Is Saying

(Vancouver World.) When the Globe asserts that the British Columbia government is discredited, we brand the assertion as a dehberate falsehood. * * * Although in the far west, and located on the ragged edges of the confederated provinces forming the Dominion of Canada, we know our business and what is required of us, and such Jim Crow journals as the Globe of late has proved itself to be will make a note of the fact that it will be in better taste for them to look after the frying

of the fact in their own pans. (Vancouver News-Advertiser.) al in their views. Who would have thought that any newspaper claiming | the course. such fealty to that party that it keeps standing a line-"Triumphant Liberalism"-so as to be ready for use whenever a dispatch from the east arrives stating that "Sir Wilfrid Laurier was the cynosure of all eyes when he appeared on the platform, decorated with the collar and star of the Grand Cross of St. Michael and are now established in commodious and St. George and the Golden Medal," should in a little fit of spleen call the sedate and ponderous Globe a "jim crow" journal? Truly we have fallen on evil days when "the reputed father of Liberalism in British Columbia" utters such a fearful slander on a journal, on the greatness of which in happier bygone real circumstances which caused that ap-Times-it is constantly referred to as happened since then and a senatorial fly in the ointment of party patronage has given a wintry and desolate aspect to the herizon of possible political preferment!

The shocking crime of the Globe which has caused it to be labelled as a "jim crow journal"-whatever that may mean -appears to have been its omission to go into ecstacies on the fact that the price of British Columbia stocks in the London market had advanced one per cent, in the latter part of November. It is to be presumed that the Globe has on its staff those who are more conversant with financial affairs than its fiery critic appears to be. That being the case, the writer in the Globe would be aware of the fact that at the end of this month a halt year's dividend of one and a half per cent, will be paid on the stock and that dealings in it at the present time are based on that fact. When the stock is quoted "ex-dividend," as it will be after Messra, Glyn, Mills, Currie & Co.-with whom the inscribed stock is domiciled-have prepared the dividend lists, the quotations will drop 11/2 per But that fall in the quotation of the stock will no more indicate a depreciation in the financial position of British Columbia on the London market than the advance, caused by the approach of the date when the dividend is payable, shows that the credit of the

(Rossland Miner.) The irony of fate was demonstrated in an incident connected with the sad death of the late Edward P. Suydam, who, in a moment of despondency, put a bultunate man, who was interested with him in the Alaska, a prospect located near Grand Forks. This missive stated that since Mr. Suvdam had left for Rossland a find of great value had been encountered. It consisted of a vein of seven foot of copper ore that went high in gold. This strike, the partner wrote, meant a small fortune for both, and he good stiff price. It is more than probable that had Suydam been informed of this fact, which was known to his partner at the very hour he killed himself, that it would have stayed his hand and he would have looked on life as a jolly thing, and not too great a burden to be borne. Instead of filling a suicide's grave, as he does at the present, he would now be full of hope, with a future that looked rosy before him. It shows that at times air blown chances play a most important part in the affairs of

After hearing of this incident who will say that there is no such thing as luck in the affairs of mankind? Suydam had labored for months trying to develop. so that he could place them on the market and realize something, the Alaska and other prospects in which he was interested. No strike of importance was made on any of them, and he came to this city for the purpose of disposing of some of them in order to raise money with which to carry on operations on the others. Nothing but disappointment was met with here, and he became discouraged and ended his existence. Had he been lucky enough, however, to have made that strike on the Alaska be fore he came here, how different would have been the result?

(Kamloops Sentinel.) That there will be a change of admin istration within the next twelve months is the belief of almost every elector in the mo country who has given the matter a no nent's serious consideration. Dis-satisfication with the methods of the Turner "agglomeration" is as widespread as it is deep. That there must be a change, and one, too, of a very radical nature, is the general opinion. Of late more careful consideration has been given to the legislation and administrative methods of the government, by the electorate. There has been a greater degree of interest evinced in provincial affairs than at any previous period in the his- tained. tory of the province. The electors apparently realize, as they never did before, the prosperity of the country as the deling recommend a resolution that the means the enriching of a few instead of | South Ward, 27 Government street.

is the knowledge-brought home by painful experience—of these facts that has aroused the electors from one end of the province to the other to a sense of the recessity of a change at James Bay.

(Rossland Record.) Rossland is holding her breath for the nitial work on the Robson branch, of the C.P.R. to this city. Some days ago was given out that Bossland could celebrate the completion of this road within ninety days. This news was gencrally believed, but as no contracts have been let yet the people are becoming skeptical, not that the road will not be built, but that it will not be completed n such haste.

