F H.M.S. SERPENT.

Court-Martial on the rvivors-Verdict of the Court.

ttributed to an Error of t of Those Navigatr the Vessel.

kly, of Dec. 21st., furnishaccount of the naval enloss of H. M. S. Serpent: artial on the three surviv-ted ship Serpent, wrecked no on Nov. 10 last, assem-her Majesty's ship Black p at Devenport, on Tuesday ng been postponed from which day it was previously hree survivors, Frederick, leading seaman, Onesiable seaman and Edward eaman, all looking fairly ovided with seats in the accordance with custom, The earlier part of the n. The earlier part of the ed with official statements, three men rescued were reed that there were no he chains, nor any deep g taken at the time of the re was half a gale of wind, chaved well. Staff Comerson, an assistant of the department, who swung the mouth in July, at ted that were in a satisfactory cone returned from the naval Staff Comma der Freake the lost cruiser the "heelreduced to a minimum, pent had approached the bent had approached the disturbance had taken ld have been thrown off in all the magnetic causes

ve prevailed would have hip's safety. lay Staff-Commander Edvaluable information in irses from the position of last seen by the steamship to Admirally sailing direcorth-east coast of Spain showed that every warncommanding officers of ly to guard against the with south-west winds, at strength between the id Cape Ortegal, but also id frequently, especially in he surroundings giving a the surf of the shore can

fter deliberating for two rpent were in every re-ry and reliable; that the and all hydrographical noo the service on which the be employed were supore she sailed from Ply-e ship appeared to have respect seaworthy and ped; that no accident of appened on board the ship ent of her stranding; that ridence to prove whether the ship had been fixed by available on board; that proof that any unusual or mis prevaile in the Bay near the east and north-pain during the voyage of m Plymouth, beyond those are warned by the sailing Serpent to an error in responsible for the the ship, in not having sufficiently to the west d that no blame was to be my of the survivors of the n with the loss of the rt added that it desired to cipline maintained by the w up to the last.

TERER REPLIES. OR: I have just had the ding the contractor,s let-COLONIST, in e fact that in conducting sed to term our "strike," adopted the "honorable ining idle." In reply, may to state our case? cided that we would work ompany with Chinese, and stractors due notice that ould have to let the Chinawould seek work elsewhere. d to keep the Chi ese, and being fond of eating the ness, and being determined lotted share of breat, we all the work we could get public direct. We give the benefit of our skilled lue, and if we do their ever, and omit the mids from our bills, have the lic a right to complain? WORKING PLASTERER

NACCURATE.

TOR: The Times has found when it states that freights Montreal and Halifax have suit the Vancouver Sugar any changes are to come n on the 1st of February, trangements made by the tal association. The tal assocation. The mes should study figures decimal 15 is not a quarter at 20 a ha f. The writer ighten us how the N rthern nion Pacific, both in the n be interested in avoiding ne East in favor of a British VINDEX. ery.

obody Killed. horse owned by Walter

nated his flight at the corner nated his flight at the corner overnment street, yesterday buggy to which the horse was turned upside down, the urned inside-out, and the rably broken. The animal frightened by the street car, a flish it pulled the bridle of the driver, who was stand-down Yates street, passing a Government with-ut doing The excitement ended at the on, where the smash-up.

A VICTIM OF STRYCHNINE.

John Wild Defeats the Law By Taking a Dose of Deadly Poison.

Regretting His Act, He Asks for a Doctor, But Help Comes Too Late.

arrest and hold a young man, named John Here are some types: Wild, for a few months employed as bar- The first is bent with age and years of tender at the Driard, upon a charge of ob- leaning over a desk. A mild and amitaining money under false pretences from able atmosphere of conciliation sur-Samuel Gray, of Chemainus. The police were rounds him, only to give place to a sent out at once to find the man, but failed in obtaining any information as to where he his hand for the inspection of his chief. boarded, until yesterday morning. Then, And he is facetious, too, but God forbid when they went to arrest him, they found that he should ever give offense to

and very clear yet. Wild came here from call, he is polite. Polite he is to everycalifornia, where he has a brother employed as a second engineer on a coasting steamer, about four or five months ago. Howas a bartender, and for a time, secured employment at the Driard. Afterwards he was given work as a trainer and handler of horses. It is not known that he was a victim of melancholia, or in pecuniary trouble. He boarded at No. 6 Kane street, where he occupied the front room on the ground floor. He slept at home on Monday night, and in the morning went down town to get his breaklast An hour or so later, he returned, and again went into his room, telling the lady of the California, where he has a brother employed An lour or so later, he returned, and again went into his room, telling the lady of the house that she need not make up his bed as he was going to try and get a little more sleep. Not long after one of the other lodgers came home, and as he was passing Wild's door, the latter called to him to get a doctor at once. Wild was at the time almost screaming, and suspecting that some-thing was wrong, the young man broke open the door. The occupant of the room

