for running up a bigger bill at the dry goods "WHAT IS THE REFERENDUM?" ought without an hour's delay enter dum" in these days. It is demanded by the proceedings for a divorce. A reasonable man would kick a mischief-maker like this out of his house without waiting a moment to conmany among the members of that party who

members and servants invariably did what did not know what the word meant, he was was right. Departmental officials, even tolerably familiar with the thing that the when their intentions are good, when they word stands for. He was somewhat in the think they are doing not only what is in the position of the man who had been talking interest of the Government but what is prose all his life without knowbest for the community, are liable to coming it. He heard the statement mit grave errors and to do what that the referendum has for a long time is hurtful to the Government and injurious been practised in this city, and that he had to the public. The supporter who, while frequently seen it in operation, with incredapproving of the general policy of the Gov- ulity. He did not know that the submission ernment, regards such errors of administra- of a money by-law to the ratepayers of the tion as unforgivable offences is greatly lack- city was a form of referendum. His remark ing in judgment and will never be long on was; "If that is the referendum I don't good terms with any administration. Men think much of it." Whether it is good or of this class are chronic kickers. They are bad, the referendum that the "advanced" perpetually making mountains out of mole-politicians are asking for is this process aphills and never can remain moderately contented with the acts of the very best of It is, in fact, a device which in a great mea-

servatives of this city, know very well that The plebiscite to find out whether or not the if their party were in power they would people are in favor of prohibition is a form of have to be continually making excuses the "initiative" which the same "advanced" for the Government. That party, though politicians expect to enjoy when the politi-Liberal in name, is not, as is very cal millenium arrives. The country which well known, liberal by nature. The Grit has both the initiative and the referendum Government was with respect to has democracy in its simplest form.

The only country in which the referendum some who were not by nature grumblers.

Those who are old enough to remember the departmental management of the Grits ety also obtains in the United States. Whenknow very well that they did not err on the ever30,000 voters in Switzerland or eight of often that those who had dealings with the departments complained that it was not possible to get from them even justice. It switzerland do not avail themselves of this atrike back found the Grit officials very un-

excuses for the Post Office Department in voice in the enactment of every law introthe present instance, but it is utter folly to duced into the legislature, they have only treated under a Grit regime than they are laws, and they have given their consent to under the Liberal Conservative administ one twenty-fourth of them. The above aptration. Experience has proved that the plies to the federal legislature alone, opposite would be the case.

A USEFUL ORGANIZATION.

indifference of the citizens. Very many of jected is from a quarter to a half. the inhabitants of our cities seem to think

porbance of having their city's affairs managed in an enlightened and an honest way, is to form large associations of intelligent and enterprising citizens, whose object it is to keep the necessity of civic reforms before the people, and constantly and carefully to watch the acts and the measures of the city's rulers with the view both of stimulating them to good works and preventing misgovernment. We see that some of the leading citizens of Montreal have formed themselves into

ed as City Councillors, prevent non FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1894.

THE BUSY GRITS.

Some busy Grits in this city are trying to convince their Conservative fellow-citizens that since the Postmaster-General has not paid the provisional allowance to the letter-carriers and some of the Post Office clerks the Conservative Government is utterly bad and altogether unworthy of support. Their case has only to be simply stated to show its absurdity. It would be quite as reason.

There never was a Government yet whose

He was surprised to find that, although he Our Grit neighbors, who are working so making bodies and makes the people themsure does away with representative lawhard to stir up discontent among the Con- selves really and directly the law makers.

on it, parsimonious. The "stinginess" of is in full operation as yet is Switzerland, the administration was the unending theme. There are two varieties of it in that counof the grumblers of the Grit party and of bry-one is optional and the other obligaside of generosity. In was, in fact, very the cantons demand that any law be subwas not uncommon for departmental officials privilege to as great an extent as many to pride themselves on their hardness and might expect. During the twenty years in their niggardliness. To those of whom they which the law has been in operation not were afraid they were generous enough, but more than one bill in eight has been subthe unfortunates who were not in a position to mitted to the people, and of these, singular We are not at all disposed to look for zerland, if they choose, can have a direct say that public servants would be better petitioned to pass upon one-eighth of the