(Kaslo Kootenalan.) The premier of New Zealand, like Premier Turner, of British Columbia, is connected with some public company as director, and as a consequence he has had a bad quarter of an hour in the Things appear to be getting a little legislature, of which he is the leader. 'mixed' in regard to some journals in this province which are nominally Liber-though several of his supporters voted with the opposition in condemnation of

> (Vernon News.) We trust that the natural pleas-tre which we feel in once more presnting the News to the pullic, is, at least in a measure, shared by our subscribers. We start afresh with a brand new plant,

and comfortable quarters where we will

always be glad to receive visitors, who

will be most cordially made welcome. (B. C. Mining Critic.) It is rather hard on Mr. S. Hunter, M.P.P., that the story of the Chinamen's requisition asking him to stand for Caridays, it was never tired of dilating and boo at the next election should be taken which from a ludicrous ignorance of the seriously. The Chinese are non-voters and don't usually sign "round robins" in pellation to be given to the London English. However, the story is a penalty which Mr. Hunter has of necessity to pay the Canadian Thunderer. But much has for his persistent advocacy of Chinese cheap labor, which would assuredly in any case cost him the loss of most of the white labor vote of Cariboo were he

there to stand at the next election. (New Denver Ledge.) The Hon. Mr. Turner has spoken through the Colonist. The mantle of dignified contempt is a useful article in high officialdom but it proves but a poor armor against facts, however simply stated, which have a public value, and therefore it is that the mier has spoken through his official organ, and severely harangues those whom

he regards as his traducers. The Ledge has no desire to say much that could be said in plain condmenation of the course pursued by the prominent politicians of this province, who have allowed their names to be paraded in flaming type as decoys in mining schemes of doubtful probity. leged interview in the Colonist is mainly an undignified confession of the weakness of a public main, unable to see that representative man should feel that proper degree of restraint which is imposed upon him by a public trust.

While we can in regard to our repre-

sentative men "nothing extenuate," we shall at all times endeavor to be equally free from setting down aught in mal-Mr. Turner's career and position province has suddenly appreciated there. good nature entitles him to our consideration. Moreover, we cannot forget that his political environment in Victoria has not been as lofty and ennobling in its inpeople of this province have had more let through his brain. Two or three distrust of their public men; for exdays after the tragedy a letter was re- travagance, favoritism, abuse of trust questionable enterprises, or, what act. The reputation of the province is bound up in the character and acts of our public men, and the community sufcautioned against selling it except for a fers by their moral obliquity or indiscretion, and in the case in quetion, it is clear that the premier's name, used as is, will scare away instead of attracting capital to our mining enterprises.

MILLET'S MODEL DEAD.

In the little village of Barbizon, on the edge of the forest of Fontaineblean, there recently died the woman, who as a girl, posed for Jean Francois Millet for three of his most famous pictures. She was Adele Moschener, and when as nurse for Millet's children, served as a study for the figure of the girl in the 'Angelus." That was in 1859, when she was 19 years old. Two years previous to that she had posed for Millet's picture "The Gleaners," and she also appears in "Waiting," painted in 1861. She afterward married a villager named Marier, and it was as Adele Marier that she was known to many French, English and American people who had bade art pilgrimages to Millet's home since his death in 1875. During the last year of her life she has been ill almost continually, though she was always willing to receive her visitors, with whom she was delighted to talk about Millet and to estify to his many kindnesses.

A DEVICE TO RECORD SPEED.

An ingenious form of speed-recording apparatus, recently devised for use in some German raliway experiments, while simple in design, proved exceedingly effective and showed, moreover, not only the speed at any particular moment, but the time in which stops were made, speed around curves, up grades, etc., says the Philadelphia Record. Electrical connections were made on the shaft of the car in such a manner that a dash and a space were marked off at each revolution on a paper strip of ribbon corresponding to one minute of time and counting the number of dashes contained therein the number of revolutions is given at once, and from the diameter of the wheels the speed can readily be computed. In the experiments referred to the paper ribbon was ruled so that one second of time was represented by one millimeter of space, and by a subsequent plotting of curves a graphical record of speeds under various conditions was obtained.