property was taken possession of by the police, who also have a letter which was left, addressed to W. J. Taylor, of Eberts & "In the next room we see a different line for the police of the police o The contents will, no doubt, be made public at the coroner's inquest, the hour for which has not yet been fixed. It

remedies offered by the medical man.

The deceased was a member of the London Lodge, No. 215, Sons of St. George, of San Francisco, and also of Sherwood Lodge M.U.O.F., Nottiagham, Eng. He was born in England, and was about 35 years

Late last evening it was stated on good authority that Wild, meditating suicide, penned a note in which he inferred plainly that disappointment in an affair of the heart was the cause of his death. He did not mention at y name but said he had been slighted, and "she" would know, by whom

THE EARTH.

Rev. J. W. Green delivered the second

in a slowly evolving state, we may considerit best from an outside We find that its external material is an atmospheric envelope of very great tenuity in its upper regions, and growing denser naturally from pressure as we approach the body of the planet. Next to this outer envelope comes another liquid stores of heat, which makes itself felt in very rapid ratio as we descend beneath the sur face. Reversing the ratio and comparing the loss of heat with the ratio of fall-ing temperature in ascending mountains, the lecturer then proceeded to explain the course of the trade winds and anti-trade winds, and to show on a nap on Mercator's Projection how the variations in these constant currents are made intelligible. The effect of larg: masses of land in low latitudes in raising the temperature by immense absorption of the solar heat, and the position of land in relation to the ecliptic as productive of monsoons, were next dwelt, upon, which thus introduced the general aws of climate, of which Mr. Green chose North America and Europe as the most in-teresting exemplifications, as showing in a very plain manner the effect of mountain and plain in attracting warmath and causing cold respectively. The laws of storms are, as yet, too little understood to be introduced with advantage. We see readily how rapid is the radiation constantly going on from the still hoiling heat in the bowels To-night, however, we must confine ourselves to the outmost envelope, the atmosphere. And, first, how can we weigh it? The lecturer here gave an explanation of the barometer. Secondly, is it always the same? No: dry air is far heavier than aqueous vapor, and since the sun is perpetually drawing up aqueous vapor from the ocean and from all water used, always the comma. While English writers use the period they never put it aurfaces, it is constantly disturbing the atmospheric equilibrium, and without such constant disturbance the air would go bad and be unable to support life. This constant disturbance the air would go bad and be unable to support life. This constant disturbance the air would go bad and be unable to support life. nd be unable to support life. This conents, or, as we call them, wind. Now. let race the origin of winds, their chief laws that govern them hey are caused by the intense eveporation the equator, produced by the sun, and, here they do not blow in regular courses,

Frank Divis, who went Eist some time ago in the interests of Vinere's export samon business, returned by the Pacific express to Westminster, on Monday, well satisfied with the results of his trip. Mr. Davis visited all the large cities, and says he will ship this year more fresh salmon to the Eastern market than ever before. Col.

ons for their variability can be gen-

THE GOVERNMENT CLERK.

As He Annears in the Departments at the

The Government clerk is the institution of Washington, says a correspondent of the New York Evening Post. fills the theater, he buys from the shops, he rents the houses, he even makes up a large proportion of those who go to balls and parties, he constitutes the resident population. What sort of tenure of office he has, and what A telegram from Chemainus, received by salary he gets, may be immaterial to Congressmen, but are questions of sub-Sergt. Langley, of the Provincial Police, sistence, or starvation almost to him. late on Monday night, instructed him to Let us see what sort of a man he is.

mortal soul. Even to the lazy old mes-The circumstances of the tragic affair are senger, who responds so slowly to his even fifty years. There is little danger

of his being dismissed.

