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THE OUTPUT OF KLONDIKE.

the North will be immeasureable.

upon the Dominion government and par- all private expenditure.

Yukon line has somewhat materially altered the situation so far as trans- The death at Coquimbo of Captain fact is now established beyond all doubt sizing because the tow line had become that there is a vast region in the North entangled with the screw of the tug. containing gold in paying quantities. Hart sprang into the water on the inspeaking in a general way, the whole country between the Canadian Pacific the line from the screw and saved the should be appointed is necessary. and the Arctic Circle will reward devellighters and their passengers. On anThe want is one of the many body falls towards morning; we speak opment, and we hold that the duty of oher occasion he saved from destruction things which will have to be met as the the federal government is to rise to an a launch on which were thirty-four men. appreciation of this fact and take up the transportation problem in an intelligent and comprehensive way. The Min-Harberton with lunch while wearing a tention to the transportation problems cabled to America as a blow at the appointed by the government for the of the East. It is not the intention of "rational" movement, turns out to have the Colonist to-day to express any been disposed of on quite another ground. opinion as to the merits of his various The question left to the jury was

a knowledge of local conditions. sonal attention. He will find here a the jury thought this reasonable. field for activity from which results of the greatest possible moment to the The meeting of the Venezuelan bounwhole country can be reaped. No dary commission has been postponed for be officers specially charged with the Canadian public man can ask a greater a month by reason of the necessary abcolonial railway system are highly im- coast of the Caribbean Sea and the portant and will be of immense advan- whole western and southern line of Brittage to Eastern Canada, but the Pacific ish Guiana. These will turn chiefly upon Northwest offers a more promising field. proof of possession, that is, not recen-Speaking with some local knowledge and possession, but such as was established as the result of much consideration, we during the seventeenth and eighteenth have no hesitation in saying hat the centules. provision of adequate transportation facilities for the opening up of Central the Pamirs says that the people of those

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

Hoglish Channel from South Foreland to Boulogne has aroused less attention than it deserves. The French government seems to be very greatly impressed and it is said will arrange for a test land, a distance of 230 miles. The exmarkably successful, replies being receiv- will be the finest by far ever seen in the ed instantaneously, messages of all kinds Pacific Northwest. Such a display in being transmitted at the rate of from 12 to 18 words per minute. It is not gen- Park and the lakes will furnish a specerally known that a lighthouse on the tacle long to be remembered. Goodwin Sands is thus connected with the South Foreland lighthouse, the distance being 12 miles. A touch of a key in the light-ship rings a bell in the lighthouse, although there is no wire connec- It seems a pity that the author of the tion between the two, the signal being hoax was allowed to get away. He given "with the same case and certainty should have been captured and comwith which one can summon a servant pelled to go into partnership with the in a hotel." The light-house has similar Port Townsend and Vancouver geniuses, connection with the Ramsgate life-saving station, and by a system of signals the light-ship can thus secure the services of a life-boat whenever one is needed. Certain even in these days of remarkable inventions this seems just a little marvellous. It is hoped that by this system all the lighthouses around the saving stations. Hope is also expressed that means will be found of enabling vessels to communicate with life-saving

THE SIBERIAN RAILWAY.

Traffic on the Siberian railway exceeds all estimates; so much so that the light rails originally laid are to be replaced with others weighing 72 pounds to the yard. The western section carried last year 490,000 tons of goods, 350,000 passengers and 400,000 peasant emigrants. The last figure is highly significant. It

represents what is probably the mos gigantic emigration on record within a single year, of the people of one nationality. The greater part of the freight consisted of wheat moving westward. At be a surplus of 355,000 tons of wheat in The estimate of the output of the thorities anticipate that at least 800,000 the Altai district, and the railway au-Klondike for 1899 given in yesterday's tons of wheat will be carried from Si-Colonist is so great as to be bewildering. beria westward annually after five Hitherto the general impression has been years, and that by the end of the same any such schemes. The fault lies with that the amount would not exceed that period the total freight traffic of the line the much-talked-of British investor. If of last year by more than fifty per cent. will reach and probably exceed a million he will listen to every cock-and-bull A week ago the Colonist said that the and a half tons. The expenditures of story he is sure to be deceived. British highest estimates made up to that time the Russian government this year upon were of \$20,000,000. The minimum the improvement of this and other chantom to invest in this province on any one's figure mentioned yesterday is double that nels of communication will reach the If the expectations of these gentlemen within a twelvemonth. It is interesting are realized, the world will be amazed to compare this with the \$150,000,000 and the effect upon the development of which it is estimated will be laid out in the United States on new lines of rail-Nearly two years ago this paper urged way this year. The latter is of course

