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THE CITY.

TWELVE hundred and eighty acres of land in Rupert district were sold at auction yesterday by Herbert Cuthbert & Co. to James Muirhead, for $1,250.

MR. A. L. POUDRIER, P.L.S., received by wire the sad news of the death of his brother, Omer Lemay Poudrier, at Quesnellemouth, yesterday morning. The deceased was only ill a short time, and at the time of his death was 32 years of age. He was a native of Quebec and came to this Province in 1886, being principally employed in Government explorations and surveys since his arrival.

THE Natural History society held their annual meeting last evening, in a room adjoining the Provincial library, when officers for the year ending March, 31, 1895, were elected as follows: President, Ashdown Green; Vice-Presidents, Dr. Hasell and J. Deans; Secretary, Dr. Crompton; Corresponding Secretary, Dr. Newcombe; Treasurer, C. Lowenberg; Librarian, G. C. Hastings; Curator, J. Fannin; Committee, W. J. Sutton, E. Skinner, C.E. A comprehensive annual report presented by the secretary was adopted.

ALDERMEN MUNN and Keith-Wilson have been appointed a committee to visit the Sound cities to get what information they can from the experience of street lighting there, in view of the contemplated extension and improvement of the Victoria plant. This was decided upon at the special Council meeting yesterday afternoon, after the hospital business had been disposed of. It was then stated that in some instances incandescent lights have been used to advantage in Seattle and other places, and perhaps valuable information may be had on this and other points through the proposed visit.

IN the Police court yesterday Andrew Monro, a teamster, was fined $25 and costs for brutally beating a balky horse. On Monday afternoon, it appears, Supt. Hussey, of the Provincial police, saw Monro, whose team was hauling stone up Menzies street, walking beside one of the animals and striking it severely upon the legs with a heavy stick because it baulked. Finally, not content with this brutality and the horse continuing stubborn, Monro deliberately struck the poor beast a terrible blow on the head, felling it to the ground. Supt. Hussey immediately had him arrested and he was fined as stated.

THOSE who attended the entertainment in Institute hall, last evening, were given a musical and dramatic treat, the Young Ladies' Institute, under whose management the affair was held, having judged well what would interest and please the audience. The musical part was made up of two instrumental selections by the Bantly family orchestra, four solos by Victoria's favorite baritone, Clement Rowlands, four selections by the ladies' string orchestra, consisting of Miss N. Styles (harp), Misses Spring, Nicholson, Cameron (guitar), Miss Brown (violin), and Miss E. Sehl, Miss D. Sehl and Miss Spring (mandolin); songs by Mrs. Clement Rowlands, Mrs. O'Leary, F. H. Laing and W. Wallis; piano solo, Master D. Carmody; quartette, Miss Teeporten, Miss Stuart and Messrs. Laing and Sehl. The recalls extended this part of the programme to twice its original length. The second part consisted of the farce "The Rough Diamond," the characters being taken as follows: Lord Plato, F. H. Laing; Sir William Evergreen, C. J. Wilkes; Captain Augustus Blenheim, F. Sehl; Cousin Joe, J. Mellon; Lady Plato, Miss E. Sehl; Margery, Mrs. C. J. Wilkes; Lucy, Miss A. Stretch. The farce was well put on, and created much laughter.

A correspondent writes to the Sporting Editor, over the signature "Gone on Cricket," as follows: As the cricket season is close at hand perhaps you will allow me space enough to make a few remarks concerning matches that will be played here against visiting teams representing the different cities on the Mainland and in the Province in general. Cannot we get an eleven out of this city through drafting from the different clubs, that will not only do credit to the city, but will hold its own against any team brought to oppose it? I maintain this city never has been represented by its strongest eleven, but simply by individual clubs. Now, sir, I would suggest that a picked eleven be chosen amongst our cricketers by some one who thoroughly understands the merit of each individual cricketer. If that gentleman will excuse me, I think Mr. Partridge would gladly pick the team and I know his motto would be "merit before jacket." I could mention a young man a member of the "Juniors," whose fielding would do credit to any team. We have good bowlers (one especially) in our different clubs. The "Banks" would furnish us with some good batsmen; the Victoria club and the Albion club can both supply good men. Surely, amongst these clubs we can furnish a "champion eleven" to fight Victoria's battles, this season. Victoria holds her own on the lacrosse field; she is hard to beat at football; let her cricketers do their share now and show their brother athletes that they will do their best to hold the sway with the bat and ball. Our record for last year, I admit, is not bad, but cricket is making such rapid progress in the States and elsewhere that nothing but our best eleven will be able to avert defeat in our future matches against visiting teams."

