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"I can strongly recommend Dr. Pierce's medicines, especially the 'Favorite Prescription' and 'Golden Medical Discovery,' writes Mrs. Clara Gardner, of Rainey, Mo. "I suffered from nervous debility, brought on by hard work and trouble. Had suffered several years; was growing weaker gradually, not only in body but in mind also. I began taking your medicine last spring. Commenced to improve from the start, and by the time I had taken twelve bottles, six of the 'Favorite Prescription' and six of the 'Golden Medical Discovery,' felt that I was well enough to get along without medicine. Was like a different woman and would not have been in the condition I was before taking the medicines, for a hundred dollars. Am well and hearty now, and if I ever need medicine again, will certainly take Dr. Pierce's."

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REJECTED LOVER'S LAWSUIT.

Man Sues Father of His Fickle Sweetheart to Recover Money Spent on Presents.

A St. John, N. B., dispatch says: "In the backwoods of New Brunswick, where hard work is plentiful and money very scarce, the course of true love is often as rough as a corduroy road, and Cupid is inclined to be businesslike. This has recently been well illustrated at Sheffield, where Charles McBeath adopted a most ungallant course toward Sadie Jordan, because, after he had courted her for ever so long and showered her with gifts, she changed her mind and told him that she 'had no notion' of marrying him. Charles was willing to charge up his time to profit and loss, but the memory of the presents was bitter to him, and so he brought suit against Sadie's father, she being under age, to recover the value of said presents. The case was tried before Squire Wm. Harrison, and was heard by the entire population of Sheffield village. Charles sued to recover on the ground that Sadie had broken her promise to marry him, on the strength of which alleged promise and for no other consideration the presents had been given. The mercenary lover put in the following bill for things wasted upon Sadie Jordan, who had fooled him:

"Sheffield, Sunbury County, N. B., John Jordan, to Charles McBeath, Dr.

To—	
One red dress	$ 1 90
One blue dress	2 40
One cape	60
One pair overshoes	1 35
Another pair overshoes	1 10
Two pairs rubbers at 60c.	1 20
One night dress	1 00
One pair kid gloves	1 00
One set pins	25
One engagement ring	3 00
Three photos	75
Two handkerchiefs	1 00
One handkerchief	75
One handkerchief	10
One collar button	05
One purse	25
One second-hand purse	20
Four cards	10
Three bottles perfume	50
Two stick pins	20
Cash at different times	6 35
Total	$24 14
Cr.	
By one pair black gloves	20
To balance due	$23 94

"The jury gave a verdict for plaintiff, allowing the full bill, with costs."

W. J. Hunter has been appointed commercial agent of the Grand Trunk in Winnipeg.

FAMOUS PREACHER IS IN THE CITY

HE WILL SPEAK IN CHURCHES TO-MORROW

Rev. Mark Guy Pearse is to Deliver Famous Lecture on Monday Evening.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Rev. Mark Guy Pearse, whose name is probably as well known as any of the philanthropic workers of the world to-day, is in the city. He will occupy the pulpit of the Centennial church to-morrow morning, will address a meeting for men only in the Y. M. C. A. hall in the afternoon, and will preach in the Metropolitan Methodist church in the evening.

On Monday morning he will attend the meeting of the Ministerial Association, and in the evening the noted preacher and equally famous lecturer will speak in the Metropolitan church, giving his great lecture, or more properly entertainment, "The Old Folks at Home."

Since 1887 Mark Guy Pearse has been connected with the famous West London mission. That he is peculiarly adapted for the work is manifest by the signal success which has attended his labors in this most trying of missions. The geniality of the man, the personal magnetism, and his fascinating style which make him a success in his labors among the outcasts are qualities which place him in the first rank among lecturers wherever he undertakes a tour for this latter purpose.

The West London mission is more than the ordinary preaching hall. It embraces in its scope of work, homes for the destitute and the children; day nurseries for the latter and light work for the disabled adults and children who are too poor to provide for themselves, and are without homes.

The lecture on the "Old Folks at Home" has been received with the greatest enthusiasm throughout the present lecturing tour in Canada. He has had excellent facilities for gathering material for it, and possesses in a still greater degree the ability for delivering it in an entertaining manner. He depicts character in an excellent style, and treats his audience to never failing changes during its delivery. Interspersed with anecdotes illustrative of Cornish and East London character are numerous references to folk lore.

