lines and Mining. On other thanks of the standards also days

mill at the Golden Cache is still g up to time and has only been la few hours since starting up. osened a little in the first of the but nothing very serious, as it elayed the work for a few while changing from a.r to steam.
drils at the mine are still receiving fils at the name are sen receiving from the air compressor, and it aly be a few days until the whole is again run by the compressors.

TEXADA ISLAND.

ward Blewett has returned from Washington, where he g arrangements with the Rock fel-ple, owners of the smelter, regard-working of the Raven mine, lateover and now under the fore of Mr. Christopher. d 50 men are working on the prop-and it is expected that soon a large ore will be shipped that will good values in both iron and cop-

BRIDGE RIVER DISTRICT. Bridge River district is in great i a wagon road and some efforts be made by the people interest-bring this matter before the promineral claims The hout the district have been provbe valuable properties, and most them have as much work done on

as is deemed necessary with the nt transportation facilities. As as a road is built there will be quite claims start work in good shape, ll will employ a number of men ake Bridge River come to the is necessary to get in machin the stamp mills, and for this rearoad should be built as speedily Being built along the pre will touch all the important ng the route, and we have ormed that a road could easily out of the present trail. let us have a wagon road, the necessary thing to open up the river d'strict and it will become the largest producers in the pro-The Prospector.

BOUNDARY MINES. T. Smith, the pioneer of the y Creek district, is in the city, the Spokane Spokesman-Review. prospects of the district and beday is close at hand when it brought to public attention as it

sk anyone who has visited the dary Creek district what he thinks," said Mr. Smith, "No matter well he may think he has kept or our development, he will be ed at what he sees. Considering development, more machinery in after transportation facilities are ed than any other portion of the Then when it is remember hat a tremendous task it has been the machinery into the district, the stry of the mining men who have those claims is a thing to be

Ithough little talked about, the dishas not been overlooked by capital, Of late some of the large ers of properties in the camp have looking over their holdings. None hen went away dissatisfied. Jay P. ves, of Spokane, was in Greenwood week with Mr. Minor, the Granby ber Company man and attentions. man, and other ow stock in the Old Ironsides Hill companies. It was Mr. Minfirst visit to the camp. He has putting up thousands of dollars for velopment of the properties entire recommendation of Mr. He was not disappointed. e said that examination of the disconvinced him that it was the most ant mining section of British Co-

an Mann, of the firm of McKenzie ann has been in the camp looking some of the properties which the is operating. J. E. Boss, of Spokane e manager of the firm. They own Stemwinder and Brooklyn. properties are being equipped with hoists. You have heard of the in the Stemwinder lately. It is hat it was represented to be shows a splendid ore body carfrom \$20 and \$30 in gold and four x per cent. copper. It is reported district that Mackenzie & about to start on the Enims group claims in Summit camp. There are claims in the group. A stean hoist be put in.

there is also a well founded report the Summit claim in Summit camp been bonded for \$22,000 to an East-Canadian company. This is a good for the property coasidering int of development, but it is evi worth it. The development is all work. If the deal closes it will work to be started at once as the sers will contract to do \$5,000

the Mother Lode property in Dead-Camp is instilling the heaviest ng plant in the district. I do not hether it is all in place yet or I have not been there recently, work of hauling the machinery in Bossburg has been a big task. The rs are two of 60 horse power each. railroad contractors agree to road into Midway by Sept. 1st, railroad contractors I think they will accomplish it. is much heavy work, but if men secured it will be There has been difficulty about ng men, but I think that the trouble ut past. The contractors are being to cut out the right of way, ing at Edwards' Ferry above Cos-City. A thousand men are to be between that point nwood City within the next few cutting out the right of way and ing the grade.

ere are a number of mining deals arge proportion on in the district. at liberty to talk about them. of them may materialize shortly. simply show that capital believes future of the Boundary district.'

bill has been introduced into the of commons making it compulfor every person who attaches to name the degree of bachelor, master, loctor in any faculty in which des are granted, unless such degree been received from a British univeror other body in the United Kingentitled to confer degrees, to in clearly the source from which degree has been received, under a alty of forty shillings and costs.