WHAT THEY WANT.

As a result of their conference with the medical men and Jubilee hospital directors on Monday night, the City Council held a meeting in the Mayor's room yesterday afternoon to take some action in regard to the hospital. There were present besides the Mayor, Aldermen Munn, Humphreys, Harris, Keith-Wilson, Baker, Dwyer, Vigelius and Ledingham.

Considerable informal discussion ensued as to the terms the city should ask from the hospital in return for the proposed $35,000 aid by-law, and eventually a list of resolutions to form the Council's "ultimatum" was drawn up by Ald. Keith-Wilson as follows:

1. That the present Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital be converted into a provincial and city institution.

2. That the provincial government be asked to approve the change.

3. That the act be changed to suit the proposed re-organization.

4. That in the event of the change being made no power be given the management to mortgage the property.

5. That the number of directors do not exceed nine, three of whom shall be appointed by the Council.

These resolutions were considered at some length and were finally adopted, the city clerk being directed to forward them to the hospital board.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—When the legislative appropriation bill comes before the House, an amendment will be offered providing for the abolition of the sugar bounty and the placing of all grades of sugar, raw and refined, on the free list.

THE SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Rescind Their Former Resolution in Regard to the Case of Mr. Ross.

Principal Netherby and Other Teachers Give Evidence Before the Board.

There were present at the meeting of the School Board last evening Chairman Charles Hayward, presiding, and Trustees Lovell, Glover, Saunders, Yates and Marchant. A number of teachers formed an interested audience.

The first business taken up was the report of the special committee in regard to D. Ross, teacher of the second division of the Central branch school, the committee reporting that Mr. Ross denied everything in a general way, and the report of the Principal in particular. They had therefore invited Mr. Ross to attend and make his own explanations to the Board.

Mr. Ross was called to the front and given a seat, while the Secretary read the correspondence leading up to the notice of dismissal sent to him. First there were complaints from several parents, asking to have their children removed from Mr. Ross' room, as they did not make satisfactory progress, the principal reason given being the want of order. Mr. Netherby's report to the School Board was read, this stating that the charges were well founded as the discipline was not good, the room was untidy, and the pupils showed no interest in their studies. The dismissal of Mr. Ross, and his protest against it for not having been allowed to make his explanations, were also read, and finally Mr. Netherby's last official report of March 22, reiterating the reasons given in his confidential report.

Mr. Ross, on being asked to explain, remarked that he would like to ask Mr. Netherby certain questions in regard to his report on the subject.

TRUSTEE YATES said that the gist of the matter was, were the charges of disorder and want of discipline well founded?

Mr. Ross went on to state that between the beginning of the term and the time that he was asked to send in his resignation, Inspector Burns had visited his room, and afterwards Principal Netherby told him (Mr. Ross) that the inspector had reported favorably. Consequently, he failed to see how, in the face of this, Principal Netherby could pretend to base his adverse report to the committee on what the Inspector had said. Last term Mr. Netherby had told him there were complaints against him, and advised him to have better discipline and avoid these complaints; but had not complained on his own account. There had been a request from a parent whose boy he had whipped, that the boy be removed from the room. Mr. Netherby had told him he was quite right in whipping the boy, but advised him to accede to the request. He had asked Mr. Netherby to interfere once in regard to punishing a boy, but it was only when the charge of dismissal was hanging over him and he wished to avoid further complaints being made against him. In answer to Trustee Marchant, Mr. Ross said he considered his class was working along smoothly enough when he got his notice of dismissal.

Miss Sanderson, a teacher in the adjoining room, said she never heard any disturbance in Mr. Ross' room though she could hear him teaching. Cross-examined by Mr. Ross, she said she could have heard a cow bell if it had been rung in Mr. Ross' room, but never did hear one. (Laughter.)

Mr. Salloway, another teacher in the same building, had heard disturbance in the room, and there never had been really good order there. Very frequently Mr. Ross could be heard teaching while the children were talking loudly. There was a decided want of discipline. The room looked more like a pigsty than a school room.

Several teachers were examined as to the condition of the desks, but without anything material being adduced.

