Arbor Vitae of Government Grounds Wants Additional Elbow Room -More of Immortal Douglas.

Another Artistic Idea as to Orna mental Trees-The Matter of the Yukon Trade.

To THE EDITOR:-The most truthful, out spoken acknowledgment of British Colum

Dyea as a port of entry, it has this to say:

The only region back of Dyea at which
much busines: will be done in the near
future is that of the Klonkyke, and that
region is in Canada. American goods carried into the Klondyke country must pay
Canadian duties, and therefore will be
handicapped in competition with Canadian goods if the latter are permitted to
enter the port of Dyea and pass through to
the Klondyke country in bond. To place
the products of the United States on an
equal footing with those of Canada in the
whole of the Upper Yukon valley is the
object of the present protest against the
established port of entry at Dyea. Under
existing circumstances Dyea, if given port
of entry privileges, will be virtually a Canadian rather than an American port. It
will be the gate through which British products will be carried free of duty to compete on the Klondyke with American goods

ducts will be carried free of duty to compete on the Klondyke with American goods subject to duty. This view of the case will certainly present itself to Secretary Gage and the commerce committee when they investigate the subject, and we may confidently expect the port to be closed.

The port of Dyea, is not going to be closed, consequently the trade will be done from Canadian cities. Anyone going to Klondyke and purchasing his outhit in an American city will be simply throwing his money away, and the Call has been honest enough to tell them'so.

A LOVER OF TRUTH.

The Editors:—Will it be more pleasant and profitable to have a view of the pride and glory of British Columbia, the majestic new parliament buildings from Government street, or retain the dismal, ugly looking skeleton populars now obstructing it? Vox populi a d populi say they ought to be removed at once. The few friends, athetic holding a contrary opinion may plant weeping willows on the harbor's banks, hang their discordant harps thereon, emblens of their crocodile tears and lamentations—the winds will play the tune free of cost. There cannot be any more beautiful or more suitable framework for these grand edifices than a well kept lawn with a few evergreens scattered about—of which there are plenty indiginous—and so no need to disgrace our national institutions with indignations—and so no need to disgrace our national institutions with indignations. To THE EDITOR: -Will it be more pleasant

terry opinion may pain. The exemption of the proposed increases of the contract of the contrac

of "Protos Mecanicos," allow me to say that the late government buildings were erected in 1859, during the governorship of the "immortal Douglas," that the grounds in their natural state were thickly covered with majestic cakes, lordly pines and evergreen shrubbery, that the entire square was cleared of them trees and shrubbery and that even the subsoil was removed and cast into the harbor to level Belville street and create a sea wall. Practically, not a spear of grass or a spoonful of loam, to say nothing of the trees and shrubbery, was left on the grounds. Hundreds of old settlers can attest to the truth of this statement and will agree with me that your latest correspondent has invoked the wrong "shade," besides misquoting the exquisite poem, "Woodman, Spare That Tree."

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spoken acknowledgment of British Columbia's tremendous advantages over any and all cities in the United States as a Klondyke outfitting point, coming as it does from one of the largest journals in an American city on the Pacific Coast, the San Francisco Call, should be taken up at once by all the British Columbia advertising committees and heralded broadcast throughout the land. In an editorial of December 16, recommending the closing of Dyea as a port of entry, it has this to say:

The only region back of Dyea at which much business will be done in the near future is that of the Klonkyke, and that region is in Canada. American goods car-

PUBLICOLA.

To THE EDITOR:—Yes, Christmas is coming, for Saturday of this week will be Christmas Day, the mere mention of which day sends a thrill of joy to the national heart, affording as it does opportunity to wish "A Merry Christmas" to those we meet.

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Of the rejoicings over its celebration in no part of Christendom will it be observed with more heartfelt glee than in our beloved country and its wide-spread domain, for such rejoicing will not be confined to the homes of our native land, but will show itself in those of our people in Canada, Austria, New Zealand, Africa, aye and even distant India.

And well, indeed, there should be such rejoicing for all nations under the sun

ings, doubtless, largely owing to her right comprehension of the genius and spirit of Christianity as expressed in the excellence of our national faith.