NOT THE OLD WOMAN. ggs-It is said that Dame Fortune ocks once at every man's door.

aggs-Well, it was her daughter, M'stune, who called on me.—Boston Trav-

A GREAT BATTLE AND KHARTOUM IS CAPTURED

Khalifa's Army Routed by the British doubt at Kerreri. The Lancers advanced through the hill passes and got within a mile of Kerrari. Then two officers went ahead and discovered that Conflict.

ENEMY'S LOSS PLACED AT 15,000.

Details of the Mighty Struggle and Glorious Victory.

Astounding Bravery Displayed by the Savage Hordes - Heroism of British Forces.

()mdurman, opposite Khartoum, on

the Nile, Nubia, Sept. 2.-by Camel Post to Nasri-General Herbert Kitchener, with the Khalifa's black standard, captured during the battle, entered Omo'clock this afternoon at the head of the Anglo-Egyptian column, after completing the rout of the Dervishes and deal-Last night the Anglo-Egyptian army encamped at Agiaza, eight miles from Omdurman. The Dervishes were three durman. miles distant. At dawn, our cavalry, patrolling towards Omdurman, discoverbattle array, chanting war songs. Their stretched out for three or four miles. flank. The withering fire maintained to-morrow if they wish it." for fifteen minutes by all of our line frustrated the attempt, and the Dervishes, balked, swept towards our centre ly two British officers were killed, Lieut, attack. A large force of horsemen try- Caldecott, of the Warwickshire regiment." face a continuous hail of bullets from the Cameron Highlanders, the wounded.

their dead strewn upon the field. The bravery of the Dervishes can hardly be overstated. Those carrying front of their camp the whole force troops surmounted the crest adjoining who were being savagely slaughtered. the Nile, the Soudanese on our right had reformed under cover of a rocky eminence and had massed beneath the to make a supreme effort to retrieve the fortunes of the day. A mass 15,000 strong, bore down on the Soudanese. General Kitchener swung round the left and centre of the Soudanese and seized the rocky eminence, and the Egyptians hitherto held in reserve joined the firing line. In ten minutes, and before the Dervishes could drive their attack home, the flower of the Khalifa's army was zone of a withering cross fire from three brigades, with the attendant artillery. The devoted Mahdists strove heroically to make headway, but every rush was stopped, while their main body was literally mown down by a sustained deadly cross fire. Defiantly the Dervishes planted their standards and died beside them. Their dense masses gradually melted to companies, and their companies to driblets beneath the leaden

Lincolnshires and the Soudanese, was

literally swept away, leading to the

At 11:15 the Sirdar ordered an advance, and our whole force in line drove the scattered remnant of the foe into the desert, our cavalry cutting off their retreat to Omdurman.

hail. Finally they broke and fled, leav-

ing the field white with jibbah-clad

corpses, like a snowdrift-dotted mea-

Another enief incidents of the battle was a brilliant charge by the lancers under Lieut.-Col. Martin, galloping down on a detached body of the enemy. They found the Dervish swordsmen massed behind and were forced to charge home against appalling odds, The lancers acked through the mass, rallied and Cept the Dervish horde at bay. Lieut. renfell, nephew of General Francis Grenfell, was killed, and four other officers injured. Two men were killed

and twenty wounded.

emy captured and held one of our guns, but it was brilliantly retaken. The heroic bravery of the Dervishes evoked universal admiration. Time after time their dispersed and broken forces reformed and hurled themselves upon the Anglo-Egyptians, their Emirs conspicuously leading and spurning death. Even when wounded and in death agonies they raised themselves to fire a last shot. Among the wounded is Colonel Rhodes, the correspondent of the London Times, and brother of Cecil Rhodes.

