CAPTAIN PARR, R. N.

The Heroic Deed Which Gained Him Promotion to the Rank of Commander.

Hardships Endured by the Officers and Men Comprising the Polar Expedition of 1875-6.

TO THE EDITOR:—Your Esquimalt correspondent in your issue of the 19th inst. mentions the march in the Polar regions by which Captain Parr, R.N., of H.M.S. Melpomene, gained his promotion to the rank of commander, but as the information given by him is very meagre, and as the Melpomene will be here in a few weeks from now, a fuller sketch of that portion of the gallant officer's career may not be uninteresting to your readers if you will kindly permit its insertion in your valuable paper.

On the organization of the Polar expedition of 1875-6 under the command of Captain Nares, Lieut. Parr was appointed second Lieutenant of H. M. S. Alert and, when in the spring of 1876 the exploring parties left that ship he was second in command of the one that attempted to reach the North Pole, Captain Markham being his leader. A detailed account of that journey with its sufferings and its heroisms would occupy too much time to be given in detail, so I will confine myself to the particular part of it to which your correspondent alludes by giving the following extracts from the Admiralty blue book on the expedition:—

[Extracts from Commander Markham's journal.]

Tuesday, June 6th, 1876.—"Wind moderated during night, but not before it had nearly blown out the tent down; one of the bow lines started, and we were momentarily expecting to have our house down about our ears; fortunately for us, it resisted all efforts. We should have been in a pretty predicament with all our helpless on a bad it fallen. At 6.30 p.m., took all the groceries and bacon deposited there for us, leaving untouched all the pemmican and spirits, also all our leathe and travelling boots, which were abandoned in order to lighten our loads. Struck tents, packed sledges, and proceeded at 9.30, the invalids steadily getting worse. Winstone will scarcely last the day and is very little use on the drag ropes; but he perseveres bravely. Pearson is hardly able to crawl after us, and, with Rawlings, Ferbrache and Simpson, is compelled to lie down and rest every 30 or 40 yards. Working our way along the old sledge tracks through the hummocks; these are occasionally covered with heavy snow drifts, through which a road has to be made with shovels. Reached a fair sized floe at 5.30 a.m. and camped, all hands thoroughly fatigued, having been at work fully 12 hours. Having diverged from the right track, being led adrift by the tracks of some wandering sledge, Parr and myself, while the tents were being pitched and supper prepared, walked on to recover the traces. This, after some trouble, we succeeded in doing, returning to camp shortly after 7. * * * * After a long consultation with Parr, it has been resolved that he shall proceed, if fine, and walk to the ship. Our only chance of saving life is by receiving succour as soon as possible. Although the distance from us to the ship is nearly 40 miles, over floes covered with deep snow and girt by heavy hummocks, he has nobly volunteered to attempt it, and has confidence in being able to accomplish it. He is the only one of the party strong enough to undertake such a march, and I have the utmost confidence in his judgment and ability to perform it." * * * *

"Wednesday, June 7. * * * Having written to Captain Nares, Parr started off, as lightly accoutred as possible, at 7.15 p.m. We all wished him God speed, and will be anxious to hear of his safe arrival."

[Extract from Commander Markham's letter of proceedings to Captain Nares.]

July 1, 1876.—Although it appears to me to be a work of supererogation to dwell in any way upon the very zealous and hearty co-operation that I received during a most trying period from Lieutenant Parr, still I feel that my report would be incomplete if I omitted bringing before your notice the very great aid I derived from his advice and energy. Sharing equally with the men the laborious exertions of road making, and the arduous toil of the drag ropes, he was most assiduous in his endeavours to assist me in every conceivable manner, either in the selection of the road, redistribution of the weights on the sledges, the care of the sick or the manifold duties connected with our enterprise. The greatest praise I can accord him is to say that he more than realized the anticipations you had formed of him. His wonderful march to the ship from the depot in the vicinity of Cape Joseph Henry speaks for itself.

[Extract from Captain Nares' "letter of proceedings" to the Admiralty, from H. M. S. Alert, at Valencia, 27th October, 1876:—

* * * * On the evening of the 8th June Lieut. A. A. C. Parr arrived on board most unexpectedly with the distressing intelligence that nearly the whole of the crew belonging to the northern division of sledges were attacked with scurvy, and in want of immediate assistance. Commander Markham and the few men who were able to keep on their feet had succeeded in conveying the invalids to the neighborhood of Cape Joseph Henry, 30 miles distant from the ship, but each day was adding to the intensity of the disease; and, while lessening the powers of those still able to work, adding to the number of sick and, consequently, alarmingly increasing the weight which had to be dragged on sledges. Under these circumstances Lieut. Parr, with his usual brave determination, and knowing exactly his powers, nobly volunteered to bring me the news, and so obtain relief for his companions. Starting with only an alpine stock and a small allowance of provisions he completed his long solitary walk over a very rough icy road, deeply covered with newy fallen snow, within 24 hours."