Mr. Netherby, the principal of the school, being given an opportunity to tell his side of the story, proceeded to do so at some length. He reviewed the circumstances of the several visits of the school inspectors, and maintained that the order and discipline in Mr. Ross' room was never good. The respect due to the teacher was not seen there. These conclusions he had drawn from what he had seen during visits, of which he gave the dates. Inspector Burns had complained to him that the boys of the class had answered him impertinently. That was on October 6. After a later visit Mr. Burns had said the order was better, and he (Mr. Netherby) had felt pleased at the improvement, and so informed Mr. Ross. Later again, when the complaints came in, he had told Mr. Ross he must make some improvements in the order. Inspector Burns, at his last visit, when asked as to how Mr. Ross' division was getting on, had replied unfavorably.

Some heated words passed between Mr. Ross and Mr. Netherby, affecting the veracity of Mr. Netherby's report, and as to what had passed between them.

The evidence being concluded Trustee Marchant held that whether or not the report of the committee was well founded, he remained of the same mind as he was at first, and differed from their conclusions. He moved as he had before that the whole matter be left in *statu quo* till the end of the term.

TRUSTEE YATES held that the evidence was conflicting, as Miss Sanderson and Mr. Salloway, the two witnesses best qualified to give testimony, did not agree. As the testimony was not overwhelmingly strong against Mr. Ross he should not be dismissed, but he should be allowed to remain till the end of the term and take this as a warning that the eyes of the board are upon him.

Finally Trustee Marchant's motion was made to the effect that the notice of dismissal be rescinded, and Mr. Ross' dismissal be held in abeyance till the end of the term. This was seconded by Trustee Yates.

TRUSTEE LOVELL held that the former conclusion of the Board was not arrived at in a hurry, and that they could not with respect to themselves rescind the resolution then passed. He moved that the report of the committee be not rescinded.

TRUSTEE GLOVER thought that it would do no harm to be lenient, and if things did not improve by the end of the term they could then act as now proposed.

TRUSTEE SAUNDERS thought the committee's report was well founded, but if the board decided to keep Mr. Ross on he should have a vote of censure passed on him for the way he had conducted his classes.

THE CHAIRMAN considered it a bad precedent for the board to go back on their former action, especially as he had seen nothing in the evidence to show that they should alter their decision.

Trustee Marchant's motion carried by 3 to 2, Trustees Marchant, Yates and Glover voting in favor of, and Trustees Lovell and Saunders against it.

The North ward boiler matter came up again in a letter from Mr. Flett, the subcontractor offering to give bonds for the boiler's satisfactory performance or to put in another one. The question was discussed at length, and then a motion was made by Trustee Yates that the matter be not again considered. This was lost and the question being thus again opened up the Board adjourned without taking any further action, it being past eleven o'clock and Trustee Yates threatening to have the whole voluminous reports read over again.

INTERESTING NEW BILLS.

High School Affiliation With Universities—School Sites Vested in the City Corporations.

Settlement of Labor Disputes—The Powder Nuisance—Sale of Church Reserves.

Several very interesting and important provisions are contained in the bill to amend the public school act laid before the legislature yesterday. It contains the two provisions which made up the bill recently withdrawn on account of a technical irregularity—viz, that any trustee may be removed for criminal misconduct; and that the payment of school tax requisite to qualify for a vote, shall be for the past rather than for the current year—and besides these there are several new provisions in the line of requests which have from time to time been made by the several school boards.

It is provided that the board of trustees wherever a high school or collegiate institute is situate shall be a body corporate and politic under the name of "The collegiate institute board," and that it shall be lawful for any such collegiate board to enter into affiliation with any one of the following Canadian universities: Toronto, Queen's, McGill, Fredericton or Dalhousie, which may by its charter and regulations be authorized to permit such affiliation.

Another clause declares that it shall not be lawful for any powder magazine or storehouse or place where powder or other dangerous explosive substances are kept or stored, to be or to remain within a distance of five hundred yards from any school house or place or building used for the purpose of a school, or where scholars do or may assemble for the purposes of this act.

Certain lands in the cities of Victoria, Vancouver, Westminster and Nanaimo formerly set apart for school reserves, or acquired by the crown for school purposes, are vested in the corporations of these cities in trust for school purposes and as school sites.

CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION.