-Mayor Redfern will at the meeting hat good government is as essential to of the city council to be held this evenvelopment of her natural resources. Bad polling places be: For mayor and government in the past has resulted in school trustees, at the police court room; the alienation of a very considerable portion of the natural resources of this province, the development of which now Douglas street (Vernon Block); and many. Bad government has to a very mayor recommends, too, that Mr. North-great extent placed the control of provincial affairs in the hands of such men as the Dunsmuirs, Rithet, Heinze and others of that class, whose aim is certainly not to benefit the people, but to excite themselves at their expense. It ward:

that the deputies be: Frank G. Richards, for mayor: S. W. Edwards, for North Ward; Thos. J. Dearberg, for Centre Ward; and David Spragge, for South Ward. LOCAL NEWS.

From Saturday's Daily. aid McCallum, whose appointments appear in yesterday's Gazette.

-tharles Harris, of Milne street, died yesterday. He was a native of York-shire, England, and was 53 years of The funeral will take place at 2 to-morrow afternoon

-At the next session of the legislature the Mountain Tramway and Electric Company will seek ingaporation by pris-vate bill and the B. C. Electric Com-pany will ask for an amendment of their act of 1890.

-The steamer Corona arrived yesterday evening after a quick trip from Skagwayl Dyea, Juneau and Wrangel with 60 passengers and a small freight, her whole cargo comprising but a few small packages. She had pleasant weather during the entire voyage.

-G.W.A.Rankin, of Grand Forks: Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, K.C.M.G., Q. C., and Frederick Peters, Q.C., of Victoria and W. F. Brougham, of Nelson, have been appointed notaries public. Sin Charles and Hon, Mr. Peters also give notice in the gazette of applications for calls to the bar.

-The Gazette contains notice of the registration of the following extra-provincial companies: The B. C. Agency, Ltd., The B. C. Delelopment Co. Ltd., The B. C. (Rossland and Slocan) Syndicate, Ltd., and the Klondike Mining, Trading and Transportation Company,

-The public schools closed to-day without any public exercises, although in most of the divisions there were recitations, etc. No promotions examinations having been held, there were no long promotion lists, but some of the pupils, who have shown their fitness during the term, will be promoted. Several of the classes presented their teachers with Christmas gifts.

-The new mining division over which Capt. Rant will have charge is described as follows: "Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of British Columbia intersects the height of land between Lake Teslin and Lake Atlin: thence southwesterly, following the height of land to the watershed between, Pike lake and Kateene river; thence southwesterly to a point on the boundary between Alaska and British Colambia, midway between Taku inlet and Lynn canal; thence following the said boundary north and west to its intersection with the northern boundary of British Columbia; thence east along 'the said boundary to the point of commence-

-The members of the W. C. T. U. at Cambridge Springs, Pa., may not ounderstand thoroughly the conditions attendant on the transportation of supplies to the Klondike, but their Philanthropic intentions have assumed practical shape. A local newspaper says: "In response to an appeal for clothing, sent from a ndent in the mining regions, the ladies voted to fill and ship a barreloof as a business man, as well as his known | furnishings. Members of the union; are requested to look up cast-off clothing. underwear, shoes and other suitable wearing apparel and bring them to apparel and bring them to Mrs. Ross's residence next Wednesfluence as it might have been, but the day afterhoon, as soon after dinner as possible. The barrel will be packed and shipped that afternoon."

-Mrs. D. Goldberg, who has been il and flagrant dishonesty has been the for some time, died suddenly Sunday Nab, a piper, just out and retaining a official rule rather than the exception, morning, says the Trail Creek News. and therefore it is that we have resolved | She has been a sufferer from bronchitis, that the community here had about but no uneasiness was felt as to her, reenough public men being mixed up in covery. She aroused her husband about is 2 p.m. Sunday morning, who gave her equally objectionable, pleading to baby some medicine. At five o'clock he awakened and spoke to his wife. gaining no response, took hold of her only to find her cold in death. The remains were taken to Victoria Sunday night for burial. Mrs. Goldberg leaves a husband and three children to mourn her loss. She was an estimable lady, and had many friends in Trail The family have the sympathy of the whole community in their affliction. -On the steamer Corona, which ar-

rived yesterday evening, were a party of Shallcross & Macauley, of this city. being pushed forward on the roads leadtravel very shortly. On the Chilcoot portation of freight are well on towards completion.

From Friday's Daily. -The store of R. Baker & Son, on Yates street, was entered last evening, the intruder getting through the tran som. The office door was pried open, but nothing was taken. The burglar assed through Bakers' store Messrs. Gilmore & McCandless', which is directly at the rear. Here some small change was taken from the till but nothing else was missed.