"Arrangements were immediately made to proceed to Commander Markham's assistance; and with the help of the officers, who all at once volunteered to drag the sledges, I was able by midnight to proceed with two strong parties, Messrs. Egerton, Conybeare, Wootton and White, the officers who could be best spared from the ship, taking their places at the drag ropes; Lieut. W. H. May and Dr. E. Moss pushing ahead with the dog sledge laden with appropriate medical stores."

"By making a forced march, the two latter reached Commander Markham's camp within fifty hours of the departure of Lieut. Parr, although they were, I deeply regret to state, too late to save the life of George Porter, gunner, R. M. A., who only a few hours previous had expired and had been buried in the floe."

The above brief extracts will give to those unacquainted with Arctic work but an inadequate idea of the hardships endured in our latest Polar expedition by the advanced sledging parties; and when it is remembered that, on their starting early in April, the thermometer stood at 40 degrees and never rose above the freezing point in the shade the whole time they were away (70 days); that they had at starting, on sledges more than 400 lbs per man, which had to be pulled through snow and over or around ice that had been squeezed and jumbled into every conceivable shape, that the food they had was generally uncooked and unpalatable, and even the water they had to drink was melted snow, and above all that the scurvy set in amongst the men early on the northward journey causing them to become weaker day by day, till at last on their being met by the returning party, of the 17 officers and men, one had died, eight had to be carried, three could just hobble along, and five only, including the two officers, were able to drag the sledges. It will be conceded that never were hardships more heroically borne, or a promotion more justly earned that that of Captain Parr.—I am, sir, yours truly,

POLARIS.

P. S.—The seeming confusion in A.M. and P. M. arises from the fact that when the sun arose sufficiently high to be above the horizon the whole twenty-four hours, it was found most comfortable to sleep when he was warmest and most dazzling to the eyes on the snow, and to work when he was lowest and coldest; and consequently Lieut. Parr started at 7.15 p. m.—after breakfast—and arrived the following morning.

THE LIEUT-GOVERNOR'S BALL.

An Event Long Looked Forward to, and Which Proved a Delightful Success.

The great social event of the year, the Governor's annual ball, has come and is a thing of the past. Although the weather last night was the reverse of what would be generally regarded as appropriate or agreeable, it was taken with the best grace possible by those who decided not to let slip the opportunity of partaking of the hospitality and enjoying the entertainment of Government House. Careful preparations had been made for their reception, under the supervision of Mr. Herbert Stanton, the Lieutenant-Governor's private secretary, to whose exertions was very much due the unqualified success of the ball. The entire building, none too large, was thrown open to their guests by the Governor and Mrs. Nelson, and never did it appear to better advantage than when filled with the beau y, wealth and fashion of the entire province. In all about three hundred ladies and gentlemen graced the occasion with their presence, made the drawing rooms and ball room musical with their soft laughter, enjoyed their tete-a-tetes in half-forgotten nooks and corners, or whispered merry nonsense in the fragrant conservatories.

One of those whose company was most eagerly looked forward to, Rear-Admiral Hotham, was, unfortunately, owing to the sudden death of a relative, prevented from attending. Capt. Ogilvie acted as aide-de-camp to His Honor, discharging the duties of that position with all the grace and empressment due to the occasion. The magnificent string band of H. M. S. Warspite, directed by Mr. Laffey, furnished entrancing music in the ball room, where dancing was commenced at 9:30 o'clock, and continued until the twenty-two engagements on the card were comp'eted. Refreshments were served throughout the evening in one of the sitting rooms, and the supper room was thrown open at midnight. The tables presented a picture in themselves, glistening with silver and crystal, and loaded down with all the delicacies and s batantials that go to make a first-class spread. After supper, dancing was resumed, and continued with spirit until about 2, when the many guests commenced the preparations for departure, and soon the rattle of homegoing carriages mingled with the music of the ball room. The following is a complete list of the invited guests:

A.

Abbott Mr. and Mrs. H., and Miss Freer; Armstrong Miss, Alexander Mr. and Mrs. R. H. and Miss, Anderson Mr. and Mrs. J. R., Angus Mr. and Mrs. James and the Misses, Angus Mr. and Mrs. Wm., Atkins Mr. and Mrs. Wm., Acklesis Mrs. and the Misses, Armstrong Mr., Mrs. and Miss, New Westminster, Aikman Mr. H. B. W. and Mrs. Allen the Misses, "H. M. S. Amphion" ward-room officers, Austin Mr. and Mrs. J. J. and Miss, Anderson Mr. and Mrs. G. W.

B.