The Dervish Loss Enormous. London, Sept. 5 .- The war correspondent of the Daily Telegraph with the Andurman, capital of Mahdisma at 4 glo-Egyptian forces says: "Khalifa Abdullah, with his harem, and Osman Digna, his principle general, managed to escape, but Abdullah's banner and thousands of prisoners are in our hands. It ing a death blow to Mahdism. Roughly, is estimated that 15,000 of the enemy our losses were 200 while thousands of were slain. Our total casualties were the Dervishes were killed or wounded. about 500. Besides Col. Rhodes, another correspondent was slightly wounded, Mr. Howard, the New York Herald correspondent, was slain by a shell in Om-

The war correspondent of the Daily News says: "Our victory was not easily pedition. ed the enemy advancing to the attack in or cheaply won. The Dervish loss was enormous. It is estimated that the killed of the enemy were no fewer than, front consisted of infantry and cavalry, 8,000. Our whole force was engaged in fighting from 6:30 a.m. until sundown. Courtless banners fluttered over their The Dervishes displayed marvellous bravmasses and the copper and brass drums | ery to the last. Instead of waiting for resounded through the ranks of the sav- us in Omdurman, where they could have age warriors, who advanced unwavering- made a resistance that would have cost ly with all their old-time ardor. At 7:20 us thousands of lives, they advanced to the enemy crowded the ridges above the Some 12,000 men, in four brigades, atcamp and advanced steadily in fighting tempted to rush our zareba. With desformation. At 7:40 our artillery open- perate gallantry, they were repulsed, sufed fire which was answered by the Der- fering huge loss. Our maxim guns esvish riflemen. Their attack developed pecially made terrible lanes in their on our left, and in accordance with their ranks, and our artillery dealt havoc in the town, which was full of women. The traditional tactics, they swept down the Dervish army of 60,000 was utterly hillside with the design of rushing our broken, but we are fully prepared to fight

The Officers Killed. Gen, Kitchenen telegraphs, saying: "Onupon which they concentrated a fierce Greafell, of the 21st Lancers, and Capty Grenfell fell in a brilliant charge by the 21st Lancers, who lost 21 killed and 20

A Gallant Charge.

London, Sept. 5.-Dispatches from Omwithdrawal of the entire body, leaving durman relate that the newspaper correspondent Howard, who was afterward killed, rode in the gallant charge of the 21st Lancers. These troops were scouting when they saw in a bush between flags struggled to within a few hundred 600 and 700 Dervishes. The Lancers yards of our fighting line, while the charged the enemy and suddenly found mounted Emirs absolutely threw their themselves face to face with 2,000 lives away in bold charges. When the swordsmen, being outnumbered at least-Dervishes withdrew behind a ridge in four to one. The Dervishes were hidden from view in a hollow. The Lancers charged through them, reformed and marched towards Omdurman. As our charged back to recover their wounded, The official list gives the numbers of came in contact with the enemy, who British officers killed in the capture of Omdurman as two, while 13 were wounded. Of the men 23 were killed and 99 wounded. The loss sustained by the nablack standard of the Khalifa in order tives was: Officers, one killed, eight wounded; men, 20 killed, 221 wounded. Khalifa's Forces Surrender.

Lordon, Sept. 5 .- The war of ce has re-givet the following from General K chener, da el Saturday evening: I e remnant of the Khalifa's for e has resilered, and I have now a very large number of prisoners on my hands. The cavaly and gunboats are still pursuing the Khalifa and chiefs who, with only about 140 fighting men, are apparently making for Kordofan."

caught in a depression and within the | Congratulations From Emperor William London, Sept. 5 .- The Cairo correspondent of the Times says: The first telegram of congratulations to arrive from Egypt was from Emperor William or Germany, who said: I am sincerely glad to be abie to offer in congratulations on the splendid victory at Omdurman which, at last, avenges poor Gor-

con s death. Kitchener Visits Khartoum. Loudon, Sept. 5 .- The war office 's in eceipt of a further dispatch from Gen. Kitchener. He says: The left bank of the White Nile is so difficult of approach owing to the overflow and the thick brush that the gunboats cannot effect a anding. I therefore can rely only upon the cavalry to capture them. I visited Khartoum to-day. The town is in comriete roins, but the lower portions show some of the principal houses still stand-The people are naturally delighted o see us. So far as I can see at preent Khartoum is the best position. Omdurman is very extensive, and the stench there is unendurable. I have therefore moved the troops down to Khorskambat, where we are now in a good camp on the river. All the British wounded vill descend the river with this dispatch.