The bill respecting councils of labor conciliation and arbitration laid before the legislature yesterday provides that the Provincial Secretary may be appointed to act as commissioner of such councils, and that should necessity arise a deputy commissioner may be appointed, to hold that office either separately or in conjunction with some other position in the public service. Councils of conciliation are to consist of four persons, two to be named by each party to any dispute; and the councils of arbitration are to consist of three persons, one to be named by each of the two parties, and the third, who is to the president, and a judge of the Supreme court, to be named by the first two. The councils of arbitration are to conduct their proceedings as in open court; and if the parties to a reference agree to be bound by the award then it may be made a rule of the Supreme court upon application of either party. The act is to be applicable to employers and to employees in general, whether organized or unorganized, but no claim or dispute shall be the subject of conciliation or arbitration under the act in any case in which the employees affected are fewer than fifteen.

A CHURCH RESERVE.

The bill to authorize the sale of certain lands to the Bishop of New Westminster, presented to the legislature yesterday, relates to the lots reserved for the see of British Columbia at the time of the survey by the Royal Engineers in 1863, but reserved until such time as there should be a resident bishop and see on the mainland. This condition was met in 1880 by the creation of the diocese of New Westminster, and application to purchase the land was made by the Bishop on 30th July, 1884. As there have been doubts as to whether the reserve was intended as a free gift in the first place or for the purpose of the sale of the land to the see, this bill is introduced to authorize a sale at the market value of the land on the 30th July, 1884, to be determined by arbitration if necessary. The land is in New Westminster city, and bounded by Eighth and Tenth avenues and Eighth and Tenth streets.

THE NEW TARIFF.

Instructions From Ottawa With Regard to Customs Entries—Collector Milne's Announcement.

Collector Milne last night received the following dispatch from the customs authorities:

OTTAWA, March 27, 1894.

A. R. Milne, Collector of Customs, Victoria, B. C.

Accept all entries to-morrow and until printed text of new tariff reaches you from this department, subject to amendment according to its terms. Notify outports by wire.

(Sgd.) THOS. J. WATTERS,
Acting Commissioner.

Mr. Milne has in consequence notified importers to govern themselves according to the above orders, the forms necessary being obtainable at the Custom House.

WILL NOT INVESTIGATE.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The House committee on patents to-day decided not to go into an investigation of the Bell Telephone patents, as proposed by a recent House resolution. This decision was reached after the receipt of a letter from the Attorney-General, stating that the subject was being inquired into in court, in the case of the United States against the Bell Telephone company. For this reason the committee agreed that it was useless for them to take up the matter.

There is no reason why children should be allowed to suffer from loathsome scrofulous sores and glandular swellings when such a pleasant, effective, and economical medicine as Ayer's Sarsaparilla may be procured of the nearest druggist. Be sure you get Ayer's.

THE CITY COUNCIL.

A Brief Business Session Last Evening—Hospital By-law Laid Over.

Wages of Sewer Construction Inspectors Settled at Four Dollars Per Day.

The City Council held its regular weekly meeting last evening, the Mayor presiding, there being also present Ald. Harris, Humphries, Styles, Keith-Wilson, Ledingham, Dwyer and Vigelius.

Since the last meeting, Mr. Dowler reported the following communications as having been dealt with by the committees referred to:

Electric Light committee—M. Morrissy, offering lot 18, block "Y," Work estate, as a site for the new electric light plant, when obtained.

A. C. Ewart, soliciting an order to prepare plans and specifications, and desiring to be employed as superintendent of the construction of the proposed new building for electric light purposes.

Fire Wardens—John D. Ronald, of Brussells, Ont., describing his World's Fair prize steam fire engine, giving cost price and soliciting an order for the same.

Sewerage committee—Henry Smith and thirteen others, desiring that the drain on Niagara street be deepened in order that property abutting on said street may have an effectual outlet for surface water.

Mrs. J. Holness, expressing a willingness to allow the corporation or its servants to enter on her property for the purpose of laying or repairing surface drain.

Street committee.—James McCorkall and nine others, requesting that a sidewalk be laid on North road, from Fairmont road to Sayward avenue.

W. E. Losee, calling attention to the projection over the street of a roof connected with Mr. Fairall's brewery, Victoria West.

Tye Yune & Co., requesting that a stone crossing be laid across Government street, so as to connect with Cormorant street, south side.

Mrs. D. W. Aden and nine others, desiring the grading on Ontario street may be completed.

Water committee and Water commissioner.—Mrs. A. R. Sherk, desiring that a water main be laid on North Chatham street, from Fernwood road eastward about sixty feet.