The young fellow who shares the judge's office, like Dick Swiveller, wears a shooting-jacket as an office-coat, smokes cigarettes constantly, receives visits which he does not relish from his tailor's collector, and his mail consists chivfly of duns. He spends much time was on his bed, writhing with agony.
No time was lost in bringing Dr. Milne to the bedside, and he at once realized the situation and administered all the remedies promptly at four o'clock, like Charles preparing to go home and leaves his office promptly at four o'clock, like Charles charms, attractions and beauties known for strychnine poisoning. The drug had, however, done its work of death, and the victim expired in about one hour. His

being-middle-aged, rusty, barely respectable, a hopeless, helpless look in hour for which has not yet been fixed. It is believed that failing to get money that he expected, and fearing arrest, the unfortunate man determined to commit suicide. Having taken the drug he regretted doing so, and called for a doctor, but too late. Strange to say, when the doctor come, he steadfastly refused to take several of the remedies offered by the medical man.

Strange for say, when the doctor come, he steadfastly refused to take several of the remedies offered by the medical man. it, he is learning, but, after the manner of the immortal Cobbett, he persists in he looks with disfavor upon the "col-

lege-bred man." But now let us look upon his colleague, and here I must ask you to pause a moment, for this is the type of Government clerk whom I protest I love. Young, middle-aged, or old, it makes no

ernment clerk who is discharged. He stars first sang together." gets desperate and commits suicide- and works for because there is no place there have been several cases of this on earth like it. is forgotten.

The Decimal Point.

In France and Germany 1/4 reduced to decimal is written 0.25, in England it is written 0.25; in the United States it is always written either 0.25 or simply written .25 without the naught. In the first two countries the period is never of the line to distinguish it from the

punctuation mark. A Sole Leather Calculation. There are 300,000 of people that walk about the streets of London daily, and in so doing they wear away a ton of leather particles from their boots and the count times as leather belt six inches wide and onefourth of an inch thick long enough to reach from London to New York. The A County Kildare girl just landed amount of disintegrated leather at 25 weighs 234 pounds, stands 6 feet 7 amount of disintegrated reactor as as weights as a pound, stands cents a pound (what it costs consumers) inches in her stockings and is but sixwould amount to \$25,000. Reduced to a teen years of age. What a policeman more than once around the world.

MARRIAGE A SUCCESS.

A Defense of Matrimony by an Observing Woman.

She Considers Married Life the Rock of Salvation for the World and Proves Her Opinion to Be a Correct One-The First Courtship

What does marriage mean? This question is answered as follows by a oman writer in the Chicago Tribune: It means home, and home means the laughter of children, the smiles of women, the fragrance of flowers, the light on the hearth-stone—a light that outshines the stars of heaven. Marriage is a nickel-plated, everlast-

I knew a woman whose husband was fat, black and forty; had stubby hands, and always wore a paper collar too big for him, and "pants" too short, and yet his wife told me in a burst of confidence one day that she thought he was "real stylish." And I knew a young man who

ing success, and I can prove it.

married a girl who was red-headed, slabsided, as thin as a rail, and who overshadowed him as a bean-pole does a clothes-pin, and yet he actually de-scribed her to me before I saw her as "fair and most divinely tall." And I was personally acquainted with

woman who was just exactly as homely as they make them, but her leading omination was her walk. She seemed to be loose all over, and sort of unjointed and then jointed up again as she me-"Colonel" or "Judge" who has been a diverged around. Boys ridiculed her, Government clerk for twenty, thirty or girls giggled as she passed by and men stood off and swore about her as she went down the street, and yet positively her husband had been heard to say that: "Sarah Jane wasn't much of a beauty, but she did have a nice, easy, careless gait."

Can you call any system a failure that makes people happy and contented with their possessions, that obliterates that under other circumstances you couldn't see with a telescope? much! The world is chuck full and running over with people like those described above, and in consideration of that fact I can but say: "O! love! where is thy sting? O! divorce! where is thy

victory?"

know Adam is a rather ancient subject, but you need not elevate your eyebrows regarding punctuation as a matter of taste. He is "one of the people," and self some day—he found himself in the world one day, he did not know how and I don't know, do you? And the world was young and beautiful; the first flush and bloom was on the mountains and the valleys, the flowers wondered at their own fragrance, the birds were thrilled by the sweetness of their songs, the difference, for the position that he may waves broke into little ripples of delight hold as an old man is the position that at their own liquid beauty, and the stars he has held ever since he was a man. He is a real, bona-fide swell. He does not above his head, and yet he wasn't satis- Wouldn't you prefer to have my seat?' THE EARTH.