liament the necessity of dealing with this It is said on good authority that United not sense enough to recognize it; but great subject in a broad and statesman- States commercial and manufacturing a well-told falsehood catches them, they like manner. This advice was not taken, houses are already studying the markets put in their cash, and that is the last the mere hem of which we are unable although an effort was made to secure that will be opened by the completion the building of a railway to Lake Teslin. of the railway, and that as yet not many An Eastern gentleman having some The Colonist was not satisfied with the representatives of British concerns are provisional contract with Messrs. Mac- in the field. There seems to be scope kenzic & Mann, but from the informa- here for Canadian enterprise. The points ing mining stocks. The elements of tion then at its command was prepared at which business agencies ought to be risk and the chance of profit were fully to support the government in it and did established with a view to future trade explained to him, and he declined to so. This contract was the first and only are Irkutsk, Tomsk, Omsk and Tobolsk. effort on the part of the government to As the greater the trade between Canada meet the exigencies of the situation as and Siberia, the more important will the the Colonist then understood them, and Coast cities of British Columbia bewe refused to join in any cry against it. come, we feel more than a little interest The building of the White Pass & in this important matter.

portation goes, and meets the immediate James Hart is announced. What makes necessities of the case. There is no the name of this man specially notable longer any necessity or occasion for is that by acts of personal bravery he half measures, and the government saved more than fifty lives. For these ought to present to parliament a com- deeds he received numerous medals and prehensive scheme for dealing with the other rewards. He also had to his credit whole transportation question of the two wholesale acts of live-saving. In North, including that of Central and 1882 two lighter loads of Chilean soldiers Northern British Columbia. Whether were in imminent danger of drowning we accept the above estimate or not, the as the lighters were on the point of cap-Speaking in a general way, the whole stant, dived beneath the tug, disengaged

The prosecution of Mrs. Sprague, an inn-keeper, for refusing to supply Lady plans or the methods by which he aims whether Mrs. Sprague had in point of to accomplish them. These can be bet- fact refused to supply Lady Harberton ter discussed by those persons who have with a lunch, and the jury found that she had not. In her evidence Mrs. The object of this reference is to im- Sprague said that it was necessary in and there is great jealousy of state interpress upon him the necessity of giving the interests of her business to prevent vention in county affairs, the attorneythe transportation question of British persons dressed in an unusual manner general retains the right to intervene

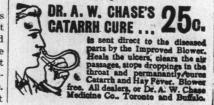
and the betterment of the Inter- dary involves the starting point on the

and Northern British Columbia and the regions fully expect a conflict between Yukon valley promises more to the ad-Russia and Great Britain and earnestly vantage of Canada than any other line desire the success of the latter. The reports which they receive from traders and others who visit India lead them to hope that Russian rule will be supplant The achievement of Signor Marconi in ed by the juster sway of the British. sending telegraphic messages across the This is quite contrary to the generally received idea, which has been that the native races of Central Asia welcomed

The fireworks programme, which the between the Eifel tower and South Fore- for the evening of the Queen's Birthday, illumination committee has decided upon periment across the Channel was re- will attract hundreds of visitors for it will more than please the citizens. It connection with the illumination of the

The great journalistic scoop of the Times in regard to the commander of the Falke will hold the record for some time. who amuse the effete East with wild and woolly tales.

Word has been telegraphed from New York all over the continent that Mrs. tries keeps up to the usual mark. Tak-Sloan says she will not marry Mr. Belmont. The movements of the component such a deficit would be only about 4



PASSING COMMENT

The London Financial Times speaks of the harm done to British Columbia and the Yukon by the placing of bogus nest schemers should bring its good name into disrepute, we do not see what they can do about it. Certain it Columbia people do not desire any one "say-so." They ask that everything against permitting themselves to be deceived by adventurers. There is unforunately a class of people everywhere who are much more readily attracted by a lie than by the truth. Tell them the simple, unvarnished truth and they have money to invest, asked a resident of invest. Later a smooth talker induced him to put \$9,000 into a hole in the ground out of which not a pound of good ore had ever been taken. Now he condemns British Columbia.

LOCAL PROSECUTING OFFICERS. The Chief Justice at the recent assizes ontemporaries are doing, to show that discharge the duties of such a position. Primarily the responsibility for the prosecution of offenders rests upon the Attorney-General, but it is obvious that he cannot give his personal attention to even a large minority of the cases. Therefore no apology for a suggestion province increases in population and general importance. In those provinces where there is county organization the responsibility of conducting prosecutions

several counties, in either case the supervision of the Attorney-General being maintained. No matter what system of providing local officers may be adopted, this supervision must not be abolished. Even in the United States, where each of the hands of the local officers.