Bridgman Mr. and Mrs. J. W., Barnard Mr. and Mrs. F. S., Brady Mr. and Mrs James and the Misses, Blaiklock Mrs., Beaven Hon. Robt., Mrs. Miss and the Messrs., Baker Mr. and Mrs. E. C., Beghie Sir M. H., Beaulands Rev. A. Mrs. and the Misses Hills, Bulpen Mr. and Mrs. Fitz-Herbert, Barber Miss, Boscowitz Mr. J., Boscowitz Mr. D. and Mr. L., Burns Mr. Jas., Benson Cap. and Mrs., Beeton Mr. and Mrs. H. C. and Miss, Bodington the Misses, Butcher Mr. and Mrs. F., Blackwood Mr. and Mrs. E. E; Bullinghurst, Mr E E; Burstall, Lieut H. E; Barham, Mr and Mrs A. P; Beecher, Mr and Mrs C M, New Westminster; Bass, Mr O C; Bole, Mr Justice and Mrs; Black, Mrs, the Misses and Messrs; Brymner, Mr and Mrs; Beckingsale, Dr and Mrs; Bentley, Dr and Mrs; Barlow, Mr and Mrs J V; Briggs, Mr and Mrs T; Brown, Mr and Mrs H S, New Westminster; Booth, Mr and Mrs J P, Vesuvius Bay; Brown, Mr and Mrs J C; Baker, Col and Mrs.

C.

Chudley, Mr and Mrs Wm M; Christie, Mrs and Miss; Crease Mr and Mrs H E; Crease, Mr Justice and Mrs and Miss; Crease, Mr A T; Crease, Mr A. E; Cridge, Rt. Rev Bishop and the Misses; Clinton, Mr H F; Curwin, Mr and Mrs; Corbet, Mrs and the Misses, Vancouver; Cornwall, Hon C F and Miss; Cambie, Mr and Mrs H J and Miss; Claxton, Miss; Claxton, Mr and Mrs Fred J; Carpenter Mr K C; Critchley, Mrs C O; H M S Champion ward room officers and gun room officers; Chapple, Mr John; Cotton, Mr and Mrs A F, New Westminster; Corbould, Mr and Miss; Cluie, Mr and Mrs, Westminster; Cepperley, Mr and Mrs, Vancouver; Connon, Mr and Mrs H F Vancouver; Cunningham, Mr and Mrs T; Cooke, Mr and Mrs; Cotton, Mr and Mrs F C, Vancouver.

D.

Lindsay-Dickson, Mr, Mrs and Miss; Ditchon, Rev Geo and Mrs, New Westminster; Drake, Mr Justice, Mrs and the Misses; Drake, Mr B H T; Dumbleton, Mr, Mrs and Miss; Dumbleton, Mr A S; Dumbleton, Mr and Mrs H M; Dunsmuir, Mrs and the Misses; Dupont, Major and Mrs; Dupont, Miss; Drake, Mr W T; Davie, Dr J C, Mrs and the Misses; Devereux, Capt, Mrs, the Misses and Messrs; Davie, Hon Theo and Mrs; Davie, Mr Joshua; Dickenson, Mr C; Maitland-Dougall, Mr and Mrs; Duncan, Dr; Dunsmuir, Mr and Mrs James; Dodgson, Mr and Mrs Herbert; "HMS Daphne," ward-room officers; Drummond, Mr and Mrs; Douglas, Mr and Mrs B, New Westminster; Daly, Mr A J; Dickenson, Mr and Mrs W W, New Westminster; LeWolff, Mr and Mrs, New Westminster.

E.

Eberts, Mr and Mrs D M; Erb, Mr and Mrs L E; Englehart, Mr and Mrs J E and Mr A; Ellis, Mr and Mrs W H and the Misses Withrow; Ellis, Mr H B; Earle, Mr and Mrs Thomas; Ellison, Rev W G H and Mrs; Edmonds, Mr and Mrs; Ewen, Mr and Mrs James; English, Mr and Mrs M M, and Miss.

F.

Foster, Mr and Mrs W; Foster, Miss; Fell, Mr James; Finlayson, Mr and Mrs, the Misses and Messrs; Fletcher, Mr and Mrs G; Fletcher, Mr C C; Fletcher, Mr and Mrs; Flummerfelt, Mr and Mrs A C; Fellows, Mr and Mrs A, and Miss Woodman; Fletcher, Mr and Mrs A; Fletcher, Mr and Mrs R H; Field, Mr H E; Falding, Mr and Mrs; Ferguson, Mr and Mrs, and Miss Dickson; Fisher, Mr I; Foster, Mr and Mrs Thomas; Fletcher, Mr and Mrs Thomas.

G.

Grant, Mr and Mrs John; Gillespie, Mr and Mrs George, and Miss Robden; Gray, Mrs and the Misses; Green, Mr and Mrs A A; Gore, Mr and Mrs W S; Gaudin, Mr and Mrs G, and Miss Rencuf; Goepel, Mr and Mrs W J, and the Misses Bates; Bailey-Grohman, Mr and Mrs; Graham, Mr and Mrs J A and Miss; Gamble, Mr F C; Good, Mr and the Mrs; Gwynne, Mr G O; Gordon, Mr and Mrs R; Green, Mr and Mrs C DeB, and Miss Webb; Gordon, Miss; Green, Mr and Mrs Ashbowne; Gibbons, Mr and Mrs C H; Green, Rev J W and Mrs; Gore, Mr T S; Grindlay, Mr and Mrs H M; Galpin, Mr H; Gordon, Mr and Mrs D W; Gravely, Mr and Mrs Walter.