An evening spent in his company, as it essentially is under the style in which he delivers this lecture, is one of true enjoyment. He has fascinated his audiences in the east as no lecturer has done for years.

ORPHANS' CHRISTMAS TREE.

Gifts Distributed Among the Children of the Home Last Night.

Tuesday night the children of the Protestant Orphans' Home were given their second instalment of Christmas. In the large dining-room of the institution an immense Christmas tree brilliantly illuminated by the Hinton Electric Company was loaded down with gifts for the fifty orphans. The presents represented the gifts of a great many citizens to these children.

There was a large attendance of visitors who enjoyed the scene almost as well as the children themselves.

A programme prepared for the occasion was given. It consisted of the following: Song and chorus, 'I'm the Child of a King"; recitation, Hazel McKitrick; dialogue, by ten children; song, "Jesus Saviour, Pilot Me"; recitation, Lizzie Emerson; song, "Echo, Echo, Hear the Echo!"; anthem, "God Save the King."

Addresses followed by Bishop Cridge, Bishop Perrin and Rev. J. P. Westman. The president of the board of management, Chas. Hayward, then distributed the gifts among the children. In addition the matron and assistant received recognition at the hands of the board of management.

The visitors were entertained by the ladies' committee at the close of the programme.

BISMARCK THE MAN.

My first glimpse of Bismarck was obtained during a journey through middle Germany just after the war with Prussia and Austria. Arriving at the Kissingen junction, we found a crowd gathered at a railway carriage about to be attached to our train. Looking toward this, I recognized the face and form of the great North German statesman.

He was then in the prime of life—sturdy, hearty and happy in the presence of his wife and children. The people at the station evidently knew what was wanted, for hardly had he arrived when waiters appeared, bearing salvers covered with huge mugs of foaming beer; thereupon Bismarck took two of the mugs and poured their contents down his throat in immediate succession, evidently with great gusto. A burly peasant just back of me, unable longer to restrain his admiration, soliloquized in a deep, slow, guttural, reverberating rumble: "A-a-aber er sient sch-r-r-r put aus." So it struck me also. The waters of Kissingen had evidently restored the great man, and he looked like a Titan ready for battle.

My personal intercourse with him began eleven years later, when, as chancellor of the German Empire, he received me as minister of the United States. On my entering his workroom he rose, and it seemed to me that I had never seen another man so towering, save Abraham Lincoln. Beside him were his two big black dogs, the Reichshunde, and, as he put out his big hand with a pleasant smile, they seemed to join kindly in the welcome. The conversation ran, for a time, upon commonplace subjects, but finally struck matters of interest to both our countries. There were then, as ever since, a great number of troublesome questions between the two nations, and among them those relating to Germans who had gone over to the United States just at the military age, had lived there merely long enough to acquire citizenship and had then hastened back to Germany to enjoy the privileges of both countries without discharging the duties of either. These persons had done great harm to the interests of bona fide German-Americans, and Bismarck evidently had an intense dislike for them. This he showed then and afterward; but his tendencies to severity toward them were tempered by the minister of foreign affairs, Baron von Bulow, one of the most reasonable men in public business with whom I have ever had to do, and father of the present chancellor, who greatly resembles him.—From Andrew D. White's "Chapters from My Diplomatic Life," in the Century.

"LADY BACHELORS"

Club Formed in London to Abolish the Word "Spinster."

The abolition of the word "spinster," as applied to unmarried women of all ages, is the sole object of a society which has just been formed. It had its origin in a Bond street tea shop, where a party of five ladies discussed the hated word, and resolved to form themselves into a committee to devise some drastic means of stamping it out.

It was at first suggested that an "Anti-Spinster Crusade" should be organized. This was, however, abandoned on the ground that to be "anti" anything was an indication of "crankyism." All agreed that the term spinster was distinctly unfair if not absolutely libelous, and that its application branded all unmarried ladies as old maids. "Bachelor" was elegant when compared with "spinster," it was contended. And then the promoter of the movement had a brilliant inspiration. "Why not form a Lady Bachelors' Club?" she asked.

The ladies reasoned that such a club would provide a kind of passive resistance to the word they abhorred.

The question of a club having been decided, it was resolved that its object should be mainly to remove the word "spinster" from all dictionaries; and one lady hinted that she had influence in high quarters sufficient to prevent the use of "that horrible word" upon census returns and other official documents.