The following communications were read at the board.

W. K. Bull, returning officer, submitted the formal report on the voting on the electric light by-law. Received and filed.

The Portland Bituminous Paving Co. wrote, offering terms for paying the streets with bituminous blocks. Received and filed.

B. H. West, on behalf of the residents of Oaklands, further addressed the Council urging the necessity of a school in that district.

ALD. VIGELIUS moved that, in view of the fact that the estimates had been passed for every dollar possible, the writer be so informed, and that the matter would be dealt with as soon as practicable.

Secretary Williams, of the School Board, wrote on the same subject, returning the petition asking for the school in question, which the trustees were unable to comply with on account of the Council not having complied with the requisition for extraordinary expenditure. Received and filed.

J. R. Mackenzie complained that the poundkeeper had taken into custody his cows while grazing on the Indian reserve, and requesting that the Council refund at least a portion of the money he paid for their release, as he considered the animals were not strictly amenable to the pound law in this case.

ALD. VIGELIUS said that it was owing to complaints received about these cows and other animals the poundkeeper had been instructed to go over there. It seemed, however, that, as soon as he did go, these were the first he saw, and that Mr. Mackenzie was abusive to him. Ald. Vigelius thought there was no use having a pound law if it were not to be enforced, and at any rate the officer should be upheld. Mr. Shaw, he knew, was often lenient with people rather than give offence.

THE MAYOR said the officer must be upheld at any cost.

ALD. HARRIS said that complaints had reached him of gardens being destroyed in Victoria West.

It was moved and carried that Mr. MacKenzie be instructed that the pound law must take its course.

The Finance committee recommended the appropriation of $4,798 from municipal revenues for various purposes set out in the statement accompanying the request. Carried.

A requisition from the School Board for $2,054 on account of educational matters was received and passed, as well as a sum of $214 for wiring the Central schools.

A report from the Street committee recommending the laying of a 2-inch pipe on Kelwin avenue and Tennyson street, was received and adopted.

The same committee also reported on a number of matters of detail, mostly works needed to be done on streets, which were referred to the city engineer for report.

The Electric Light and Oak Bay avenue exchange by-laws were reconsidered and finally passed.

ALD. HARRIS moved that the Council go into committee on the Hospital by-law, but on the suggestion of Ald. Keith-Wilson it was decided to lay the matter over pending the receipt of a reply to the Council's communication to the Hospital Board.

It was decided, after a short discussion, that hereafter the wages to be paid to overseers on drainage work be $4 per day.

The Council adjourned shortly before 9 o'clock.

MARINE MOVEMENTS.

No vessels were sighted in the straits by the steamship Umatilla, which arrived here from San Francisco about 7 o'clock last evening, although it had been expected the tug Pioneer with the bark Archer in tow might have been passed. The Umatilla was met at the outer wharf by an enthusiastic crowd of sportsmen, who had assembled there to welcome home the football players arriving on the steamer. Including the football players there were 48 cabin passengers, and about 89 tons of freight arrived on the steamer for Victoria.

A span of horses, a wagon and considerable miscellaneous freight were shipped to Saturna Island on a scow in tow of the steamer Alert, last evening.

The sealing schooner Minnie got away for a cruise in the North Pacific ocean last evening. Her crew, besides Captain Victor Jacobsen, the master and owner, numbers five white men and twenty Indians.

The little twelve-ton American schooner Cora May arrived in here from Port Townsend yesterday to get permission from the customs to proceed to Juneau, Alaska, by way of the inland route.

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THE CITY.

THE Premier, bringing the detachment of Royal Marines from Vancouver, did not leave there until 7:15 o'clock last evening, and consequently arrived at Victoria just as the COLONIST went to press. Two of the large cars of the electric railway were in waiting to convey the travellers to their barracks at Victoria West.

THE spirit of thoroughness which characterises all the ventures of the James Bay athletic association was manifest in the preparations made for the second annual dance of the club which took place last evening. The building had been decorated with a profusion of flowers, flags, and glittering decorations, which with the brilliant assemblage, made a striking effect. About fifty couples responded to the strains of the orchestra in the large gymnasium hall, which again made an admirable ballroom. The set of honor in the opening lancers was as follows: His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. White, Mr. Jas. Yates and Mrs. Dewdney, Mr. Langton and Mrs. Erb, Mr. Dallain and Mrs. W. R. Higgins. There were twenty numbers on the programme besides several extras. Not by any means the least artistic place in the building was the cosy supper room, on account of which the ladies committee received unstinted praise.

