

THE HEAVENS IN DECEMBER

By Prof. Doolittle, Astronomer to the University of Pennsylvania.

The planet Saturn which, with its rings, has been so beautiful an object for observation during the past month, has now sunk low down in the southwest. It is in the western edge of the faint autumn constellation Aquarius, and while in the early evening it can still be seen, it is steadily drawing nearer and nearer to the sun and will soon be lost to us for another year. Meanwhile the ever interesting little planet, Mars, has been moving steadily eastward among the stars. The constellations set a little earlier on each successive evening, but Mars is passing over them just as rapidly as they are sinking toward the ground, so that during the entire month the planet will set at almost exactly the same hour each evening. In its eastward motion it will enter Aquarius, and on Christmas night it will meet the planet Saturn. The two planets will then present a most beautiful aspect in a small telescope. They will be so close together that they can both be seen at once in the glass, and the red color of Mars and the greenish tint of Saturn will be very striking.

Except for the planets just mentioned, however, the western sky is pale in interest before the magnificent constellations which now cover the heavens toward the East. Orion, the most brilliant constellation of all, shines out just in the borders of the Milky Way, while above this is the almost equally brilliant Taurus, with the Pleiades and Hyades, those two little groups which have ever been the most noted objects in the poetry and mythology of the heavens. To the east of Taurus is the bright group Gemini, or the Twins, while below Gemini there has now appeared for the first time this year the two Dog Stars, Procyon

and Sirius, the latter being by far the highest star of the entire sky. The beautiful group Gemini, which the observer will have but little difficulty in tracing out in the sky, has been held to represent twins of some sort from the most remote antiquity. It might be supposed that this figure by the two bright twin stars, A and B, Fig. 1. Yet there are many other pairs of stars of the same magnitude and of the same color which are held to represent twins. The origin of many of the constellations is lost to us. The Arabians saw in the group of stars two peacocks, the Egyptians two sprouting plants, and the Hindus twin deities while in the Buddhist Zodiac they represented a woman holding a golden cord. Since classic times, however, the figure has always been that of human twins, which were supposed to have been placed in the sky as a reward for the love of one another on earth. They were the guardians of Rome and were hence inscribed on the

not only this bright star itself, but a number of very faint stars, also which are far too faint to be seen with the naked eye. Beside these, he will notice two fine straight lines, the whole looking, perhaps, as shown in Fig. 5. The two fine lines are two little spider threads which are lit up at night by the little lamp at L, Fig. 4.

The beautiful planet Jupiter is also in excellent position for observation. It is now midway between the Eryx and Pleiades, at the point J, Fig. 1. During the month this planet will move slowly westward, reaching the point K by the end of the year.

The position of Mars and Saturn is shown on Fig. 1; the other planets can be seen during this month in the early evening.

ERIC DOOLITTLE.

GAZETTE NOTICES.

A Number of Appointments—More Companies Incorporated.

The following notices appear in yesterday's Provincial Gazette:

John Flewin, of Port Simpson, S. M., to be registrar of the Port Simpson registry for the company.

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Mr. Bodwell stated that in the evidence of Thos. Barrie he had said that it was for the purpose of supplementing the supply of water to the city. The contract with the National Electric Company was signed on May 20th and Mr. Lubbe in his evidence of discovery had stated that the work had commenced about a week before the act was passed. The National Electric Company had proposed that the work should be done for the purpose of supplementing the supply of water to the city. It was then reasonable to suppose that the work which was allowed was sufficient to complete the works if they had intended them to supply the city of Victoria.

His Lordship pointed out that if the company had the right to build a dam for appropriating water for different purposes under the act, it was reasonable to suppose that the work which was allowed was sufficient to complete the works if they had intended them to supply the city of Victoria.

Mr. Bodwell held that the word "appropriation" had a very definite meaning which was that it signified the condemnation of the intention of some purpose which had been foreseen. He also held that the company could not appropriate more than was necessary to supply the city of Victoria.

After a little discussion between Mr. Bodwell and his Lordship over the right of the plaintiffs to the water, the case was adjourned to be taken up on Monday at 10:30 o'clock.

ANOTHER LOCHINVAR.

The Toronto Star. Having just finished reading in Saturday's Young Lochinvar.

Who in venture so gaudy went into the world with the idea that he was well dressed. To my mind comes a picture I cannot forget.

Just a few months ago remember this day—On a winter's evening we were well under way.

Attending to some one's death but could not appear. And, as for sensation, 'twas akin to a dream.

For his vest it was green and his Ascot was red. About the same shade as the crop on his head.

And his ears did protrude, just like great lions. Though for that we can't blame him—'twas the way he was born.

But the star of diamonds was as much through the car. Made as much of the scalp of that Young Lochinvar.