The following general principles of management were then agreed upon:

That the members of the club shall consist of girls who are not single by reason of the fact that they have never received a proposal; girls who have never had the opportunity of rejecting an offer of marriage; and engaged girls.

That when a member of the club is married no fine be imposed.

That such bridge should, however, cease to be a member of the club.

Powerful alcoholic beverages are distilled from bananas, the milk of cocoanuts, rice and peas. The Japanese distil spirit from plums, Peaches, and the flower of the motherwort. The Chinese make an alcoholic drink from plums.

BALLOON AID TO WRECKS.

Frenchman's Invention to Land Rope Ashore From Vessels in Distress.

Interesting information is contained in a report to the state department, Washington, by United States Consul Jackson, at La Rochelle, France, regarding Drouillard's drifter balloon float, an apparatus designed to carry from a vessel in distress to land, or the reverse, a rope by means of which the passengers and crew of the vessel can be rescued.

The apparatus is formed by a specially shaped balloon, which tows a float to which is attached a rope. The drifter is connected with the balloon float by a regulating arrangement by means of which, before the drifter is thrown at sea, an angle from 60 degrees to 90 degrees from the direction of the wind is supposed to be obtained. The apparatus as used for experiments is covered with cotton cloth, but when in practical use it is to be covered with strong sail tissue in order to be able to stand heavy seas and contact with the rocks when landing. To use it one draws the folds apart and it inflates itself automatically. The balloon float draws the drifter to a distance with a speed and strength proportionate to the force of the wind.

On the arrival of the line carrier, either on board the ship in distress or on shore, it is drawn out of the water. If ashore, the person who receives it draws out the iron rod which maintains the vertical piece of timber on the horizontal one, and discloses a steel hammer and an iron stake. The stake is then driven into the soil, the towed line solidly fastened to it, and a connection is thus established between the land and the ship in distress.

The apparatus has already been subjected to trials which were declared to demonstrate its efficiency.

NEW EXPLOSIVE.

Big Claims Made For Novel Smokeless Powder—Is Christened Veloxite.

Col. W. Hope announces that after nine and a half years' continuous work, in which he has calculated and recorded over ten thousand experiments, he has produced an absolutely safe and stable smokeless powder, which he calls veloxite. He says that it contains 73 per cent. more powder as a propelling agent, weight for weight, than the British government's present powder, yet it contains no nitro-compound, no sulphur, no phosphorus, no chlorate, in fact no dangerous ingredients.

The flashing point of black powder is at 640 degrees Fahrenheit, that of cordite and all nitro powders is only from 360 to 370 degrees, while that of veloxite is about 12,000 degrees. He says that veloxite stands the hammering of a sidge hammer on an anvil. The ingredients are stable and therefore the powder is stable. The setting up of chemical action is impossible in any length of time, and in any variations of climatic conditions.

Veloxite can be made in the morning and fired in the afternoon, not requiring, as other powders do, several weeks to manufacture. It can be made cheaply, its ingredients can be purchased in unlimited quantities by the ton, and it is available for small arms as well as artillery.

HOW SHE KNEW A SOLICITOR.

The London Daily Grahpic publishes the following amusing incident: "During the hearing of a charge at Marylebone police court against Frances Josephine Barton, a well-dressed married woman, aged forty, giving an address at Stapleton road, Bristol, it was alleged that she had obtained money by fraud from a Mrs. Lewington, the wife of the manager of a fruiterer's shop in Edgware road. Mrs. Lewington had been induced to lend it in the belief that Mrs. Barton was, as she asserted, coming into a fortune of £7,000, and that she was a respectable person, the wife, as she also stated, of a solicitor. In cross-examination Mrs. Lewington said she had only seen Mrs. Barton's husband once, and he certainly did look like a solicitor. (Laughter.) Mr. Freke Palmer (the defending solicitor)—What does a solicitor look like? The Witness—Well he looked a gentleman. (Loud laughter.) Mr. Palmer—I must let you down lightly after that. (Renewed laughter.) The prisoner was eventually remanded."

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DYNAMITE EXPLOSION.

Man Blown to Pieces at Coquitlam Tunnel Works.

New Westminster, Dec. 30.—A frightful accident at the Coquitlam end of the million dollar tunnel being built between Lakes Coquitlam and Beautiful by the Vancouver Power Company as a part of their new power scheme is reported to-night.

