

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Light Catch of Spring Salmon—St. Patrick's Day at Westminster—Rain Fall.

Treatment of Refractory Sulphides—Reception to a Popular Lady—Japanese Trade.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER, March 13.—Japanese Consul Nose went East yesterday to study Eastern American trade methods, with the ultimate object of bringing America, particularly Canada, in closer trade relations with Japan.

A co-operative store on a large scale is being started in Vancouver under the auspices of the Trades and Labor Union. The report that an economic process of treating refractory silver sulphides has been discovered and successfully applied at Broken Hill, New South Wales, says a Vancouver mining expert, causes great hopes to be entertained of the profitable working of many low grade ores in West Kootenay. The new process releases the zinc in combination, and causes that metal to become a source of profit and not a now obstacle in the treatment of silver sulphide ores.

VANCOUVER, March 14.—The second consignment of five guns arrived for Esquimalt to-day.

Sneak thieves are successfully operating in Vancouver. Quantities of jewelry and valuables were stolen from the residence of G. Shelton while the family were out. Other petty thefts are reported.

WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, Mar. 13.—The spring salmon catch is light, and fish are selling at \$1 each.

The cantata "Daniel" was well rendered in St. Andrew's church by the choir, assisted by several members of the congregation.

The salaries of the city officials have been fixed. That of the city clerk has been reduced \$25 a month and is now \$85; the treasurer's salary has been reduced \$3.33 a month; the medical health officer has been reduced \$4.17 a month, and the park ranger \$25 a month.

On St. Patrick's day the Young Men's Institute will give a grand concert. Judge Bole will act as chairman. Vancouver as well as Westminster talent will be available.

WESTMINSTER, March 14.—The case of Cunningham vs. Bank of British Columbia, which has created so much interest in the Royal City recently, and which was decided in favor of the bank, is to be appealed.

James Cunningham is attempting to recover a demand note of \$3,323.10 from the bank; he claims he simply endorsed to the Cunningham Hardware Co. as an accommodation, with the alleged understanding from the company that as soon as they had used it for a certain purpose the note would be returned.

A meeting was held this morning by the council to hear the report of the special committee to Victoria in reference to the bridge.

Alexander Duncan is suing Levi Carrier at Mission City for criminal libel. It is alleged that Carrier accused Duncan in a letter of stealing goods.

Under the supervision of Col. Peters the Central Park rifle range is being improved.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, March 13.—C. E. Stevenson, of Stevenson & Co., recently returned from the East, states that the winter has been unusually severe, and the crop in Ontario a comparatively poor one. Quebec fared somewhat better, and the Northwest Territories best of all, being, relatively speaking, mild and equable. Trade in the latter cities is decidedly quiet, though Montreal is in many respects an exception to the rule. The Kootenay country, he states, is regarded with intense interest by Eastern capitalists, particularly those of Montreal.

The Nanaimo saw mill has completed the order of 250,000 feet of lumber for an Alaska cannery.

The friends and pupils of Miss Purdy tendered that lady a most beautiful reception in the K. of P. hall a few evenings since. During her brief stay in Nanaimo Miss Purdy has organized a flourishing physical culture class, which she has hitherto instructed in at the Y. M. C. A. and in the city. Her instruction is with decidedly gratifying results. Greatly to the regret of her pupils, Miss Purdy is about to remove to Victoria, and the reception was in recognition of the fact. In the course of the evening, that lady delighted the spectators with an exhibition of club-swinging in her best manner. She performed a series of exceptionally difficult movements with grace and skill and was rewarded by rounds of applause. At the conclusion of the programme, the guests joined hands and sang "Auld Lang Syne" with much fervor, and Miss Purdy afterwards briefly expressed her grateful recognition of the kindly feeling which had prompted this reception in her honor.

NANAIMO, March 14.—A diamond drill has been landed at Stark's Crossing for use on the E. & N. Extension. It is presumed that exploration work is to be carried out upon a more extensive scale than heretofore. The work has been stopped for the present, however, owing to the influx of water being beyond the capacity of the installed pumping appliances. This will be remedied in a short time and work resumed.

Although the mine at Northfield proper is shut down there has recently been a material increase in the population, most of which is employed in the several works in the immediate neighborhood.

KAMLOOPS.

