

tiful face of the lady he had seen at the station with his tenant continually before him. After their wine the two men joined Miss Dot in the drawing-room, when she was good enough to favor them with some music. She had scarcely finished the first selection when the butler entered the room to inform his master that the village schoolmaster had called and desired to see him.

"Show him into the study," said Jack, and he went to the door.

"A few seconds later he followed the servant to the room in question, and for upwards of half-an-hour was engaged in talking over the affairs of a certain cricket club, of which he was the captain. At last, however, he concluded that he had finished his glass of port and had taken his departure, he returned to the drawing-room to find that a change had taken place there. Miss Dot was seated at the piano, but it was easy to see that she had just resumed her place there. The Honorable James was standing at the fireplace making believe that he was arranging himself, and forgetting the fact that the grate contained nothing but ferns. Then Dot made an excuse and left the room, leaving Jack and his guest together.

"Well?" said the former, after glancing at the commoner's face.

"My dear fellow, congratulate me," cried his friend. "I have followed your advice and she has accepted me. I am the most happy man in the world."

"I congratulate you most heartily, and myself too," said Jack. "As I told you this evening I would like to have a better brother-in-law, and I'm sure you will make Dot a good husband."

"Thanks," returned the other. "And now I'll be off if you will order my cart. Upon my word I don't know whether I am standing on my head or my heels. I am too excited to talk now, but will be at home to-morrow morning."

"If you wish to see me I will make a point of being in. Will you name the time?"

"Will ten o'clock suit you?"

"Admirably. I shall expect you then. A quarter of an hour later the Honorable James had commenced his homeward trip, and he drove along he told himself that, of all the men in England, he was the happiest.

At ten o'clock next morning Trowbridge, who had been to the water meadows to see the progress of some new work, returned to the house to receive his visitor. To his surprise the latter had not arrived. An hour went by and still there was no sign of him. At last, however, he had not returned, nor had he done so when the dinner-hour came round.

"I can't make out what it means," said Jack to his sister, whose nervousness was increasing every minute. "If he does not come over to-night I will ride across to his place in the morning to see what is up."

"You should be so glad if you would," his sister replied. "I feel certain that something very serious has happened. Had he only met with an accident he would have sent a message. I am sure."

At ten o'clock next morning Ormsby had not put in an appearance. Jack accordingly set off on horseback to find out, if possible, the reason of his absence. When he reached the former's residence the housekeeper opened the door to him.

"Is Mr. Ormsby at home?" he inquired.

"No, sir," she replied. "I can't make out what is the matter. He never left before last to dine with you."

To be Continued.

ARE WORKING FOR THE WELFARE OF CITY

Tourist Association Executive Meeting—Encouragement Offered by Transportation People.

A meeting of the Tourist Association executive was held Tuesday afternoon when among the communications read were several recently received from the transportation managers of the great transcontinental railways in which the writers offered the association every encouragement in its splendid enterprise.

A committee was appointed to agitate for the appointment of a customs officer on the Sound steamers to control and examine the baggage of all incoming passengers after leaving Port Townsend, which will obviate the delay caused under the present system. Travelers between this city and the Sound will appreciate the force of this suggestion when they recall the great improvement effected in the stationing of United States customs inspectors at this point. Baggage is inspected before leaving here and outgoing passengers are therefore through with the inspection and the delay involved when the steamers draw out from the wharf.

The association will shortly be arranging for the list of conventions, which will be held here this year as follows: The mining convention on the 25th of next month; the Canadian Mining Institute; the convention of mine owners; the W. C. T. U. convention during June; the State of Washington Press Association; the American Mining Institute. For all of these suitable entertainments will be arranged.

The association has also under consideration the internal improvement of the city, and hope that the citizens will co-operate with them in attaining this much desired end. High board fences and similar grievances, so frequently commented upon by visitors, were alluded to at yesterday's meeting. Private gardens and the water supply were also discussed.

The secretary was instructed to invite the team of Scottish curlers now in Canada to extend their trip to Victoria. The farthest point west in the itinerary is Rossland, and an effort will be made to induce the players to come to Victoria.

