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s hereby given that the Okell & Mor- Preserving Company, Limited Lia- ve deposited with the Minister of orks at Ottawa a plan and description and of the wharf proposed to be con- by the said company upon the front re of Lot 12, Block L., Harbour Es- of Victoria, in the Province of Brit- bia, and that a duplicate of such plan ption has also been filed in the office gistrar General of Titles at Victoria and that the said Company has ap- he Governor-in-Council for approval accordance with the provisions of 2, section 5 and 6 consolidated Stata- ada. Dated at Victoria this 6th day . D., 1892.

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NOTICE.

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Chancellor Sir W. PAGE WOOD stated in court that Dr. J. COLLIS BROWNE doubtedly the inventor of Chlorodyne, whole story of the defendant Freeman rally untrue, and he regretted to say had been sworn to.—*Times*, July 12.

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THE CITY.

Burnaby Municipality.

The letters patent incorporating Burnaby municipality are published in the British Columbia Gazette of yesterday.

The Chosen Five.

The electors of the municipality of Spallumcheen have elected the following as their first Council: Reeve, Donald Graham; Councillors, Robt. Wood, John A. Cameron, Thomas N. Hayes and Donald Mathieson.

A Special Meeting.

A special meeting of the shareholders of the Upper Columbia Navigation and Tramway Company will be held at Golden on Monday, the 10th of October, for authorizing the issue of debenture stock and disposing of other important business.

A Change of Date.

Yesterday's issue of the British Columbia Gazette announces that the first day of January, 1893, has been substituted for the first day of September, 1892, as the date for bringing into operation the extension of the limits of Vancouver registration district, as defined in last week's Gazette.

"Gazette" Announcements.

The appointment of Mr. Thomas R. Smith, of Victoria, as a Justice of the Peace and a Notary Public, and of Deputy Sheriff Thomas J. Armstrong to be acting Sheriff of Westminster county during his father's absence on leave is announced in yesterday's issue of the Gazette.

A Treat in Store.

Members of Alexandra and Pride of the Island lodges of the S.O.E.B.S. intend holding a social at Philharmonic Hall, Fort street, about the middle of October. Owing to the entertainment, last year, being such a success they intend to complete their triumph by making this one even better than the last.

Wanted, a Thoroughfare.

Under date of September 16 Mr. J. C. Prevost gives notice in the Gazette that on the expiration of the required 30 days he will apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to establish a road, 60 feet wide, commencing at an iron gate on the Foul Bay road, on the westerly boundary of section 47, Victoria District; thence following the present road to Shoal Bay; thence following the shore line by Point Gonzales to the Oak Bay Hotel.

Board of Trade Business.

The Secretary of the B. C. Board of Trade has received copies of the London Chamber of Commerce Journal, containing a full report of the proceedings of the second annual Congress. Members can obtain copies on application.

The quarterly general meeting of the Board of Trade will be held on October 7. Notices of new business should be sent in at once to the secretary.

The New Mount Baker Hotel.

Messrs. J. E. Crane & Co. are exhibiting some fine photographic views of the Mount Baker Hotel out at Oak Bay. The building is rapidly approaching completion, so far as the outside is concerned, and the inside work will be done during the winter, so that everything will be in shape for a spring opening. The building is finely located in about 13 acres of grounds, and the surroundings are very favorable for a popular tourists' summer resort.

Anniversary Services.

Special services in connection with the first anniversary of the opening of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Victoria West, will be held next Sunday, Rev. J. W. McMillan, B.A., the young pastor of Mount Pleasant church, Vancouver, preaching morning and evening. On the Tuesday evening following, under the direction of St. Paul's Ladies' Aid, a rosette concert and social will be given in the public hall, Craigflower road. Messrs. Grant, Semple, Moir, Landell, Sergeant Mellon, with the Misses Hutcheson, Munsie, Jameson and Mrs. Turnbull, with Miss Morris as accompanist, will guarantee a good programme.

Garrison Artillery Cup.

There is now on exhibition in the show window of T. N. Hibben & Co., Government street, a handsome silver cup, which bears the inscription:

Presented by Lt. Col. Prior, A.D.C., M.P.,
to the
B. C. Brigade of Garrison Artillery.