The cantons have the referendum in both varieties. In some the referendum is optional and in some it is obligatory. When for the general good. This is the trouble." The great impediment to civic reform on selves of the privilege, and when it is obliit is optional the people seldom avail themthis continent is the apathy or rather the gatory the proportion of the measures re

It is supposed by its advocates in this

analyteants of our ossession of the great management but they do not exercy american but they do not take a bound to be a continuous of the city, and those who are most interest of the city, and those who are most interest of the city and those who are most interest of the city, and those who are most interest of the city, and those who are most interest of the city and those who are most interest of the city, and those who are most interest of the city, and those who are most interest of the city and those who are most interest of the city and those who are most interest of the city and those who are most interest of the city and those who are most interest of the city and those who are most interest of the city and those who are most interest of the city and those who are most interest of the city and those who are most interest of the city and those who are most interest of the city and those who are most interest of the city and those who are most interest of the city and those who are most interest of the city and those who are most interest of the city and those who are most interest of the city and those who are most interest of the city and those who are most interest of the city and those who are most interest of the city and th

THE UNITED STATES BLECTIONS.

absurdity. It would be quite as reasonable to tell a man who was vexed with his wife for not having dinner in good time or are not very profound reasoners. They are not very elever in tracing effects to their causes. Trade was dreadfully depressed was not fit to be trusted and that he We hear a good deal about the "referenconvenienced and distressed by the scarcity of money, and the low prices of com-modities and the scarcity of em. It appears that the Chinese in Manchuria ployment discouraged and impoverished the Republicans were in power, and they were led to believe by stump orators and party newspapers that times would not be good again until the Republicans had the direction of the study and the study are in the study and the study are in the st

> Democrats have for a long time been courting defeat. They were not true to their each other. They promised the country tariff reform, and when some Democrats tried to perform that promise other Damocrats did their utmost to prevent their being as good as their word. The Wilson tariff was an honest attempt to redeem the pledges made by the Democrats during the last presidential campaign, but Hill and Gorman and Brice, and a number of others in Congress, supported by host of Democrats in the country having axes of various, kinds to grind, misused the power extended to them by the constitution o thwart the honest Democrats in their atcempt to do what was right. The Cleveland Democrats hated the Hill Democrats with a oitter hatred, and Hill and his party were bound to have their own way if in getting it hey wrecked the party to which they beong. They have wrecked it, and they will no doubt have plenty of time in which to ontemplate the effect of their scheming and

their dishonesty.

It is too soon to state accurately the num sering Monreal have formed themselves into an organization which they have named the accidence of the control o ber returned by each party to the House of

ter. The Democrats have been severely aed, and they will, we think, derive very little consciation from the reflection that they have only themselves to blame for the unparalleled disaster.

THE KORBAN WAR

The war in Korea has been a series of The Japanese have been victorious both by sea and land. They have succeeded in crippling China's navy to such an extent that her ships appear to be either unable or unwilling to put to sea. If there was any life left in the Chinese navy it would not permit Port Arthur, which from a strategical point of view is a most important position, to be threatened by the sea and land forces of Japan. It was reported that Port Arthur in power—and a very large majority of the electors jumped to the conclusion that the Democrats had brought on the bad times. It is, however, threatened by the Japanese army, and China does not seem his house without waiting a moment to consider consequences. Everyone who has a grain of sense knows that neither wives nor governments are altogether failtiess, and if a man wants to get along with either one or the other he must not magnify faults and missakes into crimes.

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The in they did feel the hard times. They were in- upon Pekin, but there can be no doubt that they have crossed the Yalu and carried the

> them. The times were not so hard when run before the Japanese army like a fleck of the Republicans were in power, and they were sheep before a collie. If the setting in of easy, and to many it seemed perfectly danger, and if the nuropean powers as It has been very clear, too, that the China's enterprising enemy. Great Brit. ain is the only country that has shown a disposition to mediate between the combatelection promises and they were not true to ants. Her proposals have not been very warmly received by the other great powers. There are, however, indications that some of them will be willing before very long to interpose their good offices in the interest of peace. It does seem at this moment that if China and Japan are permitted to fight it out China will get a fearful drubbing.

bia Board of Trade to the Governor-General.

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Highest of all in Leavening Power.-Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

ABSOLUTELY PURE

From THE DAILY COLONIST, November 9. THE CITY.

