LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL News of the Day Selected from Fri-day's Evening Times.

STILL YIELDING GOLD.

Many Old Cariboo Claims Once Deserted Now Being Worked.

DETAILS OF WHAT IS BEING DONE

Miners Looking Forward to One of the Best Seasons in the History of Cariboo-Wealthy Companies Taking an Interest in the District.

Chas. Ramos, of the Slough Creek

Mining Co., arrived down from Cariboo last evening. The machinery for the Slough Creek Co. has arrived at Ashcroft, but the work of sinking shafts has been delayed on account of the death of Judge Gans, who represented the company that had the contract for sink ing the shaft. Most of the mines in the district have done well during the season, but the "clean-ups" have been delayed, there being a scarcity of water. J. Shaw and his two sons who own the Hard Scramble claim, below Mos quito creek, have after persistent work, struck some paying streaks. The claim is now paying from three to four ounces to the set of timbers. It is not a big thing, but it is good. The Jim Boyce and Dick Huff company piped off a lot of ground during the summer and are now waiting for the freshet to make a Their prospects are very bright. All of the water had been taken out of the shaft of the Nason claim on Antler creek, but the big pump broke and the shaft filled up again. The men are still persevering, and expect to empty it again before long. A big cave-in stopped work on the Waverley claim on Grouse creek, and water is needed to clean it out. The owners are looking forward to a profitable clean-up. Anthony's claim on the same creek did very well during the summer. A lot of piping was done at Walker's gulch, and the miners made expenses. Mike Glynn opened out quite a cut above Old Grub gulch and is making fair wages. Although short of water, Newton's claim in Stark's gulch did very well. The Black Jack hydraulic claim was one of the few that did not pay. The Eye Opener, Nason's old claim, is being worked by Chinamen, who made a fairly good clean-up. The Forest Rose die not do as well as usual, but is still paying. The Flynn Brothers have after years of perseverance struck a good thing. They have the most promising claims in Cariboo. On Lightning creek H. Jones has been working the South Wales claim. After tapping the shaft there was a run of slum which retarded progress. Another shaft is to be run on a higher grade. The dam built by the Bonanza company last winter was washed away, and the company are now building another one. There are prospects of the old Kurtz and Lane ground being re-opened. Mr. McDougall, who went through Cariboo with Mr. Adams, the member-elect, has taken up the ground and has gone east to enleavor to form a company.

new and bright era dawning on Cariboo. Capitalists seem to be taking more interest in the district, and they are investing their money accordingly. Many claims have been taken up by wealthy companies, and most of them are already being worked.

THE SEALSKIN MARKET.

Belief That the Returns From the Sales Will be Satisfactory.

Private letters from Lampson & Co. London, announce that the great fur sales will take place there some time after November 1st at a date not yet de-The fur journals of a late date to hand with other advices and information have tended to increase the confidence of those who have shipped their skins for sale at the big auction. The fur journals announce a change in the style of making up the well known plain sealskin sealskin jacket, to a style similar to the cloth coats with the ruffled shoulder capes now so popular. The cost, the dealers in the European cities have announced, will be ten per cent. above last winter's figures. They report at the same time an increased demand and it is known here that the stocks are low. To people 5000 niles away it looks as if there was a little effort to do some manipulating. The report was sent broadcast over Europe that the catch of the pelagic fleet of the Pacific coast was 125,000, a figure just 35,000 above what it really was. This was done evidently to deceive the small

buyers. However, Victoria owners cannot fare badly on the whole. About eight schooners, one of which had a big catch, contracted before any seals were killed at Since then about 20 schooners have sold their catches at prices varying from \$13 to \$14.50. The larger portion of the catch will go to the auctioneers' stand and if the financial depression cuts no figure and nothing unforseen crops The up fair values will be received. skins will have to bring over \$12 to bring the return to an amount satisfactory to the owners.

A DAUGHTER OF NEPTUNE.