It appears that there is an isolated house near the works which is used as a powder store house. One room is used for drying the dynamite and the other is stored with combustibles. This morning about 10 o'clock, when Frank Rich, who was employed at the works, was leaving the drying room he noticed that a blaze had suddenly started up near the fire. Regardless of consequences he turned back to put the blaze out and shut the door behind him. That was the last seen of him alive, for a minute later the air was filled with parts of the building. Rich is thought to have had a piece of dynamite in his pocket, and when near the fire this exploded and set off the rest.

All that could be found of the remains was the trunk. The coroner will go out to-morrow to investigate. Rich was an Italian, but recently became a British subject. He was about 40 years of age and single, and was very well known here.

HEART ON RIGHT SIDE.

Death Reveals an Extraordinary Case of Malformation.

Surprising results have developed at a post mortem examination of the body of Wm. Allison, 21 years old, who died at Brookings, S. D., after ten days' illness apparently from inflammation of the stomach.

The surgeons were astonished to find a most peculiar displacement of the internal organs. The operators found an opening through the diaphram and a dilated stomach nearly three times normal size, completely filling the left side of the thoracic cavity, taking the place of the left lung. There was no left lung, only a small rudimentary lung about one inch thick and three inches square.

Lying under the stomach was found the ascending and descending colon with the appendix attached in its usual place on the lower end of the colon, and also in the thoracic cavity. The heart was located on the lower right side of the thoracic cavity, extending parallel and next to the spinal column between the second and fifth ribs. The right lung was not normal size.

There is no question but the anatomical malformations of the different organs had existed from infancy. The young man had never been ill, and this is the reason his peculiar condition had never been disclosed. The case is believed to be one of the most remarkable in the history of surgery.

REACHED STUART LAKE.

Engineer Going For the Grand Trunk Pacific Has Arrived at That Point.

A message has been received from A. S. Going by his friends in this city, informing them of his safe arrival at Stuart lake, in the interior of British Columbia. Mr. Going is engaged in the survey work being carried on for the Grand Trunk Pacific project. For a considerable time no word was received from him, and his friends became somewhat alarmed. These fears have now all been set at rest by the message that he had arrived on December 24th at Stuart lake.

Nothing additional was received from him, but from the course he has taken, going by way of Hazelton, it is apparent that the Grand Trunk Pacific is making a thorough examination of the country in the northern part of the province in its efforts to locate the most feasible route for the line.

Mr. Going will continue his investigations in their part of the country during the winter months.

PITTSBURG FIRE.

Warehouse Destroyed and Loss Amounts to Many Thousands.

Pittsburg, Dec. 29.—For twelve hours, beginning at 6 o'clock this morning, the fire department battled with a stubborn fire in the six-story storage warehouse of Haugh & Keenan. The loss is not less than $200,000, and may reach $700,000. The insurance is small. The Carnegie museum may lose considerable of its Bayet collection of fossils, which were stored in the building for want of room at the Carnegie institute. This collection was bought by Andrew Carnegie from the King of Belgium last year at a heavy price. It consists of 100,000 pieces, and is the largest collection in the world.

PHOENIX NOTES.

On Friday morning William Robb fell between the Knob Hill ore crusher and the ore bins, a distance of some 40 or 50 feet. He was at once conveyed to the hospital by his yellow workmen, and an examination made of his injuries. It was found that he was seriously injured internally, the probability being that his lungs were punctured. He is having every possible care, but it is doubtful if he can survive. He is a young man of perhaps 25 years of age.

Last week the first of the small locomotives to be used in the Granby mines, to take the place of horse power in hauling ore cars, was placed in commission in the No. 1 tunnel of the Knob Hill mine. This is the first mine in the Boundary or in the quartz mines of the province to use this power, and is a step forward in the development of the low grade properties of the country. Another of these locomotives has also arrived, and will be placed in service in the No. 2 tunnel of the Granby mines. A third one has arrived at the smelter, and will be used as a reserve. These three locomotives are of the Davenport type, manufactured by the Davenport Machine Works, of Davenport, Iowa, and were made specially for the class of work for which they will be used. They have nine inch cylinders with a fourteen-inch stroke, the braking being done by steam. They are intended to haul from five to ten loaded mine ore cars.