H.

Hanington, Dr and Mrs; Hammond, Mr and Mrs William; Higgins, Hon D W, Mrs and Miss & Miss Moore; Hills, his Lordship Bishop; Hotham, Rear Admiral C F, C B; Harvey, Mr and Mrs R and Miss; Higgins, Mr and Mrs W R; Heisterman, Mr and Mrs H F; Hamilt, Mr and Mrs H B; Holland, Mr and Mrs C A; Hunter, Mr and Mrs Joseph; Helmcken, Hon J S; Helmcken, Dr and Mrs; Helmcken, Mr H D; Hall, M and Mrs T H; Holmes, Col, Mrs and Miss Cameron; Hayes, Mr H; Harvey, Mr W; Hanley, Hon W; Haines, Mr H B; Hamilton, Mr and Mrs L H; Hulton, Captain R Gray; Hall, Mrs and the Misses; Hayman, Mr and Mrs; Harris; Hendry, Mr and Mrs Jno; Homer, Mrs and the Misses; Hammersly, Mr and Mrs A St G; Hobson, Rev R F and Mrs; Harris, Mr D R; Horne, Mr J W, Vancouver; Hall, Mr and Mrs R H.

I.

Innes, Mr and Mrs J H and Miss; Irving, Capt Jno and Mrs; Innes, Mr and Mrs F; Irwin, Rev G and Mrs.

J.

Jenns, Rev P, Mrs, the Misses and Mr L; Jemmet, Capt and Mrs; Jourand, Mr, Mrs and Miss; Jones, Mr A W; Jones, Mr Richard; Johnson, Mr and Mrs Edwin; Johnstone, Mr, and Mrs P T and Miss; Johnson, Mr and Mrs M T; Jones-Jones, Mrs H; Jones, Mr W R; Jones, Dr A W McN, Mrs and Miss; Jackson, Mrs E H and the Misses; Janion, Mrs R W; Jones, Mr T H; Joslyn, Mr W E; Joffry, Mr and Mrs R M; Jay.

K.

Keefer, Mr and Mrs G A; Keist, Mr and Mrs A and Miss; Kurtz, Mrs David; Kennedy, Mrs C D; Kent, Mr and Mrs Herbert; Kurtz, Mr John; Kingham, Rev H and Miss; Keith, Mr and Mrs J C; Kitchen, Mr and Mrs T E; Kellie, Mr and Mrs J M; Keith, Mr and Mrs Thomas; Kent, Mr and Mrs C.

L.

Lewis, Capt and Mrs H G and Miss Langford; Langley, Mr A J, the Misses and Mr W H; Lowenn, Mr and Mrs J, the Misses and Messrs; Lowe, Mr W H; Ladner, Mr and Mrs W H and Miss; Laidlaw, Mr and Mrs J A; Lowenberg, Mr C; Luxton, Mr A P; Livock, Mr W T; Lawless, Mr and Mrs George; Leask, Mr and Mrs, Vancouver; Lefevre, Dr and Mrs; Lewis, Mr H; Leacroft, Miss, Vancouver; Ladner, Mr and Mrs T and Miss; Lampton, Capt the Hon H.

M.

Miles, Mrs; Musgrave, Mr, Mrs, the Misses and Messrs; Munn, Mr and Mrs Alex; Millidge, Mr and Mrs T S; McCallum, Capt A E and Mrs; Moffat, Mr and Mrs and Miss Jessie; Mathews, Mr and Mrs G F; Matthews, Dr J B and Miss; Mouat, Mrs and Miss and Mr A; McTavish, Mr and Mrs G A; Monteith, Mr and Mrs W; McKenzie, Mrs and the Misses; Mathews, Mr and Mrs E and Miss; Macaulay, Mr and Mrs and Miss, the Misses and Miss Keenan; Matheson, Mr E; Milne, Dr and Mrs; Mara, Mr and Mrs; Milne, Mr A R; McInnerry, Mr J J; May, Mr T B; Myers, Mr and Mrs Levi W; McInnes, Senator, Mrs and the Messrs Major, Mr and Mrs George; Mason, Rev G E S and Mrs; Musgrave, Sir Richard; Mohun, Mr and Mrs E; Martin, Mr and Mrs S B; Monro, Mrs J and Miss A J; McNaughton, Capt and Mrs; Major, Mr and Mrs C, New Westminster; McCreight, Mr Justice; McLean, Mr and Mrs J C; McFarlane, Mr and Mrs; McColl, Mr and Mrs; McGillivray, Mr and Mrs D; Moresby, Mr and Mrs; Marvin, Mr and Mrs F X; Mawe, Mr and Mrs; Martin, Mr and Mrs G B; Mason, Mr and Mrs Joseph.

N.

Nutall, Mr and Mrs T C; Nicholles, Major and Mrs; Newton, Miss A W.