Romantic But Useful Life of a Brave

Young Nova Scotienne. Miss Seabrooke, stepdaughter of Captain Brown, of the sealing schooner W. P. Hall, has the unique distinction of being the only woman who ever made a cruise on a sealer. She went out this year with her father and made the entire trip to the Papan coast, north to the Russian islands and back across the Pacific home again. The voyage lasted about eight months. Miss Seabrooke is quite a sailor. Last year she made the trip around the Horn on the Hall all the way from Nova Scotia, around two continents to Victoria. And before that too she made a number of trips on deep was no gold in the country. There is, water sailing vessels, so that she has spent most of her life on the quarter be struck. During the summer some of deck. She makes a first-class sailor 100, for she takes all the observations and makes the calculations, thus virtually The season is a short one, and the men doing all the scientific navigation. Then have to work hard for what they get. on special occasions she goes down into A miner should not go into the counthe galley and gets up dishes that make the old salts for ard think of the better land. A strong attachment for her down a considerable amount of dust.

father more than anything else induces the young lady to brave the perils of the deep and the discomforts of narrow quarters to be at his side.

JUST AN EXAGGERATION. What People in Europe are Told About

the Alberni Gold Fields. Victoria, B. C., Friday.-Considerable excitement prevails here at the prospect of some gold mines being opened up in Vancouver: A rich gold quartz district was recently discovered at Alberni on the west coast of the Island, and a government mineralogist after visiting the place, reports the existence of ledges varying in thickness from four to six feet. The assays show the value to range from 100,000 to 200,000 dollars per ton. Colonel Baker, minister of Mines, visits the district to-morrow, Prospectors are meanwhile flocking to Alberni, which is only a day's journey from

An old prospector who looked as though he had very recently experienced rough usage, brought the foregoing excerpt from an Edinburgh paper to the Times office this morning. He had just returned from Alberni and was rather "There are enough poor disappointed. men here now," he said, "without inducing more to come by sending out such rubbish as that contained in the dispatch.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

Mr. Justice Drake sat in the Speedy Trials court from 11 to 12. Charles Wilson was charged with having, on October 10th, stolen \$1 from a certain Indian and pleaded not guilty. As the witnesses for the crown were out of the province, the prisoner was discharged on his own recognizance in \$100.

The bluejacket who had been committed for trial on the charge of having on October 4th unlawfully stolen jewelry of the value of \$100, the property of Alice Porter, pleaded guilty. Asked by the court to explain his conduct, the prisoner said he had taken the valuables when he was drunk and had returned them to his superior officer when he got sober again. The officer was present and gave the man a good character. He was sentenced to ten day's imprisonment. In chambers, on an application by defendant in Robert T. Ward vs. H. Abbott and the Horsefly Hydraulic Mining Company, for leave to amend the statement of defense and to add a counter claim. Justice Walkem made an order in terms of the application, the plaintiff to have two months to amend his claim or reply to counter claim.

Hyas Cloosh Siwash!

A gentleman who has just returned from the World's Fair says the British Columbia Indians engaged in a sparring contest with the Eskimos who are there and gave them a lamentable drubbing. Both sides freely wagered on the result, and one British Columbia Indian cleaned up \$500. The commissioners are unanimous in their praise of the In dians, all agreeing that they are the most orderly people on the grounds.

From Saturday's Evening Times.

Work on the San Pedro. The men engaged in preparing the San Pedro for the attempt to raise her do not come ashore but remain on the barge Henry Buck night and day. There The miners are looking forward to an are two gangs of men on board, one unusually good season, and they see a gang working during the day and the other at night. For the night work electric lights are used both above and the work was brought from the sound, the new wrecking regulations allowing that to be done without interference by the customs officers. The tug Rainier is also kept alongside the wreck.

The Umatilla Sails.

