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THE TELEPHONE SERVICE.

Mayor Morley has called a meeting for this evening in the city hall to discuss the rates of the telephone system and the arrangements that can be made for a more satisfactory service.

It is very difficult from the foregoing statement of the objects of the gathering to say just what from the discussion will take, and, therefore, difficult to anticipate arguments that may be advanced.

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A DEADLY PARALLEL.

The following from the San Francisco Argonaut bears so close a relation to the situation on the Canadian side of the line that one has only to substitute the names of Nova Scotia for the state of Maine, Victoria for San Francisco and the west coast for Vancouver Island for the entrance to Puget Sound to constitute an exact and deadly parallel with respect to the aids to navigation on this coast as composed with those on the Atlantic coast.

Three were told that if there had been a life-saving station near the scene of the disaster, had there been a telephone line—a signal station, even—the loss of life would have been less.

The first thing is that, while the Atlantic coast has one hundred and ninety-four life-saving stations, the Pacific coast boasts of only fifteen.

On the day of the election Bob hurried to the hotel, which was the polling place. There, in front of the building, a farmer was wrestling with a stubborn cow.

It is different on the Atlantic. You are met by a big lighthouse, and she passes you in to the next one, and the lighthouses poke up wherever you see land, and you are handed in like a lady with flashes, flares, and flumes to port and starboard.

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THE INSURANCE COMMISSION.

A great deal of discussion has arisen over the question of life insurance in Canada, and as a consequence of an expression of public opinion, as voiced in the press, the government at Ottawa has yielded to the demand for investigation, by granting a royal commission for the purpose.

THE PATENT MEDICINE ANALYSIS.

The provincial government decided to drop the patent medicine bill from its programme of legislation for the present. It probably was wise.

legislation against all frauds and counterfeits, whether in medicines, foods or drinks. Since the agitation began in Physical Culture and Collier's Weekly it has spread and has attracted the attention of the department of inland revenue.

A bulletin has recently been issued dealing with the result of the investigations made, and the Montreal Gazette, dealing with the Montreal Gazette, says that it to be remembered in the connection that what is said of the composition of even those most strongly reported against those medicines does not mean that they are all what may be called frauds.

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THE PIONEER MINERS OF OLD CARIBOO

A Third Article from the Ashcroft Journal of Interest to Old Timers. The Ashcroft Journal in its issue of March 17th publishes the third in the series of articles on the life of the miners of Cariboo, as follows:

AUTOMATIC CARRIER.

Transports Refuse to Point Where it is Automatically Emptied. A Minnesota farmer has invented and patented a device for automatically transporting and emptying refuse matter from stables or houses to a point outside where it is desired.

OVER THE VALENCIA.

Captain of the Perry Describes Present Position of Wrecked Steamer. The U. S. S. Perry a few days ago visited the scene of the wreck of the steamer Valencia, and the captain was quite smooth a good opportunity of examining what remains of the wrecked vessel.

COMMISSIONERS ESCAPED.

Members Who Visited Coast Were Imperiled. We doubt if the special Valencia commission will ever recall how, particularly in the case of the late Commissioner, themselves, says a Seattle marine journal.

TALKED WITH HIS HANDS.

The following sublime paragraph is from one of the latest fashionable novels: With one hand he held her beautiful head above the chilling waves, and with the other he called loudly for assistance.

SOLICITUDE'S REWARD.

A prisoner accused in an English court of burglary, presented to the judge a written defence which he read on trial. It began: "I hope and trust these few lines will find you quite well."

FOLLOWING ADVICE.

The president of one of the prominent railway corporations in America was making a stirring address to an audience of young men, and dwelt with particular emphasis on the necessity of making a "When you are looking for work," he said, "be careful that you are presentable."

A MARK TWAIN STORY.

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C. P. R. LAKE BOAT.

Description of New Craft to Ply on Okanagan Lake. Capt. Gore, superintendent of the C. P. R. lake and river service in British Columbia, and Mr. Huggert, Supt. of the Okanagan Lake, are planning to build a new motor launch for the Okanagan Lake.

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SECOND SESSION OF S. S. CONVENTION

Good Attendance of Christian Workers at Concluding Session. (From Thursday's Daily.) The second session of the Sunday School convention was held at St. Andrew's school rooms last evening.

CORRIGAL COLEGE.

Beacon Hill Park, VICTORIA, B. C. Select High-Class BOARDING College for BOYS of 8 to 15 years. Refundments of well-appointed gentleman's home in Beacon Hill Park. Number limited. Outdoor sports. Prepared for Business, Life or Professional Examinations. Fees inclusive and strictly moderate. L. D. Payne, Victoria, B. C. Principal, J. W. CHURCH, M. A.

PACIFIC COAST SEEDS

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THE WORNOUT NE

The Weak Head The Tired Brain The Wasted Strength. What a multitude of women who feel their heads unwell. From early morning until late evening they are on the go, year after year, attending to the daily duties, looking after the children and spending the rest of their lives in a weary round of after herself. If she does not feel weary months and years of life are miserable suffering. What is something to build up her system. MILBURN'S HEART AND NERVE PILLS. They are the women's friend. They will strengthen the weak, tone up the shaky, starved nerves, brain clear, and restore the lost vigour. Mrs. George J. Lobster, N.S., writes: "I was greatly with weak and dizzy spells and I don't know how to describe it. I could not attend to my duties. I bought a box of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills and after them I found that my troubles passed away. I am now strong as ever." Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills 50 cents per box or 3 for \$1.25. Dealer does not handle them, send to The Milburn Co., Ltd., Toronto.

ROYAL BANK OF CANADA.

Institution to Open Branches in the Northwest. Montreal, March 21.—The Royal Bank of Canada has decided to invade the province of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Mr. Camell, inspector of the bank on reaching the city today from a trip through the west, reported arrangements had been completed to open a large office in Winnipeg at once. It is understood that the opening of the opening of branches in the principal centres, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

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