SCHOOL SITE A LIVE TOPIC

AN INTERVIEW WITH CHAIRMAN OF BOARD

City Has Power to Expropriate Site—Argument in Favor of Burnside Road Land

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

George Jay, chairman of the board of school trustees, in an interview with a reporter of the Times this morning, made an illuminative statement relative to the somewhat tangled High school site question. A special meeting of the city council is to be held tomorrow evening for the purpose of considering what proposition can be made the school board for the utilization of the sand pits area, but it is not anticipated that this session will result in a solution of the problem.

"I visited the proposed site at the Jewish cemetery on Sunday" said Mr. Jay this morning, "and while I agree that it possess many natural attractions, it is obviously not a central location. Spring Ridge, on the other hand, does offer some advantages in the matter of being more central, but the cost of preparing the ground would, I fear, be prohibitive. This much seems to be certain; that with all the area levelled off you would have nothing more than a plot of ground devoid of soil fit for cultivation of any sort. Then, again, in order for the city to dispose of its property, of which it possesses six acres, a by-law authorizing the transfer would have to be submitted to the ratepayers, and I fear this would not pass.

important point which seems to been lost sight of is that the of trustees may, under the au- y of the Public School Act, ex- rate the property necessary for for school purposes. This being so, situation confronting the city is relieved materially, as the city may not be forced to pay any exhorbitant price for a site.

"In my opinion the site offered on the corner of Douglas street and Burnside road would be in every way admirable. It has been said in criticism of that location that it is too close to the sawmill district. But that is not so, for the sawmills are actually a half a mile away. This Burnside road site, it must be remembered, is on one of the trunk roads, and as the city is expanding in a northerly direction, with the imminent development of the Saanich peninsula, it is really becoming more central all the time. However, the question is one for the citizens generally to decide."

WILL BE LARGEST WARSHIP IN WORLD

Keel of Battleship Princess Royal, Which Will Have 26,000 Tons Displacement, is Laid

(Special to the Times.)

London, May 3.—The keel of the battleship Princess Royal, the largest warship of any navy in the world, was laid at Barrow-in-Furness yesterday. The vessel will have 26,000 tons displacement and will be 700 feet long.

FIGHTING RAILWAY BILL AT WASHINGTON

Republican Insurgents Force the Regulars to Abandon Many Sections of Measure

Washington, D. C., May 3.—Driven to the wall by the attacks of the insurgents, but urged to continue fighting by telegrams from President Taft, the senate regulars to-day began a struggle to save such remnants of the Taft-Elkins railroad regulations bill as they can force to passage.

That the bill as finally passed will be very different from that originally planned by the chief executive is admitted generally to-day. Senate regulars have agreed to abandon entirely provisions and sections to which the insurgents object and for which they offered substitutes and amendments.

The senate regulars have agreed to give up the sections permitting traffic agreements, and the section allowing mergers. The section providing for the supervision of railroad stocks and bonds by the interstate commerce commission may also be dropped by the regulars.

Many representative leaders are predicting that the bill, when finally passed, will contain only the sections providing for the court of commerce, the provision authorizing the interstate commerce commission to institute investigations on its own complaints, the clause compelling railroads to quote rates correctly to shippers and the provision for sixty days suspension of a rate pending its investigation by the commission.

The senate committee on interstate commerce has agreed to the amendment striking out the rate agreements and merger sections.

The announcement was greeted by the insurgents as an offer of compromise by the regulars, but it is believed that the insurgents will still fight the other provisions of the bill which are distasteful to them.

AGED 110 YEARS.

Denver, Colo., May 3.—A census enumerator in Florence, Colo., has discovered an aged Mexican couple, Francisco and Rafael Espor, who claim to be 110 and 107 years old and to have been married 90 years.

Experts estimate that the Bavarian quarries, which supply almost the entire world's demand for lithographic stones, are good for two more centuries.