O.

Oppenheimer, Mr and Mrs D; Oppenheimer, Mr and Mrs I; Oppenheimer, Mr Solomon; O'Reilly, Hon P, Mrs and Miss; Ogilvie, Capt A H; Orr, Mr and Mrs James.

P.

Pemberton, Mr F B and Miss; Power, Mr and Mrs Wm; Pitts, Mr and Mrs S J; Pinder, Mr and Mrs W C; Pearse, Mr and Mrs B W; Perry, Mr and Mrs C E, the Misses and Mrs Wright; Pooley, Hon O E, Mrs and Miss; Powell, Dr I W, Mrs and Miss; Peters, Major and Mrs; Penney, Mr and Mrs J L, and Mrs Brown; Palmer, Mrs; Paddon, Rev Canon and Mrs; Perfect, Mr R S; Pinder, Mr and Mrs A; Prentice, Mr J D; Peele, Capt and Mrs; Punch, Mr and Mrs James.

R.

Ritchet, Mr and Mrs R P; Rhodes, Mrs; Redfern, Mr and Mrs C E; Richards, Hon A N, Mrs and Miss; Robson, Hon John; Renouf, Mr and Mrs C E; Redmond, Mr and Mrs W H; Raymur, Mr and Mrs J L; Raymur, Mrs and Miss Lawson; Reford, Mr R W; Reid, Rev Jno, and Miss; Renwick, Dr and Mrs; Reddie, Mr A C; Roome, Mr E H; Reif, Hon J and Mrs; Rogers, Mr and Mrs S A.

S.

Smith, Mr T R; Snowden, Mr and Mrs N P; Sweeny, Mr and Mrs G; Sorby, Mr T C and Miss; Simon, Mr and Mrs G; Stevenson, Rev and Mrs; Scriven, Archdeacon; Seabrook, Mr and Mrs R and Miss; Shears, Mr and Mrs W; Shelby, Mrs and Miss; Strouss, Mr and Mrs M; St Clair, Capt; Stillico, His Lordship Bishop and Mrs; Smith, Mr and Mrs DeWolf; Springer, Mr and Mrs B; Scoullar, Capt and Mrs; Semlin, Mr C; Smith, Mr and Mrs A W; Stoddart, Mr and Mrs D A; Stewart, Mrs.

T.

Trutch, Sir Joseph and Lady; Tye, Mr and Mrs T H and the Misses Gallier; Trutch, Mr and Mrs John; Turner, Hon J H and Mrs and Mr J A; Taylor, Mr and Mrs W J; Tuck, Mr and Mrs S P; Todd, Mr and Mrs J H and Miss Wigley; Templeman, Mr and Mrs William; Tilton, Mr and Mrs E G; Tolmie, the Misses and Messrs; Todd, Mr and Mrs C F; Tiarks, Mr J; Townley, Mrs and Miss and Mr J D; Tuck, Mr and Mrs P H; True, Mrs; Turner, Mr and Mrs C; Townsend, Mr and Mrs Wm B; Tilley, Mr and Mrs S T.

V.

Vowell, Mr A W; Vernon, Mr and Mrs C A; Vernon, Hon F G; Vaughan, Mr and Mrs J W.

W.

Walkem, Justice and Mrs; Ward, Mr and Mrs Robert and Miss Kate; Ward, Mr and Mrs W G and Miss; Ward, Mr W A and Mr C; Whyte, Mr and Mrs Wm; Wilson, Mr and Mrs Wm; Wilson, Major John and Mrs; Williams, Mr Robert; Wilson, Mr Joseph; Waitt, Mr and Mrs M W and Miss; Waitt, Mr and Mrs J F; Phillips-Wooller, Mr and Mrs C; Walkor, Mr and Mrs F G and Miss; Wilson, Mr and Mrs W R; Wilson, Mr and Mrs Wm; Wilson, Mr Jos, jun; Wilson, Mr Wm, jun; Warlock, Mr and Mrs F H; Wilson, Mr and Mrs C and Miss Parker; Wray, Mr and Mrs G E B; Webber, Mr L H; Whalley, Mr E F; Wood, Commander C R; Williamson, Lieut; Wilmot, Mr and Mrs E A; Webster, Mr and Mrs and Miss; Woods, Rev C, Mrs and the Misses; Woods, Mr and Mrs C E; Webster, Mr and Mrs, Vancouver; "H. M. S. Warspite," Ward-room Officers of.

Y.

Yates, Mr and Mrs J S; Yates, Mr and Mrs H.

Imperial Federation.

WILL present an opportunity to extend the fame of Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry, the unfailing remedy for cholera, cholera morbus, colic, cramps, diarrhœa, dysentery, and all summer complaints, to every part of the Empire. Wild Strawberry never fails.

DESTRUCTIVE STORM

Encountered by a British War-Ship With a Torpedo Boat in Tow—The Latter Sinks.

