S. STEPHENSON. - Proprietor.

THE PLANET'S POSITION.

This journal regrets exceedingly that its now badly excited and jealous-minded contemporary was not able to accept the friendly words of counsel tendered yesterday.

The Planet has long been recognized as the journalistic leader of the west. It has that reputation to maintain, and it cannot afford to spend space and time in wrangling over the claims and comments of less fortunate competitors. If its kindly advice over the Banner's outbreak is to be construed by its contemporary as an opportunity to entangle this journal in discussions, distasteful to itself and wearisoms to the public it serves, a mistake is made. The Planet aims to provide a paper for the people and it is perfectly willing to allow its patrons to pass upon its record in this and all other news happenings, covered both by its special and regular journalistic efforts,

as they deem due. Our late loved Queen is dead, and the news service connected with the sad occasion is recorded. The Planet cannot stay to gloat over it. many kind words of the people have been deeply appreciated by this journal and it heartily sympathizes with its less fortunate contemporary. But that service is now a matter of yesteriday. Opportunities lie in to-day and to-morrow. A public is still to be served. The Planet must continue to press on.

TO FIND THE SOUTH POLE,

Heretofore the south pole has been neglected in favor of the north. For some reason expeditions always seemed more anxious to go north than south. But things are changing now. For a year or more preparations have been making for an exploration of the mystery of what has long been assumed to be an antartic continent, though vague recollections of self-asserting whether it is a continent or an icebound archipelago is not absolutely, known. A vessel is being built for a British expedition at Dundee and one for a German expedition at Kiel, and two are expected to set out next August and pursue their investigations vast field between them for three years of persistent research. For this purpose the antarctic region has been divided into four quadrants, the two 90 degrees east and west from the tion, and those on the opposite s of the globe from 90 degrees east to 90 degrees west being taken by that of Great Britain. This will be the first systematic effort at a thorough exploration of that desolate and for-

bidding region. Expedition after expedition has sought the north pole, each benefiting by the experience of its predecessors, until the map of the arctic zone is nearly completed.

But until lately the south pole has been neglected, and is supposed to be in the heart of a vast and mountainous continent, covered with unknown depths of ice and snow, buffeted by wild storms, and having little or no animal or vegetable life save upon its borders. The ancients supposed this Austral land to be of vast extent and peopled it with mysterious progeny, and scientific men now believe that in the geological ages it was connected with both South America and Australia. Not until the adventurous volyaging of Capt. Cook a century and a quarter ago was it circumscribed within the limits of the antarctic circle. Long after that the explorations of Ross traced dim outlines where Victoria Land was named, and subsequent expeditions added new fragments to the map at long intervals.

The Bilgian expedition, which returned from a long cruise last summer, was frozen up for a whole year in a mass of ice, and could neither land nor make headway at sea, but it gathered considerable information over a narrow area. It discovered a number of islands and groups of islands, but accomplished little toward defining the supposed continent. The British expedition under Borchgrevinck has succeeded in locating the southern magnetic pole, and pushed beyond all predecessors to latitude 78 degrees 50 minutes. But there are gaps in the outline of the frozen area that have not been filled, and it is not known whether it is really continuous or broken with passages penetrating toward the pole and dividing the land into more than one mass.

It is possible that the new expedi-tions will determine whether this bleak region is really a continent, and, if so, trace the circuit of its icy shores, explore its bays and inlets, and define the position of outlying islands, so giving us an outline map of that part of the terrestrial globe. There may be land explorations here and there, but there will be mysterious depths enough left to invite adventurous explorers seeking for the very pole for many years to come.

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THE LENGTH OF LIFE INCREASING The newspapers of Canada and the

United States these days are publishing scores of names of people, who claim to have seen three; centuries. The number of men claiming to be over one hundred years of age is quite large, but the women who say hey have seen three centuries putnumber the men. The New York Tribune suspects that many of the alleged centenarians are not as old as they pretended to be or think they are. 'No doubt among the nations there are many thousands of feeble-minded men and women who have misled themselves into the belief that they have lived a hundred years or more, says the Tribune, but in the m ity of these instances see cleism i amply justified. Unle family records which have oeen kept accurately on church tooks of christenings or other of acial documents which can be trusted, are available, in support of centenarians, the talk of the veterans whose minds in so large a percentage of cases are misty and feeble canno

be accepted with confidence. Perhaps there is no subject upon which men and women are less veracious than the number of years they gust and pursue their individing the have lived upon the earth. When people are just beginning to grow old they are not at all proud of their years, and it is usually not until they have reached nearly four score years that they begin to boast about the date of meridan of Greenwich severally beigned to the German expedi- that only women try to conceal their age, but many men like to appea younger than they are for business as well as social reasons.