WILL LIMIT ALL RACING

BY-LAW TO THIS END PASSES CITY COUNCIL

Discussion Monday Evening on Formal Application for Privilege From Country Club

The question of horse racing in connection with fall fairs in Victoria was given consideration at Monday night's meeting of the city council, the discussion arising over the receipt of a letter from the secretary of the B. C. Agricultural Association to the council, which read as follows:

Gentlemen—At a meeting held this day between the Victoria Country club and the executive of the B. C. Agricultural Association, the Country club stated that it wished to hold a six-day race meet (May 23rd to 29th) under the pari-mutuel system. The B. C. Agricultural Ascociation hereby refer the proposition to your honorable body for your approval. I am, yours respectfully, GEORGE SANGSTER, Secretary.

Ald. Fullerton expressed himself as totally opposed to any arrangement which permitted of horse racing, and he urged that the request be not granted.

Ald. Langley was of the opinion that the people who had held the sixty-day race meet last year were not actuated by any desire to improve the breed of horses, but simply to make money. He was opposed to the council assisting them in their plans this year.

Mayor Morley remarked that as far as he was concerned the city would in the ftutre have to be consulted before any permission to have horse-racing was granted to any body or company.

Ald. Humber, in characteristic fashion, deprecated any attempts to restrict horse-racing and betting privileges unless the council entered into the matter sincerely. If the council wished to wipe out the whole system let them prohibit all racing of any kind at the fall fairs.

The by-law to amend the public morals by-law was taken up later in the evening and passed. Its main provisions are: "That no horse-racing or other racing, and no fairs, fetes or ohter public exhibitions shall be permitted upon any premises which the corporation of the city of Victoria either owns or controls, save under a permit in that behalf to be applied for to the mayor and council, the permit to be signed by the mayor and the seal of the city attached. The permit so granted shall contain such regulations and conditions governing the conditios governing the use of any such public premsies as the council may see fit to impose in each case, and so that any permit so granted shall terminate and be revoked on demand by the mayor of the city for the time being on any breach of any such regulations and conditions.

"Provided always that no such permit shall be necessary in the case of the holding of exhibitions confined solely to agricultural (including horse shows, without racing) horticultural, floricultural or fruit, dairying or exhibitions of other industries, or amateur athletic or gymnastic exhibits.

"It shall be made an express condition and stipulation in every instrument of tenancy created by the corporation that any and every tenancy or right of possession shall terminate and cease without notice or demand upon the broach of the lessee, tenant or occupier of any of the terms, conditions and stipulations of this by-law enacted."

DEPOSITORS WAIT ALL NIGHT FOR MONEY

Run on Los Angeles Bank Still Continues—Demands Are Being Met

(Times Leased Wire.)

Los Angeles, Cal., May 3.—"I find that this bank is paying dollar for dollar, and that the depositors will get every dollar that is coming to them if they want it. The bank has obeyed the state laws and so long as it does so it will not be closed."

This statement was issued to-day by State Superintendent of Banks Alden Anderson after he had examined the All-Night and Day Bank, upon which a run started shortly before noon yesterday.

Weary and sleepy eyed, scores of depositors were awaiting their turns at the teller's windows when day broke. During the night they held their place in line, many of them sitting on boxes or on the cold pavements. Others munched sandwiches and drank black coffee carried from near-by restaurants by newsboys who reaped a harvest of nickels.

Early to-day the all-night crowd was augmented by hundreds of depositors. It was estimated that 1,000 were in line shortly before noon.

President Skinner issued a statement to-day declaring the bank solvent and claiming $75,000 deposits since the run started yesterday.

SAWMILL DESTROYED.

Nelson, May 2.—Fire destroyed the Deschamps sawmill, planing mill and yards at China creek, near Rossland, on Tuesday evening. The sawmill and plainer were under one roof, and the fire started on the roof of the planer, the entire plant being destroyed, together with 1,000,000 feet of dry lumber in the yards, ready for shipment. The loss is $35,000, the insurance carried amounting to $8,000. J. S. Deschamps, sole proprietor of the business, will build a temporary mill at once in a new location near the site of the plant that was burned, and he started men to work clearing the debris from the original site.

THE REAL LUMINARY.