There is nothin gto cause grave anxi-The Details Coming. London, Sept. 5 .- The Daily Telegraph ssues a special edition, with the following details of the movements of Wednesday and Thursday, telegraphed from Nasrik: The Anglo-Egyptian troops began the advance with a front a mile wide, the army giving the impression of vast square with faces each a mile The Egyptian cavalry were in close long. Our cavalry occupied Jenesae

three miles ahead, at 6 o'clock. An hour later our infantry had arrived at the banks of the river. Here the rosee halted while the gamboats proceeded. The cavity, and camel corps were several lates in advance and in the rest of the

were west. The Egyptians on the right and the Lancers on the left tried to intercept the enemy, the camel corps supporting, but the Dervishes stepped back their camp in the bush, a mile inthere were many flags in the Dervish camp. They were fired upon and even-tually the entire mounted force returned to Sur Urab inside the zareba. the afternoon the gunbouts shelled the Dervish camp for several hours, apparently doing much damage. A number of Dervishes who had fled to the bushes bervishes who had fied to the bushes to escape the shells; surrendered during the evening. Among the refugets were the Shelk of Kerreri and a grandson of Kurshid Pasha. On Thursday morning the army advanced at 5 o'clock and found Kerreri deserted. The Lancers on the left and the Egyptian cavalry and applied six camel corps on the right, advanced six miles ahead of the infantry, which marched in a square, Brig.-Gen. Lyttle-

ton's battalious leading.

Drawn up in five divisions with a wing thrown back, was the Khal fa's army, its spears and swords glistening in the sunshine, northwest of the town in the desert. The teuts of the camp were on the north side of the town. In the central divisions were an enormous number of baners, including one of blue and one of black. A number of mounted Dervishes galleped forward, and our dismounted troopers fired upon them, killing several and driving off the remainder. The squadrons of our Savilly pushed within 800 yards of the enemy, pushed within 800 yards of the enemy, who advanced, our Lancers and the Egypt ans refiring. The gunboats are now (Thursday) bombarding the forts at Omdurman and Khartoum.

Joy at Omdurman. Cairo, Sept. 4.—The following telegram rom the Sirdar dated to-day (Sunday) at Omdurman and forwarded by camel post to Nasiri, was received this evening: "The camp has been moved outside Omdurman to the river banks. Our wounded are doing well and are now descending the river. The Austrian steamer Theresa Grigolini and all the European prisoners have been released. They are well. The list of casualties has not been re-

Hon. William E. Gladstone has been prohated. It shows that his personal estate is valued at £59.506. Mr. Gladstone's will was written by himself in an ordinary nemorandum book. It is a document of about two thousand words, and is a remarkable specimen of penmanship. The second clause of the will has reference to funeral arrangements, and savs: "Commending myself to the infinite mercles of God in the Incarnate Son as my only rate of several thousand dollars per and sufficient hope, I leave the particulars of my burial to my executors, specifying only that they be very simple and private, unless there be conclusive reasons to the contrary; and I desire to be buried where my wife may also lie. On no account shall

a laudatory inscription be placed over After appointing his sons as executors, the will charges the future possessor of Hawarden to remember that, as head of the family, it will be his duty to extend good offices to other members thereof, according to his ability and their mannest needs and merits. The rest of the decument leaves souvening to servants and bequeather to his grandson William, as heir, as heir grandson William, as heir, as heir-all the patents of the crown offices peld by testator and books and prints pre-sented to him by the Queen, letters to the Queen, etc. The will become een, etc. The will bears date of Novem-

ber 26, 1896.

