 25c. and 50c. each. SPECIAL. 25 cents

Men's Flower Ends, Four-in-Hand and Puffs, in latest styles, usual. 25c. and 50c. each. SPECIAL. 25 cents

All Fancy Goods Reduced in Price. THE HUTCHESON CO., LD., VICTORIA

GREAT REDUCTIONS IN PIANOS. From now to the end of this year our entire stock of Pianos will be offered at greatly reduced prices.

GIDEON HICKS & CO.

January 1st, 1902 Smoking Jackets

Worth \$5.50, \$6.00, \$6.50 and \$7.00. Price for the holidays

\$4.00, \$4.50 and \$5.00

You will find these coats as advertised. \$1.50 to \$2.00 saved on each coat.

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Christmas Music.. ALL THE LATEST POPULAR SONGS AND PIANO PIECES

50c. Song Folios. Some time ago we told you about THE GREAT WHITE THINGS and BEYOND THE GATES OF PARADISE, two beautiful sacred songs.

The New Born King. Very appropriate, and just the song for Xmas.

Fletcher Bros., 37 Johnson Street, Victoria, B.C.

\$100,000.00 To Loan on First Mortgage. Swinerton & Oddy.

Ladies' Gloves. There is nothing more acceptable to a lady than the gift of a few pairs of gloves.

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CLAY'S Metropolitan Bakery Christmas Cakes Plum Puddings

BON BONS. And Fresh Confectionery. CLAY'S, 20 FORT STREET.

CHRISTMAS SCARF PINS. For a gift, or as an additional touch of brightness to go with a gift of neckwear.

50c., 75c., \$1.00 each. W.G. Cameron

VICTORIA'S CHEAPEST CASH CLOTHIER, 55 JOHNSON ST.

Xmas Presents. CARVING SETS, SILVER PLATED WARE, BOYS' TOOL CHESTS, ETC., ETC.

Watson & McGregor. PHONE 745. 90 JOHNSON ST.

THE BLOCKHOUSES IN SOUTH AFRICA

WHY LORD KITCHENER INAUGURATED SYSTEM

Hundreds of Little Garrisons Are Scattered Throughout the Country—Plan Working Well.

The statement in the official telegram from Pretoria, published in the Times of October 23rd, that the "Constabulary line of posts between railways has been pushed out to Wilge river and Greylingstad," is worthy of considerable notice...

Birth of the Blockhouse System, which, as is shown by the telegram already referred to, has reached dimensions which are not readily realized in this country.

Twelve months ago the blockhouse was practically unknown. The railway lines at important points were defended by solid works built by the troops which, though quite adequate to protect the immediate vulnerable vicinity, left large stretches of railway open to attack.

Ingenuity of the Sappers came to the rescue, and each blockhouse was provided, besides an entanglement, with a concrete or spider web of wire environment, so interwoven that it was cut-proof.

Lord Kitchener's scheme was intended, before the process of excavation was commenced, to picket the railway communications with blockhouses at an interval of 3,000 yards, in order to bring an attempt at crossing the line under a rifle fire of at least 1,500 yards. But for the protection of bridges and other salient points more elaborate fortifications were erected.

Strengthen the Line. By increasing the number of posts. Then, when Gen. Clements was appointed to the command of Pretoria, the blockhouse system was employed to ensure the safety of the occupied town area.

The next extension was practically a continuation of the Bloemfontein-Ladybrand line stretching to the west. This was entrusted to the South African Constabulary under Colonel Ridley, and the chain of posts now extends along the line of the Modder river to Jansfontein.

It was Lord Kitchener's intention in May last year to drop a perpendicular of similar posts from the Modder river to Fauresburg, passing through Petrusburg. We have no information if this scheme was carried out, but the intention was good, as it would then have been possible for mobile columns swooping through the country from the south to drive the enemy into the angles formed by the perpendicular with the main chain.

But the extension has been chiefly confined to the Transvaal, and it is the method which Lord Kitchener employs of clearing all difficult portions of the country. In August last, when the Schurberg and Zwart kopje, north-west of Johannesburg, were cleared, Krugersdorp and Commando Nek in the Magaliesberg were connected by a chain of blockhouses, the South African Constabulary, holding as far as the first drift on the Crocodile river, Imperial troops being responsible for the rest. A parallel to this line was in construction along the trend of the Mooi river.