All day he asked questions of a kind most absurd. The ladies raised a good round that he wished to be heard.

For he seemed quite needless—his tog stood for that. In "day" hats, and in saddle tones we all wished him to go.

But he seemed quite oblivious—this was the Young Lochinvar.

When the party that night went to make up his berth. It was an occasion for much suppressed rage.

At the sight of his boxes and bags in the hall. Oh! you bet, this young nuisance was a tramping in style.

let me tell you, and we are going to build the road. The Great Northern have asked for a continuance until the 22nd to put in their evidence and plans. Our surveys were made over three years ago, and the Hill outfit will have a hard time bucking them.

"Let me say in as emphatic a manner as possible," and Mr. McLean brought his hand down on his knees to emphasize the remark—"that the Hill-Kootenay is an independent line and in no way associated or connected with the Canadian Pacific. This newspaper talk is all nonsense and the reporters are up in the air when they write anything to the contrary."

In reply to a question as to the trouble about the road, Mr. McLean said: "The trouble arose through the non-receipt of funds from New York when the sub-contractors had completed their work."

Grand Forks, Dec. 7.—In the police court yesterday Alex. McDougall was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labor in the provincial jail at Nelson on the charge of forgery. He pleaded guilty to forging Dr. C. M. Kingston's name to a check for \$40, payable to himself. As the accused was arrested shortly after he was recovered. McDougall had been in town for about a week and expected to be employed at the Granby mill. Chief of Police Shields left today with McDougall for the provincial jail at Nelson.

Peter Donaldson, Thomas Foulston and Peter Wright have just been notified of their appointment by the city council to the office of deputy returning officers for the approaching city elections.

There is considerable strife here at present over the building of a large hotel on the corner of Bridge street and the hotel keepers making strong opposition to his receiving a license. The proposed new hotel is found necessary in order to comply with the new liquor licence by-law.

The board of district licensing commissioners for the Boundary district on the 15th inst., when several applications will be considered.

Charles K. Simpson brought three fine large deer to his ranch near this city yesterday, the deer being shot near Fisherman's Creek. It is also reported that great numbers of deer have been seen in the mountains near the Great Northern Railway. The local lions with odds in favor of Grand Forks.

Word has just reached here that the First Thought mine at Fiers Mountain is now employing some 50 men and is making regular shipments of ore daily to the Granby smelter. New mines are raising up every hand. New mines are raising up every hand.

At last evening's session of the city council, Colin Campbell, the well known accountant, was appointed official city auditor, to audit the books for the past year. There were two other applications for this position.

The audit is to be completed by January 8 next.

At last evening's council meeting the mayor's salary by-law was finally passed, it providing for the mayor receiving \$400 as salary for the past year. At the same meeting the aldermen's salary by-law passed its third reading. It provides for salaries to the aldermen of \$245 each for the past year.

The Grand Forks Amateur Athletic Association has nearly completed the building of the big skating rink in the centre of the city. The rink is now open for skating and is a great attraction for the coming winter.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles gave a mammoth smoker to the local labor union here last evening. There were over two hundred present. A great novelty on the programme for the evening was a sparring match between two smelter employees named Nelson and Bunting, who sparred a lively contest for three 2-minute rounds. Bunting being declared an easy winner in the third round.

A CHURCH CONTROVERSY.

Reply Made to Matter of Exclusion of Unitarian Delegates.

Boston, Dec. 7.—A reply to their exclusion from the Federation of Unitarian churches was made by Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale, former governor of Maine, and Samuel A. Eliot, president of the American Unitarian association and today this was forwarded in the form of a letter to the pastors of all the Unitarian churches of Boston, who will read it Sunday. The address says in part: "We are rejoiced to admit to the meeting on the ground that Unitarians are not Christians. Our characters were not impeached, but our beliefs were condemned as heretical. We make no controversy over our action, which puts not us, but its promoters, at the bar of an enlightened public opinion. In view of it, however, it seems time for us to affirm anew the simple truth, proclaimed of old by Christ himself, that righteousness, life and spiritual efficiency rather than orthodoxy of belief is the test of Christianity."

After Witte The Deluge

So Long as New Premier Stands There is Hope for Russia.

Majority of People Are Too Weak to Withstand the Anarchists.

London, Dec. 8.—The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at St. Petersburg, in a despatch dated December 6, blames the anarchists as being largely responsible for the existing situation, saying: "Knowing that legality will deprive them of their only weapon, they are working day and night to bring about a revolution. Unfortunately a large section of the population in the village of Ivanovo, and in the cities of Nizhny Novgorod and Vladimir, are working day and night to bring about a revolution. Unfortunately a large section of the population in the village of Ivanovo, and in the cities of Nizhny Novgorod and Vladimir, are working day and night to bring about a revolution."

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