NEW YORK ROASTING. New York, Sept. 5.-There was no relief to-day from the heat of the past four days. The local forecaster said the would remain stationary. for the next twenty-four hours. The thermometer registered grees at 1 p.m.; at S a.m. it was 78 per humidity. Twelve deaths due to heat have been reported since 1 o'clock

THE TRAIL-ROBSON ROAD. Still Delayed by a Scarcity of Working

"Although we are handicapped by the lack of men, yet excellent progress i ing made in the construction of the Rob-son-Penticton railway," said W. F. Tye, the chief engineer for the Canadian Pacific railway, to a Miner reporter last night. "The contractors have all told between 2,600 and 3,000 men at work along the line and they could use that many more if the men could be obtained. Several carloads from Boston and other eastern cities have been secured; but still the demand keeps up. The wage is per day and board costs \$5 per week. will do as much work in six days as he will in seven. from Arrow Lake to the mouth of Mc-Roe Creek, on Christina Lake, about half way up the lake. A crew has also been put to work west of Caseade City, and the line will be covered as far as Grand Forks in a few weeks.

teh laying of steel at the Robson end of the line about the 1st of October, and the line should be completed into Midway by the 1st of next June."—Rossland Miner. Tenderly he drew ner to me am poor!" he fallered.
"With thee," she exclaimed, rapturously,
"I can live upon a crust!" For had she
not in the east largely subsisted upon slate.

"If all goes well we shall commence

THE RIFLE.

Saturday's shoot, Saturday's Shoot.

Clover Point range on Saturday afternoon had very nearly all its disidayantages emphasized by the prevailing conditions. The win detracted greatly from the comfort of the competitors, and its effect upon the shooting is sufficiently indicated by the small scores made. This was the third of the third-class shoots. The ranges were 200, 500 and 600 yard, seven shots and one sighter at each. (Posible score, 105.)

Gr. G. W. Neill (200 and 500 only).

THE OAR.

The Johnston-Mackett Race.

The Johnston-Mackett Race.

The race between J. L. Hackett, of Rat fortage, and R. N. Johnston, unless some extraordinary hitch occurs, will come off on the 24th or 26th of September at Rat l'ortage. Johnston has received word that Hackett has \$490 posted with Jake Gaudaur, \$200 as an evidence of good faith and \$200 for Johnston's expenses for the trip. Gaudaur consented to act as final stakeholder, and Johnston accordingly drew the \$200 he had posted with the World and telegraphed the amount to Gaudaur. The Vancouver oarsman is training hard every day, and should make a good appearance at the big race. He has just received a telegram from Ruddick, the boat-builder, of New York, that his new shell has just been completed, and it will be shipped to Rat Portage to be there when Johnston arrives.

CRICKET.

Three Crows vs. Fifth Regiment. The cricket match between the "Three Crows" campers and the Fifth Regiment team took place Saturday afternoon at the grounds of the latter, resulting: 66, Campers; 54, Fifth Regiment.

A FEMALE CROESUS. Utah's Wealthiest Woman Visits Victoria-She Has an Income of \$75,-000 a Year.

Mrs. Susan B. Emery, Utah's wealth-

London, Sept. 5.—The will of the late Rt. death, at a time when she was in financial difficulties, she interested mining men, among them the firm of Keon & Keith, in the Silver King property and asked them to develop it and see what there was in it, and they did with wonderful results. Now the Silver King alone is buying Mrs. Emery's dresses, paying her living expenses and providing pin money, besides adding to her bank account at the

A SHORT PACK.

The Salmon Output This Season Falls Far Below Expectations.

put will be very short this season. The Fraser river pack is reported at 225,000 cases, or a shortage of about 653.000 The Sound sockeye pack is said to give 300,000 cases below what Canners figured on 550,000 cases and ordered cans for that amount, and now they report a pack of only 240,000. The Red Alaska pack is esti-240,000. mated at 600,000 cases, or 355,000 less than last season. Thus the visible short-age of the Coumbia river, Puget Sound, Fraser river and Alaska is 1.000.000

Carry over of 1897. 450,000 l'ack of 1897. 3,100,000 Leaves balance as consumed, 1897. 2.950,000 Make total for consumption..... 2,400,000 Showing shortage of actual con-550,000 COLLIDED WITH A WHALE.

