

THE COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

Papers Read at a Government Meeting Held Yesterday Afternoon.

Miss Perrin on Coming Meeting of International Council.

A general meeting of the Local Council of Women was held yesterday in the council chamber at the City hall, the committee room, which is generally used being far too small for the accommodation of those attending.

The honor of presiding over these meetings is given to the president of our own national council, and we may be sure that in those meetings we are in the extreme West that will not be forgotten by her, and indeed she has already assured us against such a possibility by sending a special invitation to be present at the meeting.

There were also written papers by Mrs. Day on "The Intellect of the Age of Children"; Mrs. Cooper, of Wellington, on "Women's Responsibility in the Present"; and the latter Christian Association, by Miss Schroeder, and "The Paris Exhibition."

It is thought not unworthy for representatives to come from other countries to attend a congress in Montreal or New York for medical or scientific purposes. On all parts of the world next year will be held a congress, and people flock in thousands to Paris, even our recreations, cricket, rowing, bicycling, have become international in their character.

And this is the age, too, of the development of woman's work in every branch. The national council has been meeting together, exchanging information and opinions, and discussing questions of general interest, and it is not overestimated, and even here, by reading accounts, by ourselves studying some of the questions to be brought forward, we may expect to find in our little work in this place.

Again we recall to our minds the links of our national council, beginning with ourselves. Each society sends its president or representative to the national council, the national council, whose duty it is, whether carried out or not, to keep her society informed of the work done at the meetings of the national council, and to be pointed in Ottawa.

Next year (A.D. 1900) there is to be at Paris an exhibition, known as an exhibition on a gigantic scale, an exhibition of the more usual display of arts and manufactures, and the appliances used in them, but it is to be an exhibition of the human race, of the progress of the human race.

THE FLORA OF THE CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST.

No charlatan or enthusiast has yet appeared before a legislative committee to plead for the substitution of ignorance in place of medical learning, whose argument has not been, in substance, this: There are mysterious powers not possessed by our understanding, or by the physical, who frequently make grave mistakes; cures often follow the ministrations of clairvoyants, mediums, mind and faith cures; new truth is always opposed; therefore, medical practice should be untrammelled, and every one permitted to engage in the business of treating the sick for hire.

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REPORTED PROMOTION.

Bishop Christie Said to Have Been Recommended for the Archbishopric of Oregon.

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Madame President, Ladies and Gentlemen: Fifty years ago if one had heard that all the countries of the civilized world were natural enemies, and that the nations of the world were to be divided into two camps, one of which would be the aggressors, and the other the victims, we should have looked upon it as a mere fancy of some poet or novelist.

THE B. C. GOVERNMENT.

An Assay of the Martin Government by the Editor of the New Denver Ledger.

Here is how the New Denver Ledger in its characteristic fashion assailed the late B. C. government. The British Columbia government is located in Victoria and can be traced as far as Vancouver. It is clearly visible during the winter months, and its brains can occasionally be seen by the aid of a glass.

ITEMS FOR ANTI-VACCINATIONISTS.

In Prussia, between the years 1808 and 1874, vaccination and revaccination were not compulsory, and the average year of life was 40. In 1875, however, compulsory vaccination was introduced, and the average year of life was 47. In 1876, the average year of life was 49. In 1877, the average year of life was 50. In 1878, the average year of life was 51. In 1879, the average year of life was 52. In 1880, the average year of life was 53. In 1881, the average year of life was 54. In 1882, the average year of life was 55. In 1883, the average year of life was 56. In 1884, the average year of life was 57. In 1885, the average year of life was 58. In 1886, the average year of life was 59. In 1887, the average year of life was 60. In 1888, the average year of life was 61. In 1889, the average year of life was 62. In 1890, the average year of life was 63.

GOMEZ AGAIN COMMANDER.

Havana, April 10.—General Maximo Gomez was notified last night by the Cuban army representatives that the United States government has re-installed him as commander-in-chief of the Cuban army. The news was received with great satisfaction, and it was expected that he would depart for Cuba very soon.

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Two Men and Two Women End a Debauch by Drowning.

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"Well, we had been knocking around Broughton Bay and Mitchell Bay, selling a little booze here and there up to this Thursday, the 10th of March, when we picks up the two girls at Mitchell Bay and sets out a pretty good thing of peddling liquor around to the rancheries and making a bluff at fishing once in a while. We had a crew of 10 men, and a sloop named 'The Thistle,' which was a Swah and the other a quarter-breed from Fort Rupert. Tom, he owned the sloop, and him and me, and a few other fellows, we were out there for a couple of weeks, and we had a fast saher and a handy boat in ditty gear, such as you get plenty of up in them parts.

ABOUT FANS.

Nobody knows when or where the fan originated. Probably on a warm day Eve picked a palm leaf and wined with it. Her descendants have followed her. From all quarters of the globe fans are to be found. In the dusky recesses of the pyramids, the tombs of old Rome, the interior of Africa and the far islands of the Pacific, fans are found—some beautiful, others grotesque.

REPUDEATE MR. FERGUSON.

He Was Never Heard of in the Capacity of an Engineer in Toronto. Despite the fact that Mr. W. B. Ferguson claims to have received telegrams from Toronto thoroughly confirming the letters of recommendation which he presented to the mayor and council of Victoria, the gentlemen who are supposed to have signed his credentials strangely enough repudiate him directly and positively.

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