European sovereigns are the possessors of many very valuable collections of lace. That of the Queen of England is valued at $375,000, and that of the Princess of Wales at $250,000, while the Empress Eugenie possesses some pieces which are said to be worth $25,000 a yard. The collections owned by wealthy Americans are also worth a great deal. But the most valuable and magnificent collection in the world is that of the Pope. It is said to be worth a million dollars, but this is only an estimate, as some of the older pieces are unique.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

ROSSLAND

"Considerable interest attaches locally to the operation of the Hendryx electrocyanide process of treating low grade ores owing to the practical certainty of a system being introduced into the Rossland camp during the forthcoming year to handle low grade ferruginous ores," says the Miner. "A Hendryx electrocyanide plant is now in course of completion at the Mountain Lion mine in Republic camp."

NELSON.

Early next month a meeting of the citizens of Nelson will be held for the purpose of hearing the report of the secretary of the Nelson Tourist Association and determining on a plan for the operations of the organization next year. With a larger association next year and more funds, so that if possible a permanent secretary could be employed, it is thought the sphere of usefulness of the organization can be considerably enlarged.

"T. G. Proctor, acting for the Kootenay Valleys Co., of which he is the manager, has sold the timber on a 10,000 acre block of land situated between the junction of the Kootenay and Elk rivers. The purchasers are V. Hyde Baker, and Messrs. Ryan and McNab, of Cranbrook. The price paid was $50,000. The same parties purchased from Mr. Procter's company 800 acres of land for a millsite located on the banks of the Kootenay river. It is said to be the best millsite on the river, for the reason that logs can be held on it during all stages of water. Messrs. Baker, Ryan and McNab have two sawmills on the line of the Crow's Nest railway, which have proved profitable ventures. Mr. Procter reports that there are quite a number of settlers coming into the Kootenays who desire to see and to own, and on which there are trees and water and to those he has made a number of sales during the past several months. They usually inform him that they do not like the dry, treeless belt to the eastward of the Rocky mountains.—News.

VANCOUVER.

Unless the Jap who murdered Kawazan on Christmas morning foils the police, he will be under arrest very shortly. On Monday in the police court, T. Esaku, charged with being an accessory after the act, was remanded for eight days. He is alleged to have sheltered the murderer after the deed was committed. During the eight days' remand it is expected that Tanaka will be apprehended and arraigned for his preliminary hearing in the police court. At the adjourned coroner's inquest only the evidence of Policeman McIntosh, who found the man, and Dr. Poole, who made the post-mortem examination, was taken. Dr. Poole stated that though the stab was a bad one, five and a half inches deep, and into the right lung, the man might have recovered had he been discovered immediately after the crime had been committed. As it was, the deceased had come to his death from three causes, namely, the wound, the shock and his subsequent exposure. The jury accordingly reported that he had met his death at the hands of a person unknown.

"Judging from the many cases of burglary reported an organized band of house robbers is doing a thriving business in the city," says the News-Advertiser. "Scarcely a night passes but some instance is learned by the police, and though no violence is reported much damage is done to property in the illicit search for valuables and money. The gang seems to be working in the centre of the city. Great care is taken by the operators that the houses are empty for the time being, which is evidence that the residences are selected with a view to thorough work and the hope of sufficient plunder to warrant the commitment of the crime. One of the houses which has been completely ransacked is that of A. J. Bloomfield, corner of Hamilton and Robson streets. Mr. Bloomfield is a wholesale cigar and tobacco merchant, and is at present in Montreal. Mrs. Bloomfield is stopping with friends in the city during her husband's absence. On Saturday night the operators set to work and on Sunday when the house was visited everything was topsy-turvey. Nothing, however, was destroyed, and the burglars evidently seemed to have been after money and jewellery, for nothing was missing. Some valuable cut glass had been moved, having been handled by the thieves, but not taken nor broken. Another house in the same vicinity robbed on Saturday night was that of G. W. Isaac, on Georgia street, near Beatty, just a few blocks away from the Bloomfield residence. There the method of operation was similar. Mrs. Isaac was out on a shopping tour until a little after 9 o'clock, and before that time the men who visited the house had secured whatever jewellery had been left—a couple of gold watches and chains, necklaces, gold studs, cuff buttons, etc., $200 or $300 worth in all. Not a corner of the house was left untouched, and everything of value was taken. The house of W. H. Hunt, at 419 Hastings street east, was entered on Sunday night and two gold rings, valued at $30, stolen."