We incline to the view that in all the Canadian public man can ask a greater scope for his administrative ability. Sence of Professor Martens, the umpire, ought to be government appointees, so perfect rest. The mere placing of the prosecution of offenders, and that they so that every portion of the body is in Are For Sale. Undoubtedly the opening of the extenWho has to attend the peace conference.

The disputed exection touching the bonn. sion and improvement of the canal systion of remuneration is one upon which there may be a difference of opinion; but probably if the salaries were chargeable against the particular municipality it would be as good an arrangement as any. We know that many people object to appointments being made by the govrnment when the salaries are paid by the municipality, but in matters of this kind, where the whole province would hold the Attorney-General responsible for the manner in which the local officers

> we submit, to follow this course. WHEAT We find in the Oregonian some inter-

esting facts regarding the wheat market. All data on this subject are necessarily only approximations, but they are probably close enough for all practical purposes. The statistics are compiled by several authorities who make a specialty of it, and though they differ somewhat, the difference is not great enough to destroy their value. The Oregonian does not mention what particular set of statistics it accepts, but we assume they are those of the United States Department of Agriculture. From these we gather that the largest world's production of wheat in any one year was in 1898, when the crop was 2,815,000,000 bushels, of which the United States conthe yield was put at 2,129,000,000 bushels, which was the lowest since 1884 with the exception of two years, namely 1885 and 1889. The prospective shortage of 100,000,000 bushels in the crop of the United States would not seem to be very serious matter in view of these figures, provided the yield of other couning an average of the last fifteen years, United States usually exceeds 200,000,ported in 1897 was 210,000,000 bushels

Where is this surplus? If it is in the hands of the farmers and if this year's crop should be 100,000,000 bushels short, there will be still 40,0000,000 bushels the present time there is estimated to propositions upon the market. While more available than in 1897. The Canevery one in this province regrets that adian yield is likely to show a considerable increase this year, though per hans not enough to affect materially the price in the world's markets. In fact is that no British Columbians are behind the product of all the wheat-producing countries is so large and means of transportation are so much improved that no one nation's crop controls the

amount. The names of those who are enormous sum of \$250,000,000, which is shall be thoroughly investigated. The in urging the claims of the province to mentioned in connection with these later probably the largest governmental expapers of the province have on hundreds fair play at the hands of the Dominion estimates entitle them to consideration. probably the largest governmental expenditure ever made for such a purpose of occasions warned foreign investors is just what any one would expect from

THE MYSTERY OF SLEEP

The Spectator says that the most common things are the most mysterious. It might have gone further and said that all common things are mysterious. In short, we are surrounded with mysteries. to penetrate. Take so simple a thing as a pansy blossom. What is the force which leads the sap of the plant to deposit a particular kind of pigment at a particular place? What is the differ ence between floral pigments, any way that one is vellow and another blue? What is perfume? Does it weigh anything? So we might go over the whole domain of the common-place and on every hand we would find inscrutable mysteries. The mystery of sleep is possibly more involved than any other, but it is scarcely more remarkable.

We do not even know what sleep is. at Vancouver drew attention to the ne- Dr. Andrew Wilson says it is a process essity of local prosecuting officers being by which Nature banks the fires and ppointed. It is quite unnecessary to make slows down the engines, which is a very an argument, as some of our Vancouver excellent simile, but sheds no light upon the Chief of Police cannot be expected to do you go when you go to sleep?" rethe question. The child's query "Where mains unanswered, and doubtless will remain so for a long time yet. The physical effect of sleep is fairly well understood, and Dr. Wilson fitly describes it as above. The work of all the glands is reduced, and there seems to local prosecuting officers cules of which the body is built up. In now of normal sleep at night. Carpenter, in his "Human Physiology," says that darkness and silence induce sleep, but this rule is open to many exceptions, is upon the counties, or upon officers can only sleep when the stones are turning and who wakes when they stop. Newfoundland It is also opposed to the experience of every one who has every sung a baby to British to sleep. The philosophy of these exceptions is that a more or less monoton ous noise induces sleep by withdrawing Columbia at the attention of the person from every absolute silence combined with perfect physical rest will induce sleep more The Canada Columbia and the Yukon his close per- lunching in the public coffee room, and and take the prosecution of offenders out narcotic. Therefore it is recommended to the heads of the heads of the lead of the heads of the lead o that persons who find a difficulty i large centres of population there should tion that no muscle is under any strain diately induce sleep. But these considerations only relate