-The funeral of the late Hector Fraser took place yesterday afternoon. A large number of the pupils of the Vic toria West school attended. Rev. D. McRue, assisted by Rev. W. D. Barber and Rev. Dr. Campbell conducted the burial services. The pallbearers were Masters Robert Boyd, Frederick Mc-* Clifford Jenkinson, Frederick Harrap, James McKenzie and Ernest Tait, schoolfellows of the deceased.

The following changes in the Fifth Regiment, Canadian Artillery, have been gazetted! First Battalion-to Captain, Lieut, Douglas B. McConnan vice Jameson, retired. To be Lieutenants, Second Lieutenants John Fortescue Foulkes, vice McConnan, Thomas Edward Pooley and Robert Henry Pooley. Second Battalion-Provisional Second Lieutenant F. W. Hartley and Provisional Second Lieutenant W. A. de Wolf Smith retire. To be Sectionally, "John ond Lieutenants, provisionaly,

retired; Alexander Henderson, George Augus Johnson and Joseph Cowan one cent for each additional word, -Thurlow Island has now two justices of the peace, A. R. Marshall and Don-Grant, gentlemen, to complete establish ment.

> -The insurance companies have settled with Mrs. Edward Sherritt, of 144 Fort street, whose residence was damaged by fire some time ago. The settlement was made after the investigation held by the magistrate.

The complaint laid against Capt Harrison, of the British ship Senator hy John Cutler, an able seaman, who claims to have been shanghaied from Cillao on the Senttor, was dismissed this morning by Police Magistrate Macrae. The question of wages—Cutler claims \$25 as wages from the Senator was reserved until Monday next.

-The funeral of the late Luke Gray, who died at the Jubilee Hospital on Wednesday, took place to-day from St. Andrew's R.C. Cathedral, where a solemn requiem high mass was celebrated by Futher Nicolaye. The funeral was at tended by a large number of sympathizing friends, including the members of Seghers Council, Y.M.I., who attended in a body. The pall bearers were H. J. O'Leary, Thos. Conlin, F. J. Sehl, W. Baines, Oharles Geiger and M. Steele,

-Leslie Cullom, special agent of the United States treasury, and J. E. Gardner, interpreter at San Francisco for the United States government, are in the city in connection with the case of Hock Tow, charged with forging docu-ments used by Messrs. Cullom and Gardner, acting for the United States government, in a custom house inquiry at Seattle. The charges made against the Chinese interpreter at Port Townsend, based upon these alleged forged doucments, were dismissed. The case comes up in the speedy trials court on Monday.

-At a meeting, of Camp 52, Wood-men of the World held yesterday evening, the following officers were elected for the coming year: L. Hall, past con-sul commander; H. C. Edwards, consul-commander; W. H. Pennock, adviser lieutenant; J. D. Warren, banker; W Jackson, clerk; R. Davidson, escort; F. W. Hall, E. A. Hall and R. L. Fraser, physicians: E. J. Monk. watchman: J W. Creighton, sentry; J. G. Taylor and C. E. Watkins, managers; Woo Jackson, delegate to head camp; La Hall, alter nate. The next quarterly concert of the Woodmen will be given on December 10th

-At their last weekly meeting Fernvood Lodge, C.O.O.F., elected the folowing officers for the ensuing term: Lecturer, Master J. R. Wescott: P.N.G. W. Cormack; N.G., P. T. James; V.G., E. E., Wescott; rec.-sec., G. E. Wilkerson; financial secretary, T. W. Carter; treasurer, W. F. Fullerton: surgeon, Dr. Carter; warden, T. Passele; conductor, W. O. Carter; R.S.N.G., B. Cooper; L.S.N.G., W. H. Nathan; R.S.V.G., J. Grice; L.S.V.G., E. Andrews; outside guard, J. S. Walsh; inner guard, R. De- members of the local lodges A.O.U.W., war; R.S.S., R. Hawk; L.S.S., J. Bates; trustees, R. Carter, J. J. Walsh, W. Cormack; auditors, W. H. Coates, W. O. ducted the funeral services at the Metro-Carter, G. E. Wilkerson; finance committee, P. T. James, E. Wescott, J. R. Wescott, Ivy Lodge, Daughters of Ruth. will be installed this evening and will elect officers.