Is a real, bona-fide swell. He does not above his nead, and yet he wasn't satisty wouldn't you prefer to have my seath write a very good hand—a gentleman field. One morning he was standing "O, thank you," she replied, "certain-dily in the blushing dawn while the ly," and the big man helped her to sparkling dew of novelty, innocence and transfer her valise, while the other passengers tittered at the drummer's dis-Rev. J. W. Green delivered the second lecture of his series upon the Earth, in the Cathedral school last evening, the following advise you to question him, but if you denly out from under the swinging down his wrath until he got to Altoona, -- Eur most formation about ing why the days were so long and why comfitting.

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And person of the latter was boiling over, but kept department he is in I would not denly out from under the swinging down his wrath until he got to Altoona, -- Eur most formation about ing why the days were so long and why comfitting. Cathedral school last evening, the following advise you to question him, but if you the said, having been already treated of as a rotating and revolving body developed on the nebular hypothesis of Laplace, and consequently now in a slowly evolving state, we may considerit best from an outside of the said in the said in the swaying foliage Eve and then he demanded satisfaction for came forth and passed lightly by. Adam the insult. The words were scarcely saw that her cheeks were red and her out of his mouth before the Western man eyes were bright, and he too went on; banged him on the jaw, and then with but he did not forget her, and he came his boot kicked him around as a footent of the said o opinion of him, but he always asks near the path she had trod, and she tickled passengers. "Kick him hard-him to his parties. He is as much came again. Adam saw that her arms er," they shouted together, and that of a necessity there as a punch-bowl or a bouquet. I have known him to get light and he whistled a soft, low whismarried, but since the Government because of married, but since the Government because of ment cadence in the music, and Eve know, who the Western man was. He to this outer envelope comes another liquid envelope of greater density in the shape of the Government clerk of this class committing such an indiscretion. Of course the three married rich girls, and, remember to the three married rich girls, and, renvelope, and in many wide area, cropping up above it in the shape of the land we inhabit, lies the dense body of the Earth, which below its surface retains vast.

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The force have been but three cases of the Government clerk of this class committing such an indiscretion. Of course the three married it to her, and of course, she did not know what it signing their positions, lived miserably and then at him, and saw he was tall just consider the independence that the funders and then at him, and saw he was tall just consider the independence that the funders the funders and then and strong and beautiful—and she better than the music, and Eve the force of the Government clerk of this class committing such an indiscretion. Of course, she did not know what it and then at him, and saw he was tall understand; reaching out her turned out to be the captain of a Pacific mitting such an indiscretion. Of course, she did not know what it and then at him, and saw he was tall and strong and beautiful—and she better the captain of a Pacific mitting such an indiscretion. Of course, she did not know what it all meant, but she glanced at the rose and offered it to her, and offered it to her, and of course, she did not know what it all meant but she glanced at the rose and offered it to her, and of course, she did not know what it all meant but she glanced at the rose and offered it to her.

AN AMUSING WEDDING.

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kind to furnish grim dreams to disturb Marriage may be a failure in a few inoly, everlasting success.

> Paid Up with Interest. struck natural gas."

> > Curiosities of Rird Life

crane weighs 3,000.000 times as much as the common gnat, yet the latter has 150 times as much wing surface per unit of Kildare's Latest Contr. botlon.

sex.

DRESS-MAKING PAYS.

ortunes Await Women Who Can Cut and Fit Properly. dress-maker, tells a reporter of the World: "The woman who knows how to fit a dress properly can dictate her A Dweller of the Crags and Cliffs of the own terms, keep a carriage, wear 'purple and fine limen,' and recreate three months of the year," luxuries, by the way, in which this skillful artist is able to indulge.

Mme. Mary Ann Connelly has made

lresses for all the wealthy women in New York, and to-day she owns a valuable corner on Fifth avenue and three of the handsomest cottages in Long Branch—cottages to which the Pullman, Childs and Drexel estates are not to be ompared—argument and proof that dress-making is a good paying business -the possibilities of which are not appreciated by the intelligent women of New York who have their way to make in the world. Now for some figures. Any woman

who can cut and fit a dress-waist -not. ootch it, but fit it to the figure—can command a salary of \$3,000 in any large city in the Union. More than that, she can be as pert as she likes, have all the privleges she wants, scold the help, boss the customer, and pad her back, shoulders and chest with hair cloth and cotton batting. The forewoman who is able to take charge of an establishment, and originate designs can get a \$2,500 position any

voyage and all expenses paid for a Paris visit to see the styles. A girl who can take a waist after it is fitted and trim it gets thirty dollars a week, and works from eight till six.

day in the week, with a trans-atlantic

with an hour for lunch. Shirt-cutters, who never sew a stitch. are paid from \$20 to \$25, which is a much better salary than the average teacher in the public or private schools gets, and not any thing like as hard on the nervus system. Drapers earn from \$18 to \$20 a week, waist finishers from \$10 to \$15, skirt-makers from \$5 to \$10, and sleeve-hands are in demand at \$8, which is a better salary than thousands of typewriters in down-town offices are get ting.