The cup will be competed for by two teams from each battery, in big gun practice. It will remain the property of the brigade, but will have a place in the squad room of the successful team. The cup is of sterling silver, 17 inches high, and besides the inscription bears the Canadian coat of arms. It is beautifully modelled and is one of the finest ever brought to British Columbia.

"Oil from the Can."

After the show on Wednesday evening Sol Smith Russell sauntered over to the Bodega to have a "nip" and some lunch before going on board the Sound steamer, which had waited over for the company.

"I guess you have some nice smooth Bourbon down cellar," said he in his most approved drawl, indicating with his right hand the direction of the aforesaid cellar.

"Billy" Stevenson, who was behind the bar himself, opined that he had some of the required goods and produced some rare 12 year old vintage which is popularly known as "smooth." Sol Smith took a good horn and downed it. Then he smacked his lips and gently murmured "I guess—that's—oil—from—the—can." So it was.

A Narrow Escape.

Two young men, H. Marbœuf and Jack North, had a very narrow escape from drowning, on Wednesday evening. They were out in the harbor in a small boat when the Yosemite came in. Seeing that they were in line, North, who was rowing, started to get out of the way when one of the oars slipped out of his hand and left them helpless. The captain of the Yosemite saw their plight and stopped the steamer, but her headway carried her far enough to foul the boat in the paddle wheel. The dingy half filled with water, and would have swamped if Marbœuf had not pushed it off with the remaining oar. North, in the meantime, had jumped overboard and succeeded in getting ashore near Sehl's point. Marbœuf also landed, paddling in the half filled boat, canoe fashion. It was a very narrow escape.

Progressive Kaslo.

Messrs. S. H. Green, E. E. Coy and B. H. Lee, three enterprising residents of Kaslo City, are determined that their town shall not be behind the times. They have given the necessary notice and will apply to the Legislature at the next session for incorporation, "under the name of 'The Kaslo City Electric Light and Power Company, Limited,' for the purpose of erecting and maintaining electric works and establishing an electric system in and about Kaslo city, in the District of West Kootenay, the electricity generated to be used to provide light and motive power in and about Kaslo City aforesaid, and further to have conferred power to take and use so much water of the Kaslo River as may from time to time be necessary for the purpose of generating electricity to be used as a motive or illuminating power, and for any other purpose to which electricity may be applied, with power to do all things necessary or proper for the generating or transmitting electricity, and for other purposes; with a capital of $50,000, with power to increase."

Wires Deranged.

Owing to climatic influences the condition of the wires was such as to seriously interfere with the COLONIST's telegraphic service for this issue. The electric lights were also considerably deranged.

Lynch's Ready Guide.

A handy manual, containing railway, steamer, stage and ocean steamship time tables, and a general directory of Victoria, British Columbia and Puget Sound, made its first appearance yesterday. It is known as Lynch's Ready Guide, and will be published monthly.

To Relieve the Dubourdieu.

Mail advices were received yesterday morning from France that a French warship was to be sent out to the Pacific Coast to relieve the Dubourdieu, which is expected to sail for home to arrive there early in March. It is stated that it is altogether likely that the Dubourdieu is the last French flagship to come out on the Pacific, as the next ship will simply carry a Commander.

Celebrating the Centennial.

Unpropitious weather all yesterday interfered seriously with the celebration on board the French flagship Dubourdieu of the centennial of the First Republic of France. The flags were, however, all hung out in the rain, the British ships in harbor also decorating as a compliment to the French visitors. Three salutes were fired during the day, one at 8 o'clock in the morning, one at noon, and one at 6 p.m.

For the World's Fair.

Since the Provincial Government undertook the onerous task of seeing that British Columbia was properly represented at the World's Fair, the commissioners appointed for the Province have been busy issuing information to intending contributors and receiving and answering enquiries. Those who have not already taken the matter into their consideration will do well to communicate with the commissioners, Messrs. E. Hutcherson, Ladner's; D. R. Ker, Victoria; A. H. B. Macgowan, Vancouver; Jas. R. Anderson, Victoria, and Charles F. Law, Golden.

HOW HE FOUND OUT.

The Advance of "Littlel Tippett" Tells a Story on His Principal People.