(From the Kamloops Sentinel.) Barney O'Rourke and J. Roderick have been doing considerable improvements on their claim on Pine creek, Barkerville, this winter. M. McCormick and M. Davis are working on the claim adjoining below, and J. Sheppard and J. Hardnot on the adjoining claim. Captain Augustine and son have ar-

rived at Lytton, and will commence work on the Finch Mining Company's dredger right away. The captain seems well pleased with the results of his prospecting on Norman Bar last season, and expects to do well this season. His company will probably build another dredger at a point somewhere between Lytton and Thompson siding during the coming summer. Mr. Young, of dredger fame, will, it is understood, operate the plant on Quesnelle river. The Fraser River Company are putting in on their dredger a set of extra sluice boxes. The object of this is to enable them to run their pump constantly without waiting to clean up. Both companies are determined to give their plants a fair trial.

WEST HOLME.

WEST HOLME, March 11.—This thriving little settlement, originally called Hall's Crossing, containing the best agricultural land in Chemainus, still continues to go ahead. The store originally owned by Mr. Ferris has been purchased by Mr. H. Jones, who proves himself a very efficient and obliging storekeeper.

The greatest improvement that has taken place for some years was the erection of the Westholme saw mill, owned and managed by Mr. Frank Lloyd. Mr. Lloyd perceived that whilst the large mill in the district was shut down owing to the low price of lumber, a small mill, run with efficiency and economy, would be a suitable investment for his capital. The mill has been a success in every particular, the quality of the lumber being equal to anything turned out in the province. The excellent timber in the neighborhood caused him to get a good sale for everything he could cut. The mill has been shut down during the winter months, but it starts running again on the 15th of this month, when a number of efficient hands will be required.

The young men in this district, not to be behindhand our friends at Duncan's, determined to erect a hall here. Through the kindness of Mr. Lloyd, who supplied the site and lumber, a very capacious hall was soon erected, and it has been the source of a large amount of amusement and pleasure to all the young folks during the winter months.

LANGLEY.

LANGLEY, March 13.—During February 1896 rain fell upon 17 days amounting to 8.883 inches, and snow upon 4 days amounting to 5.003 inches. There fell in the first week 2.565 inches; second, 2.683 inches; third, 0.401 inches; fourth, 3.189 inches. The only period of really fine weather was between the 14th and 20th days of the month, and the cold bitter northeast wind on the 29th would almost lead one to think winter were beginning instead of ending. In comparing the deposition with that of 1895 there were 12 days upon which rain fell in February, amounting to 8.834 inches; 8 days in January amounting to 5.968 inches; 9 days of snow amounting to 9 inches; while in March of 1895 there were 18 days rain amounting to 4.327 inches; snow fell on one day amounting to 3.350 inches. January of 1896 furnished us 20 days of rain amounting to 8.834 inches, and 6 days snow amounting to 17.260 inches.

The following are the officers of the Langley Liberal Conservative Association for the current year: President, John Maxwell; vice-presidents, Jas. S. Gray, A. Brockie and R. Livingstone; sec.-treas., A. H. Hawkins; executive committee, S. Towle, A. Spivey, H. Harris, J. Wilson, N. Larmon, J. Green, Thos. Biggar, R. Monaghan, A. Brockie, R. Brown, A. Beaton.

TRAIL CREEK.

(From the Trail Creek News.) It is definitely settled that the War Eagle mine will have a smelter to treat the ores from this mine as well as the three or four other mines owned by the same syndicate. The C. & K. S. N. Co.'s new steamer Nakusp is well under way. The frame is up and planking has been commenced. The boiler made by the B. C. Iron Works of Vancouver will be used in her, and the one made at Peterborough, Ontario, will be put in the new boat built at Nelson last year, which has not been launched.

The work of moving the machinery for the Kootenay water supply plant to Seven Mile is being done under great difficulties. The snow having melted away and left the ground soft it is almost impossible to draw on loaded trucks. Foreman Gallope thinks the third pump will be left here until the ground dries out and the roads become good.

Eugene Sayre Topping has filed notice of his intention to take 250 inches of water from Trail creek for irrigation and other purposes.

VERNON.

(From the News.) Messrs. Hooper and McCraight have discovered a very promising gold-bearing quartz ledge on the west side of Swan lake and are going on with the work of opening it up immediately.