A large number of passengers, most of them Californians on their way home from the east, went south morning on the Umatilla. There were also a number of Alaska miners on board who came down on the City of Topeka. Capt. Wallace, formerly master of the Walla Walla, has replaced Capt. Holmes in command of the Umatilla. Tht following cabin passengers took passage from Victoria: Dr. I. W. Powell' and wife, E. M. Martin, F. M. French, F. Oldes, General Hogge, H. Mandrill, Jno. Allen, Miss E. Thorne, Mrs. J. Oldes, Miss H. M. Martin, Miss G. Adams, Mr. Brownhead, Mr. Turner, Mrs. C. B. Farrar, Mrs. F. Morse, C. McLeod, wife and child, C. Barrett, Theo. Simpson, E. Lesser, Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. T. Hunter, Miss J. Day, Geo. Wilkie, W. Miller and E. Straven.

The Chinese Escaped.

Since the seizure of a party of contraband Chinese at Oyster bay, Collector Saunders and his men have been keeping close watch on Olympia and the vicinity, but by some mischance they seem to have been patrolling the wrong trails. Two inspectors have been sent from headquarters to Olympia and they have become painfully familiar with the brush around the capital, but 12 Chinamen got past them on a small steamer on Tuesday night.

Inspector Lyons fired on a man with was trying to land in a rowboat on that night, and who made off when an attempt was made to arrest him, but though the man yelled that he was hit he continued to run and was soon lost in the darkness. The same night the contrabands slipped in, and are now doubtless so well posted in the topography as to pass muster before a comnissioner and escape deportation.-Post Intelligencer.

Down From the Yukon. • H. Smith, H. Greville and J. Gemay three miners who have been working on the Yukon river, arrived in the city last evening and registered at the Oriental. They say that most of the men who uuderstand mining and know "color" when they see it, did pretty well on the river during the summer. There were, however, a number of what Mr. Smith calls "young heodlums" on the river year, and as they could not tell color when they saw it, and besides did not go near the mines, they of course did not get any gold. "These are the men," he says, "who came south and said there however, and some good streaks will yet the luckier miners made a good thing, while others barely covered expenses. try if he is not prepared to rough it."
Mr. Smith and his companions brought

Hospital Ball Postponed. In consequence of the alterations Assembly Hall not being completed in time, the Ladies' Auxiliary have been reluctantly compelled to postpone the hospital ball until the following Wednesday, viz., Nov. 1st. It is hoped noue of their friends will be inconvenienced thereby. The ball promises to surpass all previous efforts of this kind and ome result in aid of this deserv ing charity is assured. Friends are springing up everywhere and contributing provisions for the supper and other requisites. Admiral Stephenson has also kindly granted the free services of the flagship band for the occasion, 3012

Law Intelligence.

The hearing of the application to pay the petitoners the sum of \$3,230.98 out of the award to the Eliza Edwards under the modus vivendi of 1891 was adjourned by Mr. Justice Crease until Monday.

In the matter of the Seeley estate, on the application of Mr. Morse, the devisee under the will of Seeley deceased, an order was made that James H. See ley, the executor, file an inventory of the estate and a true account of his executorship.

In Richter v. McIntyre, an order was made granting the plaintiff leave to sign final judgment. A number of cases will be heard before the divisional court on Monday. The boy Ramous, charged with steal

ing the now famous diamond ring, will by order of Mr. Justice Drake, be admitted to bail on entering in his own recognizance in \$200 with two sureties r \$100 each

They Both Gasped.

The changes which were made in the heating apparatus of the Leander swimming baths on Thursday last have to the entire the proprietor and The temperature of the water is now kept at summer heat, somewhere around 80 degrees. The other day, when the water had not been heated, just be fore the alterations began, two wellknown young men called for a swim. One of them, a fine swimmer, plunged in first, while the other stood on the brink waiting to hear the latest news from the bottom. "How is she?" cried the man on the brink. The swimmer repressed a shiver and yelled, "Oh, just lovely. Wouldn't have missed this for Come on in and gambol." The a farm. other fellow gave an anticipatory grin of pleasure and shot into the bath. The first swimmer laughed excessively as the other rose to the surface and made magnificent time for the landing steps and climbed out. "Come on in and gambol," said reproachfully, as he glared at his deceiver. "I'd like to chain you in a refrigerator for six months. Great Caesar, where's my clothes?" And their teeth chattered as they came out Fort street and crossed over to the Jown Brug to see a man. The conditions of the bath are now quite different, and swimmers will have some difficulty in disentangling the idea their minds that they are laving their limbs at Coronado Beach in July and not in a Victoria swimming bath in Oc-

A Canadian's Case.