The sad news has been received by wire of the death of Mrs. John Boultbee, of Rossland. She passed away in that city after a brief illness. The deceased was a sister-in-law of Mrs. C. Gardiner Johnson, of Major F. W. Boultbee and of Miss Boultbee, of this city. The deceased was held in the highest esteem in Rossland. She was also well known here, where she had many friends who will be grieved to hear of her sudden demise. The late Mrs. Boultbee was fifty years of age, and her fatal illness was caused principally by pleurisy, which developed into pneumonia. Besides her husband, she leaves three children, William, Ethel and Herbert Boultbee.

The C. P. R. asked leave of Judge Henderson on Tuesday to notify the V. W. & Y. railway that the court would be asked for an injunction restraining them from crossing the C. P. R. track at Westminster. Judge Henderson held that he had no jurisdiction.

On Monday evening, at St. Andrew's church, Mr. Harry Johnston and Miss Mabel Macfarlane were married by Rev. R. J. Wilson, M.A., pastor. The bride was attended by Miss Scoles, of Spokane, while Mr. William Muir, of Dawson, performed the duties of groomsman. The groom, who is a son of the late Mr. Johnston, of Messrs. Johnston, Kerfoot & Co., is purser on the White Horse, one of the many boats plying on the Yukon river between White Horse and Dawson, and the bride was a teacher in the Vancouver schools. Both parties are well and popularly known in this city.

CRANBROOK.

"F. J. O'Riely, formerly of Nelson and later of Victoria, has formed a partnership with A. W. and Harry McVittie in the surveying business. Mr. O'Riely will come to Cranbrook next month to live. The former office of A. W. McVittie, in the Cranbrook block, will be retained, and Mr. O'Riely and Harry McVittie will be in charge this winter."—Herald.

A lamentable accident occurred on the Canadian Pacific railway one and a half miles east of Wardner on Tuesday of last week. The victim was a deaf mute named George Hewlin, a young man of 28, at the time of the accident. Hewlin was walking along the track towards Wardner. He was about one-half mile distant from the town, when a passenger train came behind him. Engineer Drummond sent out a piercing warning, which Hewlin, being, of course, stone deaf, unheeded. The distance between the train and him was very short and there was no time to shut off steam. The next moment the engine had run Hewlin down, hurling him a distance of twenty yards clear of the track. The train was brought to a standstill, and Conductor K. McLennan at once ran to Hewlin's aid. It was found that the man had suffered terrible injuries—two legs broken, his left arm smashed, and his face and head severely cut. He was placed in the express car, and brought into Cranbrook, where under the personal supervision of Dr. King he was conveyed in the ambulance to the St. Eugene hospital. Here a careful examination revealed that a more serious injury than either the broken arm or legs, was the injury to the skull, which finally proved fatal.

The four teachers in the Cranbrook schools have tendered their resignations, and the board is now free to rehire the old teachers or employ new ones. Secretary Gill's mail each day is loaded with applications.

SOCIETY BLACKMAILERS.

Scoundrels Who Live on Dead Men's Secrets.

"When a man is dead he can deny nothing" is a motto which might be adopted by a class of scoundrels at work nowadays, whose methods are as cunningly ingenious as they are heartless, says the writer of an article entitled "Living on Dead Men's Secrets," in Cassell's Saturday Journal.

A man who started life in Australia, and subsequently built up a big business and made a large fortune in England, died, leaving a son, who was ambitious of entering parliament. Scarcely had the coffin been lowered into the grave when an individual appeared with an allegation of certain black transactions in which the deceased man was declared to have participated at the Antipodes. The son disbelieved the story; but he was afraid that scandal, even if in reality a false and unjust one, would ruin all his political prospects before he could disprove and silence it. So he very foolishly paid to have the whole matter hushed up—and by paying once practically put himself in the power of the blackmailer, and had to submit to pitless extortion for a number of years before he accidentally discovered that the charge against his dead father was, as he originally supposed, a lying fabrication.

"It is because the dead cannot come back to defend themselves that this sort of thing is possible," remarked a private inquiry agent, whose attention was drawn to the matter.

"It would be very unsafe to suppose that all the stories brought forward by these vultures, flourishing on the secrets of those in their graves, are false. Some are lies, but others are true, and frequently the truth and falsity are so intermingled as to render it impossible for even an expert to judge where one ends and the other begins.

"One scoundrel of this stamp was a person of some education and distorted talent, and used to devote practically all his time to gleaning details about the careers of men who had made their way up from nothing to eminence. Most men who have had this experience prefer to leave their humble past in obscurity; and the vulture took full advantage of this.