A car of beef cattle was shipped on Saturday by B. Lequime, of Okanagan Mission, to Traves & Farley, of Nelson. E. C. Hooper, accompanied by G. D. McCraight, arrived on Friday from Victoria. They have, for the past few months, been prospecting in Alberta. They intend trying their luck on the hills surrounding Vernon, and latter on will take a trip to the Kettle river.

A number of mineral claims have been located in this immediate vicinity within the past few days. Recently while crossing from Rev. Mr. Green's cottage to the Ellis ranch, at Pentiction, in the early evening, Miss Allison almost stepped upon a mountain lion, crouched in a hollow, evidently premeditatedly attacking upon her. Miss Allison lost no time in alarming the neighborhood, but when a hunting party turned out the lion had made himself scarce.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became a Man, she clung to Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

Wm. Hunter of Three Forks, one of the best known mining men in the Kaslo-Slocan country, is in town, and is registered at the Oriental.

OUR OTTAWA SPECIAL.

Liberal Lies Nailed—B. C. Matters Discussed With Hon. C. Prior.

Winnipeg Immigration Delegates Interview the Government—Laurier's Followers.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, March 11.—Mr. Earle presided at the conference to-day of senators and members from Manitoba, the Territories and British Columbia, with the delegates from the Winnipeg immigration convention. It was generally agreed that a change in the immigration policy of the government is desirable. The consensus of opinion was that an immigration bureau should be established and conducted by an advisory board, on which all the provinces will be represented, and presided over by a commissioner appointed by the government. The object of their suggestion is to separate immigration work from political influences. The government will be asked to carry out the wishes of the delegation.

Senators Macpherson, Price, Lewin and Macfarlane have not put in attendance in parliament so far this session. Hon. Mr. Dickey gives notice of a bill providing that there be no revision of the voters' lists this year.

The Quebec branch of the British Evangelical Alliance has petitioned against the remedial bill.

It is said to-night that Hon. Mr. Laurier has succeeded in whipping nearly all his men into line. The only Liberals who are sure to vote with the government are Messrs. Beausoleil and Devlin. There are three doubtful ones.

There was a long discussion in the House of Commons over the Canadian cattle exclusion bill now before the Imperial parliament. Sir Charles Tupper said the government would take steps to impress Her Majesty's government with the unfairness of the measure.

Replying to Mr. Laurier, Sir Charles Tupper said he would confer with Sir Donald to see if his message to Hon. Mr. Greenway could be published.

Answering Mr. Borden, Sir Charles Tupper said the Imperial government had not promised a specific sum to the fast Atlantic service, but would pay one-third of the subsidy.

The Remedial bill debate to-day was very interesting. Sir Richard Cartwright made a strong speech against the bill, Mr. W. F. MacLean (Conservative) strongly opposed the measure, while Mr. Devlin (Liberal) supported it. Mr. Devlin made a vicious attack on the Greenway government, who he said had passed the school laws of 1890 simply for political expediency. In his judgment there was no need of a new school law. Mr. Devlin was greatly cheered by the Conservatives. The debate was again adjourned.

OTTAWA, March 12.—The chief whips on both sides were engaged in conference to-day, when it was mutually agreed that the division on Mr. Laurier's amendment should take place on Wednesday. Possibly when that is disposed of there will be an amendment favoring the appointment of a commission.

A Quebec Liberal said in the debate to-day that Bishop Langevin does not approve of the remedial bill. He was staggered when Mr. Amyot flatly contradicted him and challenged for his authority. He read the following from Bishop Langevin: "To Rev. Father LaCombe, University of Ottawa.—The bill is workable and I have no objection to it. I approve of it. All the bishops and all Catholics ought to approve of it. There is life in the bill. Success to you and Lariviere."

L'Espeir having stated that Archbishop Walsh endorsed Mr. Laurier's school policy to-day, Archbishop Walsh wired Senator Casgrain that the statement was an audacious falsehood.

The British Columbia members met in Mr. Prior's office this morning and had a lengthy conference with the minister, principally relating to fishery matters. Close seasons, the use of seines, the issue of fish licenses and other questions were thoroughly discussed.

The railway committee to-day, by fifty to forty-two, threw out the scheme for an electric road from Montreal to Windsor. The Canadians over Pacific and Grand Trunk strongly opposed it.

The Senate divorce committee ordered Mr. Pearson, of Toronto, to pay \$250 in order that his wife may defend herself in the charge he is bringing against her. The bill was amended to grant a bonus for refined copper.