FRESHNESS REWARDED.

How the Captain of a Pacific Steamer Protected a Lady.

On a through Eastern train of the Pennsylvania road, one day last week. all the seats in the car were taken except two. A lady sat in one and a man from the West with a big sombrero occupied the other. He was a fine-look ing, manly fellow, and was taken by by those around him for a lawyer. A the next station, says the Pittsburgh Dispatch, an unattractive drummer got on the car. He sized up the situation at a glance. The lady pretty and that settled it. Without even asking her he sat down by her and at once commenced to make himself agreeable. She tried to avoid him and looked out of the window, but the fellow's gall was immaculate, and he maintained the one-sided conversation The Western man was calmly watching the proceeding and stood it as long as he could. Going up to the lady he said:

just consider the independence that and strong and peautiful—and she better they lost!

About the funniest wedding on record hand she took the little flower and then was that of a friend of mine, a wellcomes of old post-boys and donkeys was for the first time in the world a woman known St. Louis gentleman, writes a to the solid post-boys and donkeys was at the solid and I suspect it Globe - Democrat correspondent. He harder to say what becomes of the Govwas at that moment that the "morning married a girl who was visiting a town less than one hundred miles from here. After awhile, in some primitive way, the finance visited St. Louis about a reinstatement. He seems to have become absolutely dependent upon the priest and the stars for witnesses, and place. My friend learned that her Government, and to expect employment made them a home—something that sister was preparing to make the wed-from no other source. Sometimes he every man and woman strives, plans ding a grand affair, and this he was opposed to. A license was obtained, and that night he left the city with his girl bound for the town she had been visitthe spoilmen's rest—sometimes he dies dividual cases, where, for instance, a ing. After the train started he asked from sheer grie' and hopelessness—and man swears every thing black and blue her if she was willing to get married the cases of this character are painfully on account of a piece of beefsteak or a that night. She consented, and a tolefrequent; but what becomes of him when cup of coffee; or where a woman opens gram was sent from the next station he isn't restored and doesn't die is a her mouth and in the short space of ten notifying her brother-in-law to have mystery indeed. He sinks out of sight, seconds makes a man's life a howling things ready. The telegram reached a new clerk has his place, the waters of wilderness or sandy desert because she there at ten o'clock and the couple at official life close over his head, and he can't have every thing she wants and eleven o'clock. Every one was excited have it right away But marriage as a system is a nickel-plated, anti-monopent and ready for the ceremony. The ent and ready for the ceremony. ladies were unstairs, and no seemed to think of my friend. He had left the city hurriedly, had traveled on An Albion (N. Y.) letter says: "Twen- a hot night his shirt and collar were ty years ago Owen McCarthy, a leading soiled, he had no cuffs, his shoes were merchant of this place, suddenly disap- unshined and he was badly in need of peared. He was in debt to different a shave. He at last found a tin basin parties over \$15,000. Nothing was ever on a bench in the back yard. He washed heard of him until a few days ago. when and wet his hair, but. finding no brush he reappeared in town. He hunted up or glass, went to the parlor and forgot his creditors and paid each one in full, all about himself. After the ceremony with interest for twenty years. He had was over his wife turned to him and was over his wife turned to him and said: "Why, Charlie! You didn't comb your hair!" What makes it more funny, your hair!" is the fact that usually the gentleman is very particular about his appearance. The vulture is 100 times as large as

the swallow. but its wings are only fif-A Gallant Frenchman teen times as large. The Australian The mayor of a French town had, in accordance with the recent regulations, to make out a passport for a rich and |-wiq elinpui tou soop ilegay out and highly respectable lady of his acquaintance, who, in spite of a slight disfigurement, was quite vain of her personal apthe Eastern market than ever before.—Col. strap one inch in width it would reach she would make if it was not for her scription; Eyes dark, beautiful, tender, v on tellular popular and the policeman whose among the items of personal devices and the policeman whose among the items of personal devices and the policeman whose among the items of personal devices and the policeman whose among the items of personal devices and the policeman whose among the items of personal devices and the policeman whose among the items of personal devices and the personal devices and t expressive, but one of them missing.