ANOTHER PRIZE FOR AVIATORS

OFFER OF $50,000 FOR LONDON TO PARIS TRIP

Flight Involves Crossing of English Channel—Further Encouragement

London, May 3.—The Daily Mail today announced the offer of another $50,000 prize by the paper for an aeroplane flight from London to Paris.

The flight, if successful, would mark a new era in aviation. The recent Manchester flight of Louis Paulhan, which netted the French aviator the Daily Mail's $50,000 prize, has established new era in aviation.

The London to Paris flight, however, would far surpass the Manchester feat, as it involves the crossing of the English channel, in addition to the distance over land both in England and France. The Paris flight would also involve the breaking of Bleriot's famous record which the Frenchman set when he crossed the channel from France to the English shore.

PRICE ON HIS HEAD.

Chinese Revolutionary Leaders Confer With Members of Progressive Party at Honolulu.

Honolulu, May 3.—Dr. Sun Yat Sen, with a price of $300,000 placed on his head by the Chinese government, is here quietly conferring with leaders of the progressive Chinese party. Dr. Sun is an American citizen and bears the emnity of the Manchus.

Although various viceroys in China have offered sums for the capture of Dr. Sun, the revolutionary leader travels without a bodyguard. His latest feat was to re-enter Southern China and lead a rebellion against government forces.

Dr. Sun was born and educated in Honolulu and has established a revolutionary headquarters here.

FORMER CASHIER PLACED ON TRIAL

Accused of Embezzling $75,000 in Notes and $50,000 in Cash From Bank

Portland, Ore., May 3.—Charged with having embezzled from the Oregon Trust and Savings Bank while he was cashier of that institution, $75,000 in notes and $50,000 in cash, W. Cooper Morris was placed on trial in the circuit court here to-day. The mysterious disappearance of the $50,000 in question has never been satisfactorily explained. The credit and debit slips showing this trancastion and the testimony of W. H. Moore, ex-president of the bank, will be two of the strong features of the present trial.

BRYAN'S DAUGHTER WEDS AGAIN.

Lincoln, Neb., May 3.—Lieut. Reginald Owen, of the British Royal Engineers, and Ruth Bryan Leavitt, daughter of W. J. Bryan, were quietly married at Fairview, Lincoln, Bryan's country home, to-day. Mr. and Mrs. Owen, it is expected, will start on their wedding journey to-day. It is believed they will go to Kingston, Jamaica, where Owen is stationed.

Mrs. Owen was divorced from W. Homer Leavitt. When her former husband, an artist, heard of her proposed marriage to Lieut. Owen he declared he would endeavor to gain possession of their two children, and would prevent the wedding if necessary to gain this end.

INVESTIGATING BRIBERY CHARGE

LEGISLATORS TO APPEAR BEFORE SPECIAL JURY

Forty-Nine Democratic Members of Illinois State House Will Be Called to Testify

(Times Leased Wire.)

Chicago, May 3.—Forty-nine out of the 53 Democratic legislators in Illinois will be summoned before the special grand jury here to tell what they know about the alleged purchase of his seat in the United States senate by Wm. Lorimer.

Subpoenas are now being sent out for these men. Those not summoned are Lee O'Neill Browne, minority leader; Representative White, the confessor; Representative Wilson, whom White says gave him the $900.

Representative White was on hand yesterday to relate his story in detail to the grand jury, but a dispute arose as to the method of procedure and he was permitted to cool his heels in the ante-room while the difference was being adjusted. It is probable he will go before the jury to-day.

Meanwhile Senator Lorimer's secretary arrived from Washington bearing a letter from White to the senator, which the latter says will prove that White is mentally unbalanced. Lorimer refused to give out this letter. Lee O'Neill Browne, several of whose alleged personal letters to White were published to-day, was not to be found, and it was announced he had gone out of the city.

Politicians generally doubt that convictions can be obtained upon the unsupported confession of White. Indications are, however, that all of the down state legislators may corroborate White's story.

