

be said upon this but I shall refrain from comment, preferring to avoid competition, the apparently brought the heads of our are told that Mr. placed second on being placed third, that the reason turned out was because considered it wiser in fact, I was told that one of the couldn't give it to

ow did the trustees of 5 B, was? It is said originally given to wards it was placed 1? If it had been it remain in that to be only one tion, and that is the envelopes and ad put in 5 B, and out. Such an action able one, and from done because some axe to grind. This takes a great differ- toria—but if these for the good of the not serve the public not do justice, and personal ends? When so low as to break him, as in the case it is time the and the architects confidence has been inexcusable manner, to imply dishonesty, sake of their own vo of the trustees the apparent dis- which were at the fair.

red persons partici- on to Seattle under Victoria Knights of tion to this particu- reason that I wish to rd as saying that I affair of this kind d with greater de- re credit on the pro- noticeable absence of officers were inde- after the comfort of he reception which received from their a pleasing feature of he Uniformed Rank, purposes, owned the e of the order could of attention. Seattle ly hospitable. This portion of the popu- nale. In fact, I could favor of the Seattle many others could do

lack of spirit displayed by property owners who draw their rents from Victoria property and spend it in other places. Further, it is alleged that the absentee landlord does not do anything to improve his property and that many of the old shacks which disgrace our principal streets are the results of this ruinous policy. Many of these buildings endanger the safety of the public. Some are set up on piles which have long since survived their usefulness. If Victoria hopes to remain in the race for commercial supremacy, she must have these old buildings removed and new and more substantial structures should take their place.

Seattle is growing steadily, but I greatly fear that the city is over-built. Not that this is a great fault under certain conditions, but a great influx will be necessary before the buildings already completed and in progress of construction will be caught up with. Just now, there are a great many vacant houses and offices, and the prospects are that there will be more in future. The business houses complain of lack of trade; in fact the stores along the principal streets wore a rather deserted appearance. However, I think it is within the limit of possibility for the majority of us to live to see the day when Seattle shall become a great city.

"Times are hard" is the remark heard on all sides, and no doubt there is some ground for complaint. But there are many who grumble who have no reason to do so. I am convinced that if there were more optimists and fewer pessimists in the world the world would be all the better for it. We are the same in financial fears that we are in time of pestilence, when two-thirds of the cases of cholera come purely from cholera fear. become nervous and fretful, and to worry over a difficulty, but increases the trouble, while to be cheerful and hopeful, wards off much dreaded danger. No matter if there is danger, a panic but increases it, as every one must have observed when in a frightened crowd. A cool head, clear judgment and a brave heart will often avert the danger and deliver the multitude. While in the financial world there has been some shaking of weak knees, yet there is no call whatever for a cry of unusual danger. It is only the shrinking of the timid and the tottering of the weak. The fittest will survive, as it always has done, according to Nature's law. There is any amount of money in Victoria, and the present stringency can only be temporary. Let business men keep their heads level and they need fear no disastrous termination. With a peaceful and prosperous country, it is the height of folly and absurdity to run pell-mell like sheep and bleat that the wolf is at the door of the sheepfold. Remember "half the ills we heard in life are ills because we heard them."

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longevity among the classic Greeks and Romans are not at all rare. Pliny notes the fact that in the reign of Emperor Vespasian (73 A. D.) there were 124 men living in a limited area on the River Po who were 100 years old and upward. Three of these were 140, and seven others over 130. Cicero's wife lived to be 103, and the Roman actress Luceja played in public after she had celebrated her one hundred and twelfth birthday.