HALIFAX, Oct. 19.—The war-ship Buzzard arrived here to-day from Sydney badly demoralized, having encountered the full force of the hurricane of Friday. She went to Sydney to bring here torpedo boat No. 62, which was lost by the war-ship Pelican on the way up from Newfoundland in the great storm of last week, and which was subsequently towed into Sydney by the American schooner Crane.

The Buzzard started from Sydney early Friday with the torpedo boat in tow, and this evening ran into a storm. Efforts were made to save the torpedo boat, but without success. She parted the tow line, broke in halves and sank.

The war-ship had all she could do to save herself. She was compelled to lay to and was struck by a tremendous sea, which carried away her jib boom, brought down the topmasts and threatened the ship's safety. It was a fearful moment, but the ship proved equal to the tremendous strain and successfully fought the hurricane, and arrived to-day considerably battered.

TACOMA MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

The Democrats Snowed Under—Remarkable Republican Results.

On Saturday were held the elections of Mayor, Controller, Treasurer, Police Judge, City Physician, and for eight Councilmen, as well as for the endorsation of the new charter of the city. The result was that the Republican candidate for Mayor secured a majority of over 700, the charter was adopted by over 2,000 majority, the other returns being proportionately satisfactory to the party that proved itself to be the dominant element. The election was the first under the new Australian ballot system, which proved to work very satisfactorily. It is claimed that Mr. Randall is the first Republican Mayor ever elected in Tacoma after a party fight, and that his majority settles for all time the position of Tacoma among the Republican cities of the state.

THIS AND THAT.

If a man gets a seven-year sentence for robbing another of $1.15, two years for stealing $100,000, and gets off free for embezzling $1,000,000, then ex-President Celman, who robbed the Argentine republic of $42,000,000, should be given a bonus. Yet they have arrested him. They don't understand equity down there.

It is said that the health fad people are going to work up a craze over the onion as one of the most health-giving vegetables in the world. And a literary bureau is now at work getting up statistics to prove that this is infallibly so. The onion has long been the subject of unmerited obloquy, and we are glad that somebody is going to do it justice.

Mrs. Mushroom—It is a queer thing, Sophie, I've been all day searching the stores for an escutcheon, and I don't think there's one in town. I heard Mrs. Startup say that the Montagues boasted about their unvarnished escutcheon, and I ain't a goin' to let the neighbors get ahead of me. I have an escutcheon if I have to send to Yurrup for it, and, what's more, I'll have a varnished one, too.

Apropos of Mr. Bancroft's 90th birthday, the Washington Post says: "But for a muscular weakness, a gradual inevitable loss of muscular strength, and a very gradual fading of his powers of memory, Mr. Bancroft might seem a score or more years younger than he is. He is still an untiring reader, and keeps remarkably well up with the advanced thought of the times. His memory is beginning to fail, not entirely, but noticeably by reason of its former excellence.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

BASEBALL.

THE CHAMPION CLUBS.

As a matter of record below is published the winning clubs in the different organizations this season. All have finished their season with the single exception of the California League:

Players' League—Boston.
National League—Brooklyn.
American Association—Louisville.
Western Association—Kansas City.
Atlantic Association—New Haven.
Inter-State League—(West)—Evansville.
Inter-State League—(East)—Harrisburg.
Tri-State League—Mansfield.
Iowa-Illinois League—Ottumwa.
Texas League—Galveston.
North Pacific League—Spokane.
International League—Saginaw.
New York-Pennsylvania League—Jamestown.

THE TURF.

ENDERBY RACES.

A correspondent contributes the following acount of the horse races recently held on the Enderby track, a straight mile course, as smooth as slate and as fast as any Eastern track: "The people of this county are greatly interested in horse races; they have organized a jockey club, and intend having fine meetings next spring and fall. Both towns (Vernon and Enderby) will give $2,000 in prizes. Mr. Lumby, a live sport himself, has erected a large hotel, which will accommodate those attending. The first races, just over, were full of interest from the first to the last. Following is a summary of the events:

I. Race. One mile dash: purse $300, 1st $150, 2nd $50. Entries—Billie B., Cricket and Archer. Won by Cricket in two straight heats. Time, 1:55½.

II. Half-mile heats; 1st $150, 2nd $50. Entries—Baldy, Mary, Wonder, Dan, Charlie and Rose. First, Charlie. Time, :56.

III. Six hundred yards dash. Entries—Jimmy, Maude S., Maud and Wonder. First, Jimmy. Time, :34.2.

IV. Slow race, female riders. Fifteen entries. First, Pelican.

V. Six hundred yards race, Indian riders. Twenty entries. First, Dan, owned by the Indian Chief. Time, :35.

A LUNATIC'S SUICIDE.

An Inmate of the Westminster Asylum Ends His Life With a Piece of Window Cord.