friends spent a pleasant evening at the | were: Messrs. D. Spencer, J. Bullen, J. open meeting of the Sir William Wallace Walsh, W. J. Pendray, F. J. Hall and Society last night A visitor John Mo whif of the heather, sang in grand style "Farewell to My Nataive Heather," and also rendered stirring airs on "ta pipes." Piper Rooertson also was on hand, and Mr. Dean recited an original poem, "The Breaking O' the Brig." Mr. Muir sang "Robin Tamson's Smiddy," always a favorite. Principal Paul gave a talk on the British soldiers and the different regiments now operating in India Mr. Cormack sang "Ye Banks and Braes," and Mr. R. Foster gave a recitation Phrenology." Notice of a masquerade ball was given out for the 31st of December in the Wallace hall. The election of officers takes place on Thursday next.

-The Christmas examination was held carpenters returning southward after in the Highland District school on Fri-having built a hotel on the Chilcoot trail, day, December 17th. There was a large in the Highland District school on Fria few miles above Dyea, for Messrs. attendance of people resident in the district, and Mr. and Mrs. Clark, of Oak-The new hotel is, they say, a first-class lands were also present. An old friend one and will accommodate about 150 and familiar face was absent, that of guests. Dyea is said to be rapidly in- our esteemed friend, Mr. Scafe, secrecreasing in population and daily new tary of the board of trustees, owing to buildings are being commenced. At severe illness. The pupils were examinpresent there is a shortage of lumber, ed by Miss Clark, the teacher, and but this shortage will soon be relieved showed by their answering the pains as every north bound steamer has large which she must have taken during the consignments of lumber both for Dyea past year. The school house was very and Skagway. The latter city is still nicely decorated for the accasion. There a very lively town and work is rapidly was also a Christmas tree, well laden with presents for the children, which ing from there over the White pass. It Santa Claus was kind enough to diswill be ready as a winter road for sled tribute, forgetting none of the little ones present. After refreshments kindthe two cable railways for the trans- ly supplied by the ladies of the district, speeches were delivered by Messrs. E. Simpson and T. M. Dixon, trustees, who greatly complimented Miss Clark on her work during the past year. Mr. seph Dixon, Mrs. Maltravers and Mr. Richard McClure also addressed the neeting. Then there were games in dulged in for some time, when the meeting was brought to a close by all present singing "God Save the Queen" "Auld Lang Syne," everybody voting it one of the happiest days spent in a long

From Monday's Daily. -The fire department was called out this morning for what a passerby took to be a fire in the Hotel Victoria. The smoke, which caused the alarm, came from the flues, which workmen were engaged in cleaning out. The Young Ladies' Institute have

mode arrangements that Santa Claus shall visit the little orphans of St. Ann's Jonvent, Cowichan. During this week will ship a box of dolls and other good things for the little ones.

-A large audience attended the weekly concert given at the Temperance Hall on Saturday evening. There will be no concert on Saturday next, it being

tween Victoria and Esquimalt has been class programme has been arranged O. Golman, Mahon Dockrill, William fixed at twenty words for 25 cents and

-The Willing Worker's of Christ Church Cathedral will present "The Babes in the Wood," a burlesque, by H. J. Byron, in A.O.U.W. Hall on Thurs- L. H. Solly, 75c.; H. W. Sheppard, \$1. day evening. They have been rehearsing the burlesque for some time past.

after a short illness, Deceased was 56 years of age and leaves a family of sons and daughters to mourn his loss. His remains were removed to Hanna's par- 25c.; Lilly Russell, \$1; George Roller lors to await interment, of which due \$1; Hilda Richards, 25c.; Ivy Strait, notice will be given.

-At the military social dance at the drill hall Wednesday evening next, the ball committee hope to see as many noncommissioned officers and men attend as The wearing of uniforms is not compulsory on this occasion, but men attendng in plain clothes will be treated as civilians.

-The funeral of the late Charles Harris took place Saturday afternoon from his late residence, Milne street, and later from the St. Barnabas church, where Rev. Mr. Haslam officiated, as also at Little, and he was caught, handed over the cemetery. The following acted as pal' bearers: Messrs. C. R. King, Alex Mackenzie, F. R. Raitt and Mr. Wil-

-An attempt was made on Saturday evening to pass a check for \$30, purporting to be signed by A. W. More and made payable to "Allan G. Tuttle" and Messrs. W. & J. Wilson. A young man entered Messrs. Wilson's store, made purchases amounting to \$4.50 and tender- Justice Drake to-day. Deputy Attorney ed the forged check in payment. While Mr. Wilson was examining the check with him is associated Mr. G. E. Powell the young man left the store.