"Four inches of snow" is the report

THE incorporation of the Victoria Fish

THE pleasant and tasteful headquarters of the pleasant and teateful headquarters of the Theosophical society, at 28 Broad street, are now opened to the public every evening (except Wednesday) from eight to ten, and books from its well-chosen library are dis-persed free of charge to those interested in the Theosophical fields of literature. THE case of Lee Chick, the Chinaman ar

concluded in the city police court yesterday morning, the defendant being bound over in again until the Republicans had the direction of the affairs of the Republic. This reasoning, if it can be called reasoning, was denoted by the Celestial Empire will be in the possession of Japan. Pekin will then be in period of one year; in default he will serve danger and if the European powers do not Ir is expected that the city council will

It is expected that the city council will hold a special meeting shortly to consider the best means of dealing with the social evil in Victoria, houses of ill-fame having been increasing with surprising rapidity and spreading to the residential quarters within the past few months. His Worship the Mayor and several of the board are said to favor the setting apart of one street, as in Vancouver, and there keeping all questionable houses and their inmates under the close watch of the police.

Hon. George Bohun Martin was yester-A VERY SMALL BUSINESS.

The Vancouver World goes out of its way to correct what it calls a "misleading statement" in the address of the British Columnum.

HON. GEORGE BOHUN MARTIN was yesterday formally sworn in as Cnief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the Province of British Columbia, the ceremony of swearing in being witnessed at Government House and the oath being administered by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor. Honor the Lieutenant-Governor took advantage of the goasion to congratu.

> THE Pacific Northwest can now boast of having the longest telephone line in the world. The Sunset Telephone Company on Monday put in operation a system of lines throughout the lower Sound country as far as the mouth of the Fraser river, reaching from Seattle to New Westminster, Vanconver neither the Westminster, Vanconver neither neither the Westminster neither the Westminster neither neither the Westminster neither neither the Westminster neither neither

ALL voters intending to qualify as house-holders at the approaching election of mayor and aldermen should make the necessary declaration of qualification without delay. The forms are to be obtained at the office of the Assessor in the city hall and lay. The forms are to be obtained at the office of the Assessor in the city hall, and must be filed, duly certified by a magistrate or notary, before the close of November. The qualification of a householder voter does the country be renewed. not continue good, but must be renewed from year to year, which is in itself a subject of some complaint. It is also a matter of inconvenience that the officers of the Assessor's department cannot complete the com

march, and also during the evening gave a number of fine piano solos. The wedding tour will be through California and will probably extend even further South. Na-naimo is to be the young couple's new

Ar Beacon Hill park yesterday afternoon a sympathetic citizen, seeing one of the does with a mass of wire netting entangled about its horns, climbed the fence of the park to effect its release. Evidently the animal did not understand the intrusion for it scampered away. In the sion for it scampered away. In the meanwhile another spectator volunteered assistance, but the animal was too swift for either of them. In the excitement a second deer took part with surprising suddenness, giving the first intruder an uncomfortable seat on his head. His victim altogether uncomfortable at the programments was expediture of his programments. conscious of his movements, was struck violently from behind and carried some dis-

JAMES NEEDHAM, a commercial ambassador whose special mission is to clothe the naked, was charged in the city police court naked, was charged in the city police court yesterday with having violated the provisions of the revenue by-law of the city in the course of his philanthropic endeavours. Specifically, the information alleged that he had been soliciting orders for an Eastern clothing house without paying the customary fee in such cases due and demanded. There were several witnesses required who were not in attendance, and the case was remanded until to-day. Needham was arrested by warrant as he was leaving by the Charmer yesterday morning, Assistant Treasurer E. C. Smith laying the information, and the necessary papers being issued tion, and the necessary papers being issued by Mr. R. B. McMicking, J. P.