Two Distinct Areas. In which the process of clearing is facilitated by the presence of its fringe of blockhouses, and once cleared they remain to prevent reoccupation. Now Lord Kitchener reports that he has formed the long projected line of posts from Wilge river on the Komatiopoort line to Greylingstad on the Standerton line, and from other reports we can conclude that similar measures have now been adopted in the Losberg, south of Krugersdorp. Thus we have the four parallels—the Wilge river-Greylingstad line, the Pretoria-Vereeniging railway, the Krugersdorp-Commando Nek (possibly extending to the Losberg), and the Mooi River valley line. Each is joined on the south by the railway and now we believe by the line of defensive posts erected along the banks of the Vaal.

It must not be thought that these posts rest alone with their infantry garrisons. To each section is attached a proportion of mounted men, and they patrol, night and day, between the blockhouses. It is not stated in Lord Kitchener's telegram if the new line crossing the Bethel district has been connected with the Springs, but this was the original plan, which was formulated in June, and is probably the case. Over and above the extensions already enumerated, we know the

Railway is Now Protected with blockhouses as far as Pietersburg, and that similar erections now exist south of the Orange river upon all the most exposed ramifications of the Cape railways.

The information is not forthcoming to show to what extent this programme has been successful—whether the enclosed areas have been sufficiently cleared to allow of re-establishment of farming and other interests—but there is abundant evidence to show that the time of weary waiting has now been wasted, and that over and above the traversing of the country by mobile columns other means have been energetically taken to bring the situation to a more satisfactory termination.—London Times.

ABOUT MENELIK'S ARMY. Major Hanbury-Tracy and Captain R. P. Cobbold, the two British officers who were dispatched early this year on a mission to Abyssinia to accompany Menelik's army in the expedition against the Mad Mullah, have just arrived in London.

Captain Cobbold says the Abyssinian army has no system of intelligence and possesses no maps. Although the Negus has often received offers from foreign governments, he has never hitherto permitted foreign officers to accompany the army on active service. The force numbered about 15,000 men, many of whom fought against the Italians in the late war and constituted the flower of Menelik's army.

There are no other soldiers who can do so much work with so little nourishment. Discipline is maintained almost entirely by the personal attachment of the men to their leaders. The practice of mutilating the slain in battle still exists, especially among the Galla soldiers, to whom it is mainly confined. A soldier who can produce proofs of eleven victims is entitled to wear a silver band around his sword.—London Express.

CANCER. THE ROOTS OF CANCER cannot be removed by dangerous operations or by cauterizing the cancerous treatment is not a sufficient. Send for particulars of our remedy, which is making hundreds of permanent cures. No. 25, No. 10, No. 11, No. 12, No. 13, No. 14, No. 15, No. 16, No. 17, No. 18, No. 19, No. 20, No. 21, No. 22, No. 23, No. 24, No. 25.

STOTT & JURY, Bowmanville, Ont. TO MAKE MONEY it is necessary to have a clear, bright brain, a cool head and strong nerves. Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills invigorate and brighten the brain, strengthen the nerves, and remove all heart, nerve and brain troubles.

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THE ENERGY IN COAL. A writer in Cassell's Magazine presents a new series of calculations showing the amount of energy represented in the coal output of the world. This is a favorite field for mathematical recreation, but it possesses perennial interest, and each writer who discusses it seems to find a new way of presenting the facts.

BRITISH TROOP OIL LINIMENT. Sprains, Strains, Cuts, Wounds, Ulcers, Open Sores, Bruises, Stiff Joints, Bites and Stings of Insects, Coughs, Colds, Contracted Grains, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Bronchitis, Croup, Sore Throat, Quinsy, Whooping Cough and all Painful Swellings.

STRENGTH COMMANDS ADMIRATION. MEN, why will you be weak? Why do you not listen to the echo of the thousands of grateful voices raised in thanks to DR. McLAUGHLIN'S ELECTRIC BELT?

PAY WHEN CURED. Any honest man who will secure me can have my appliance and pay when cured, and then the price will be only half that is asked for the old-style belts. It has restored health and strength to thousands.

This is What the Cured Say About It: Your Belt has completely cured my back. You may use my name as you see fit, as I think your Belts are a grand thing.—W. J. Graham, Holland Landing, Ont.

FREE TEST. I give a free test to all who call. If you can't call I will send you my beautifully illustrated book with full information free. Call or write now. DON'T DELAY. FREE BOOK.

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Str. Majestic (Speed 16 Knots). NORTH BOUND. Leave Seattle 9:30 a.m. Leave Port Townsend 12:30 p.m. Arrive Seattle 3:30 p.m. DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

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FOR South-Eastern Alaska. Steamship Cottage City leaves Victoria 8 a.m., 17th Dec., Jan. 1st, Jan. 16th, and every fifth day. Leave Seattle, 9 P. M. Steamships Cottage City, City of Seattle or City of Topeka, about every fifth day.