A dispatch from Fresno, Cal., of Oct. 14th, says: "This morning, before Judge Webb, in department 3 of the supreme court, a motion of continuance in case of The People vs. Frederick W. Polley, charged with being an accomplice with Richard S. Heath in the murder of Louis McWhirter, was made by under the water. Everything used on the district attorney. The reason given for the motion was that the principal witness for the prosecution could not be found. After the motion had been argued, the judge decided that, while would like to grant a continuance the prosecution could give sufficient assurance that it could find the necessary witness, yet, according to the facts before the court and the law in the case, he would have to deny the motion. The district attorney stated it would be use less to go into the trial without this witness, as his evidence was necessary to connect the defendant with the crime, and a trial would put the county to large expense with little show for a conviction; he therefore asked that the case be dismissed. The motion was granted. The witness in question is James Givens, the colored man who said he pulled Polley in through the window of a house in Chinatown soon after the shooting of McWhirter. Polley had testified that he had slept that night in the shed of a woodyard, and Givens' testimony was considered very important, Polley has been in jail nearly seven months on an indictment of the grand jury, and when he was set at liberty he was much excited with joy."

Polley is an Ontario man and his case was brought to the attention of the Canadian government some time ago. There is little doubt that he was unjustly kept in prison, without the slightest evidence against him.

HERE AND THERE.

The Missouri muskrat is building his domicile with unusual care this season, and the groundhog is making his subterranean galleries deeper than ever, all of which betokens a winter of unprece dented severity.

The celebrated abyss of Jean Nouvean (Vaucluse) is one of the most interesting in France, and perhaps in the world. It is simply a vertical pipe, 3 feet to 12 feet in diameter, running down in the earth for about 500 feet, where it ends in a kind of chamber, from which another abyss, obstructed by debris, descends for an unknown distance into the bowels of the earth. It is supposed to be the vent of an ancient geyser. Free dispensaries in New York find that their business falls off greatly after a hard rain in summer and autumn. The explanation of the physicians in charge is that in dry weather the wind picks up and carries in all directions dust-laden with disease germs. After a hard rain there is an actual germ cleansing of the

its or dust on the cotton, and dozens of germs are brought to light. Americans are said to have the poorest teeth of any people in the wo.ld. It is said the more brain work a person does the worse his teeth become. The same result is attained by lack of proper nourishment, and it is said by a prominent dentist that fifty years hence, among the very poor classes, everybody will be toothless at the age of 20.

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ment of drawing the dust-laden air from

the streets through absorbent cotton.

Cultures are then made from the depos

SHALL HOUSES CONNECT?

Advisability of Surface Drains Being Used as Sewers.

ENGINEERS AND ALDERMEN CONFER

Messrs J. D. Pemberton and B. W. a Committee of the Council on Monday Evening.

A report on the question of the advisability of connecting houses with the surcouncil on Monday evening. Aldermen Munn, Styles and Robertson, the committee appointed by the council to confer in the past. with and obtain the opinion of two resident civil engineers in reference to the matter met on Tuesday. They then decided to ask J. D. Pemberton, C. E., and B. W. Pearse, C. E., for their convenes. The gentlemen named accepted the invitation and this morning they had a conference with the commit-The plans of the surface drains, their outlets, estimates of cost and other data relative to the sewerage of the were laid before the conference by the city engineer. The matter was thoroughly discussed, every detail being considered. Messrs. Pearse and Pemberton will prepare a written report, which they will present to the committee. If ready in time the report will be presented to the council with the committee report on Monday evening.