P. J. Kedneny, the advance representative for Harrison & Bell's "Little Tippett" Company, is in town and is the typical theatrical agent, glib of tongue and enthusiastic over the prospects of his show. He is bubbling over with information about the new comedy, and the members of the company that will open at the Victoria Monday night. He also tells an interesting story about the ingenuity of Duncan B. Harrison, one of the proprietors of the company, as displayed in New York shortly before the rehearsal of the play. Harrison found himself in a quandary by reason of the fact that he believed it would be extremely difficult to engage two personages to fill two of the most important roles in the comedy. These two characters are "Little Tippett" and "Little Gibbs," infants not quite one year old. The whole play revolves about them and they must be before the footlights no short period of time. Kennedy explains that Harrison deemed it necessary to obtain the services of two babes who were not addicted to the reprehensible habit of bawling, because the incessant exercise of powerful infantile lungs might prove exasperating to nervous auditors. He, therefore, instructed a well known theatrical agent to procure the necessary talent and to insist that mothers with infants with a penchant for squalling should not apply. Being a man of some experience in such matters, he also instructed the agent to advertise for only such infants as had been bottle-raised. He knew that the bottle-fed babe was less addicted to the crying habit than the babe that had been nursed in the more primitive fashion. When he was summoned to the house of the agent, he found thirty mothers with their offspring awaiting him. Each assured him that her child had a penchant for the bottle with its rubber contrivance, but he had reason to doubt some of these statements. He did not want to take any chances, and yet he was bound to secure the necessary performers. For a while he was in a dilemma, but suddenly an inspiration seized him, and, hurriedly leaving the house, he went to a neighboring drug store, procured the latest improved bottle with apparatus complete, caused it to be filled with milk, and returned. He was soon engaged in testing the appetites of the babes, and he found that some would seize the bottle with an eagerness born of long experience and an empty stomach, while the others would turn their heads away and refuse his attentions. Those of the latter class were not considered and the manager was not long in making the necessary selections. The babes who appeared during the Eastern engagement will make the transcontinental trip in the company of their mothers, who will arrive here Monday.

THE CATHOLIC CONFERENCE.

Dr. McGlynn's Case to Come Up Before it.

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—The coming meeting in their annual conference of 13 Catholic archbishops of the United States, which will begin November 6th, has already been announced. New interest has been given to it by the cable message that the Pope will have a representative present in the person of Archbishop Sotolli, who, as papal legate, will be introduced with plenary powers. The St. Louis, Mo., Western Watchman, which is one of Archbishop Ireland's organs, and of which the Rev. H. Phelan is editor, says in its issue of Sunday: "There are many disputes between bishops and their clergy that have long awaited a settlement, chief among which is the case of Dr. McGlynn. It is safe to say that famous case will now come up for trial. Our information from Rome is to the effect that the Propaganda has received satisfactory assurance from Dr. McGlynn, and his side of the question will at least be heard." This McGlynn announcement will occasion surprise. Rev. Dr. McGlynn refuses to be interviewed.

Forewarned is Forearmed.

Facts, statistics, information, things useful to know, the biggest and best budget of knowledge, reliable and up to date, will be found in a new publication, "Facts and Figures," just issued by Messrs. T. Milburn & Co., Toronto, Ont. Our readers can obtain it by addressing the above firm and enclosing a three cent stamp.

From the DAILY COLONIST Sept. 24.

THE CITY.

Meets Next Week.

The meeting of the Stadacona Mining Company, which was to have been held this week, has been adjourned until the 29th inst.

Promotion Awaiting Him.

It is understood that, upon his arrival in France, Rear-Admiral Parrayon will be promoted to fill a vacancy created by death in the ranks of the Vice-Admirals of the Republic.

Admitted to the Bar.

Mr. Robert Cassidy was presented to the Divisional Court, at its sitting yesterday, by Hon. C. E. Pooley, Q.C., as having been admitted to practice as a barrister in British Columbia.

Damages Wanted.

An action for malicious prosecution and $10,000 damages has been taken in the Supreme Court by W. H. Routledge against Thomas J. Ridehalgh. The suit arises out of the recent police court case in which Routledge was defendant and Ridehalgh complainant.

A Beautiful Window.

The young ladies of St. Andrew's R. C. Cathedral have presented that institution with a stained glass window representing the assumption of the Blessed Virgin. The window has arrived and will be placed in position near the Lady's altar. It is a fine specimen of what can be accomplished by an artist in colored glass. The cost was nearly $600.