The Lake Carriers' Association are asking for increased aids to navigation on the Great Lakes.

Mr. Barnard has returned to Ottawa. Ottawa, March 13.—Mr. Macdonnell, M.P. for Algoma, to-day was served with a writ at the instance of the Ottawa Liberals, who claim \$33,400 on the ground that Mr. Macdonnell had not been legally elected. He says he has no fear of a suit and will stick them for costs.

Hon. Mr. Foster made the speech of his life in the remedial debate this afternoon. It was logical and eloquent and held the house spell-bound for over two hours. The peroration was a magnificent piece of oratory and at the close tumultuous applause followed. Messrs. Davies and Powers were the following speakers.

Sir Charles Tupper this afternoon said he could not lay before the house the telegrams which had passed between Sir Donald A. Smith and Premier Greenway. The telegrams were confidential. The telegram read the other day was published through misapprehension. He had omitted one sentence because he had not considered it germane to the matter before the house.

Hon. Mr. Dickey confirmed the statement that the government was considering the matter of referring to the Supreme court for an opinion on the subject of the life of the present parliament.

Labor Commissioner Wright does not find that "sweating" prevails in the cities, but points out the prevalence of many evils and suggests remedies.

The Western immigration delegates have not accomplished much by their work on the Finch Mining Company's dredger to-day that it was not possible to hand the control of immigration over to a board such as had been suggested.

The bill incorporating the Canadian Jockey Club passed the Commons to-night, the views of the different bodies affected having been harmonized.

OTTAWA, March 14.—The Canadian representatives on the international deep-water works commission had a session here to-day, when a vast amount of information collected since the last meeting was gone over.

Ottawa people are kicking against the Cabot historical exhibition being held in Toronto next year with Dominion aid. They say the capital is the proper location for it.

Half a million copies of Hon. Mr. Foster's speech on the remedial bill will be printed for general distribution. Mr. Dalton McCarthy says that it is the finest speech he has heard on the school question. It is pointed out that the same wharves Foster sat down was entirely unprecedented in Parliamentary annals. The Conservative members rose en masse, shouting themselves hoarse with delight.

MAKING FOR PEACE.

Great Britain Favoring the Dreibund—William, Franz Joseph and Humbert to Meet.

Italy Will Have the Support of Germany in Her Abyssinian Campaign.

LONDON, Mar. 13.—The announcement made by the Times that the Egyptian troops would advance up the Nile forthwith to occupy Dongola was officially confirmed by the foreign office to-day. The Times also said, editorially, of this announcement with a good deal of ostentation: "It need hardly be said that the advance upon Dongola will greatly benefit Italy, and that British government must have had this desirable object in view in assenting to the British advance."

Taken in connection with the evidence that Count Goluchowski has succeeded by his visit to Berlin in strengthening the ties of the existing Dreibund, Great Britain's diversion in Egypt in favor of a member of the Dreibund is regarded as extremely significant. It must be borne in mind, however, that Great Britain has looked with a favorable eye upon the Italian campaign in Africa all along, though she has hitherto declined active assistance, as an Italian success would tend to add to the prestige of European arms in Africa, and consequently to the strengthening of British interests in the Sudan.

There have been often renewed reports that Great Britain had ceded to Italy the port of Zeila on the Straits of Babel Mandeb, which Italy much desired to obtain in order to facilitate her operations in Abyssinia. But the report was as often denied and the failure of Italy to obtain the port was said to be due to the objections urged by France. Baron de Courcel, the French ambassador in London, paid a long visit to the foreign office this afternoon to which importance is attached in the public mind. The visit is supposed to be connected with the proposed advance on Dongola.

The Pall Mall Gazette, this evening, publishes a despatch from Mentone saying that it is reported there that Emperor Francis Joseph, of Austria, and Emperor William, of Germany, will, according to present arrangements, meet King Humbert, of Italy, at Genoa within a few days.

The Times has an editorial discussing the Italian situation, and declares that the shock to European prestige owing to the defeat at Adowa cannot be neutralized by Italy concluding a peace with Menelek, and it is doubtful even if Italy would be able or willing to hold Kassala. The editorial adds, and then proceeds as follows: "The advance upon Dongola in the interests of the British policy will prepare the way for the advance on Omdurman when the time is ripe and the shattering of the Mahdist power at its base."