This conference was brought about by a resolution moved by Ald. Styles, which passed the council on the 16th inst. Even the engineers and committee decide that it is advisable to allow houses to connect with the surface drains, it not likely that it will be done, as the general opinion is that it would not be egal to allow it. It is understood, however, that the engineers will report that it is not advisable, at least, to allow connections to be made with those drains which have an outlet into the harbor. Work on all the surface drains is now regressing merrily, the contractors taking advantage of the present spell fine weather.

AMERICAN NEWS NOTES

Daily Chronicle of Events in the Great Republic. Paris, Oct. 21.-The son of the late

Field Marshal MacMahon to-day received a telegram from ex-Empress Eugenie, who signed herself Comtesse de Pierrefonds, saying, "I share your grief; convey my sentiments to Madame la Mare-

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 21.-In a battle between policemen and burglars yester day morning, Charles Ryan, a thief, was killed.

Louisville, Ky., Oct. 21.-Charles Har din, who returned here to push a \$25,000 damage suit against the Adams Express Company, which accused him of stealing \$35,000 from a package in transit, was arrested yesterday by the Kansas City sheriff, who says he is Charles Ketchum, the train robber.

Philadelphia, Oct. 21.-Wm. Johnson, a negro, was arrested to-day. A mail pouch containing \$12,000 in cheques and drafts had been stolen from a car on the Reading Railway last Tuesday. The theft has been kept secret by the government officials, who fastened the crime upon Johnson. He had burned the cheques and drafts.

San Francisco, Oct. 19.-Dr. Eugene F. West, charged with the murder of Addie Gilmour, was this morning refused bail by Judge Seawell, on the ground the ground that there was no evidence that the girl died from criminal operation and she might have been murdered.

Sir Thomas Grattan Esmonde's Heritages The probate of the will, dated Jan uary 30, of the late Louisa, Lady Esmonde, granddaughter of the Right Hon, H. T. Grattan, has been sealed in the Principal Probate Registry. The value of the personalty in England and Ireland amounted to £5,737 10s 9d. The testatrix gives directions for her place of burial, and directs that a white marble slab shall be inserted in the cross over the vault, with the words, "Pray for the soul of Louisa Esmonde, who erected this cross," inscribed thereon, at cost of not more than £5. By virtue of her power under marriage settlement she leaves £2,000 equally between her daughters Ellice and Annette, with certain articles of jewelry, to be forfeited should either enter a convent or take the veil. The residue of the estate, including "The Grattan Plate," the testatrix bequeaths and devises to her eldest son, Sir Thomas Henry Grattan Esmonde, Bart., M.P.

The Telephone in Stockholm.

The tallest building in Stockholm is the huge iron lattice-work tower of the central telephone depot. Myriads of wires run from it, darkening the air. Everyone in Sweden uses the telephone. and uses it, moreover, very much. A writer in the Cornhill who has ben sojourning in a boarding-house in the Swedish capital declares that the most significant feature in the routine of the establishment was its never-ending telephonic babble. When he awoke in the morning it was to hear the jingle of the bells in the corridor outside his room and the iteration of the word "hvad?" (what?) One morning he asked the landlord, who was at the machine, what it all meant. His wife, he added, was buying some stores and was telling him about them and their prices, and he on his part was shouting back to tell her in which particulars the prices seemed reasonable and in which unreasonable. Another day the writer's landlord went a sledge drive into the country. he had been gone two hours the telephone began to be annoying, and his wife stayed at it a long time crying "oh" and "ah" and "yes" and "no." It is monsieur, explained a young lady who happened to be standing by. He is resting for dinner at —, and is informing madame about the incidents of his excursion and the details of the meal that is being prepared for him.