Johnson in Trouble.

A Swede named Gustavus Johnson was taken in charge on Store street last evening by Officer Hendry for having a concealed weapon in his possession. The weapon was a new revolver, which the prisoner recently purchased, and with which he is accused of threatening to do "serious bodily harm" to one Capt. Jacobsen, who, he claims, owes him part of the wages he earned this year while acting as mate on a sealing schooner.

No Word Received Yet.

What action the Dominion Government intends taking towards putting the Albert Head quarantine station in first class shape is yet unknown, except for the bald statement made in the telegram to Premier Davie from Hon. Mr. Carling, minister of agriculture. Dr. MacNaughton Jones, Dominion quarantine officer here, has as yet received no word from Ottawa about the additional buildings and repairs that are to be made. He thinks the work will be of so extensive a nature that instead of being done in the usual way, it will be done through the Department of Public Works.

Art Union Prize Winners.

The following tickets are the lucky numbers in the prize drawings held in the Art Union stall of the Cathedral Building Bazaar:

$1.00 tickets, won by No. 10, Cowichan river scene.
75c " " No. 39, Loch Levin "
50c " " No. 63, Sooke river "
25 " " No. 15, Old Country "

The Japanese easels are included with each prize picture. Holders of winning tickets will find the prizes at 50½ Government street, rooms of the B. C. Art Association, care of Mr. R. Roskell Bayne.

Assisting the Quarantine Officer.

General Superintendent H. Abbott of the Pacific Division of the C. P. R., has written a letter to Dr. Macnaughton Jones, Dominion Quarantine Officer, making the suggestion that, in order to prevent the introduction of any infectious or contagious disease from the Orient, all the steerage passengers arriving on the C. P. R. steamers should be quarantined for 14 days on their arrival, whether there is any disease among them or not. He also suggests that all steerage baggage be fumigated. Dr. Jones has replied that without special instructions from Ottawa, he will be unable to comply with the request. He suggests, however, that Mr. Abbott should take the matter up with the Ottawa authorities.

To Continue Broad Street.

On the City Hall bulletin board Ald. Hall displays the appended motion, which he will introduce at the next regular meeting of the city aldermen:

"Resolved that in the opinion of the Council it is desirable under the authority of By-Law No. 190, entitled 'A By-Law for the Assessment of Real Property Benefited by Local Improvements,' to extend Broad street, sixty feet in width from Pandora street, through lot 1252, block T, to Cormorant street; and that the City Engineer and City Assessor be hereby requested to report at an early day thereon, so that the property may be expropriated and an assessment levied upon the property immediately benefited by the proposed improvement or otherwise."

The Y. M. C. A. Convention.

The convention of the Y. M. C. A. resumed its sessions, Thursday morning, in the First Congregational church, Tacoma, and after devotional services, led by John L. Spears, general secretary, of Sacramento, Cal., General Hines was chosen secretary pro tem. A nominating committee was appointed, who reported officers for the convention as follows: President, Prof. H. A. Shorey, of Portland; First Vice-President, J. H. Fairbanks, of Seattle; Second Vice-President, E. E. Rosling, of Tacoma; Third Vice-President, T. M. Henderson, of Victoria; Secretary, John Boyd, of Victoria; Assistant-Secretary, F. E. Brown, of Willamette University, Salem, Or.; First Assistant-Secretary, Levi Johnson, of Port Townsend; Presiding Secretary, George H. Hines, of Portland. The nominations were confirmed. An informal report of the credentials showed that 56 delegates were present. Reports of associations were made, all indicating that substantial progress had been made during the year.

Brought Back the Corpse.

Sergeant Langley and Officer McNeill, of the Provincial Police, returned last evening from Otter Point, where, they were informed by wire, a man named Fitzsimmons had been found dead. They brought the body back to the city with them, and an inquest will in all probability be held, although all the circumstances seem to point clearly to heart disease as the cause of death. Fitzsimmons, whose wife left him in this city some months ago, was employed on his farm by Mr. Ed. Shields, who lives not more than a mile and a half from the Point. Three nights ago Fitzsimmons bade the family good night, and singing as he went, started for the barn, in which he had his sleeping quarters. The next morning when Mr. Shields' uncle, Mr. John Charles, went to rouse him, he found the lifeless body. The deceased had been taking medicine prescribed for heart disease and dispensed by a local druggist.