The Emperor Francis Joseph paid a brief visit to Queen Victoria at Windsor this afternoon, and it is believed the Austrian Emperor will shortly leave here for Italy, where he will meet King Humbert and Emperor William of Germany, according to report.

The Rome correspondent of the Daily News says the negotiations for peace in Abyssinia are based upon the modification of the treaty of Accial, excluding the Italian protectorate in Abyssinia, the restitution of Tigre to Mangaschia and an exchange of prisoners and hostages.

The Times has a Rome dispatch which says: The news of the peace negotiations has produced a feeling of surprise amounting to a stampede in most quarters. The conditions fixing the frontier at the Marec river line and the prohibition of fortifications on the frontier are considered as humiliating. The majority of the deputies now here oppose the project. It has been ascertained that Col. Galliano, who was reported to have been killed at the battle of Adowa, was severely wounded and is a prisoner in the Shoa camp."

The Berlin police confiscated to-day's issue of Der Sozialist, on the ground that it contains treasonable matter, and its editors will be prosecuted on the charge of lese majeste.

An Odessa despatch to the Times says that several earthquake shocks occurred last evening. The resulting damage was light.

The Times announces that the mono-metallics in parliament claim to have an absolute pledge from Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, chancellor of the exchequer, to prepare the mono-metallic amendment of J. M. Maclean, for Cardiff, to the bi-metallic motion of Mr. C. Whitley, Conservative.

The first instalment of the Chinese loan will probably be \$10,000,000, and it may be issued in London and in Berlin early next week. A great disturbance to the money market is anticipated.

BERLIN, March 13.—Count Goluchowski, the Austrian prime minister, has started on his return to Vienna. Before leaving Berlin he was given the order of the Red Eagle by Emperor William. A great deal of interest has been manifested throughout Europe in the visit of the Austrian prime minister, and it is believed that he returns to Vienna with the assurance of a continuance in force of the Dreibund for at least another year. It is also hinted that the active adhesion of Great Britain to the alliance has been secured.

It is stated that the prolonged stay at Cape Martin of the Emperor Franz Joseph was purposely to meet Queen Victoria and restore harmony between England and Germany. It is rumored that Italy will now have the moral support of Germany in her Abyssinian campaign and the more or less active support of England through the advance of the latter's troops into the Soudan.

Rome, March 13.—All rioting has ceased and the reservists, who fled from the country sooner than go to Africa, are returning, and it is not believed that any steps will be taken to punish them. Negotiations with King Menelek have been opened, and it is anticipated that peace will be concluded before long, as the war office has countermanded the instructions sent to various points for hurrying forward reinforcements to Africa. The new cabinet is settling down to steady work, and the financial situation is brighter than anticipated.

The conferences which have taken

HOW A HOME WAS LOST.

The Bitter Experience of Mr. Elwood, Sr., of Simcoe.

Attacked with Neuralgia of the Limbs he Became Helpless and Suffered Intense Agony. Spent His Home in Doctoring with Specialists Without Avail—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Came to the Rescue when Other Means had Failed.

(From the Simcoe Reformer.)

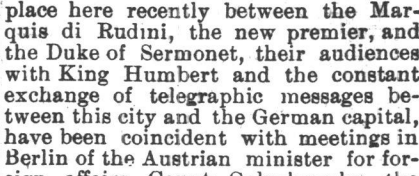
The many virtues of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People have so often been published in the columns of this paper, that they are widely known to the residents of Norfolk County, and it is as widely conceded that they have brought joy into more than one household, and their merits are spoken of only in words of praise. In this instance the facts are brought directly home to the residents of Simcoe, a gentleman who is glad to testify to the benefit he has received from the use of these pills being a resident of this town. Mr. William Elwood, sr., a resident of Simcoe for about two years, and for years a resident of Fort Erie, a carpenter by trade, is loud in his praise of the benefits he derived from the use of Pills. In an interview with Mr. Elwood, that gentleman told the Reformer that about eight years ago he was attacked with ulcerated catarrh of the head and throat, and was obliged to quit work, and since that time has not been able to resume his calling. The disease, shortly after he was taken ill, developed into neuralgia of the lower limbs, from which he suffered terrible agony. During his long illness the services of specialists in both Toronto and Buffalo, as well as those of local physicians both in his former home and Simcoe, were called into requisition, but all to no purpose.