At the meeting the president, Mayor Hayward, presided, and there were present L. G. McQuade, executive of the board of trade; D. R. Ker, A. B. Fraser, S. J. Jones, F. I. Clarke, A. Henderson, J. P. Forman and the secretary, H. Outbrett.

In regard to the work of the association the following tribute from the Tacoma Ledger will be gratifying to the members and visitors: "The citizens of this city are not only one of the most picturesque cities on the continent, but has the enterprise to say so, and prove it by the distribution of an artistically illustrated pamphlet that is placed in the hands of thousands. This pamphlet shows the natural scenery, as well as the buildings, the drives, lakes and mountains, and the features of summer and winter climate. It is a clear, clearly the routes by which Victoria may be reached. The one the traveler will find most convenient will be through Tacoma. It is the city of Tacoma, which is the most important city in all probability go and return over different routes, and one of these routes will be certain to embrace Tacoma. There could not well have been devised a more telling and attractive little book than the one under consideration. It is a most valuable advertisement to be placed in the hands of the Pacific Northwest, and to such a person would be a revelation. Victoria has for several months been engaged in this scheme of making itself known, and the results have been most satisfactory. This sense the plan is unselfish, for the benefits have been shared by all the cities of the Sound. For respect to do as well as Victoria has done in this respect, it is to be congratulated upon its enterprise."

ISLAND SCHEME OF SOUTHERN PACIFIC

Startling Story of New Route by Way of This City to Alaska.

A startling story comes from Olympia according to the Port Townsend Call concerning the intention of the Southern Pacific to build northward. It is said that the project is a part of a grand scheme to build a line from Bremerton to a "side issue" to its real object in coming northward.

The Call in dilating upon the scheme connects the main trunk line of the railway to the north end of the island with this. It says:

"Victoria, hearing of this railroad scheme, recently held a 'mass meeting' to consider the matter."

Continuing the story, the following appears:

"To unlock the door to the mystery one must travel the route to Vancouver Island, and comprehend the meaning of the movement now under way to extend the Victoria railroad system to the extreme north end of the island. It is said that the Southern Pacific under the instructions from the guiding hand of that astute railroad magnate, E. H. Harriman, is behind the Vancouver Island project, and that the whole scheme is to secure the shortest route to Alaska—Alaska—that is, to the Lynn canal portion. The Southern Pacific already having a trackage agreement with the Northern Pacific whereby its trains may reach the Sound without leaving the Southern Pacific choicest to build from Portland northward, the new road will start at Olympia and end at Port Townsend, and thence to the north end of the island."

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GOVERNMENT IS URGED TO GRANT THE LEASE

Deputation From Vancouver Waited on Ministers This Morning Regarding Deadman's Island.

It is altogether likely that Theodore Ludgate will build his mill on Deadman's Island after all. Wednesday a deputation from the Terminal City consisting of Mayor Neelands, Ald. McQueen, City Solicitor Hammersley and Hugh Gilmour, M. P., waited upon the provincial government and urged the granting of the lease. This the authorities were disposed to do subject to certain conditions which would safeguard the interests of the city. Among these is one which prohibits the employment of Oriental labor in the concern to be established by Mr. Ludgate. This met with the wishes of the deputation, and also Mr. Ludgate, who, it is understood, had no intention of employing Orientals.

At the conference the government was represented by Hon. J. D. Prentice and Hon. Mr. McInnes, the chief commissioner being unable to attend through illness.

Mayor Neelands and Mr. Gilmour when seen by a Times' representative granted the project the warmest endorsement, and were entirely satisfied with their interview.

DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Annual Meeting at New Westminster—Election of Officers and Directors.

The annual meeting of the Dairymen's and Live Stock Association of British Columbia, convened at New Westminster Wednesday, with representatives present from the agricultural sections of the province, but only two from Vancouver Island.

The reports of the officers showed that the past year's business had not been as extensive as before, but was satisfactory. Five cartons of purebred stock being imported from Ontario and sold to farmers without loss.

President Wells, of Chilliwack, in his annual address, briefly reviewed the operations of the past year. He suggested that stock importations had increased too much attention at the expense of dairymen, which was one of the most important features of the industry. In seven years the manufacturers of creamery butter had risen from 11 to seven hundred thousand pounds, and with the rising of the standard of quality, the price had also risen in proportion from 12 to at least 25 cents per lb. He commended systematic inspection of dairymen's premises, but hoped the new law in this respect would be rigidly enforced.