Masonic Installation Banquet.

Yesterday, Columbia Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, held their regular annual election of officers, the following being the result of the ballot: A. Stewart, 1st P.; B. S. Oddy, 2nd P.; Dr. W. A. Richardson, 3rd P.; C. E. Renouf, treasurer; E. Langley, scribe E.; J. L. Stamford, scribe N.; C. D. Mason, 1st soj.; R. H. Swinerton, 2nd soj.; H. T. Flett, 3rd soj., H. L. Salmon, I. G.; and R. Chipchapse, dir. of cer.

The regular installation banquet was given at the Balmoral in the evening. Some 35 members of the Chapter were present to enjoy the elegant repast prepared by mine host Garland. When the cloth was removed a number of toasts were made and responded to, and the remainder of the evening was spent in a thoroughly enjoyable manner.

THE ST. JOHNS FIRE.

It was not Extinguished Before Because the Fire Department was Rotten.

The official report of Judge Prowse to the Newfoundland Government on the origin and progress of the great St. Johns fire fully confirms the previous accounts which we have published. He says that when the firemen arrived on the scene there was no water and they could do nothing. The water had been turned off at 9 o'clock that morning, and was not turned on again until 3 o'clock in the afternoon, while the reservoir on the hill near where the fire commenced was empty. The judge goes on to say that the fire brigade was a half-starved, ill-managed, rotten institution, entirely destitute of discipline and proper organization. What might be expected from it, even with abundant water, appears from the statement that the entire brigade had only one hook, with about six feet of chain, and ropes so rotten that they broke at the first pull. It had no buckets, hatchets or fire escapes, and no one had authority to pull down buildings in the path of the flames; in short, was practically useless. The outcome is likely to be an entire reorganization on a basis of efficiency.

THE FLYER OF THE FLEET.

Steamboat Time Paralleled by the Dora Sieward in Her Run From Copper Island.

Earthquake or Volcano, It Could Not Stop Her—No Sight of the Russians.

Captain Sieward and his estimable wife may well be proud of the trim little schooner which bears the latter's name.

The Dora Sieward, Captain H. F. Sieward commanding, reached port late last night, having made the run from the Copper Island neighborhood in the wonderful time of 13 days 2 hours, which when five hours is deducted for the easting made, brings the actual time for the run across the Pacific down to 12 days and 21 hours.

The Sieward's total catch for the season is 900 skins, of which 673 were secured on the Russian side. The Geneva, which started with her from the Siberian side for a race home, has a better catch, 1,270 skins, but not quite so fleet wings—on this trip at all events. The Geneva made the record from Halifax here, her time being 108 days, and Capt. Sieward felt anxious accordingly to give her a brush. His challenge was promptly accepted, and the two schooners started on the same day and hour for the run home. The Ocean Belle, at the time of their departure, was to sail for home on September 6, according to Capt. O'Leary's announcement.

During her cruise the Sieward had an experience which very few are permitted to enjoy—if there be any enjoyment in tossing about with the water seething and boiling all round, a submarine volcanic eruption being the cause. The ebullition lasted for fully a minute, and the men were thrown about, the contents of the cabin tossed hither and thither, and the schooner pitched about like a rubber ball. She bobbed up like a cork every time, though, and sustained no serious damage from the adventure.

As the captain had his fingers burnt in 1888, he avoided all risks, and was not aware that any seizures had been made until he spoke Capt. Baker, of the C. H. Tupper.

On this, her maiden cruise, the Sieward carried a crew of Eastern men, whose work, considering that they were unacquainted with the sea, has been especially meritorious.

INSURANCE IN CANADA.

Facts Adduced in the Superintendent's Last Report.

The Finance and Insurance Chronicle, of Montreal, contains the following: "The detailed report of Insurance Superintendent Fitzgerald on the business of the fire companies in Canada for 1891 presents some interesting experiences as to the various groups of companies. For instance, in amount of risks written four Canadian companies show an increase over 1890 and three a decrease, the aggregate increase exceeding the decrease by $798,330. The total decrease of twelve of the British companies was $37,033,789, and the increase of the other twelve $20,850,150, leaving a total decrease of $16,183,639. Of the American companies, seven show an increase of $18,579,756 and one a decrease of $500,000, the total increase being $18,079,736. On the purely underwriting account, the results for the Canadian companies show that for each $100 of premiums received there was paid for losses $72.18 and for expenses $33.42; also $4.05 for dividends.

