

CE ON AFFAIRS

PIGS IS PIGS

BY ELLIS P. BUTLER IN AMERICAN ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE.

Mike Flannery, the Westcoast agent of the Interurban Express Company, leaned over the counter of the express office and shook his fist. Mr. Morehouse, angry and red, stood on the other side of the counter, trembling with rage. The argument had been long and heated, and at last Mr. Morehouse had talked himself speechless. The cause of the trouble stood on the counter between the two men. It was a small box across the top of which were nailed a number of strips, forming a rough but serviceable cage. In it two spotted guinea-pigs were greedily eating lettuce leaves. "Do as you like, then!" shouted Flannery, "they are mine, and I don't pay for them and leave them be. Rules is rules, Mister Morehouse, an' Mike Flannery's not goin' to be called down fer breakin' of them."

Franklin came one of the company's inspectors. He had instructions to stop the stream of guinea-pigs at all hazards. As his train drew up at Westcoast station he saw a cattle car and the express agent, Mr. Morgan, reaching him. When he reached the express office he saw the express wagon backed up to the door. Six boys were carrying bushel baskets full of guinea-pigs from the office and dumping them into the wagon. Inside the room Flannery, with his coat and vest off, was shoveling guinea-pigs into bushel baskets with a coal scoop. He was winding up the guinea-pig episode.

THE HOW AND WHY OF IT. "Fruit-a-tives" are the parts of the fruit that do you good. Apples, Oranges, Figs and Prunes are pressed—the juices separated from the tough, woody fibre—and concentrated. Then—and this is the secret of "Fruit-a-tives"—one more atom of bitter principle from the orange peels is forced into the concentrated fruit juices. By this process—one of the most remarkable achievements of the age—the juices are made stronger, and many times more active medicinally. Finest tonics and internal antiseptics are added, and the whole evaporated and pressed into tablets. "Fruit-a-tives" are the greatest tonic, laxative and blood purifying medicine ever discovered.

MASONS INSTAL AND THEN DINE ROYALLY

Very Enjoyable Function in A. O. U. W. Hall Last Evening—Good Men and First Class Speeches. The festivities of local Free Masons have become famous for unalloyed pleasure. Year after year members of the craft assemble around the banquetting board and on each occasion there is very plainly indicated the desire to overshadow the preceding functions. It is claimed that the dinner which signalled the installation of officers of Victoria-Columbia lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., last night was the grandest affair of the kind in the lodge—an assertion that cannot be charged with extravagance. It was a feast not only for the Masonic high priests who discharge their rites in the Douglas street temple, but also for the members of the order in the neighboring cities who were able to attend.

ENGLAND RINGS WITH "GLORY SONG"

The Torrey-Alexander campaign, which has stirred Plymouth to its centre and started revival flames, which it is hoped, will spread all over England, reached its climax last night when thousands of soldiers and sailors quatered in and around Plymouth. Numbers of them have been sent on fire with revival zeal. A few days ago a party of twenty-three Royal Marines started out from the barracks, reaching the village of Torrey, where they spent the afternoon holding open-air meetings throughout the town, and then marched back to the drill hall for the final meeting, which lasted four hours. In the afternoon the building had been packed with women only, and thousands of men had to obtain admission. During the day nearly 400 persons professed to accept Christ, while the total number of recorded converts is over 3,000.

TRUSTEES INDIGNANT.

Seven Boards Meet and Take Exception to the New School Act. Hon. F. J. Fulton, provincial secretary, was waited upon this forenoon by a deputation representing the trustees of the school districts in this part of the province. The delegation consisted of A. P. Pitzer, of West Saanich; H. H. Evans, of Cadboro; and W. Trickey, of Prospect. These were appointed at a meeting held at the Royal Oaks school on Friday evening, and represented seven schools in this neighborhood. At the Friday evening meeting there were twenty trustees from seven school districts, which included the following: Methoson, Strawberry Vale, East Saanich, West Saanich, Prospect, Elk Lake, and Cadboro. There were in addition to these twenty trustees ten other ratepayers from the districts named.

LIFE BELT FOUND.