ANOTHER interesting pamphlet on the Behring sea question has been issued, and is obtainable in this city at Hibben's bookstore. It is by Andrew Wishart, who is one of the best authorities in Scotland on international law. He has taken considerable interest in British Columbia affairs, and lately was appointed a commissioner to administer oaths in matters relating to this Province. The pamphlet has a good map of the sealing grounds, and is complete with an excerpt from the Russian treaty of cession, the recent arbitration treaty and the award. The stand taken by the author is indicated by his concluding paragraph, in which, after contrasting the United States' exclusive pretensions with regard to the portion of the Pacific affected, with their contentions against Canadian jurisdiction over the Atlantic inshore fisheries, he proceeds: "The seal fishery is a trifle beside the great fishery interests of Canada and Newfoundland on the Atlantic. These constitute a great source of natural wealth. It is not too much to say that they intimately concern the future stability and security of the Empire, and if the Behring Sea controversy had done nothing more than illustrate the excessive pretensions which Canadians have to combat in their efforts to preserve their greatest natural industry, it would have done something to correct that vacillation and incompetence which Canadian fishermen have too much reason to regard as a tradition of our colonial policy."

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

A jolly crowd of British Columbia boys arrived by the San Francisco steamer last evening on their return from the Midwinter Fair, where they had upheld British Columbia's honor, and incidentally that of Canada, in the football arena. They are one and all delighted with their trip and the treatment they received as the guests of the Bay City, where they arrived on the 22nd and were quartered at the Baldwin hotel and made thoroughly comfortable. The feature of each day's programme was a parade in uniform, the teams driving in four-in-hand coaches to the scene of battle. On Thursday, as already announced, Oregon and California played a very even game, Oregon having, if anything, the best of it. On Good Friday British Columbia gave battle to Oregon, the latter playing two different men to the team that met California the day before. Whyte, of Victoria, distinguished himself at half-back, making two tries, and Alexander, of Vancouver, adding another, two of which were converted into goals. Oregon got a try and also converted in the last two minutes. On the 24th the Victorians were hardly in shape to play again, but nevertheless put up such a good game against California as to make the latter touch down several times in self defence. In the second half British Columbia rushed and secured a try, which Woodward converted, and which was the only point scored, the rest of the game being even play.

On Saturday the visitors were banquetted at the Baldwin by California, and given a royal farewell, which will be remembered with interest wherever the boys from the South return the visit. It is expected that this opportunity will not be long in presenting itself. Portland may have the tournament next year.

CHESS.

STEINITZ AND TASKER AGREE TO CALL THE FIFTH GAME A DRAW.

NEW YORK, March 28.—W. Steinitz and Edward Tasker agreed to call the fifth game of the chess match a draw, without resuming play to-day. The score of the match now stands: Steinitz 2, Tasker 2, drawn 1. The sixth game will begin at 3 o'clock tomorrow, at the Union Square hotel.

HERE AND THERE.

The Mainland contingent of the lacrosse teams who are going down to the Midwinter Fair to give the San Francisco people an exhibition of our national game leave Westminster to-day on the Princess Louise, and with the representatives from this city will board the Walla Walla this evening for California. Transportation for the team was received yesterday through R. P. Rithet & Co.

ANOTHER BLIZZARD.

CHICAGO, March 28.—The people of Chicago were to-day treated to a mild reminder of last month's blizzard. The snowfall, which began at an early hour this morning, continued all day and seriously interfered with traffic. About four inches fell and the 40-mile an hour wind drifted it badly. Early to-night the snow stopped falling, but the temperature began to work its way toward the zero mark. Along the route of the drainage canal the storm raged furiously, compelling the abandonment of work on every section. The snow was swept down several feet in the bottom of the artificial water bed. The revival of winter was not confined to this region, the storm belt extending from St. Paul to Springfield, Ill.

PLENARY POWERS WANTED.

ROME, March 28.—The correspondent of the United Press learned to-day from trustworthy authority that almost immediately after the re-opening of the Chamber, Premier Crispi will demand the discussion of the proposal to give him plenary powers to deal with the disorders of the civil service. He will make his demand a question of confidence. Should the Chamber try to defer the debate, or should the proposal be rejected, dissolution would probably follow.