PAT CROWLEY, not the chief of the San Francisco police, but a namesake, was fined \$5 in the police court yesterday morning for carrying a concealed weapon. He explained to the Court how it all happened. He had intended to go shooting yesterday, and brought the weapon down town in order to fit it with ammunition. The gunsmith's store was closed and so he started home, meeting on the way a few friends with whom he proceeded to "have a good time." was still able to navigate. He replied that the officer might go to some place less com-fortable than the average Canadian home, and that he would return to his ain fireside when he got good and ready to, and not be-fore. There were a few other expressions of opinion interchanged, and the constable see-ing that he had something which looked suspicious in his pocket gathered him in.

raignment of the Democratic corruptionists by Carl Schurz was really terrible, and every word he said was true. He anticipated defeat. Here is how he exposed their weakness. "It is," he said, "corrupt and treacherous leadership. It is your Tammany, your Hills, your Gormans, your Murphys, your Bruces, your Smiths. You have the rank which Victoria holds as a revenue producer among the cities of Canada. The printing disgusted decent men and made them doubtful whether the Democratic party is capable of conducting the government honestly and for the general good. This is the trouble."

The patition of D. A. Stoddart against the election of J. D. Prentice as member of the provincial legislature for West Lilloost oam up yesterday before Mr. Justice of the provincial legislature for West Lilloost oam up yesterday before mr. Justice of the provincial legislature for West Lilloost oam up yesterday before Mr. Justice of the provincial legislature for West Lilloost oam up yesterday before Mr. Justice of the provincial legislature for West Lilloost oam up yesterday before Mr. Justice of the provincial legislature for West Lilloost oam up yesterday before Mr. Justice of the provincial legislature for West Lilloost oam up yesterday before Mr. Justice of the provincial legislature for West Lilloost oam up yesterday before Mr. Justice of the provincial legislature for West Lilloost oam up yesterday before Mr. Justice of the provincial legislature for West Lilloost oam up yesterday before Mr. Justice of the provincial legislature for West Lilloost oam up yesterday before Mr. Justice of the provincial legislature for West Lilloost oam up yesterday before Mr. Justice of the provincial legislature for West Lilloost oam up yesterday before Mr. Justice of the provincial legislature for West Lilloost oam up yesterday before Mr. Justice of the provincial legislature for West Lilloost oam up yesterday before Mr. McMorhillips, defered wickets and stamping letters. It is earnestly hoped that a settlement of the quescloses.

> YESTERDAY'S Gazette contains the following copy of a notification, by D. Galbraith and 21 other residents of Agaseiz: "We, the undersigned land-owners within the herein described boundaries, beginning at the base of the mountain on the west boundary of Experimental Farm; thence in Assessor's department cannot complete the forms for voters desiring to qualify—many failing to qualify wing to the complication of forms to be gone through. Any house-holder for the past twelve month resident in the city, a British subject, and the tenant of premises paying an annual rental of not less than \$80, is entitled to vote as a house-holder at the election of mayor and aldermen.
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> Miss Dora Young, daughter of Mr. Henry Young, proprietor of the White There is also this to be considered: Victoria with respect to population is far smaller than the cities with which she is compared. If a per capita contribution were made the test, the exceedingly large business she transacts in proportion to her population would show her to be far ahead of them all.
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> The matter of the closing of the old Esquimalt road, which was referred to in a communication considered at the last meeting of the city connoil, is still in the same position that it was then. It has been referred to the street committee does not meet in musical circles here, played the wedding in the Luid lying netween the CP.R. and the mountain at the north, from where the CP.R. touches the mountain at the north, from where the CP.R. touches the mountain at the north, from where the CP.R. and the mountain at the north, the thread war at the north, the thread war at the north, the thread wa

FVERY PAIR GUARANTEED. ADDRESS SAN FRANCISCO CAL. FAREWELL TO ABER

The Vice-Regal Party Brin Pleasant Visit to Victo to a Close.

An Immense Audience Lister Address From the Count of Aberdeen.

The Governor-General and the of Aberdeen have had their time f pied since they came to Victoria, erday was no exception. A vis Jubilee hospital in the morning, an to the Chinese missions of the cit Excellency at one o'clock, an inspe the Royal Marine Artillery at the ment House grounds in the afterno to the Boys' brigade, and Lady Ab address on the National Council of of Canada in the evening, made up full programme for one day.

VISITING THE SICK.