An inmate of the insane asylum at Westminster, Thomas Brannigan, committed suicide early yesterday morning. He took a piece of window cord and made a noose; passed it over his head, then turned the slop bucket upside down, and mounting on it, tied the other end of the cord to the window grating. These arrangements complete he kicked the pail from under him and dropped. His neck was not broken, and death was caused by strangulation. Brannigan has been in the asylum since June, 1888, and was troubled with melancholia. The other patients in the room at the time did not hear any unusual noise during the night. An inquest will be held to-day.

MOURNING STATIONERY.

Black Borders Can Be Put On by Hand-Work Only.

A Line of Work Monopolized by Women—They Must Labor Early and Late to Make Fair Wages—The Secrets of the Trade.

"You can't tell me there is no good in novels," said the girl in glasses to a New York Tribune man. "Some years ago my father read in a novel which was then coming out in one of the magazines—I don't remember the name of it now, nor in what magazine it was coming out—that every girl should know how to do one thing well enough to earn her living by it, and he was so much taken with the idea that he determined then and there that I should learn a trade. I was his only daughter—only child, in fact—and there were but two of us in the family, as my mother had died some years before.

"First I tried telegraphy, and found I was no good at that, and then I tried typewriting and found that wasn't my forte either. I gave them up and told papa if he couldn't support me I'd either have to get married or go to the free home for destitute young girls, but he had lately visited a paper-mill and so he suggested another trade—the one you see me working at now. Do I call myself a paper decorator? No, I am a black borderer; but all the same I am just as much of a skilled laborer as any girl who paints flowers and newly hatched chickens on Easter cards and such things, though I do nothing but blacken the borders of mourning paper. Thought that was machine work? No, that it isn't!

"It is woman's work. They have tried time and again to invent machines that would do it, but they have all turned out flat failures, and I am glad of it, as this is the only kind of work by which I have been able to earn my bread and butter for the last three years—since papa was taken off suddenly by heart failure, and it was found that he had laid up no money and his insurance policy had lapsed.

"Profession much crowded? No, thank Heaven! this is one profession in which there is a little elbow room. One reason, I suppose, is that it is not so well paid as it might be, and another is (though I say it that shouldn't say it) that it isn't every girl who could learn the art. You thought yourself that it was done by a machine, so you must have noticed how very smoothly the black is laid on. Of course I do not take such pains with the inferior qualities as with the best linen, such as I am doing now; but the worst must be done well or it won't pass muster. My employer, when he advertised for a girl to do this work, didn't get more than a dozen answers, and most of them were from girls who didn't know any thing whatever about it; they only thought they could do it, as they had taken lessons in water colors. They didn't know that this kind of painting is a trade by itself.

"Trying to the eyes? Yes, when one's eyes are not very strong to begin with; but if I find my eyes giving out I can always stop and rest awhile. It is my loss, you know, as mine is piece-work, paid for by theream.

"How much a ream? For fine qualities, $1.50 a ream; for the very commonest, 45 cents; but there is very little of that kind to be done, for which mercy I am thankful. Unless we are awfully busy, I can come when I like and go when I like. Usually I get here at 8:30 in the morning and leave at 5 in the afternoon. In that time, if I don't give my eyes too many resting spells, I can border a ream and a half.

"Lonely? No, I am too busy to feel lonely, though I sit here all day by myself, seeing nobody but the man who brings in my paper. That is, he brings it to me in the busy season, but if the work is any ways slack I have to go for it myself. The slack season begins in June, and work does not pick up again till some time in September.

"Treated as a lady should be? Yes, my employer is as polite as pie whenever I see him, as indeed he should be to a girl he knows by this time is working for all she is worth. At first it seemed to me to be an awfully solemn kind of work, and I used to think about deaths and funerals, and sometimes would get to crying, though I took good care not to damage the paper by letting my tears fall on it; but one can get used to any thing, and now I don't any more mind painting black borders than I'd mind painting red ones."

GENEROUS BEGGARS.

A Trick Whereby Three Professional Mendicants Were Fooled.

"Say, mister, give me some money to buy some supper with. I haven't had a bite to eat to-day. Can't you help me along?"

It was a street beggar accosting a sorrowful-looking young man on one of the principal thoroughfares of the city, says the Kansas City Times. The young man stopped.

"There's a nickel," said he; "it's the last I have, but take it; I shall soon be where they don't need money. I am tired of this life, so take it and good luck to you."

"Are you so much in need as that, partner?" asked the beggar.

"Yes; I have been looking for work for two weeks, but it's no use, and my money's all gone."

For awhile the beggar hesitated, then he pulled out a dollar. "Here," said he, "take this. You're worse off than I am."

"No," answered the young man, firmly. "It won't do me any good—goodbye," and he walked rapidly down the street.

A policeman overheard the remark, and he followed and overtook the stranger.

"Look here," said he, "are you the fellow that's about to commit suicide?"

A hearty laugh interrupted further questioning.

"That's all right, officer," said the would-be suicide; "I am just trying a little game on these street beggars, and that's the third one to-night who offered me money."

RESHAPING KNOCK-KNEES.

Heroic Surgical Measures Used to Cure a Child's Deformity.