One feature of the day's developments is the prospect of libel suits by Senator Lorimer who charges that the entire business is a conspiracy to injure his two banks which have just opened for business. Lorimer's friends say that if libel suits were brought, they would be delayed until the grand jury announces its decision.

SEVERAL PERSONS KILLED BY CYCLONE

(Times Leased Wire.)

Messina, May 3.—Several persons are reported to have been killed and scores injured by a cyclone that swept this section last evening.

The area stricken by the Sicilian earthquakes is reported to have suffered the greatest damage.

TAIL OF HALLEY'S COMET.

London, May 3.—Having completed a series of observations and computations, Professor A. C. D. Crommellin, of Greenwich observatory, declares that the tail of Halley's comet is only 3,000,000 miles in length, and it is becoming shorter each year. This process of diminution, he said, has been going on for 650 years.

Professor Crommellin scouted the theory that the earth will be endangered by poisonous gases composing the comet's tail. He declared that the earth's inhabitants will know that this globe is passing through the tail only by a haze that almost will amount to a twilight during the passage. He does not believe this will be attended by a strange phenomena.

FINE WEATHER FAVORS CROPS

WHEAT ABOVE GROUND AT MANY POINTS

Good Progress is Being Made With the Sowing of Coarse Grains

(Special to the Times.)

Winnipeg, May 3.—The weekly report on seeding was received by the Canadian Northern yesterday from agents on their line. Weather conditions are now very favorable. Various points report seeding completed as follow:

On the main line—Giroux, 80 per cent.; White Plains, 60 per cent.; Eli, 50 per cent.; Oakville, 90 per cent.; Portage, 99 per cent.; Beaver, 100 per cent.; Gladstone, 100 per cent.; Pumas, 100 per cent.; McCreary, 80 per cent.; Ochre River, 75 per cent.; Grand View, 60 per cent.; Veregin, 50 per cent.; Humboldt, 100 per cent.; Dana, 90 per cent.; Warman, 75 per cent.; Battleford, 95 per cent.; Tashburn, 75 per cent.; Lloydminster, wheat up four inches; Vegreville, 80 per cent.; Fort Saskatchewan, 100 per cent.

Branch lines—Ridgeville, 50 per cent.; St. Jean, 50 per cent.; Morris, 70 per cent.; Sperling, 100 per cent.; Carman, 100 per cent.; Minto, wheat all up; Hartney, 100 per cent; Virden, 90 per cent.; Wawanesa, 100 per cent.; Brandon, 90 per cent.; Regina, 90 per cent.; Clan William, 60 per cent.; Swan River, 85 per cent.; Davidson, 100 per cent.; Duck Lake, 100 per cent.; Prince Albert, 80 per cent.

Many points report wheat well above the ground, and that good progress is being made in the sowing of the coarse grains.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

(Special to the Times.)

Chatham, Ont., May 3.—John Stein, a prominent farmer, was struck and instantly killed yesterday by lightning while gathering a flock of goslings into a barn.

FORCED TO FLEE IN NIGHT CLOTHES

Number of Persons Have Narrow Escape When Fire Destroys Seven Buildings

(Times Leased Wire.)

Seattle, Wash., May 3.—Fifty people were aroused barely in time and fled from their lodgings in their nightclothes, before a fire which destroyed a block in Youngstown, a surburb, at 4 o'clock this morning.

Of the seven buildings burned to the ground, two were hotels. All the buildings were frame and the loss will not exceed $15,000.

William Blok, a butcher, who roomed in the Youngstown hotel, first discovered the fire and aroused the roomers. The work of the firemen was made dangerous by the explosion of several cans of gasoline in a grocery store.

FERNIE ASSESSMENT.

Fernie, May 2.—As an evidence of the growth of the city, it may be mentioned that the assessment roll is $157,000 more this year than last. Six important money by-laws are to be voted upon May 5th, looking to the expenditure of $113,000 for municipal improvements.