London, Oct. 19 .- The Lancet, agains: which paper Dr. Leslie Keeley brought a libel suit because of comments on his bi-chloride of gold treatment for drunkenness, announces to-day that the action all the costs.

ties between the Italian officials and the

visiting British naval officers continue, and everything possible is being done by the local authorties to make the stay of

the Englishmen at this port a pleasant Pearse Will Report on the Question

Last evening at a banquet given in honor of the visitors Signor Davala. a member of the chamber of deputies, made a speech, in the course of which he said: "The hospitality we are able to show you is nothing compared to that offered by your country to exiled patriots from our fatherland." Sir Michael Culme-Seymour, commander-in-chief of face drains at present under construct the British Mediterranean squadron, in tion will probably be presented to the reply to Signor Dayala, expressed the hope that the friendship uniting Great Britain and Italy would be strongly maintained in the future as it had been San Jose de Guatemala, Oct. 20. President Ezeta has dissolved the national assembly of Guatemala. He has declared his power supreme. In March, next year, the new national assembly Apparently the people are in sympathy with this action. no armed resistance, but some opposi-

tion. All is quiet. London, Oct. 20.-The report is pub lished in Paris that Servia, Greece and Montenegro, under Russian influence, have formed an alliance against Bulga This is considered a Russian triria. umph and a decided check on the dreibund.

New York, Oct. 19.-Gen. Denis F. Burke died here to-day at a sanitarium, where he had been ailing for some time. The dead general was a veteran of the rebellion. He commanded th Irish brigade, which went to the front from this

San Francisco, Oct. 20.-The U. steamer Mohican reached this port from Port Townsend to-day. She has returned from her cruise in Behring Sea after an absence of ten months. The Mohican proceeded to Mare Island at first for repairs.

New York, Oct. 20.-The Cunard line steamer Campania arrived at the Bar 10:37 p. m., beating the westward record by eight minutes. She passed Daunt's Rock at 1:25 p. m., Oct. 15th. The Lucania, of the same line, previously held the westward record.

San Francisco, Oct. 20.—Customs officials here, having known for some time that steamers from China have been bringing contraband opium to the port and disposing of it before docking, yesterday afternoon Deputy Collector Rudgell placed Inspector Hendricks at a convenient point near the Heads with a powerful marine glass in order to watch the steamer City of Rio de Janeiro (sailing hence at 4 p. m.), through the Narrows till she got to sea. In the meantime the deputy collector with three officers proceeded on board the revenue tug Hartley, which was then placed in a position where Mr. Hendricks could communicate with them by a preconcerted arrangement. On the steamer nearing the Heads Hendricks noticed that four bags were thrown overboard, where they were picked up by a fishing boat. He immediately signalled to the Hartley, which gave chase to the boat. but before reaching it the bags were thrown overboard. A shot was then fired and the fishing boat hove to. On boarding whom were placed under arrest. The third, who is an American, was put under surveillance only, as he may to of further use to the officers. The four bags thrown overboard were sun to contain opium valued at about \$3 .-

Denver, Oct. 20.-The News publishe a sensational story to the effect that Dr. T. Thatcher Graves, the famois poisoner, who was supposed to have suicided in jail, is not dead. It is mantained that a pine log occupied the cof fin instead of his body. The story is given on authority of Charles N. Chandler, a wealthy citizen of Thompso Centre, Conn.. Graves' old home, and where the body was supposed to be buried. Chandler and a fellow townsman, Stephen Morse, are now here. They declare the coffin was opened at the grave, against the protests of the widow, and found to contain a line log, and that the supposed dead doctor is enjoying the freedom of a for country. A rumor has been current here for some time that the body carried from the county jail was really wax; that the parties to the deception were some high officials and a secret organi-This rumor was strengthened zation. by the refusal to allow the remains to be viewed except by the most intimate friends, and by the further fact that the widow refused to allow the remains