A feature of Secretary Paisley's report was the reading of correspondence between him and the Dominion government Commissioner Hodgson, and his comments thereon. He was an official in an unenviable position, and apparently jeopardizing the interests of British Columbia stockraisers by withholding the usual government grant, and otherwise showing resentment at the association appointing Mr. Paisley as secretary last year.

These letters were freely discussed, and substantiated some of his written statements, while a committee was appointed to draft a memorial to enable Mr. Aulay Morrison, M. P., to have the whole matter threshed out on the floor of the House of Commons. It was decided that the next annual meeting be at Victoria, while the semi-annual one is fixed for Westminister.

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MOTHER'S HOUR.

A Time for Confidence and Counsel.

When the children's hour is a thing of the far away past, because there are no more little ones to have their evening or bedtime story, the hour once devoted to them becomes the mother's hour. It is an hour in which the young woman takes her old place at her mother's knee as she was wont when she listened to the evening story, but now she tells the story to the mother, the story of her day, her fears, her hopes, her ideals. Happy is that daughter who can come to her mother as her best friend, and find in her the mother's sympathy and counsel.

It is often so very different. The mother does not invite the shy confidence of the growing girl. She comes to womanhood and between her and her mother is a barrier of reserve. Just a word of advice or counsel might mean so much to a girl at a time so critical, but she shrinks from asking the question, and the mother refrains from opening the subject, though in the pallid cheeks and dark rimmed eyes she reads the signs of woman's suffering.

The Need of Help.

There is a real need of help for the young woman. Not just the way for years of suffering. The dawn of womanhood is one of the crises of a woman's life, and every care should be taken to prevent the danger of nervousness which may have serious results in later life.

A heart overflowing with gratitude as well as a sense of duty urges me to write to you and tell you of my wonderful recovery. Says Miss Corinne C. Hook, Orangeburg, Orangeburg Co., S. Carolina, (care of J. H. Hook). "By the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription I am entirely recovered from a nervous condition which has afflicted me for four months ago. I remark to my parents almost every day that it seems almost an impossibility for medicine to do so much for me. I could scarcely keep up to walk about the house, and yesterday I walked four miles and felt better than the exercise. I now weigh 125 pounds. I feel in my own strength, and I feel that every one should own a bottle of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It is the most valuable and reliable put-up medicine ever offered for the cure of diseases peculiar to women."

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HE ASSURES RHEUMATIC SUFFERERS THAT Paine's Celery Compound BANISHES HIS PAINS AND AGONIES.

The startling and happy cures wrought by Paine's Celery Compound for rheumatic sufferers have deeply impressed medical men everywhere, and to the best practitioners are recognizing the great value of the compound, and prescribe it with confidence.

Paine's Celery Compound stands unequalled as a cure for all the varied forms of rheumatism. At this season its good work is apparent in thousands of Canadian homes. Men and women, lame and crippled and utterly helpless from the terrible disease are being restored to activity, health and strength.

Paine's Celery Compound is the only medicine that restores and cures the despairing victim who is told that he or she is incurable. Mr. W. Morissette, Roxton Pond, Que., says:

"Having been given up to die by some of the best doctors of the United States, I came to Canada last autumn terribly lame, and had lost all hope. Suffering agonies from inflammatory rheumatism, I was strongly urged to use Paine's Celery Compound. I gave it a trial, and the first bottle did me so much good I continued with the medicine until I had used seven bottles, when I found myself perfectly cured; indeed, I never felt better in all my life than at present. I use every possible means to tell others of Paine's Celery Compound, and will always recommend it to those troubled with rheumatism."

TWO PILES.

Gladstone Mill and Elevator Destroyed—Dwelling House Gutted at Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Jan. 28.—Muir & Co.'s mill, warehouse and elevator at Gladstone were destroyed by fire at 3 o'clock this morning.

The residence of Mr. C. W. Taylor, M. P., situated at the corner of Harris street and Banatyne avenue, was badly gutted by fire between 11 and 12 o'clock this morning. Mr. Taylor is away in London, Ont.

WOMAN'S HOUR.

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