Bears an Inscription, but This Cannot Be Identified—Pass of Melfort Located. News of the finding of a life belt on the West Coast of Vancouver Island was brought to the city by the steamer Queen City on Sunday morning. The belt was found by an Indian named Charles William near Round Island on December 25th. The inscription which is bore, "Ass—inspection, New York, Dec. 12th, 1889." In this there is little to signify from what the belt came, for no name in the American shipping registry is spelled "Assed." The belt, if it has drifted in from some wreck, probably came from some wreck on the southern coast. The remains of the Pass of Melfort have been located by the Indians up against a bluff of rocks half way between Round Island and Amplify Point. They lie in 30 feet of water with lower men standing. No attempt has been made at examining the hull, but as it is right in the way of the ocean swell it is thought that possibly the whole bottom is out of the hull.

THE CITY OF PUEBLA.

Telegrams Received From Victoria Passengers To-Day Announce Their Safe Arrival. There is some curiosity manifested in shipping circles over the amount of salvage which the owners of the steamer Chehalis will claim for towing the disabled steamer City of Puebla to San Francisco from a point a little to the south of the Columbia river. It is stated that the sum claimed will approximate \$40,000, but the award, it is safe to predict, will be nothing like that amount. Including the crew there were over 200 people on the Puebla, and in the litigation which is pretty sure to arise over the settlement of the claim, this fact, together with the value of the property in danger and the risk which the Chehalis took are matters which will receive full consideration. While the City of Puebla is off the San Francisco and Victoria route, the steamer Valencia will take her place, having been scheduled to leave the Golden Gate for this port this morning.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Officers Elected by the Ministerial Association This Morning. There was a full attendance at the annual meeting of the Ministerial Association held this morning at the Y. M. C. A. rooms, Broad street. Rev. G. K. Adams, the president, occupied the chair, and after the usual routine business, Supt. G. M. Tripp, an expert, was called upon to read a paper on "The Importance of More than One Ministerial Officer." The election of officers resulted in the selection of Rev. Leroy Dakin, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist church, to the presidency. The retiring official, Rev. Mr. Adams, delivered an appropriate address before inviting his successor to the chair. Rev. H. Carson, of the Congregational church, was reappointed secretary unanimously. After the transaction of business there was a general adjournment to the King Edward hotel, where a most appetizing repast had been prepared.

RESIGNATION FROM STAFF OF TEACHERS

Miss Speers Has Accepted the Principalship at Duncan's Rather Than be Transferred.

The public schools opened this morning for the first term of the ensuing year. The re-opening was attended by some changes in the teaching staff in compliance with the decision of the school board at its last meeting. Mr. Winsby assumed the principalship of the South Park school. He was succeeded as principal in the Victoria West school by Mr. Deane, formerly of the South Park staff. Miss Johnston was transferred from the Boys' Central to Victoria west to fill the place vacated by Miss Nesbitt. The board transferred Miss Speers from the position of first assistant principal at the South Park school to the 8th division of the Boys' Central, to fill the place vacated by Miss Johnson. This latter change will not go into effect, however, as Miss Speers has resigned. The reason assigned for her resignation is that she did not think that she could do as efficient work in the lower divisions as in the higher one to which she had been accustomed. Miss Speers has accepted the principalship of the Public School at Duncan. Some other arrangement will have to be made to fill the vacancy on the Boys' Central staff. Miss Speers has been 12 years on the public school staff of the city. The chairman of the school board says that in transferring Miss Speers no reduction in salary was contemplated. The resignation was made after consideration and was expected in the interests of the schools of the city. Mr. McLaren has been given charge of the 2nd division of South Park school. Mr. Palmer has the fourth division and S. B. Netherby the fifth.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Table with columns: Various Divisions of the City, Number present during month, Average daily attendance, Per cent. average daily attendance, Percent. average attendance. Rows include High school, Boys' Central, North Ward, South Park, Victoria West, Spring Ridge, Hillside, Kingston Street, Rock Bay, and Total.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH.

Was Verdict Returned at Inquest Into Circumstances of Goldstream Fatality—Funeral To-Day. An inquest was held this morning to investigate the circumstances of the death of Goldstream, the late chief engineer of the B. C. Electric Railway Company's power house at Goldstream, on Friday afternoon. As readers of the Times will remember, Mr. Ward met with fatal accident while perfecting the alignment of one of the switchboards, his hands coming in contact with the copper. Instant death resulted. Three witnesses were examined before Coroner Hart, namely, Messrs. Howard and Collier, assistants, and Supt. G. M. Tripp, an expert. The former told practically the same story that has been detailed in these columns, while the latter described the plant, the character of the switchboard and how it was possible for a person, through momentary forgetfulness or carelessness, to receive a charge of electricity which would be fatal. A verdict of accidental death was returned. The funeral has been arranged to take place from the Masonic temple, Douglas street, this afternoon.

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