For each $100 in premiums received by the British companies there was paid out $60.95 for losses and $27.83 for expenses. Of each $100 collected by the American companies in premiums $58.73 went for losses and $30.95 for expenses. Of course the expenses of British and American companies only embrace those incurred in Canada, and make no account of their pro rata of home office expenses. The rate of premium charges per cent of risks taken was, by Canadian companies, 1.25; British companies, 1.14; and American companies, 1.16. The Canadian life companies have received in premiums during the past 13 years, from 1879 to 1891, inclusive, $32,622,552, and and have paid to policy holders $14,787,626. They now hold in trust for policy holders $23,154,620 of assets, or, including the above payments, $5,319,694 more than they have received from policy holders. Interest income has paid all expenses, and there is still left the above excess over premium receipts."

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE BALL.

Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Nelson At Home to a Large Number of Guests.

Music and Dancing Make Merry the Hours—Opening of the Social Season.

Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Nelson were "at home" last evening, at Government House, to a large number of guests, the Army and Navy being well represented, while the "wealth and flower" of Victoria held full sway.

The spacious mansion known as Carey Castle was brilliantly illuminated, both upstairs and down-stairs, and in addition to the ball, supper, billiard and dining rooms, there were many cosy apartments free to all who wished to have a rest or a quiet chat.

The Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Nelson received their guests in the drawing-room, and with Mr. Herbert Stanton were indefatigable throughout the evening in making each and every one have as thoroughly enjoyable a time as possible. Dancing commenced early to the excellent music of Pauline's orchestra stationed in the western end of the dancing hall. There were 20 numbers on the programme, and when God Save the Queen was played, there were still some who wished for more.

The supper was served in the large dining hall. It was simply a cold collation, exactly the thing for an occasion of the kind, and, needless to say, it was excellent.

The "At Home" last evening was practically the opening event of the winter social season of 1892. Now that the leaders have started the ball rolling, other dances and "At Homes" innumerable will follow, the next in importance being the Citizens ball, which will be given to Admiral Parrayon and the officers of the French flagship Dubourdieu on Tuesday evening.

Amongst the guests were many of the officers of the Dubourdieu, headed by Admiral Parrayon. They danced and enjoyed themselves as Frenchmen only can, and, together with the officers of the British warships now in port, were in great demand.

Last night's "At Home" will in all probability be the last event of the kind during the present gubernatorial *regime*, and it will long be remembered as an occasion of especial pleasure and enjoyment. When at an early hour this morning the guests one by one said good night they added, with one accord, "and thanks for the very jolly time we've had",—and they all meant it.

INSIDE A SPIRIT MILL.

The Curious Reporter Watches the Process of Making Ghosts on Short Orders.

A Series of OldTime Tricks Done in the Old Time Way.

The citizens of Victoria were entertained last night at the Victoria Theatre by Professor Charles Slade, a gentleman who came advertised to do some wonderful things in the way of spirit manifestations. There was to be nothing of the old time trick work, but a strange something which when exhibited before various savants high up in the scientific world had completely nonplussed them.

With all this in mind a COLONIST reporter "took in the show," also a box seat, which afforded an easy access to the rear of the stage.

Notwithstanding the claim for originality and a series of tests out of the usual line, those present were astonished and somewhat bored to see the same old "cabinet" arrangement of four posts set up on the stage, the posts draped in curtains so arranged that those in front could be drawn up and lowered at the will of the assistant.

The "medium" began by making the usual statement of the impossibility of physical powers accomplishing what he was about to perform, and then the reporter grew actually tired—for there began the preparations for those old rope-tying tricks first brought into prominence by the Davenport Brothers years and years ago, and exposed and explained so many times that the repetition has become almost as stale as the tricks.

Of them but little need be said. They are simply clever sleight-of-hand performances, and have been done for years by prestidigitateurs who would laugh at any hint at spiritual aid. While they were going on, the man of pencils grew restless, and, slipping out of the box, wandered back of the scenes.