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many people, old or young, who would go so far as to tell deliberate falsehoods about their age, and, while it probable that a certain proportion of the alleged centenarians first drew breath some years later than 1801, there is little doubt that there are now

living a much larger number of centenarians than at any previous period ince the Psalmist said: "The days of our years are three score years, and ten; if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is goon cut off and we fly away." The advances made in medical science

and surgery, the more general observance of sanitary laws and the lessened consumption of liquor all tended to make people live longer in the nineteenth century than they did in the eighteenth. The chances of long life will probably be very much better in wentieth century than they were in the nineteenth. It was only in the last decade of the nineteenth century that the medical profession realized the important part played by disease germs, and great advances in this direction may be expected during

the early years of this century. While the people of the nineteenth entury lived longer because they ate and drank more moderately than those of the eighteenth century, it is probable that they somewhat shortened their lives by neglecting to take the proper allowance of sleep. The average length of life in the twentieth century will largely depend upon the proportion of it spent in sleep.

But in spite of the obsersanitary laws in spite of " of medicine and improv we must all gro old and pass away. The average of Ufe will be somewhat length need, but the number of men women who will live more than four-score years will probably always

Will the 21th of May be celebrated this year as usual?

The citizens should be on their guard, so that when it is announced that J. B. Rankin and John A. Walker are K. C.'s they won't jump at the conclusion that our esteemed friends have been made Knight Commanders instead of King's Counsel.

The genuine sympathy manifested by the Government and many of the people of the United States towards Great Britain in her bereatvement places that country in a better light than we have yet known. The reign of the demagogue and the lion fail twister must be passing away.

People who subscribe to different down their names than pay up. The West Presbyterian Church in Toronto has a delinquent subscription list numbering 156 against 102 who have paid. The management in future thinks it can bring the "slow-pays" to time by publishing a record of those who have settled and those who have

The cost occasioned to a country by a change of sovereigns is something enormous. For instance, we will have to get new coins, new stamps and new legal and parliamentary blanks. Besides, there are a number of other changes which will have to be made, such as prayers in the Anglican prayer book. The total cost all over the British Empire in this respect will probably run up into many million dollars.

KRUGER'S VIEWS ABOUT DANCING

From the London Ball-Room. Here is a moral for lovers of dancing. It is President Kruger's answer to a request that his name might be used as patron of a ball in honor of Her Majesty's birthday. It is signed by Mr. F. Elpff, his principal secretary. "Sir," the letter ran, "In reply to your favor of the 12th inst., requesting me to ask His Honor the State President to consent to his name being used as a patron of a ball to be given at Johannesburg on the 26th inst., I have been instructed to inform you that His Honor considers a ball as Baal's service, for which reason the Lord ordered Moses to kill all offenders .; and as it is, therefore, contrary to His Honor's principles. His Honor cannot consent to the misuse of his name in such connection." THE "HABIT" OF FRUIT BEARING.

From the Profitable Farm and Garden

Fruit-bearing in trees is merely a habit, for a young tree, taken in at the commencement, need only be pruned during the first three or four years, after with it will dontinue to produce fruit spurs of itself. For it must be remembered that fruit bearing is a habit which may be encouraged in trees and when once they are well trained to do it they will not vary, except in unit ward circumstances. Therefore, the aim of all pruning, whether of root or branch, of young trees, or old, is to induce the fruit-bearing habit.

CHINESE MUSIC.

The Gong and Bell Play the Most Prominent Parts.

Traditions without number are associated with the origin of nearly every musical instrument in use in China at the present day. String and reed instruments such as were used by the aboriginal tribes were the first known. Next came the drums, which were first used to incite warriors on the battlefield to deeds of valor. There are many kinds of drums, distinguished by names indicating their size and use. Stone preceded metal as a musical substance. In the earliest classes musical stones are mentioned. Sixteen in number were hung by a cord, and the

performer pounted out the strains with a small mallet. The stones used by the emperor were made of jade.