to be embalmed. Paris, Oct. 20.-Admiral Avelan visited Marshal Canrobert during the course of the day. Replying to the Russian greeting, the marshal said the French officers in the Crimea could not restrain the admiration they felt for the Russians' courage. In fact, it was in the Crimea that the French first loved and esteemed the Russians. Within half an hour Marshal Canrobert returned the visit of the Russian commander. The Russian sailors lunched at the ministry of foreign affairs to-day and received the usual ovations. The familiar toast to Russia and France were proposed and drunk with customary enthusiasm. After the luncheon the Russian visitors were entertained at a reception. The vicinity of the Hotel de Ville was packed with enthusiastic people to-night when the Russian naval officers arrived to attend a banquet given by the president. At the conclusion of the banquet the usual toasts were offered and speeches

made question decided upon its merits, and Toulon, Oct. 20.-The authorities propose to change the name of Boulevard Leygoutier to Boulevard Avelan, and have also suggested change of the name of the new ironclad to be launched on the 27th inst. either to Tsar or Russe.

Chicago, Oct. 20-. All preparations have been completed for the celebration to-morrow of "Manhattan Day" at the World's Fair. West bound trains on all roads have been packed during the past 24 hours with New Yorkers who. will participate in the exercises of the It is believed the attendance will day. nearly, if not quite, reach the extraordinary total of "Chicago Day." Chicago, Oct. 19.—At the junction of

Washington and Fifth avenues this morning two cable trains were on a side road coming through the tunnel bound east, when the grip caught in a loose strand of the cable, which doubled in a knot. This prevented the grip from everywhere, or by mail on receipt has been dismissed, Dr. Keeley paying slackening speed. The trains dashed introduced to a train of four cars that had stopped \$2.50.

double collision was. The force of GENERAL DISPATCHES. double collision was so great that cars were derailed and thrown off News in Brief From Various Parts of the track. Two hundred or more pasenger in different cars were badly jolted. Taranto, Oct. 20 .- The social ameni-

escaped injury except a boy of 14, was badly cut. Paris, Oct. 19.-A dispatch Temps from Madrid says that the M are at work night and day diggin trenches around Melilla. They are busily engaged strengthening the height dominating Fort Guarach, the attem building of which on a site occupied by a Moorish Saint's grave precipitat the attack upon the Spanish garrison Melilla. The natives, according to correspondent of Le Temps, are ing up breast works on the right ba the river Duro.. In an interview day Senor Canovas del Castillo bl the government for its inaction in face of the hostile attitude of the Rome, Oct. 19.—Signor Giolitti. minister, in a speech at Dronera, mont, sketched the policy which the inet has decided to follow. Signor litti declared the foreign policy of rested upon peaceful alliances, and Toulon incident, he said, proved that desire for peace was common to all I pean nations. The situation, therefore would allow Italy to devote her effo to raising herself from the present mic depression, which was due cessive and unproductive expendit

volving heavy foreign loans. The tion of the Italian finances, ho was now on a turn for the better. order to secure an equilibrium of budget, the cabinet proposed to r to the system of payment of customs coin, and to reform the succession ties and progressive income tax, bring ing the revenue up to 40 lira. Militar expenditures have already been mater ally reduced, and the government has de cided to reorganize the army. London, Oct. 19.—To-day's Times pub-

lishes a report condemnatory of George Dibbs' policy in allowing the first section of the Australian and British Columbia cable to fall into the hands (the French government. - The Imperia government is condemned for not taking up the question long ago, and is being urged to act promptly now, before further progress is made by the French company in the direction of laying the second sec tion of the cable to the Fiji Islands and thence to Vancouver, B. C.

London, Oct. 19.-It was reported that Herbert Spencer was dangerously ill at Brighton. Mr. Spencer has been feeble health for some time. Since he returned from Brighton he has remained in the house and has not done his usual amount of work, although he dictates daily to his secretary. His friends say his condition, while far from dangerous is not satisfactory, and he needs assiduous care to restore his strength fully to enable him to work as energetically

as formerly.
London, Oct. 19.—At Glasgow on Tuesday night Henry Asquith, secretary of state for home affairs, announced contrary to the impression made by Gladstone's late speech, that the home rule bill was not to be taken up at the next session of parliament, but the Newcastle programme will be carried out. This means that the Irish question is shelved for some time.

