

PICTURES, LOVE AND DUTY

...RIRING PARSON CHOSE THE FORMER...

Coke told Why He With 17 Year Old Floretta Whaley...

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—In a petting before daylight...

...the Rev. Jay appeared for identification...

...between murderers. On Ont., Dec. 30.—John Troy...

...BANKRUPT ATTEST. New York, Dec. 30.—A petition of involuntary bankruptcy...

...HONEYMOON TRAGEDY. Troubled Courtship Followed by Bridegroom's Murder and Bride's Arrest.

...RUSSIA HELPLESS IN MANCHURIA. Chinese Railway Policy Is Strangled.—Japan Extending Her Monopoly Daily.

...CHRISTMAS WEDDING. Mr. Thomas Wilson and Miss Jackson United in Matrimony.

...NO RECORD BROKEN. Queenstown, Dec. 27.—The Cunard line steamer Lusitania...

WONDERFUL NEW GUN.

English Officer's Invention That May Go to Foreign Power—War Office Indifferent.

Unless the British war office changes its attitude it is extremely probable that what appears to be the most efficient machine gun yet invented will be driven into the hands of a foreign power.

The invention (according to the Standard) is that of Major Fitzgerald, who claims that it is worth \$1,250,000.

The estimated cost of putting the Government street wires underground. His Worship said, was \$750, this outlay being necessitated for the construction of the necessary conduits.

During the consultation the idea of doing away with the overhead wire system of the company all over the city was broached and a serious proposition was suggested by the company towards this end.

2. Re communication from A. W. Lees, asking the city to lay water pipes across his property from Alpha street to city limits.

3. Recommendation that the engineer be instructed to get quotations from Great Britain and other places, for a convenient standard quality street paving to be used.

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WILL COONS WATER SUPPLY

QUESTION TO COME UP THIS EVENING

Resolutions on the Subject of Improving the System to be Disposed Of.

The council will meet this evening at 7 o'clock for the purpose of considering the report of the water supply committee.

The water supply committee has reported that the system of water supply is in a state of disrepair and requires immediate attention.

The committee has recommended that the water supply be improved by the construction of a new reservoir and a new system of pipes.

The council will vote on the report of the committee and will decide whether to accept the recommendations and to appropriate the necessary funds.

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HOPE EVOLVED FROM FINANCIAL GLOOM

Opinion Advanced That Conditions Are Stronger Than Twelve Months Ago.

New York, Dec. 30.—The year 1907 has been one in which there has been making of financial history.

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TRUBLE BREWING IN INDIA

AGITATORS STIRRING PEOPLE TO REVOLT

A'armists Openly Charge Japan With Being Responsible for Present Situation.

London, Dec. 30.—Friday's riot in the Indian National Congress at Surat, Bombay, over Indian home rule, has suddenly aroused England to a realization of the danger of the situation.

The committee from the Oak Bay municipal council on Saturday considered the application for waterfront rights on the property owned by the city.

The committee has recommended that the waterfront rights be granted to the applicant on the condition that the applicant will maintain the property in a state of repair.

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NEW AUSTRALIAN STAMPS.

Australia is likely to have a new issue of uniform stamps for use throughout the Commonwealth, without distinction as to states.

The report which has just been issued by a board appointed by the Postmaster-General to inquire into the best methods to be adopted, it is recommended that the issue should be the best of its kind that art, skill, machinery, and the latest appliances can produce.

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COUNCIL PASS WATER BY-LAW

PROPERTY OWNERS ARE TO VOTE ON IT

Question of Improving Elk Lake Will be Submitted at Election Time.

The waterworks by-law passed by the city council last night with very little criticism.

Ald. Fell challenged some of the signatures appended to the petition for the by-law on the ground that they did not represent the owners of property.

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DETERMINED TO END BELL MONOPOLY

Manitoba Government Taking Exhaustive Valuation of Telephone System in Province.

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—Yesterday O. F. French, chief telephone expert for the Manitoba government, concluded his valuation of the Bell system at Brandon, and is to-day visiting country points, looking over the Bell plant at the points visited, preparatory to presenting a complete report on the valuation of the system of the company in Manitoba.

The number of national banks on November 19, 1907, after allowing for mergers and liquidations, was 666, and their authorized capital was \$910,609,750.

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