Though with most people the trumpet has been given first place among metal instruments, in China the bell takes precedence. The sound is made by striking the rim with a stick. The use of the bell as a musical instrument is, however, largely confined to religious services and ed with other instruments.

The gong is even more popular than the bell. The Chinese gongs are of three kinds—the temple gong, the Soochow gong, which is shaped "like a boiler," and the watch gong, which is used to strike the watches, or divisions of time. The gong is probably the most conspicuous at a theatrical performance of any of the various instruments. It is supposed to strike terror into evil spirits.

the reed organ are the instruments. The la himonest wind serting 19 reed tr's him onest the upper surnear the served the emission of property the mouthpiece resembles the spoint of a kettle and is hiserted in the wide of the gourd. The favorite instruments among the more cultured Chinese

men's among the more cultured Chinese are stringed. These include the she, the k'in, which is said to "restrain and check evil passions and correct the human heart;" the p'i-p'a, a four stringed guitar; the yuek k'in, or moon k'in, named from the moon k hand and the stringed guitar; from its moon shaped soundboard, which has four strings standing in pairs, tuned as fifths to each other, and the Su-chun, or "standard lute," which has 12 strings, yielding exactly the notes of the 12 Luh

or tubes, invented by Ling-lun.

From the beginning of the recorded history of China until the present day music has at all times had an important place in the political system of the Chinese. Its influence on the people and the forming of their character, either for good or evil has never been underestimated. Confucius said, "It gives finish to the character first established by the rules of proprie ty." Since Confucius time has done nothing to lessen the Chinese belief in the inestimable value of music. At the present day there exists an imperia board of music appointed for the purpos of keeping alive the music of the an-cients and of exercising a strict censor

What She Wanted. They had just been married. That was plainly evident to every passenger who watched his tender, protecting air as they stood on the corner waiting for the car to stop. She was a pretty creature, with no end of fluttering blue ribbons decorating her frock, and, though the car But only two seats were vacant, and these were far apart. He placed her in the most desirable one and then, with evident sadness, seated himself at the far end of the opposite side of the car. But she would not have it so. She re-turned his look of wistfulness and pro-tested in a tone of plaintive sweetness distinctly audible to every passenger "But I want to sit next to you, dear," the emphasis on the last word being es

In an instant half a dozen men were on their feet, which gave the happy groom a chance to place her next to himself in a corner seat. Then she nestled close to him, utterly unconscious of any thing unusual in her expression of pref-erence, and as his arm rested behind her shoulders she knew that he was being envied by every man on board.

Joubert's Knowledge of Guns. An American woman tells of a visit she and some friends paid to the Krupp gun works at Essen, Germany, years ago and of encountering Peter Joubert before he thought of going to South Africa. The woman was the guest of the American embassador and his wife, and at the works they were met by Krupp himself. In making their tour of the arsenal they were joined by a man who followed through each department and in a few moments responded to some casual question about guns from one of the party. Once having spoken, he launched forth into such detailed descriptions of their manufacture that Krupp, who had hith-erto been talking, kept still and simply followed as one of the auditors. The man accompanied the party, explaining as he went, until the tour had been made. Then he bowed and retired.

"Who is that man who knows so much about guns?" demanded one of the party.
"Oh, that's a Dutchman named Pete
Joubert," replied one of the officials.

"Do you think he played a perfectly air game?" asked Willie Boye after he had lost all his money to one of the lead-ing citizens of Crimson Gulch. "What do you mean?" asked Three-

finger Sam.

"Why, didn't he stack the cards or ring in a cold deck or something like that?"

"Well, if that ain't egotism! You don't suppose he'd go to sl! that trouble for you, do you?"

Moon Rule For Planting. The "moon rule" for planting garden the ground—such as peas, corn and the like—must be planted in the increase of the moon, from new to full. All things that mature in the ground—like potatoes—must be planted in the decrease or waste of the moon, from full to new.

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of the last will and testament of said ceased, or to said executors, on or hefore The 4th Day of Pebruary, 1901, their christian and surnames and addre with full particulars in writing of their claims, and statement of their accounts and the nature of the security (if any) held by them duly verified by statutory declaration. AND TAKE NOTICE that after the said AND TAKE NOTICE that after the said 4th day of February, 1901, said executors will proceed to distribute the asset of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and the said executors will not be liable for said assets, or any part thereof, to any person or persons of weose claim notice shall not have

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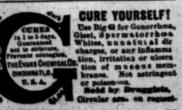
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