So bad did he become, and so great were the pains that shot through his limbs, that at times Mr. Elwood had to be held down on his couch. His stomach and bowels were seriously affected and he was indeed in a deplorable condition. About a year ago he lost the use of his left foot and ankle and was unable to walk around his home without great difficulty. At one time Mr. Elwood was possessed of a good home, but so long was he ill that he spent all his property in the hope of regaining his health. Last fall Mr. Elwood commenced taking Pink Pills and shortly after he began to feel an improvement in his condition. He continued the use of the pills until he had taken thirteen boxes when he regained the use of his foot and ankle and thought he was about cured and discontinued their use. So long had he been suffering, however, that it was impossible for him to become convalescent in so short a time. An attack of the grip again brought on the disease, but not by any means so terrible as formerly. Mr. Elwood again commenced taking the pills and in regaining his former health and feels certain that the Pink Pills will exterminate all traces of disease from his system. He feels so gratified at what the pills have done for him that he gladly gave the information to the Reformer for publication in the hope that his experience may be a benefit to some other sufferer.

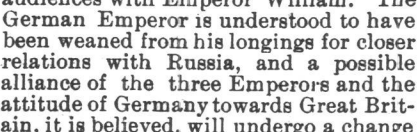
Dr. Williams' Pink Pills strike at the root of the disease, driving it from the system and restoring the patient to health and strength. In cases of paralysis, spinal troubles, locomotor ataxia, sciatica, rheumatism, erysipelas, scrofulous troubles, etc., these are superior to all other treatment. They are also a specific for the troubles which make the lives of so many women a burden, and speedily restore the rich glow of health to sallow cheeks. Men broken down by overwork, worry or excess, will find in Pink Pills a certain cure.

Sold by all dealers or sent by mail, post paid, at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50, by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Brockville, Ont., or Schneectady, N.Y. Beware of imitations and substitutes alleged to be "just as good."

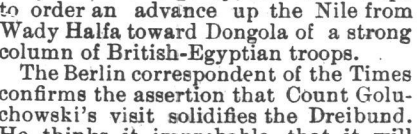
SHERBROOKE, March 12.—R. G. Rioux, one of Sherbrooke's most prominent young men, who in January last was accused of causing the death of Eugene Belanger and indicted for manslaughter, has been honorably acquitted. Rioux and the deceased had been participants in an affray in a restaurant, when Rioux struck the deceased, but Judge Wallace summing up said the fatal blow must have been struck hours after this affair.



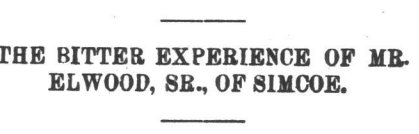
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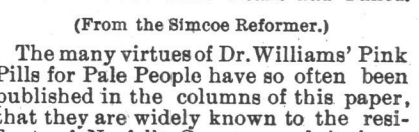
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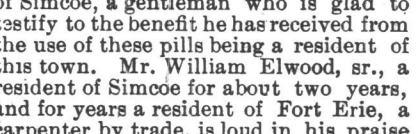
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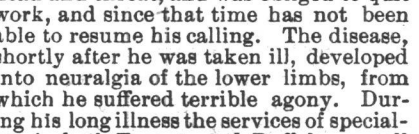
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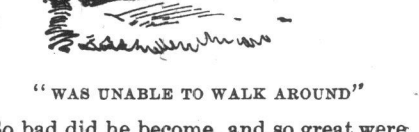
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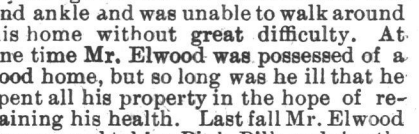
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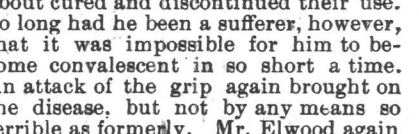
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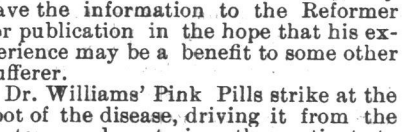
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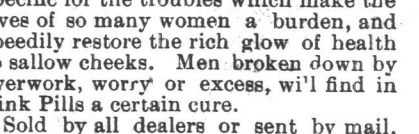
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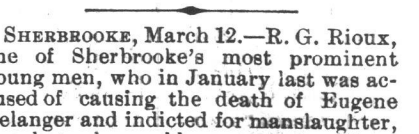
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