THE BIG HORN SHEEP.

Kate Roilly, a well-known New York Towering Precipices Easily Descended by the Woolly Roamer.

Rocky Mountains—How the Cautious Animals Escape from the Gun of the Hunter.

In a Main street cigar store, says the Kansas City, Star, is a stuffed specimen of the Argali, or big horn sheep of the This animal is not Rocky mountains. only very shy, but, having an appetite for vegetation which can only covered among the very highest plateaus of the Rocky mountains, is a dweller of the crags and cliffs. It is seldom it breathes a more rarified atmosphere than is found in an altitude of 9,000 feet. Its manner of life and its place of living make it a difficultanimal for the hunter. and the Utes and other mountain Indians in the day of the bow and arrow looked on the killing of a big horn as a feat. They are very scarce and not at all prolific. There has always been a large amount

of lying about the big horn. had, for a time, some unexplainable ex-periences with them. A bunch of four five would be seen feeding upon some high grassy mesa or table-land, which would find termination, on three sides perhaps, in a precipitous up-anddown descent of several hundred feet. The hunter, ambitious and indefatigable, would, with infinite labor, creeping up canyons and crawling among rocks, come in behind them. He would exult in the certainty of a shot. The big horns could not escape. A 400-foot precipice on three sides so steep that a bird could scarcely sustain itself thereon and the hunter cutting off retreat on the fourth, matters looked gloomy for the big horn. Resting himself for a moment to recover his breath and nerve, both somewhat strained in his scramble among the rocks, the hunter would move forward. On catching sight or scent of him the big horns would amble in a confident and contented way apparently to the edge of the precipice and disappear.

The hunter on coming forward would see his game racing far out in the valley 400 feet below. How did they get there? That was always the question with the Western man. It was finally concluded on all hands that the big horn jumped. As his four slender legs could scarcely be expected to sustain such a descent, the ingenious Western mind had recourse to the big horns from which the Argali gets his soubriquet. These are from four to seven inches in diameter at the base and sprout in horny spirals from the animal's head much after the fashion of the horns of that engine of destruction the common Merino ram. When the big horn leaped, said these Munchausens, he turned head downward and alighted on these horns. They had seen him make the trip, they said. and they would thereupon enlarge on the downward whizzing plunge of any thing from 300 to 2,000 feet, according to the mendacity of the raconteur. They would tell how he descended like some

give its blow. to dive any distance before rising to to avoid protective nets and shields, and or automatic guidance, which enables it feature of this invention is the faculty nous, it is contended, than any obtained in other torpedoes. One remarkable ing a velocity greater and more continreservoir upon ane propetter without is compressed air, acting directly from results superior even to those obtained from the Whitehead The motive power from the Whitehead The motive power they were eminently successful, giving reports of the trial of this instrument world. According to official and private in the European naval and military oorsi by name, has made its appearance vention of an Austrian Count, Buona-Still another torpedo, this one the in-Compressed Air Torpedo.

he descends. big horn's stairway and that is the way last one brings him to the valley hundreds of feet below. That crevice is the our mun Suidvoi Sezziz sig ut sosned places he strikes the rock, he never hold for a moment at any one of the leap, and as he could not retain a footperhaps fifteen or eighteen feet at a back for the other side, He descends hard as cast steel, and at once leaps DE STITKES WILD DIS TOUT DOOIS, WLICH 270 the other side of the deep crevice. Jumps boldly out and down, aiming for ing at the verge be never hesitates but turbed he makes straight for it. Arrivthese deep rifts which go down to the valley below. The moment he is dis-Before he nibbles a mouthful of the orisp herbage, he has looked up one of ted too good a mountaineer for that. tain of an outlet. No cut de sae for him; Too syawls ei od usotsiq yzzib omos no woolly head. When he disports himsell made a complete war map of the neigh-borhood, which he carries locked in his Before he is found anywhere he has The big horn is the prince of caution.

responding to the depressions in the were once together may be seen in the swells or protuberances of one wall corhundreds of feet. That the rock sides the bottom to the top of the cill some separated twenty feet and yet run from a cleft or split where the walls are not ture and the result in many instances is been torn asunder by some torce of naseams and rifts which split the preci-pices from top to bottom. The rock has horn-when once you witness it. All through these mountains you will find covered and is easy enough—for a big Their manner of descent has been dis-Ler is not left to doubtful argument. a big horn made of steel. But the mathas too much good sense. A jump from such heights would smash to smithereens sell in the flights ascribed to him. θН

ond reet without a serupic. sast his big horns over precipices wrote a book about it and in his story because. His native bolitoness bind saying a figuration a status of sessions sid to be because the detect. at his success. So accurate a naturalist and, after a moment's reflection, he sansvald pur apple difficulty Suites of Came wrote among the items of personal de. beldma nedt bna teel virol to tagied curved woolly boomerang, and reMARRIED LADIES' CLUB.