RESTRICT SALE OF LIQUOR

IMPORTANT BY-LAW PASSES THE COUNCIL

Restaurants in Victoria to Be Placed on Same Basis as Saloons From July 14 Next

By a vote of seven to three the city council on Monday, after an animated discussion, passed the amended liquor license by-law, by which provision is made for restrictions to the sale of liquor in restaurants. Consideration of the measure had been delayed from time to time and when it was finally taken up it furnished opportunity for a vigorous protest from several of the aldermen who have been opposed to it from the start. After considerable discussion the clause limiting the hours for the sale of liquor to 11 p. m., each day, was abandoned, but that dealing with the sale of intoxicating liquor in restaurants was allowed to stand.

As the by-law stands at present saloons are still to close at midnight on each day of the week except Saturday and on that night at 11 p. m. From July 14th restaurants, as far as the sale of liquor is concerned, must conform to the laws governing saloons. Thus from the date mentioned there will be no liquor sold in restaurants on Sundays, and on all week days save Saturday no liquor will be sold after midnight.

When discussion opened on Monday the by-law was in its committee stage. Alderman Sargison commenced the debate by declaring his opposition to the whole measure. In his opinion there was no warrant for it. Conditions in Victoria were not such as made any amended liquor by-law necessary. The council should not continue to pass by-laws which could not be enforced. He moved that the by-law be given the six months hoist. This was not seconded.

On consideration being given to the first clause, which prohibits youths under the age of 18 being allowed to enter pool and billiard rooms, Ald. Sargison opposed the same vigorously. In his opinion there were many youths under eighteen who might be able to earn an honest livelihood as billiard markers. The clause carried.

In regard to the clause dealing with restaurants Ald. Sargison was again heard in protest. He refused to believe that conditions in Victoria were such as to warrant any such new legislation. Other cities had made the experiment of attempting to restrict the sale of liquor in restaurants after hours and these attempts had failed. If the clause was allowed to stand it would prove detrimental to the city. It would have a deterrent effect, in his opinion, on tourist traffic.

Ald. Humber took the position that as only a few restaurants sold liquor, all should be placed on the same basis respecting its sale, and for that reason he would support the by-law.

Ald. Langley said he had been informed that there was no jealousy amongst liquor men on the question of the restriction proposed to be put on restaurants. He was opposed to the clause and had gone to some pains to investigate the situation. It was in his opinion a very serious matter in a city like Victoria to thus curtail the privileges of the travelling public at restaurants.

The vote on the clause was then taken and it carried by seven to three. The by-law was reported complete with amendments, and nothing now remains to give it effect on July 14th but its final passage, which is a purely formal matter.

SCOTTISH LANDOWNER WILL VISIT WEST

Sir Leonard Lyell Says His Trip to Canada is an Educational One

Toronto, May 3.—Sir Leonard Lyell, of Pirriemuir, Scotland, nephew of Sir Charles Lyell, the celebrated geologist, accompanied by John King, visited the parliament buildings yesterday afternoon and conferred with Sir James Whitney.

"Entirely a personal call," said Sir Leonard, when interviewed subsequently. "I was anxious to meet and talk over a few matters with your premier."

The distinguished visitor said his trip to Canada was undertaken as an educational one. He was desirous of seeing at first hand and judging for himself. He is leaving for a trip through the west.

Sir Leonard is an enthusiastic supporter of the present British administration and Lloyd George's budget, despite the fact that he owns large estates which are subject to the land tax. He is confident that the Liberal policy will be victorious in the battle of the peers and people.

PEARY ENTERTAINED.

Explorer is Guest of the Royal Society in London.

London, May 3.—Commander Robert E. Peary fulfilled to-day one of the most important of engagements which brought him to England—luncheon as the guest of the Royal Society's Club, in its palatial home in St. James' street. The Earl of Halsbury, former Lord High Chancellor, and one of the most brilliant lawyers in England, presided. At the close of the repast, his lordship proposed the commander's health, referring in glowing terms to the services the latter has rendered to science.

Afterwards the commander held a reception, during which he received the heartiest congratulations on his exploits.

It requires approximately ten tons of pitchblende to yield a single grain of radium bromide, to obtain which over a thousand reductions and crystallizations have to be made.