There was a notable surgical operation performed upon a child in Avondale recently, says the Cincinnati Inquirer.

The operation is one of rare occurrence in this country, although it has been performed successfully a number of times in Europe.

From birth little Gertrude Jackson has been afflicted with what is known as "knock-knees," the affliction being such as to render walking impossible, or even standing without the assistance of some one to prop her up. In fact, the little girl's legs were bent outwardly to such an extent that they described a semicircular curve. The parents had entirely given up the idea that their bright little daughter would ever be able to walk without the aid of artificial means. The little girl's case a few days ago came to the notice of Dr. Linn, professor of orthopedic surgery in the Pulte Medical College. An examination of the child's limbs was made, and it was decided that the only possible means of relief was that known as a double osteotomy operation. The operation comes under the head of orthopedic surgery, and was performed as follows:

An esmark bandage was placed around the leg and ankle, extending from the foot to the upper third of the thigh. This process rendered the leg upon which the operation was to be performed perfectly bloodless. An incision was then made with a sharp knife at a point on the inner side of the leg, one-half an inch above the adductor magnus. The knife was sunk clean through to the bone, and a chisel subsequently slipped along the side of the knife until the bone was reached, when the knife was skilfully withdrawn, allowing the steel chisel to remain in the flesh. After the knife had been withdrawn the chisel was given a deft twist at exactly right angles with the bone. The sharp point of the instrument was then placed upon the tender bone, and several sharp blows quickly struck in rapid succession with a mallet. The bone was completely severed. A sponge was then bound over the limb after the ends of the bones were placed in contact, and the limb allowed to rest until a similar operation had been performed upon the other limb.

The bandage around the limb first operated upon was then removed from the wound made by the incision of the knife and the limb well dusted with iodoform. Iodoform gauge was then applied to the leg and a flannel bandage tightly bound about the limb from the foot to the upper third of the thigh. The limb was now ready for the final part of the operation.

It was straightened into its proper position and held that way until a heavy coating of plaster of paris had been placed over it. The other leg was similarly treated, and the remarkable operation successfully performed. The patient all the while was under the influence of ether, and after the operation awoke entirely unaware of what had taken place.

The external wound in an operation of this kind usually heals in about six weeks. When the ends of the bones are perfectly united, the plaster of paris coating can be removed, and in a short time the child be able to use her limbs with as much freedom as any one of her age. The entire operation lasted about an hour, and was rendered all the more difficult on account of the tender age of the child. It is the first case of the kind recorded in Cincinnati, and in many respects is considerered a great triumph for the medical profession of this city. It is considered a heroic operation for the relief of a child seemingly afflicted and rendered comparatively helpless for life. The parents of the child are overjoyed at the hope of seeing their little one able to walk.

FEMININE FANCIES.

Some of the Certain Methods of Procuring and Retaining Beauty.

Brush and brush your hair if you want to get that lovely gloss that society girls are so eager for. Give your hair two hundred strokes every night before jumping into bed.

Don't be afraid of brushing it too much, writes a Boston Globe contributor. The more you brush the more gloss you get. If your eyebrows are thin brush those, too, with a tiny brush, and if they don't curve to suit you get a tiny comb and train them in whichever direction you wish them to go. Brushing keeps them in good shape and it is so much easier to brush than to trim them. Besides, if you do not understand how to trim them properly you see apt to look funny until they grow out again.

If you wish to keep away wrinkles sleep on your back. I know you will have bad dreams if you do so, but I had rather put up with the dreams than the wrinkles.

Laughing makes wrinkles, but keep on laughing, only don't do it with the face.

I have just taken four moles from my face and it is very badly done. You can do it yourself, only be careful, for it burns.

Get five cents' worth of muriatic acid and three times a day touch the mole with a toothpick dipped into the acid. It will come off in about a week, leaving a red spot on the face. Leave that spot alone and it will heal by itself.

They say "moles are a sign of beauty," but I prefer the beauty without the moles.

Resemblance from Companionship.

The photographic society of Geneva has been testing the theory that the long companionship of man and wife tends to make them look more and more like each other. Photographs of seventy-eight old couple, and of an equal number of adult brothers and sisters, showed that the married couples were more like each other than the brothers and sisters of the same blood.

HOOSIER SHREWDNESS.

As Guessing the Native of Indiana Is the Equal of Any Yankee.

One day, as I was riding through the lower end of Tipton County, Indiana, I came upon a native, who was engaged in "picking trash" and burning logs in a little clearing by the roadside, writes Ed. R. Pritchard in the Arkansaw Traveler. Not knowing exactly the best way to go to reach the neighborhood I desired to visit, I reined my horse up at the fence and asked the Hoosier to direct me the way to Bennett's mills.

"Wall," he replied, pausing in his work and seating himself on a stump that stood conveniently near, "I 'low it's a matter of five miles, though it mout be a leetle grain less. You jess keep this road fer 'bout a mile furder on: then you turn to your right an' go north till you come to the second cross roads; then turn west and keep straight ahead till you git to the mills."

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