That there is nothing succeeds like success was amply demonstrated by the fancy dress dance given in the Philharmonic Hall last night under the auspices of the Married Ladies' Club. The natrons unquestionably gave a wrinkle or two to the uninitiated

upon the subject of getting up an attractive trict. I have the honor the fact that little Red Riding Hoods.

If elected, I go into Colored Gentlemen, Soldiers and Sailors, Vivandiers, Gentlemen of the time of Louis XIV., and all that kind of thing have been AIV., and all that kind of thing have been pretty well played out, and so they went in for something new and novel. Doubtless they had fully considered the matter before they decided upon their programme, which, in its carrying out was inimmensely well appreciated. Sheets and pillow-slips were put to other uses than the ordinary ones and the effect of men and women shrouded in sheets and masked with pillow-slips was striking.

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The dance came off splendidly; there was general enjoyment and everything illustrated that the entertainment was an enjoyable success. The entire affair, which was conducted to the strains of Pferdner's orchestra, passed off most satisfactorily. At twenty minutes past ten the scene was changed—the ladies and gentlemen unnusaked. At eleven o'clock refreshments were served and agen was refreshments were served, and again was the nerry dance resumed to an extent that, before the affair was over, must have completely tired out many of the votaries of Terpsicore. All went home well satisfied with their treatment at the hands of the purried ladies, who are entitled to every married ladies, who are entitled to every credit and congratulation upon what must be regarded as the biggest thing so far this

UNIMPORTANT BUSINESS.

Very Little Done at the Regu'ar Meeting Council of the Board of Trade.

Discussion of the question of advertising Discussion of the question of advertising Victoria was the principal business before he Council of the Board of Trade, yesterday. Mayor Grant and Mr. H. C. Beeton, agent general for the province, were asked to solicit subscriptions to be devoted to the accomplishment of the project in hand, and it is hoped that sufficient funds will be inhand and all details will be completed, to really the printing to be interested.

enable the printing to be given out at the next council meeting, which is set for the dirst Tuesday in February.

By unanimous vote Mr. Gus Leiser was appointed to fill the vacancy in the council created by the death of Ex-Mayor James Fell. The communication from Capt. John giving, regarding lights and become to the rving, regarding lights and beacons on the

CITY COUNCIL.

Last night, a special meeting of the City ouncil was held, His Worship the Mayor in the chair; present—Ald. Goodacre, Kelly. Holland, Wilson, Vigelius, McKilli-can, Smith and Robertson. The treasurer's financial statements were

The treasurer's financial statements were next brought up for consideration, and, on motion of Ald. Vigelius, seconded by Ald. McKillican, they were referred to the Printing committee to publish in the annual report, and also to make arrangements for their publication in the newspapers for a week.

week. On motion, it was resolved to pay Mr. Kent \$200 for extra work in the preparation of the annual report during the past month. On motion of Ald. Smith, seconded by Ald. Holland, the resolution of last week

Ald. Holland, the resolution of last week, with reference to the receipt of tenders for sewage pipes, was rescinded.