BIG COMPANIES GET TOGETHER

TRYING TO ARRANGE WHARF RECIPROCITY

C. P. R. and Grand Trunk Officials Gone to Prince Rupert to Look Over Ground

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Captain Troup and R. Marpole, of the C. P. R., with E. J. Chamberlin and Captain Nicholson, of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, are at present at Prince Rupert, arranging for a sand-off in connection with wharves. The C. P. R. own practically all the wharfage accommodation in Vancouver, and the Grand Trunk have the whip hand at Prince Rupert. For some time the two companies have been trying to secure suitable accommodation at either port, and now the officials have got together and are making arrangements. It is probable that they will make such recommendations to their respective boards of directors as shall ensure each company proper dock accommodation.

The Grand Trunk Company has been trying to secure officers for their new steamers, and rumor has it that two have been appointed. One of these is said to be Capt. Barney Johnson, who was recently appointed skipper of the Camosun. He will take the Prince Rupert, the first of the steamers to arrive, and it is said that one of the C. P. R. captains who has recently left that company may be another appointee. The captain, however, refuses to discuss the question.

No word has yet been received in regard to the plans of the new wharf in this city. The plans show the longest wharf to extend 320 feet from the bulkheads recently constructed, and pointing in the direction of Sehl's Point.

C. P. R. APPOINTMENT.

(Special to the Times.)

Winnipeg, May 3.—Edward Duval, chief clerk to Mr. Bury, has been appointed C. P. R. superintendent of terminals at Calgary, a new position. He is a son of Rev. Dr. Duval.

HON. ROBERT ROGERS IS TARIFF REFORMER

Manitoba Minister Invites Englishmen to Pay More Attention to the Colonies

(Special to the Times.)

London, May 3.—Hon. Robt. Rogers, minister of public works for Manitoba, in an interview published here, invited Englishmen to pay more attention to the colonies. He declares that Great Britain is not in the slightest degree asleep or backward except in her failure through ignorance to realize the importance to the Empire of its colonial assets. He predicts tariff reform as the first great step in cementing the colonies to the Motherland.

Mr. Rogers declared that as a strong believer in imperialism and a tariff reformer, he was returning home a still stronger one, if possible.

BILLS RECEIVE THIRD READING

Number of Government and Private Measures Disposed of in House of Commons

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, May 3.—In the House of Commons yesterday the following private bills were given the third reading: Respecting the British Northwestern Fire Insurance Co., incorporating the Alberta, Peace River & Eastern Railway Co.

When the government orders were taken up the third reading was given without discussion to the railway subsidies bill and to the bill to incorporate the Canadian Northern Alberta Railway Co., and to aid in its construction.

Hon. W. S. Fielding's resolution to continue the subsidy to the Canadian Associated Press for telegraphic news from Great Britain for five years on a sliding scale from $12,000 for the first year down to $5,000 the last was adopted, and the bill founded theron was given its third reading.

BALLINGER-PINCHOT CASE

Resolution Presented in U. S. House Calling for Papers.

Washington, May 3.—Representative Harrison, of New York, yesterday introduced in the House a resolution calling an Atorney-General Wickersham for the papers and data which were refused Attorney Brandeis by the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation committee. The resolution will be considered next Monday by the committee to which it was referred.

Harrison, in presenting the resolution, declared that the investigating commitee had refused to allow the papers and data to be given Brandeis.

"The position of the committee would be more enviable," he declared, "if it would allow the facts to become known."

Representative Madison helped Harrison prepare the resolution presented yesterday.

GOING TO THE MACKENZIE

Edmonton, May 3.—W. E. W. Jackson of the meteorological service, has started on a long journey north to the mouth of the Mackenzie river to inspect the meteorological stations along the route. The farthest north official station is at Athabasca Landing, 100 miles north of Edmonton, but voluntary observations are taken by the Mounted Police and others at points far into the north. The farthest north of these volunteer posts is on Herschell island, in the Arctic ocean, where the Mounted Police have taken observations for years.