-The Kamloops Copper Mining Company has just been registered. This company is capitalized at \$600,000, has for its president Mr. G. A. Kirk, of Vic- ble arises over some letters that are altoria, and for secretary-treasurer Mr. leged to have been picked up in Victoria A. T. Monteith. The head office is situated in this city. To acquire the Golden duer, who sent them on to the depart Star mineral claim at Kamloops and to ment of the treasury in Washington. do a general mining business are the advertised objects of the company.

-The promenade concert given at the Drill Hall on Saturday evening was the best attended concert of the season. The music of the band was therefore much appreciated; but, then, it was not the music which attracted the eager portion of the crowd. The attraction was the aquatic exhibition of Captain Beach, who eat, drank, smoked and feigned sleep under water with the greatest ease. feigning sleep he remained at the bottom of the tank for 11/2 minutes. The captain will repeat his entertainment at the next concert, which takes place on Monday, December 27th, there being no concert on Saturday next, it being Xmas

-The funeral of the late Henry Jewell, which took place yesterday afternoon, was very largely attended, of which deceased was a member, atterding in a body. Rev. Mr. Speer conpolitan Methodist church, referred to the life of the deceased and his great interest in the work of the church. The regular afternoon session of the Sunday school, in which Mr. Jewell also took a deep interest, did not meet yesterday on -A large number of members and account of the funeral. The pall bearers

> The funeral of the late Ald James Bolton Harrison took place yesterday afternoon from the Masonic Temple on Douglas street. The funeral cortege was a lengthy one, the friends of the deceased alderman attending in large numbers and Veteran Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of which he was a member, in a body. While the sorrowful procession was proceeding along Douglas street to St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, where the funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. Leslie Clay, the fire bells tolled a sad requiem. At the cemetery the services were held by the graveside by Victoria Lodge, A.F. & A.M., Mr. A. L. Belven acting as chaplain. The mayor and aldermen acted as pall bearers.

> -J. W. Laing, M.A., F.R.G.S., principal of the Collegiate school, will no onger go his way alone for to him solitude has lost its charms. This afternoon he took unto himself a wife in the person of Miss Ethel May Reed, third daughter of the late John Breackenridge Reed, barrister-at-law, of Toronto The wedding, which took place at Christ Church Cathedral, was well attended. Rght Rev. Bishop Perrin performed the ceremony, assisted by Rev. Canon Bean-The bride and groom will leave for San Francisco this evening on the direct steamer to epend their honeymoon in a tour of the cities of Lower California, where lectures will be delivered by Mr. Laing.

> -Ivy Lodge, Daughters of Ruth, C.O.O.F., was instituted on Saturday evening by P.P.G.M., Bro. James Tagg, assisted by officers of Dauntless and l'ernwood Lodges. The following offi-cers were elected and installed into of-Lecture master, Bro. Tagg; N.G., Sister E. M. Carter; V.G., Sister Helen Cutler; secretary, Sister A. M. Carter; treasurer, Sister N. Sowery; surgeon, Dr. Carter; chaplain, Sister C. A. Wilson; warden, Sister Marrie Mackenzie; conductor, Sister E. M. Coates; inside roard, Sister C. Hawk; outer guard, Bro. Cooper; trustees, Bros. James, Fullerton and Dr. Carter; auditors, Bros. Tagg, Coates and Cormack. The lodge has a charter list of twenty-eight mem-The next meeting of the lodge will be held on January 4th.

-Yesterday being the anniversary of the Sunday school of the Metropolitan Methodist church, the services at that church both morning and evening were for the children. The pupils of the sunday school attended en masse and were seated on a raised platform at the front of the church. At the morning service Rev. J. C. Speer, the pastor, preached on "the little girls of the Bible," and in the evening to young men. No service was held in the afternoon, the Sunday Christmas day. The usual reception and free concert will, however, be held at the hall on New Year's day.