There is an old saying to the effect that "opportunity" makes one apt to lapse from the strict paths of virtue. It was true in this case, at least, for the proximity of a chair and drygoods box behind the scenes proved too great a temptation for the inquiring mind, and a pyramid was built upon which was performed an exhibition of aerial balancing which would have turned an old time circus man green with envy and would have secured an engagement to crowded houses.

Applying his eye to the crack where the scenes fit together, a plain view was had of the interior of the "ghost mill," which was uncovered to permit the "invisible hands" to pass out the musical instruments over the top, etc., etc.

This took place in time to see the professor do some clever work with his feet in handling the goods inside. Then came the interesting portion of the exhibition.

Spirits were to be shown to the audience. The assistant was placed in the cabinet, a card passed around his neck and through the side of the cabinet. This was held by one of the gentlemen who had come on the stage to see fair play. The curtain was closed, and while the lights were being lowered, the assistant with the card dangling down his back, left the gentleman to hold the dummy ends fastened to one of the posts, and proceeded to bring out from under his vest the ghostly trappings needed in the act.

These were quickly donned, and by the time the medium had finished his speech on "spirits," the spook was ready.

He walked out and rang a bell and retired.

The white garb was hurriedly drawn off and stuffed inside the vest. The curtains were then drawn and the assistant shown in the same position. The dummy card pulled through the curtain and palmed.

The test was complete.

The reporter hurried around to the box and requested Mr. Dowler, who was on the stage, to search the assistant for the concealed wraps, but before that gentleman could request this from the medium the assistant was behind the scenes and it was too late.

Of the table-tipping but little need be said. The trick is usually performed by means of hooks strapped to the wrist. After the close of the performance the professor was visited by two COLONIST men. They were being extended a cordial invitation to a private seance, when the manner in which his manifestations were worked was explained to the professor, and an admission made of the way in which the observations had been made.

The man of spirits was somewhat taken aback, but recovered himself sufficiently to say that as all his people were not with him he had been compelled to resort to trickery on this occasion only, but at another time a "genuine test" would be given.

So much for the spirits, the evolution of which the professor claims causes him such a mental strain that he can only stand a very little of it.

In another place will be seen a dispatch in which a minister of Nanaimo offers to reproduce, by ordinary means, every trick trick and "manifestation" of the medium.

THE "COLONIST" AND HENRY GEORGE.

TO THE EDITOR:—In your article of the 15th, on a "Dead Organ," you take occasion to treat as dishonest all who accept the teachings of Henry George. Your attitude towards single-taxers reminds me of the early days of Mr. George's struggle against the class hatreds of landholders and rackrenters. When the landholders of England discovered that the publication of Progress and Poverty was an attack upon their cherished privileges as a class, the cry which you now raise was their battle cry, and the boldest among their number, the Duke of Argyle, opened fire upon the Prophet of San Francisco, and invoked the aid of the moral law to prove that Mr. George was the "greatest preacher of unrighteousness the world had ever seen." It is too late in the day to raise the cry of "robbery." Reason vanquished the Duke, and even the COLONIST must succumb before the onward march of the greatest of all reforms. Your contention that Mr. George "would deprive every landholder, both small and great, of his property," is certainly refuted by its own evident absurdity since all men must have land and live upon it and from it. It is this fact that makes the ownership of land the most powerful instrument of oppression and extortion that can be used by one man to enslave another. Give a man absolute ownership of land and by that concession he is able to dictate the terms upon which land shall be used. The owner at once becomes the "robber," and the "user" the victim of a stupendous crime against his liberty and life.

But such an assumption is not to be allowed. In English law there is no such thing as an absolute right to property in land. Every student is aware of that fact when he takes up his "Williams on Real Property" or his "Blackstone."

Your charge that "Robbery—plain, bold, undisguised robbery—is at the bottom of Henry George's theory," is best answered in that gentleman's own words. I quote from his reply to the Duke of Argyle. The Duke, like yourself, charged him with robbery. "As to what constitutes robbery, it is, we will both agree, the taking or withholding from one another of that which rightfully belongs to him." That which rightfully belongs to him, be it observed, not that which legally belongs to him. As to what extent human law may create rights is beside this discussion, for what I propose is to change, not to violate human law. Such change, the Duke declares, would be unrighteous. He thus appeals to that moral law which is before and above all human laws, and by which all human laws are to be judged: "Let me insist upon that point. Landholders must elect to try their case either by moral law or by human law. If they say that land is rightfully property because made so by human law, they cannot charge those who would change that law with advocating robbery. But if they charge that such change in human law would be robbery, then they must show that land is rightfully property irrespective of human law." The quotation is in full. When you have answered it to the satisfaction of the Public, you may then, with a good grace, again raise the cry of "robbery."