WOMAN'S WORLD IN PARAGRAPHS.

An English Business Woman Who Conducts a Fruit and Flower Trade.

A shrewd business woman in England conducts entirely herself a fruit and flower store. She manages her business in a unique and beautiful way. Her clerks are girls dressed in a neat and striking uniform. Her trade is in both fresh and preserved fruits. The glass jars and pots of preserves are arranged in pyramids and attractive figures, making them look so tempting that customers just must take them away and eat them. The artistic element enters into all the details of her enterprise, as well it might in a trade so pretty and poetic as fruit and flower selling. She has all her sex's talent for detail, and this accounts for the exquisite neatness and artistic finish of every part of the work. Even the window shades are varied to suit the weather, it is said. The fruits and flowers sold are delivered in spick and span clean, bright wagons with uniformed drivers. A page stands at the entrance, and he wears a bright brown uniform with brass buttons. In this business there is scope for the realization of an artist's dream. Is not this an improvement on the greasy Italian, smoking his vile pipe over the choicest grapes and apricots he offers for sale? Why do not some American women go into a business like that conducted by the English woman?

Men show what they think of their own sex by taking away about all of a woman's legal and civil rights as soon as she marries one of them.

Now that they have school suffrage the Connecticut women are preparing themselves to exercise it intelligently with an earnestness and a conscientiousness that has a touch of the pathetic in it. Women do not want suffrage, don't they? I cannot speak for all women, but this I know—all intelligent, conscientious women want it. The ladies of Connecticut have formed parliamentary clubs. At the meetings they study parliamentary usage by both practice and precept and at the same time take lessons in civil government and political history. I have not heard anything that pleased me more than this in a long time. The women teachers of the state are forward in the work, and very properly, since they have the training and experience to take the lead. Women teachers everywhere would help not only other women, but themselves eventually, by taking an interest in public questions and forming or aiding clubs among their own sex.

The new factory laws of Illinois restrict the labor of women to eight hours a day. This is an unjust restriction and a discrimination against women on account of sex. If women had a vote, men would not dare make such laws, just as they do not at present dare to restrict the hours of labor of men without their consent. So long as the labor hours of men in factories are not interfered with, then no legislature has any right to meddle with women's working hours. If a man may work in a factory as long every day as he and his employer choose, then so may a woman. The pretense that the law is passed for hygienic reasons is merely a hypocritical dodge to escape the real issue, which is that if many men had their way women would not be allowed to work in a factory at all or anywhere else for money. The Illinois law is nothing else than the cropping up under a new form of the old cruel, selfish spirit that would keep women from earning any money just so that men might get it all. We know this old enemy and refuse to be deceived by it.

It is narrated that a woman who had five children and seven stepchildren earned over $2,500 in 18 years by weaving rag carpets. A woman who would marry a family of seven stepchildren ought to weave rag carpets for a century.

ELIZA ARCHARD CONNER.

UNEMPLOYED SPANIARDS.

Doings of a Mob Who Have Nothing Else to Do.

MADRID, March 27.—A mob of unemployed men paraded the streets of San Lucar de Barrameda yesterday, plundered shops, smashed windows and destroyed considerable property. The military finally dispersed the crowd and restored order. Many of the rioters were hurt, but none seriously.

BRECKENRIDGE'S DISGRACE.

CHICAGO, March 28.—The name of Col. Breckenridge will probably be erased from the roll of honorary members of the Union League club of this city, at the next regular meeting of the members, on account of the scandal in which he has become involved by Miss Pollard's suit. Most of the directors have expressed themselves in favor of dropping the Congressman's name.

LONDON, March 28.—The pooling conference with representatives of the transatlantic steamship lines, will begin in Bremen on Friday. The result of the conference cannot be predicted with any degree of certainty, but local opinion is that the rates of passage will be notably increased, to take effect early in May.

LONDON, March 28.—The British ship Yesso, which sailed from Baltimore for Bristol, was sunk near Ilfracombe by colliding with the schooner Lizzie B. Wilcs last evening. The captain, two of the crew and a stowaway are missing. The remainder, 23 in all, succeeded in reaching shore.

DIED.

MEDANA—At his residence, 116 Menzie street, on the 26th instant, Romolo Medana, a native of this city, aged 34 years.

HENDERSON—On Catherine street, Victoria West, on the 24th inst., Eric William Henderson, aged 6 months.

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