—The C.P.R. Company Telegraph has opened an office at Esquimalt. The office is located in Goodwin's store, along after the geod things have disappeared after the geod things have disappeared. school not being convened on account of

Connal Whyte, gentleman, vice Smith, with the post office. The local rate be-

The following donations are acknow. edged by the honorary secretary of the B. C. Protestant Orphans' Home, per Mr. Charles Kent, of the third instalment of admiral's house tax refund, as under Master C. Sheppard, \$1; Mrs. H. Sheppard, \$1; J. H. Siddell, 96c.; C. H. Hiscock, 88c.; F. Evand, Vancouver -John H. Seafe, of Highland district, \$2.75; also from the following pupils of died yesterday at the Jubilee Hospital Victoria West public school, per Prin Victoria West public school, per Prin ipal Tait, Freda Hazenfratz, 10c.; Clara Sterned Joc.; Percy and Ethel Wilson, \$1; Fred Jenkins, 25c.; Lizzie Rowe, 10c.; Lovey Harrison, 10c.; the balance of flower fund, \$3.40; and John Lind

-Ah Sue, an old offender in the sneak thief line, was caught "red-handed" yesterday morning making off with elev of Mr. Thomas Little's plumpest chickens. Getting up shortly after six yesterday morning, Mr. Little, who resides on Edmonton road, saw Sue quietly narching along with a pole laden with chickens. He gave chase and John dropped the pole, but even without his to six menths. Padlocks on chicken houses were no hindrance to Ah Sae. He had a long pole to which was attached a sort of snap made of wire, with which he caught the chickens by the legs or head and pulled them through

-The charge of forgery preferred against Hock Taw is being heard by Mr General Smith appears for the crown and for the private prosecution. They a instructed by Attorney Jennings, of Port Townsend,. Mr. Fell and Mr. Hall ap-Gardiner is instructing them. The trou The letters, purporting to be signed by Yee Gee, showed that he was importing Chinamen into the United States and evading their customs laws, and on these Yee Gee was prosecuted in Port Towns end under the American revenue laws. but he was released on habeas corpus proceedings. Yee Gee was the first witness, and his evidence was that he never signed or knew anything about the let ters which purported to be signed by him and was generally a repetition of the evidence given in the police court. The trial will likely last some time yet. Mr. Leslie Cullom, special agent of the treasury at Tacoma, is here watching the proceedings.

DANGEROUS POISON IN PLAS-TERS.

Belladona and Aconite Plasters would not be used at all if their dangerous qualities were more generally known. These drugs may be absorbed by the system and cause serious trouble. "Quickeure has been recommended as being entirely free from anything which could possibly injure even a child and no plaster removes pain so quickly. The 50c. and \$1 size pots of "Quickeure" hold three and nine times the quantity of trial size; only a little is required.

CAN GLEASON DO IT?

Will Try to Master Two Very Vicious Horses.

One of the greatest and most marvellous exhibitions of horse taming ever given in Victoria will take place at the Market Hall on Tuesday night, December 21st, at 8:30 o'clock, when Professor O. R. Gleason, the horse king, will battle with the celebrated vicious horse from Westminster, "The Canada Thunderbolt." It is a well known fact that this is the most vicious horse in British Columbia. This horse will arrive on the boat from Westminster on Tuesday morning, and on Tuesday night Gleason will have the battle of his life.

A number of other vicious brutes will arrive on the same boat, and if Gleason successful in subduing "Thunderbolt" the other horses will follow.

Prof. Gleason arrived on last night's boat from Vancouver. He is looking well and says that his great exhibition to be given here on Tuesday night will be the great banner exhibition of his life, and he expects to be successful in subduing the man-killer in about one hour. Then, he says, he will handle all of the other horses, making seven head in all. Owing to the great expense in giving this one great exhibition the prices of admission will be to all parts of the house fifty cents. Stoves will be put in the hall and it will be nicely heated. The following telegram is self-explanatory:

New Westminster, Dec. 20. Prof. O. R. Gleason, Victoria: -Shall skip "The Canada Thunderbolt." Wash mare and four other vicious horses on the steamer Louise for Victoria this morning. Have your men meet me and prepare yourself for a hard fight with the horses "Thunderbolt" and "Wash," as they are fighters.

JAMES RICHARDSON.

The steamer Walla Walla arrived early this morning from San Francisco bringing 150 passengers from the Golden Gate, about thirty of whom debarked at the outer wharf. She had 114 tons of general merchandise for Victoria merchants. The steamer Umatilla will sail this evening for San Francisco with the following passengers form this citp: J. W. Laing and wife, J. G. Magnus, Miss M. Magnus, Mrs E. Dorman, J. H. Todd. Thomas O'Brien, W. H. and Mrs. Leishman, Mr. and Mrs. Matins, E. Ladner, Mrs. T. E. Ladner, Mrs. J.Conny. Miss R. Watson, A. Cootes, J. B.Garrow, Mr. D. Halcombe, and Mrs. A. J.