Startling Experience of the Schooner Apple Larsen, From Fiji.

A few of the camps are working seven days a week, but for the most part the men have a rest on Sunday. The contractors have found, I suppose, that a evening, when nearing Cape Flattery The tote road is practically com-pleted stern. The whale was stunned and om Arrow Lake to the mouth of Mc-dropped alongside of the vessel and for

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—Lake View farm, on Salt Spring Island; 250 acres; all fenced, suitable for orchard and dairy purposes; will be sold reasonably cheap, as owner wishes to change climate on account of health. Apply to T. W. Mouat, Salt Spring Island, or to the office of this paper.

Pleasant Experience



During the past week we have enjoyed the passing experience of sending away from our store hundreds of delighted patrons. Most of them had bought groceries from us before and knew they were running no risk, despite the very low prices, because they got the very best goods.

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OLUMBIA FLOURING MILLS GO. ENDERBY AND VERNON

Hungarian, Premier, ** ** * Klondike

R. P. RITHET & CO., Victoria, Agents.

this riding, the worst of it appears. If any other elector than Mr. Stoddart entered such a protest, on the ground of "illegal candidate," one might excuse the act but one of Mr. Stoddart's political ex-perience descending to attempt to gain the seat in parliament by such despicable tactics is incredible. But such are the ways the river. The Austrian steamer Thereas Grigodini and all the European prisoners have been released. They are well, the list of casualties has not been received. The population of Omdurman manifests joy at the arrival of the expedition."

THE DREYFUS SCANDAL, Government Urged to End the Excitement Now Paralyzing Business.

Paris, Sept. 5.—Interviews with the premier, L. Henri Brisson and list ning steep of the promier, L. Henri Brisson and list ning steep of the promier, L. Henri Brisson and list ning steep of the promier, the subject of the political situation in France, as it has been affected by recent developments in the Dreytes case, are printed to-day in the Echo de Paris, M. Brisson is reported as having again that all the members of the ministry are convinced of the guilt by Control of the political situation in France, as it has been affected by recent developments in the Dreyte as a subject of the political situation in France, as it has been affected by recent developments in the Dreyte and the discussion of the promier, L. Henri Brisson and list may discuss the premier, L. Henri Brisson and list may discuss the subject of the political situation in France, as it has been affected by recent developments in the Dreyte was a member of the subject of the political situation in France, as it has been affected by recent developments in the United States. Her gowns of every belief of the political situation in France, as it has been affected by recent developments in the United States. Her gowns of every the subject of the political situation in France, as it has been affected by recent developments in the United States. Her gowns of every the large of the premier, L. Henri Brisson and list ministry are cent developments in the Chaulty States. The Drault, of Nove and States and its staying and the large from the excite of the premier, L. Henri Brisson and list ministry are cent developments in the Drault of the Excite ment and the premier, L. Henri Brisson and list ministry are cent of the premier, L. Henr change in the government of this province was sadly needed. Changed to a worse condition it cannot easily be. Many of the appointees of the government are a disgrace to the country. The venal throng of officials receive their reward. A displacement of these whose character and of officials receive their reward. A dis-placement of those whose character and conduct precludes them from being num-bered among men filling important public positions with decency and self-respect is eminently desirable. It is to be hoped that the government now in charge will look this matter in the light of the present con-dition of things and purge the public posi-tions of those undestrable characters whose by ghest ambition is to lose several hundred dollars at the gambling table. This is a

This is a dollars at the gambling table. This is a matter that in the interest of decency and utility must not be overlooked. These are marier that in the interest of decency and utility must not be overlooked. These are facts and even more serious that Mr. Stoddart has blandly closed his eyes against. Regardless of party let us have purity in elections and officials who are above fear and above reproach. I may have overstepped the limits of your valuable space. I will return again shortly.

East Lilloget Appust 31. East Lillooet, August 31.

THE TUPPER BOOM.