The Referendum.

The Referendum seems to be in the air again. Lord Salisbury has given it an impetus by seeing in it a greater safe guard than is afforded by a second chamber-"that the constitution by which the nation lives shall not be change without the nation's will." The Times has initiated a correspondence on the subject, and even the Spectator has been moved to throw open its closely guarded col umns for a discussion. The advantages of the Referendum are many and great. The most conspicuous of them is its tendency to withdraw legislation from the absolute control of party political feeling. Take, for instance, the burning question of Irish home rule, which is one eminently suited for the Referendum. It is surely most desirable that such a question should be kept as far as possible out of personal or party poli ties and decided simply on its merits Home rule is a matter which virtually affects the whole of Great Britain, and is therefore one on which the whole body of the electorate should be allowed express an opinion. What an opportu nity, therefore, would the Referendum afford of testing the feeling of the na tion upon the question, pure and simple apart from any side issues. It would b decided upon its merits alone, and would be decided conclusively. As with home rule, so would it be with other great constitutional measures. men, who shrink instinctively from the noisy strife of a party election, would give their votes calmly and dispassionately for or against a particular measure. Again, the adoption of the Referendum would have the effect of giving greater freedom and independence thought to individual members of liament. They would be less liable degenerate into mere voting machin or party hacks; and they would be better able to speak their minds and to vote more freely, if their decisions were not regarded as absolutely final. Such are some of the more obvious advantages of the Referendum. Of course would be only applicable to measures i volving great constitutional change. would not be put into use so frequently with us as in a smal country like Swit zerland, because here such a proceeding would of necessity be more complicated and more costly, though for all pract cal purposes the machinery which manages our elections would manage the

or that party, would be an immense advantage, and that is the great point it or of the Referendum.-Humanita rian, London. Deservedly Popular. Our readers have no doubt read with interest the dispatches almost appearing in this and other Canadian journals regarding cures of a most startling nature, made by Dodd's Kidney These pills have proven Pills selves to be a certain cure for all dis eases of the kidneys and blood, such as backache, rheumatism, Bright's disease diabetes, dropsy, etc. Enquiry amongst local druggists elic

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its the fact that they have a very large sale and are an infallible cure for kidney disorders. Dodd's Kidney Pills are manufactured by Dr. L. A. Smith & Co., and are sold price, 50 cents a box, or six boxes

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GEAR FOR THE WELFAR

thering and Curing t age—The Vast and Pickers That Annua on the Hop Field Maidstone, Eng., Sep

A traveler journeying nificent garden shire of the be impressed with the ess of most of i They are ver ilt and exceedingly rees cluster about them nclose shaded lanes lea The outbuilding Great of bout them. The grou stic opulence, thri dry. They almost ca o long to know them But a strange ing one of the source wealth of Kent, will ertain strange looking g near every farmho

They are round and Some have red-painted are in turn surmounte shaped like an arched always opening in the that from which Against gray and win structures form But wherever you so know, at any time of are in the long-famo Kent. It is to thes ways picturesque ol houses" as they are h hops are brought for after they are picke throngs in the odore

In all of England are planted in hops. of the entire area is The system Kent. ing and drying is sin The plants, which ar in hills one foot high in rows, as we pla America. These hill ed are called "crowns 1200 to the acre, an from two to four po teen feet in length, ety of the hops plant of larch, alder, ash, sionally of oak, and city of woods in En epresent a very la Early in April the ed and trimmed of which have been cut and these "sets" an tion in nursery bed stem now springs the permanent settin ter months the hopto a depth of eigh tined fork. Short of the "crowns" old bines, "polling" The laborer's wife the poles while he an iron "hop-pitcher

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