"Who is that? What do you want?" "It's Willie (Voice from without.) "It's Will (hic), grandma, forgot (hic) latch key." "Goodness me, how much that dear boy's voice sounds like his father's."-Brooklyn Life.

MARRIED.

LAING-READ—On the 20th inst., at Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, B.C., by the Lord Bishop of Columbia, assisted by the Rev. Canon Beanlands, John William Liahrs. M. A.. Christ Church Oxford, to Ethel May, third daughter of the late John Breakenbridge Read, Barrister at Law, of Toronto.

SEALING DISPU'

The Communications Exchan tween Sir Wilfrid Laurie and Mr. Poster.

The Latter Thinks It Unnei of Canada to Continu Pelagic Sealing.

Washington, Dec. 17 .- After turn of the Canadian Premier Minister of Fisheries from Wa last month, an authorized statem given out from Otlawa on the of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's reply proposition of ex-Secretary Fos American negotiator in the seal ence. This was confirmend by S Davies in a public address at To which it was added that in re the settlement of the fur seal satisfactory to the United State da would expect, among other sions, a reciprocity arrangemen would admit into the United Sta of daty lumber, coal, fish, barie potatoes and other farm produce mmunications exchanged bety Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Foster for the first time published, and follows:

Privy Council, Canada, Ottawa, 24th Nov. Dear Mr. Foster:-Your andum embracing the substance proposals made by you at a coheld between you and myself, Davies and Mr. Adam, of the emfoassy, has been submitted since my return to Ottawa to leaves. Your second proposit tically embodies the suggestion by myself and my colleagues, an I need hardly say, with the full of the Canadian government. Though the regulations pre

the Paris tribunal for the killin in Behring sea and in the Pac have been made revisable onl end of five years. we are qui to enter at once, and without the end of the periol thus an agreement to review the question with the object of treaty stipulations, not that alone, but all others in which the relations between the two are not as satisfactory as they be, viz, the protection of fi waters of rivers and lakes to the United States and Car subject of reciprocal immigrat mercial reciprocity, or any ot tled questions between the Un and Canada which either go

may see proper to bring forward This proposition, however, von contingent upon and su condition contained in the first the governments of Great Br the United States agree at modus vivendi providing for a suspension of the killing of s the waters of the Pacific ocean ring sea. for one year from 1897, and for a suspension of of seals on the Pribyloff isla same period." There are dif agreeing to that proposition wh will be found insuperable.

Immediately on my return

information as to the number who are fitting out for the co operations and the appropriate sation it would be expected to them in case pelagic sealing hibited for a year. The inform nished me is to the effect that is preparing as usual, that the tion of pelagic sealing for a ye practically destroy the business eral years, because the na mates, and the crews, for the belonging to other parts o would leave British Columbia. which would be demanded as tion is far beyond what i possible for us to induce part vote, even if we could recor Under these circumstances ar of the finding of the experts conference that "in the great of the pelagic catch of late 3 pared with the gradual decrea herd, there is a tendency tow brium, or a stage at which the of the breeding herd would I erease nor decrease"; and fur "the diminution of the herd from a stage which involves or the actual extermination of the se long as it is protected in on land." I am in hopes that agree to the proposition submit verbal conference by Sir Lou and myself, and not press for t diate suspension of pelagic seal The coast catch during the January, February, March a as gauged by the catches of the years, is very small. Last catch of the Canadian seal years, is very small. amounted to only 6,100, and in before 8,50. If the fleet ther permitted to prosecute pelagi for these four months but little ative harm would be done to Following these months is the embracing May, June and Jul which, of course, no pelagic se be carried on except on the ccast. It appears to me, theref ly probable that the joint co suggetsed could finally cone labors long before the time wh the Paris regulations pelagic could begin in Behring sea. If t mission reached a satisfactory sion and the congress of th States approved of it, there wor difficulty in obtaining the neces perial legislation to carry wha

next year.

It is obvious, however, that clusion which might be reached joint committee must, to be be ratified by congress as we Imperial legislation, and unless sion of congress which opens in ing month, December, and clos derstand, about the 4th of Ma fies any treaty which might b sarily lie over for another yes sion for a second year, with claim for compensation on the the sealers.

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would also more strongly you the view here presented