VICTORIA & SYDNEY RAILWAY. Time Table No. 43. Effective Oct. 26th. NORTH BOUND. Daily. Victoria, leave 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Shawigan Lake 9:28 a.m. 9:58 a.m. Cobble Hill 10:33 a.m. 11:03 a.m. Duncan 11:33 a.m. 12:03 p.m. Nanaimo 1:33 p.m. Wellington, arrive 1:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m.

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KASLO. Owing to the depletion in the ranks...

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WELSON. Several more ship carpenters and...

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The money by-law voters of this city...

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Per steamer Charming from Vancouver...

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THE TIMES MUNICIPAL

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To be Sold for Taxes, Interest and Costs on the TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1901, at the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Victoria, B. C., at 12 o'clock noon.

Table with columns: Lot, Block, Section, Assessed Owner, Registered Owner, and various numerical values.

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VICTORIA UNDERTAKING PARLORS

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Little Sufferer From Smallpox Recipient of Christmas Gift. Miss Taylor, the 6-year-old girl whose sickness necessitated the quarantining of the steamer Rosalie on her arrival here from the Sound on Sunday morning last, received from a Christmas present from her fellow passengers and the members of the crew yesterday. A collection was taken up and the sum of \$40 received, which was handed over to the little patient.

The Rosalie left here for Seattle yesterday at noon. Going around to Esquimalt first, she took aboard a quantity of the furnishings of the Farallon now in dry dock. On the Sound, however, the Rosalie is to be newly furnished on account of all her furnishings being now used in quarantine. When the steamer will return from the Sound and take her place on the regular run is not yet known, but it will probably not be until next week.

E. E. Blackwood, the vessel's local agent, was not able to get into communication with quarantine this morning, but is arranging to send down a vehicle or stroller, or even a rickshaw, will carry down all parcels of papers addressed to those in quarantine.

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Handwriting Experts. The New York Court of Appeals Condemns Their Methods.

Aside from the deep sense of satisfaction that will come to all reasonable persons in 1901, what the ratepayers so conspicuously served in the granting of a new trial to Roland B. Molinoux, principally on the ground of the improper admission of the Baker evidence to the trial court, a large majority of the American public will rejoice that the New York Court of Appeals has also thrust its knife deep into the hollow mockery of the "handwriting experts" and has thus let the wind out of their pretensions. On the first ground the seven justices are unanimous in their decision, and they are divided, to be sure, but the majority opinion is dead against the unwarranted liberty that these "experts" have been enjoying in their courts—especially here in New York for the past half-dozen years. The court goes into this phase of the case very exhaustively, and the conclusions, often in the judgment, written by Justice Werner, is this:

Writings proved to the satisfaction of the court by the methods and under the rules advertised to be used as standards for purposes of comparison with a disputed writing, subject, however to two matters, of which the first, that experts shall not be permitted to select and establish the standards and then compare them with the disputed writing; second, that no writing shall ever be received in evidence solely for the purpose of comparison, when it is otherwise prejudicial to a defendant, or to the person sought to be charged with the disputed writing.

Otherwise stated, "handwriting experts" will not hereafter be permitted in this state to have been the practice of many of them to "run" the courts. Judge, jury, lawyers and all. They cannot themselves select a lot of undisputed writings in order to establish the correctness of their evidence, often erroneously, if not corruptly, conceived. They cannot bring into court any writing, "solely for the purpose of comparison," that may be otherwise prejudicial to a defendant. In short, they will not be given license to "build up a case" against a defendant in their own way.

As to the outrageous treatment which Molinoux was subjected by one or more of these "experts" at this trial—we refer to their having him write in all sorts of ways, with all sorts of pen and actually by their own instructions in order to get a specimen that would look like the address on the Kutnow powder package—while we are gratified that the court went into the matter in this way, we do not think it is so far-reaching as we might have wished. The decision says:

It is strongly urged upon us that, owing to the publicity of the case and the known suspicion of the police and prosecuting authorities against the defendant, he could not safely have refused Kinley's offer to produce specimens of handwriting. But the court cannot admit the argument. The defendant had the legal right to refuse to write for Kinley. He preferred to accede to the latter's request, and we can discover no ground upon which the writings thus produced can be excluded from the case.

Having once allowed himself to yield to the importunities of these "expert" devils, Molinoux could not have his writings, thus secured, thrown out. The court, however, sees no force in the argument that it was good judgment or good policy to accede to those requests—the defendant should have refused and stood the consequences. However, the defendant will know their rights better. And it is to be hoped that the courts may some day direct that evidence thus secured must be thrown out.

But at all events, the "handwriting experts"—the "yellows" in our court procedure—have had their wings badly clipped by the New York Court of Appeals. —New York Commercial.

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