To the Editor: I crave space in your columns to express my views concerning the recent action of the Liberal-Conservatives, in convention assembled, in resolving to conduct the next provincial election on federal-lines. I write as a Liberal-Conservative of the Sir John Macdonald stripe not a Tupper Conservative. I am an ardent believer in the National Policy. In Toronto, where I resided for nearly 15 years, was one of the rank and file of the party, and joined in a Conservative procession before Sir Hibbert Tupper and Col. Trior we're short-coated, or Charles Wilson had qualified himself for the legal fraternity. I claim, therefore, the right to raise my voice against the ill-advised, stupid, selfish, impolitic and ignorant resolution of the Vancouver convention, to protest against that organization of late one-holders and present office-seekers laying down a nard and fast-sule for my guidance and control in obedience to the crack of the whip in Sir Hibbert Tupper's hands, with no other object in view than that the numerous Tupper family and their "chums" may again feed and fatten at public expense. I further say that the convention was not representative; that it did not express the sentiments of a vast majority of the Liberal-Conservatives in this province—the real workers, the bone and sinew of the was one of the rank and file of the party, Annie Larsen, From Fiji.

Port Townsend, Sept. 3.—Schooner Annie Larsen, Capt. White, sailing from Suva, Fiji Island, July 20, arrived today. Just before the Larsen sailed Suva presented a lively appearauce, as the native chiefs and their following were assembling at the capital for their annual feast and to pay homage and taxes to the governor of the isfands, Many hondreds had already arrived and many more were on their way. These feasts last several days, during which time all business comes to a standstill.

Capt. White reports having an unevenitful voyage until last Thursday evening, when nearing Cape Flattery his vessel collided with a large whale, which shook the vessel from stem to a few minutes the captain thought he water was lashed into foam and the whale disappeared.

Constable Kerby, of Hazelton, came down from the north on Sunday. This is his first visit to Victoria in five years.

FOR SALE. covernment was conservative from top to bottom has gone on record? Where were cotton, Semlin, Belyea, Pooley, Gec. Mar-in, Cranbrook Baker, Dunsmill, Bryden, Hunter and Sam. Rogers? These men are ill Conservatives, and all have pronounced themselves as opposed to making British

Foster, Sir Charles Tupper's second in com-

That the members of this convention had been parted to the protest made by D. A. Stoddart, the defeated candidate, against the election of Mr. Prentice, the successful candidate, in this riding, the worst of it appears. If any other election that the proceedings? Did he not decline to join the province as fast as a C.P.R. train could carry him? Examine the very first resolution, which may properly be called the trap, moved by Chas. Wilson, Q.C., seconled by Sir Hibbert Tupper: "That the members of this convention agree to give their hearty and unanimous support to every resolution which the majority shall carry." When this resolution had been passed the trap was sprung, and the convention from there on was fin easy prey to the machinations of the schemers. By a strange coincidence the mover of the iron-clad resolution was Mr. Wilson, Q.C., and the seconder ex-Governor Dewdney.

The alm of the leaders of the convention is too sprayent to deceive anyone. They The alm of the leaders of the convention is too spearent to deceive anyone. They wish to control those Conservative members of the legislature who were elected to oppose the Turner government, bring about, if possible, an early dissolution of the house and annelection on party these. Is the country prepared for such an innovation? What possible connection, for instance, can there be between provincial politics and remedial legislation? Where do provincial politics and the tariff question come together? What have provincial polities to do with prohibition and the hundred tics to do with prohibition and the hundred and one other matters of policy that are the exclusive assignment of the Dominion parand one other matters of policy that are the exclusive assignment of the Dominion parliament under the B.N.A. act? There was not even an attempt made at the convention to show that Dominion matters could be legislated upon by the province, and still the convention decided to run the country on Dominion party lines. We read that when the pious Acneas was compelled by painful circumstances to quit his country he and his band of Trojans formed a new Troy where they landed, raising temples to the Trojan gods, building streets with Trojan names and endeavoring to the utmost of their power to govern the country in accordance with Trojan ideas. They failed. Now, sir, in common with scores of others who in federal elections have always voted for Liberal-Conservative candidates, I protest against th's attempt to govern the province on eastern lines. Let govern the province on eastern lines. Let us have a free hand in provincial politics and we will remain true to Dominion party proclivit'es. But we will not be tied down proclivit'es. But we will not be tied down to eastern party complications, which do not come within the scope of provincial legislation. The aim of public men should be to weld the province into a homogeneous whole. If we differ let it be on local issues. We should not import into politics here issues that have embittered parties in the cast and retarded the progress of the Dominion. If the Tuppers are not to lead, I am willing to stand shoulder to shoulder for the advancement of Liberal-Conservative. am willing to stand shoulder to shoulder for the advancement of Liberal-Conservative principles as understood in the Dominion; but I refuse to be bound by the resolution of the convention. Nothing but disaster will follow an attempt to carry it into prac-tice. There is no law that will prevent a set of men making above of themselves, but I have a decided objection to them making a fool of me