> What is the condition of the mind during sleep? Is it wholly passive? This is not answered by reference to dreams, for there is good reason to suppose that dreams come at the very moment of awakening. Herein lies a phase of the mystery that is marvellously fascinating. We all know that we dream in a very discharge their duties, it would be wise, short space of time of a series of events requiring days and sometimes even years. They are just as real to us as anything that happens while we are awake. How are we to explain the apparent lapse of time? Nearly every one knows of cases Per Day which prove that dreams covering almost a life time have gone through our minds in almost an infinitesimal space of time. Thus the falling of some heavy object has been known to awaken person and in the moment of awaken ing cause him to dream the history of a whole campaign culminating in cannon shot. Some philosophers have said that to the Creator of the Universe there is no such thing as time, but only an eternal now. Our dreams suggest that if we were rid of "this muddy vesture of decay," time might cease to be, and we might live in an eternal present without a past or future, so that eternity would be without sensible duration. tributed less than a quarter. In 1897 In other words, duration of time is apparent only and is due to our imperfect powers. Here is a field for speculation which is certainly wide enough and ur

the physical phenomenon. They leave

untouched the mental side of the case

canny enough. The Spectator asks what becomes the soul and the mental and moral powers during sleep. Somnambulists do things which indicate that some part of the spiritual side of man's nature takes leave of the body, or else becomes dorparts of the solar system, temporarily per cent., which is considerably less than idea of the soul disconnecting itself from British coast will be put in communication. The preWho the dickens are these people, any valence of famine over a large area in valence of famine over a large area in gests that during sleep possibly the soul Russia is a disturbing factor, but on the becomes partially liberated and finds Victoria Chemical Co., Ltd Now it is said that one of the Spanish garrisons in the Philippines does not know that the war is over. There is not much in this to wonder at ation is more completely effected during 000 bushels a year. The amount ex- a trance, and that at death the liberation is final and complete. Surely and the crop was 530,000,000 bushels, nothing can be more wonderful and which left 320,000,000 bushels for home mysterious than all this. Yet with all consumption. Last year the export the inscrutableness of it, we suppose that reached 215,000,000 out of a crop of no one who reads this will feel the least 679,000,000 bushels, leaving 460,000,000 hesitation when night comes in embarkfor home consumption or 140,000,000 ing upon that mysterious lake of silence more than was left in the previous year. so like the vast ocean of Death,

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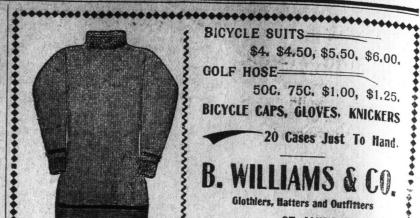
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as a result we have that in lake fields, nine "It is predicted," sai Atlin and surounding year earn the right to next spring. I would n any man to go in with a country as rich as the the possibilities, taking into consideration, ar In the district to wh found a country when is evenly distributed, in een touched on the discovered payable re Apart from the gold and all classes of min quirements will create speculative mining cam sembling in many re iles inland, is now th but is no place for the represented there; but of the At!'n country. "As the map shows, situated in British term f the boundary line ser Northwest Territory fro The railway now compling over the much-dread comes all the initial d waterways and trails obstacle for an easy the new mining areas. "The first discoveries akes, and every stea

brings news of new strik the whole country is an Boulder. Dagle, Birch, Sp and Willow creeks are gold, and over 10,000 ocated. Large individu not be made on the all but they will be made i the large quartz deposits of golden wealth in the gions remains as yet unto machinery to take it out. 'Under the British Col regulations a royalty of payable, but seldom colleten per cent. under the tory regulations, applications, which is strictly en sequence of this is that turns are as much as po order to evade the tax will shortly be removed however, to be little dou gold to the value of ove out of the Klondike. "Atlin is an ideal mi are no excessive hardshi or great expense incurre the fields. It is a coclimate, with ample wat all requirements, and ear Moreover, it is a locali winter is not to be dr natural recommendation great riches, have had the outside world, which in the scores that are tions of the Pacific Coast and the preparation of th to go there in spring, con "In conclusion, I might possession of an adequ means available for the sea support until the fields a enterprising miner need h himself of the opportuni him on the gold belt of Al tal would enable any min Atlin country with suffici keep him going until he co for himself."

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