"An example will throw some light on his methods. A man found his way to a country town where none knew him, and worked hard until he became the chief banker of the place, won a name for unimpeachable worth and probity, and eventually married the daughter of a county magistrate. Then he died, and as his coffin was about to be carried from the house, the blackmailer appeared at the door, looking like a veritable creature of ill-omen in the shabby black clothes he always wore, and demanded to see the father of the widow.

"He had discovered that the dead man, in his earlier days, had served a long term in prison, although contriving to conceal the fact in the town where he had retrieved his past; and he threatened to reveal the secret to the funeral guests unless his silence was purchased at a heavy price. He got what he asked, so that there should be no scandal."

THE POPE AS A GAMBLER.

An interesting anecdotal paper dealing with the early life of the new Pope is contributed to the Pall Mall Magazine by Rev. Alexander Robertson. "He often played chess," he writes, "and a game called 'briscolo' with younger people. This is a game of chance that is played with cards. Italians, as a nation, and as individuals, lay and clerical, are all given to gambling. Personally, I do not know a single priest who does not engage in it, and the curate of Tombolo was no exception. Another Italian weakness which he shared, and which he developed at Tombolo, was running into debt. In his case this was not due to self-indulgence, for it was little he spent upon himself, but rather to an almost indiscriminate lending and giving. When he left Tombolo, he left a few debts behind him, especially one of two hundred francs to a certain Zambusi, and he, himself, has told how he was ashamed to return to the village till he was able to pay what he owed, and this was not till he became Bishop of Mantua.

A SATISFACTORY SAMPLE.

V. C.

At a certain wayside inn in the north of Yorks a farmer drew rein, and, hailing the waiter, said: "Hey, lad, folk tell me ye hev some very good ale here; just bung us a quart."

The request was quickly complied with and the ale soon disappeared, and the farmer, apparently relishing it, said: "H'm, just bung us another quart." This quickly followed the first, and the farmer, dismounting remarked: "It's very decent stuff, lad, I think I'll get darn and get some."

TREAT THEM AS POACHERS.

Toronto Star.

If American whalers are not treated as poachers in Hudson's Bay, our forbearance will be used as proof that we lacked confidence in our own case. If they are not treated as poachers the Washington argument will be that they are recognized as not being poachers, and we know in Canada that almost any kind of argument will do when a chance offers to "cement the friendship of the great English-speaking nations."

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Toronto Telegram.

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NOTICE.

Take notice that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following land situate at Port Fleming, Coast district, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a post marked H. P. O'Farrell's N.W. corner, thence east 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence north 40 chains along the east boundary of lot 213, range 4, Coast district, and containing 160 acres more or less.

H. P. O'FARRELL.

November 19th, 1903.

NOTICE.

Take notice that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following land, situate on the Eckstell River, Cassiar District, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a post marked "Martin Letnes N. E. corner," thence west 30 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence east 30 chains, thence north 40 chains, comprising an island containing 80 acres more or less called Grass Island, situated 8 miles more or less from the junction of the Eckstell River with the Skeena River.

December 20th, 1903.

MARTIN LETNES.

WEALTH IN WATERFALLS.

The mountainous districts of the Alps, relatively poor until quite recently, will soon prove to be among the richest of France, owing to their numerous waterfalls, which are fast being utilized for industrial purposes, in the manufacture of chemicals and various metals by electric current, and also for the production of electric energy, distributed over wide areas, for traction and motive power in factories. The ancient province of Savoy has been formed into two departments—Savoie and Haute-Savoie—the chief towns of which are Chambery and Annecy. The extreme levels vary from 15,780 feet—the height of Mount Blanc—down to 820 feet. Most of the rivers in Savoy have a great, though varying, rate of discharge, their regime being more that of torrents for the first portion of their course; they all drain into the Rhone basin. A large proportion of the soil cannot be used for agriculture; the lower valleys, being well sheltered, are, however, turned into good account for vine growing. The district is rich in mineral wealth; sparry ironstone and anthracite beds are numerous and profitably worked, as also are the lead deposits. The other important mineral products are marble, granite, limestone, gypsum and slate.—Traction and Transmission.

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NOTICE.

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Where located, Bugaboo Creek, Port San Juan.

Take notice that I, H. E. Newton, F. M. C. No. B79407, and as agent for R. T. Godman, F. M. C. No. B79406, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this twelfth day of November, A. D., 1903.