of me. LIBERAL-CONSERVATIVE.

A PROFITABLE TRANSACTION. To the Editor: Among the many disagreeable things that are circulated about the late government is one which, if true, will certainly stamp them as imbedies of the most pronounced type. Visitors to the government square, while the buildings were in progress, must have noticed a large number of blocks of dark grey free-stone, cut to dimensions, lying in the rear of the structures. Those blocks were from the tructures. Those blocks were from the Chemainus quarry, and were rejected by the architect. The company that supplied the stone sued the government and received, costs and all, about \$15,000. Lattery the great blocks have disappeared from the square, and on inquiry being made as to their whereabouts I was told the person in anthority—that they were by a person in anthority—that they were by a person in authority—that they were roken in small bits, with the consent of broken in small bits, with the consent of the late government, and devoted to the purpose of metalling the roads that have been run through the square! I learn, too, that there are large piles of broken rock (the property of the government), suitable for metalling lying near the Victoria good which might have been had at the cost only of wheeling the stuff to the government, suare. I am further informed that when a city architect expressed a desire to purchase some of the Chemainus blocks for use in another building he was told that they were not for sale. Subsequently they were destroyed.

BLUDSO OF THE PRAIRIE BELLE. Wall, no, I can't tell whar he lives, Because he don't live, you see; Leastways, he's got out of the habit Of livin' like you and me. Whar have you been for the last three years
That you haven't heard the folks tell
How Jimmy Bledso passed in his checks
The night of the Prairie Belle?

He weren't no saint-them engineers Is all pretty much alike one wife in Natchez-under-the-Hill And another one here in Pike;
A keerless man in his walk was Jim,
And an awkward hand in a row,
But he never funked and he never lied—
I reckon he never knowed how.

And this was all the religion he had:
To treat his engine well
Never be passed on the river;
To mind the pilot's bell;
And if ever the Prairie Belle took fire— A thousand times he swore He'd hold her nozzle again the bank Till the last soul got ashore.

All boats has their day on the Mississippi, And her day come at last—
The Movastar was a better boat,
But the Belle she wouldn't be passed,
And so she came tearing along that night—
The oldest craft on the line—
With a nigger squat on her safety valve,
And her furness extended to the safety valve.

And her furnace grammed rosin and pine. The fire bust out as she cleared the bar, And burnt a hole in the night.

And quick as a flash she turned, and made

For the willer bank or the right

There was runnin' and cussin', but Jim

yelled out,

Over all the infernal roar:

"I'll hold her nozzle night bank

Till the last galoot's ashore."

Through the hot, black breath of the burnin' boat

Jim Bledso's voice was heard. And they all had trust in his cussedness,
And knowed he would keep his word.
And sure's your born, they all got off
Afore the smokestack fell—
And Bledso's ghost went up alone
In the smoke of the Prairie Belle.

He weren't no saint-but at judgment I'd run my chance with Jim Longside of some plous gentlemen That wouldn't shook hands with himthemselves as opposed to making Bruich Columbia a battlefield for Dominion politics, or a happy bunting ground for the Tuppers and their followers. Where was And Christ ain't a