The Governor General and the The Governor General and the C of Aberdeen accompanied by Mrs. D and Mr. Erskine, A.D.C., drove out Jubilee hospital shortly before noon day. The Lieut. Governor was unal one of the party, as he had to be pr the swearing in of Hon. G. B. Mr. Chief Commissioner of Landsand Wothe main door of the hospital Teague, Mr. Joshua Davies, preside other members of the hospital board Or. J. S. Helmcken, Dr. Richardson dent physician, Dr. Davie, Dr. Corse dent physician, Dr. Davie, Dr. Cors. Holden, Dr. Renwick, and Mr. Yates, secretary, met the visitors, tron, Miss Macmillan, and the nurses i neat white caps and aprons, being

The visitors entered the matron's where the president introduced the tors and others present, and as His lency's time was limited the inspect the hospital was begun in a few man and the male wards were first visited, the contract of the contract and the Countries ernor-General and the Countess great interest in all they saw and st every now and then to speak a few and excouraging words to the parties wards and indeed every department the hospital looked very fresh, bright chreeful. The female ward was also wand His Excellency as he had already in the men's wards, wished the paties wards, wished the paties.

speedy recovery.

On their return to the matron's roo On their return to the matron's rool Governor-General and the Countess as the visitors' book, His Excellency si "Aberdeen—Highly interesting and factory." Mr. Chudley, the treasurer sented them with a photograph of the ings, annual reports, the newspapers the accounts of the opening of the ho and the laying of the corner stone in 18 After expressing the pleasure it gave to see the hospital, the vice-regal party their leave.

CHINESE MISSIONS.

It was a strange mixture of Chinese whites that gathered at the Y.M.C.A. yesterday afternoon to meet the Gove General. He had consented to speak a words to the Chinese missions, so the byterian, Anglican and Methodist mi pupils, and the inmates of the Refuge E were assembled to do honor to the illustration. John Chinaman was out in and took a lively interest in what wen even though some must have found it cult to follow just what was said in Eng

There were on the platform His Exce oy, Bishop Perrin, Ven. Archdeacon Scr Rev. Joseph Hall, Rev. Mr. Lipson Rev. Mr. Gardner, Rev. Mr. Clay, Mr. Bishop Perrin opened the proces with the following remarks:

"It is not because His Excellency is

in his official capacity as the represents of the Queen that we congratulate ourse on his presence this morning, but been has taken and ever will take the deep interest in all Christian concerns. We interest in all Christian concerns. We into the prepared any address for His Excellenthis morning. We simply wish from if he should see fit to address us, a words of encouragement in the work of Christian mission. We are not here consider for a single moment the vexed and difficult question of Chilaber as compared with white, as these our brothers and sisters are lift in this city, the different churches the d tried to impress upon them the truths of Christian faith—and in no small degree i succeeded. And therefore when Your cellency was so kind as to say that would meet us we did not expect from would meet us we did not expect from any response such as might have been an pated if we had approached Your Excelle on any political or economic question, simply want a few words of encouragem from you in this eminently Christian wo We shall, therefore, sing a few hymns morning and endeavor to make this a de tional service more than anything else, know that the interests of the poor Chinaman will be protected by Her M. Chinaman will be protected by Her M Gracious Majesty as much as those of most exalted subject in the realm. But realize this morning that our standing ord from Jesus Christ are to preach His gosp and it is not to the patronage of Your I cellency—or even to the power and author of the Queen—that we look, but it is in name of Him who is the 'King of Kin that we stand here this morning."

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His Excellency said:
"I am very much obliged to the Lo
Bishop for the words of kind introduct
and also of explanation which he offered
the commencement of this meeting. I o
fess that when I read in the morning ne paper to-day the announcement which is been sent to it apparently with reference to the gathering here, I felt that would probably be expedient that some su explanation as that which was so appropriately made by the Bishop should be for coming lest anyone should misundersts coming lest anyone should misunders! the nature and purpose of this gather It arose in this way: A few days ago I h a very courteous request from a revere gentlemen who is superintending one of missions which have been organized w reference to the Chinese who live in t city or district. The request was that should receive an address from that p should receive an address from that p ticular society. My reply was that course I was always most ready to recei any such expression from any bo or society engaged in working the welfare of any portion of the co-munity (hear, hear), but I thought would be still more appropriate if all t missions of the same kind could units missions of the same kind could unite some combined expression of that sort any were to be arranged. You will east understand that in any case it is the duty the Governor-General to be free from an thing like personal predilection, bias preference, in so far as his official capacitic concerned, and apart from that capacitic concerned, and apart from that capacitic concerned, and apart from that capacitic contest I am very desirous to do whatever can to promote harmonious, sympather