

DECEMBER 28, 1906.

PRISON LABOR.

What to do with criminals has become an exceedingly difficult problem. There is a strong feeling in the community against their being employed in competition with their honest neighbors...

WANTED, A NEW CHARTER.

The question whether Victoria needs a new charter or not will come up for consideration before the Board of Aldermen this evening. The city fathers will have to decide whether the city should have a body of laws of its own or not.

AN INTERESTING EXPERIMENT.

To the publication of newspapers and other periodicals there appears to be no end. New publications are continually appearing, and those too from the most unlikely sources. There was handed to us yesterday a neatly printed book bearing the title "The Metlakahla."

OUR SCHOOLS.

The examinations which have just been concluded show that in this city the education of the young is not only neglected but is flourishing. And what is more, the neglect is the work of the whole Province. The Government has wisely provided that every child born in British Columbia shall have within its reach the means of obtaining a good common school education.

FEDERATION OF LABOR.

The Federation of Labor is a new organization of workmen, which is already a formidable rival to the Knights of Labor. It is as its name implies, a federation of labor organizations. The Knights of Labor desire to absorb all other organizations. It aspires to be the only labor organization. The trades union, whose members were Knights of Labor was dissolved, lost its identity and was merged into the new organization.

LYNCH LAW.

A pretty severe check was given to lynch law in the States not long ago. An attempt was made to lynch a man who had been imprisoned for murder. The sheriff was determined to do his duty, and he warned the mob off. When they gave heed to his warning, he fired on them, killing and wounding quite a number. The mob dispersed, but did not make a second attempt to lynch their prisoner.

who is altogether innocent. Citizenship is such a strength that it is not to be taken away from the citizen. It is the right of the citizen to be heard in his own defense. It is the right of the citizen to be heard in his own defense.

Knights of Labor have engaged in some talk here, for the Knights, turned out today, and it may be the same with the Federation of Labor. Prudent councils may not always prevail. Rash and short-sighted men, when they feel aggrieved, are certain to advise by action at every stage of a dispute, and they frequently avail to bring an opposition against those who advise moderation and patience.

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A GREAT ENTERPRISE.

Sir John Lester Kaye's great experiment in the Northwest is likely to make that region better known in Great Britain than any other single enterprise that has been formed in this country. The company which has energetic gentlemen as its agents, has taken 10,000 acres in the Northwest Territories in blocks of 10,000 acres each. On each of these "estates," we suppose we may call them, the company intend to put 1,000 acres under cultivation. The remaining 8,000 acres will be used as pasture. The company have imported stock of all kinds of the finest breeds, and they are erecting buildings on a very large scale. They are determined to give the agricultural capabilities of the soil a fair trial. Whether the experiment, as a whole, succeeds or not, will be determined to ascertain what the soil of the different sections of the Northwest can produce best, how stock of the various kinds thrive in that climate. It is feared that these operations are on too extensive a scale and that they depend too much on hired labor. The men they bring out from the Old Country to cultivate the land and to attend the stock will, it is predicted, soon get tired of working for others on wages, when they see so many on all sides of them working for themselves on farms of their own. The result will, these prophets declare, never pay a dividend on the Company's extravagant expenditure. The croakers may be right. But as the Company is rich and can afford to wait, and as its head is by no means an inflexible test, of progress and capacity, they will not be discouraged by the failure of their first experiment. The real good that his education is doing him will appear later in life, when perhaps what he is now learning will so much pain and regret of the future. The experiment is not half forgotten. If the examination could be put off until the pupils were, say, thirty years old, a much more correct estimate could be formed, both of the quality of the education and the value of the education they are receiving. It is known by its fruit, and this is another of the education tree as of any other. The system that stands the test of time and the world's wear and tear is the best system. The system that fails when the dust of life is set to it, is the system that is not worth the trouble of its maintenance. It is a pity that the Knights of Labor are so much opposed to the Federation of Labor. It is a pity that the Knights of Labor are so much opposed to the Federation of Labor. It is a pity that the Knights of Labor are so much opposed to the Federation of Labor.

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A YEAR OF ADVANCEMENT.

On Friday morning the oral examinations in connection with the closing of the Victoria High School for the Christmas holidays, were held in the school building. The examination was held in the school building. The examination was held in the school building. The examination was held in the school building.

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