It was ordered that an address be engressed on parchment and presented to the Mayor for the able, efficient and painstaking manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chief magistrate's office during the year, and that the subject be referred to the Printing committee with power to act. The council adjourned to meet again on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The auditor's statement set forth that there had, in almost every department, been a gratifying increase over the estimate, the exceptions being water rates, road tax and cemetery fees, the shortage in the former being due firstly to the reduction in the price, and secondly to the fact that owing to the recent sickness of Mr. Partridge, a number of consumers had not been collected from. The outstanding water rates were thus far \$9,281.54, against \$8.856 last year. Mr. Raynur recommended the appointment of an assistant water collector, also an energetic and active collector, also an energetic and active collector of road tax from which \$5,000 should be realized, instead of \$1,600 as this year. The cemetery fees are less than the estimate by some \$275, and \$100 less than last realized, instead of \$1,600 as this year. The cemetery fees are less than the estimate by some \$275, and \$100 less than last year. The total collections from ordinary resources amounted to \$224,722.99, an increase of \$23.585.50 over the estimate. In every department a sept that of street lighting, the expenditue and exceeded the appropriation. Large amounts have been expended to meet unexpected demands; \$7,675.22 having been laid out in a Jourson street sewer more than the amount borrowed. Owing to the large mount of litigation, the account of Messrs. Elerts & Taylor, [legal advisers of the corporation,) reached \$2,702.96, as against \$1,700 last year. During the latter part of the year, by-laws authorizing the borrowing of money for the following purposes were passed, vlz: sewerage, \$300,000; market site and building, \$100,000; crematory. In every department . x ept that of stree ket site and building, \$100,000; crematory, \$10,000 The Bank of British North America have advanced \$35,200 on the sepayment on account of the site has been made. It is strongly recommended that the Municipalties Act be altered to allow he fiscal year ending Nov. 30th. On the last hree days of the year \$45,000 were col

The Dempsey-ritzsimmons Fight. The eyes of the sporting world will be ixed on New Orleans to night, and every horoughbred's ear will be intent to catch he first news of the great battle between Dempsey and Fitzsinimons. Reports from salveston please Dempsey's friends greatly. Jack as he simost always does, has work'd ard and is reported fit to fight for his life. His friends are confident and will back him freely. It is said the Australian is a heavy reely. It is said the Australian is a heavy weight in all but his legs, and that he is re-buted to be a hard hitter who has height, each and big gloves in his favor; that he ies to his credit. There is no betting here utside a few pairry wagers, because there re few who have a personal knowledge of utside a few paltry wagers, bocause there re few who have a personal knowledge of

Novel and Grotesque Masquerade-Sheets and To the Electors of Cariboo District:

GENTLEMEN,-Having been nominated by a vote of 19 to 1 for the vacant place in the elec-toral district of Cariboo by a public meeting convened at the 150-Mile House, for the pur pose of choosing a man to represent the dis-trict. I have the honor to request your votes at

If elected, I go into the House untrammelled by pledges, believing that a member's usefulless is much impaired by pledging support before knowing what the policy of either party will be. The shortness of the time before election will

prevent my visiting the whole district, but I will advocate the following measures as of

1. A Railway connecting the mines with the lower country.

2. The Royalty clause in the recent Railway Bill I disapprove of and would repeal. 3. A bridge over the Fraser, connecting the Chilcoten country with the wagon road. 4. The opening up of the eastern section by

vagon road to the Forks.

5. The establishment of a ferry at Queesnelle. 6. The support of the reduction works on a iberal basis by the government so as to enable miners and prospectors to test their ledges.

7. The re-modelling of the mining laws so as

o enable ground held by speculators to be worked. 8. I would be in favor of having a surgeon or

physician as a permanent resident, aided by government (in the lower part of the district). Hoping to be able to see most of the electors ersonally, and to discuss local requirements before election day. I respectfully solicit your

ROBERT BORLAND. 150 Mile House, B.C., Dec. 20th, 1890, de 28-3tw

FOR SALE

A FULL-SIZED CORNER TOWN LOT and two-storey house, barn and outbuildings thereon, in the fourishing town of Comow, wi hin five minutes was kersteamboat landing. For fuller particulars apply J. Beckinsell, Comox; or Jno. Wilson, ste-mer Isabell. w.jal3-2m

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In the Matter of the Estate of David Findlay Fee, jr., deceased.

ALL PERSONS indebted to the above named to deceased are requested to make parament to, and all persons having claims against the said deceased are requested to send the arms of the majorith modersigned, on or before the 15th February, 1891. Administrator Est ja7-im F, r eu, jr., deceased.

NOTICE.

THIRTY days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a Timber Lease in the following described lands in Alberni district:

WILLIAM J. SUTTON, Victoria, Dec. 13th, 1890. deci9 imo-v



NOTICE is hereby given that under and by virtue of the authority of the "Registration of Births Deaths and Marriages Act. 1872." endment Act. 1890," the Comox Electoral District (as the same is defined by the Constittution Amendment Act, 1890,") is hereby created a new District for the purposes of the said

By Command. JNO. ROBSON. Provincial Secretary's Office, 27th December, 1890.



PRIVATE BILLS,

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THE TIME LIMITED FOR RECEIVING

THORNTON FELL. Clerk Legislative Assembly.

CONSUMPTION