Single tax men do not, with yourself, regard the death of the Standard as an indication of the approaching dissolution of the movement. If you have read the last number of that paper, you will discover that the people most interested consider that the Standard has fulfilled its mission. When it made its appearance six years ago it was the only exponent of single tax principles published in the world, and was merely the organ of a local expression of single tax enthusiasm in the city of New York. The single tax movement now numbers among its exponents in the press some of the most influential daily papers in the United States and Canada. Innumerable weeklies and monthlies are proclaiming the gospel of the equal rights of all men to the bounties of the Creator. Ministers of the Gospel see in it the only means of changing unjust social conditions which are a reproach to a civilization calling itself Christian, and from fifteen hundred pulpits in Great Britain and America the cry has gone forth that all men are the children of one common Father. The strongest political party in Great Britain is pledged to the underlying principle of the movement by its Leeds programme. And now, when you expect to persuade your readers to believe that the movement is about to collapse, we have to record the crowning triumph of single tax propaganda in the victory in the Courts of the United States of the town commissioners of Hyattsville, in the State of Maryland, which furnishes the world with the first instance of a town governed by single tax principles, excepting in regard to Federal taxation. No, sir, single tax men are full of hope for the future. We believe in the ultimate success of our cause. At least we will work for it.

THOS. HOWELL,
President Victoria Single Tax Club.

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WESTMINSTER'S CELEBRATION

The Third Day's Events Came Off Under the Most Unfavorable Climatic Conditions.

Big Crowds in Attendance—Results of the Races so Far as Concluded.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

WESTMINSTER, Sept. 23.—The third day of Westminster's show opened under sunny skies, temporarily dispelling the gloom of the long-suffering directors, who at once prepared for an anticipated great rush at the gates. The rush came. The trains and trams were densely packed with people every half hour during the afternoon. In the morning the bicycle and sprinting races were keenly enjoyed by the early arrivals, and in the afternoon Vancouver was nearly emptied of humanity. The Terminal City citizens keenly enjoy a horse race, under favorable auspices, and they attended in crowds. Owing to the heavy track, slow time was made in all the racing events. In the cycling, Vancouver's Potter again carried everything before him, as the following results will show:

One mile pneumatic handicap—Potter first, scratch; Noot second, 275 yards; Philp third.

Five mile race—Potter first, scratch; Philp, second, 100 yards; Martin and Noot, 275 yards. Noot, of Westminster, a very promising young rider, made the pace for the others. His plucky race would have probably landed him in the second place had he not fallen from his wheel at a critical juncture. Time, 19 minutes.

Two miles, pneumatic tire—Potter first, Philp second. Time, 7 minutes.

The half mile obstacle race was won easily by Potter. Potter is not a fast rider, but he has enough trophies to start a junk shop, and holds the championship with Laurenson for the Terminal city against the province.

In the sprinting, Blain, of Victoria, had the short events easy. In sprinting, Victoria leads. It seems an easy matter to send over a man at any time to capture these events from us.

All the interest was centred in the one hundred yard dash. The men got away in a bunch, Blain running steadily and strong, forcing gradually ahead, his breast touching the tape first, in the excellent time (considering the track) of 10 4-5 seconds. To everybody's surprise, Charlie Stewart beat Dave Smith for second place by two feet.

In the two hundred and twenty yards dash, Blain came in jogging, with Stewart again leading Smith for second place.

Four hundred and forty yards—Blain came in first, Stewart second, in 55 seconds.

Half-mile—Stewart won; Lucas second. Time—2:22¼.

One mile—Hillier won very easily; Locksley Lucas second; Ackerman third. Time—4:52.

Band race, each contestant playing his own instrument while running—Turnbull first, Peele second.

The horse races began in the sunshine, before some 7,000 people. There was a good deal of jockeying at the score post. Horse owners did not want to start their horses on the he