Molson's bank and the object of their visit to Victoria is to establish a branch here. The party is composed of Mr. F. Wolferstan Thomas, general manager; Mr. Wm. McPherson, son of Sir David McPherson, son of Sir David

Captain Walbran Arrives With Rescued Survivors of the "Cleveland" Disaster.

No Difficulty Anticipated in Saving the Wreck-Dishonest Siwashes Learn a Lesson.

The Dominion steamer Quadra reand Gertham beidg here for treatment at the Marine Hospital. The Quadra also delivered at the Victoria provincial jail six Indian prisoners convicted of looting the stranded steamer during the absence of Captain Hall and his crew, and sentenced to from one to six months' im-prisonment at hard labor, their plunder

enced to from one to six months in risonment at hard labor, their plunder from the ship having already been returned. No news has been had of the still missing boat and none of the Cleveland's crew now entertain even a reasonable hope of its deliverance. The ship itself has been patched a little, and the steamers Czar, Mand and Willapa will haul her off and bring her to Victoria for repair as soon as her cargo holds have been cleared.

On the just completed cruise the Quadra has undoubtedly rendered the been cleared. When the steamers care that the product of the preduction of the completed cruise the plant of the preduction of the completed attempts of the present service of her career. That she halted on her search for the missing boats long enough to attend to the preduction as the production of the ship wrecked seamen and passengers in his efforts to promote the comfort of the ship wrecked seamen and passengers and the was ghat and provincial constable McKenna in the ship wrecked seamen and passengers and provincial constable McKenna and the ship wrecked seamen and passengers and the most importance are news obtained by the cutter's return are news obtained to find the control of the ship was found, and the vessel heading for the same on the wire was up and in condition for handling all the business that might be offered—yet when the news of the Cleveland week reached Alberni with the rescent boats of the repossibility for which is the subject of the line's will be repossibility for which is the subject of the preduction of the suffering crew on the return from Hesquotic with the rescent base of the reached the repossibility for which is the subject of the line's the repossibility for which is the subject of the line of the reached the repossibility for which is the subject of the line repossibility for wh

will be forced by his injuries to remain for some little time to come, Mr. S. B. Durfee, the chief officer of the Clere-

"At once she came to our assistance and returned to the wreck. On Sunday afternoon we were taken to Alberni for treatment, our feet and legs being fearfully swollen and painful. Here we received the best of attention and were treated with great kindness and hospitality. tressed Mariners.

treated with great kindness and hospitality. When we refured to the wreck a number of the Hedians who had been plundering the vessel's goods were tried and four of them convicted, receiving light sentences. Leaving the wreck we anciored near Depagh island and soon after set sail for Victoria.

"As to second officer Henderson and his boat's crew. I fear they will never be Drive to Nanaimo.

his boat's crew, I fear they will never be safely after giving up all hope of seeing home and friends again. S. B. Durfee,

"First Officer S. S. Cleveland." TRIAL OF THE INDIANS. Participants in the Looting of the "Cleve

land" to Serve Varying Short Terms

Years of Suffering.

WAS THE GREAT LIFE-GIVER.

Quadra in Hesquoit harbor, where the government steamer had picked up the THE WIRE TO

Assertion That Political Interference Made It Useless to Dis-

Strange Cause Assigned for the "Cleveland" Purser's Long

turned yesterday from her rescue cruise on the West Coast, bringing here six of the Cleveland's company, First Officer S. B. Durfee, R. P. O'Neill, Robert Isbister, David Crawley, A. E. Thomas, Frank Gertham, Thomas McColl and School and School Crawley of the Cleveland's Company opinion even the chance of the works, left by the morning train for Nanaimo yesterday, accompanied by a leaving the ship, and as it was an old and unseaworthy metallic concern it stood a very poor chance indeed in the graph line from Alberni to Nanaimo on weather through which we emerged the left instant. This is a Mr. William Henderson, resident Alfred Falkner—all but O'Neill, Thomas weather through which we emerged Tuesday, the 14th instant. This is a government wire, maintained and operworks department, and connecting with the C.P.R. service on the Island at Nanaimo. On the government wire there is a station at Parksville, a little cluster of heuses on Englishman's River, 25 miles or thereaboute from the Coal City. It is at this point that the "break" appears to have been made, fixing the responsibility for which is the subject of the present investigation.

The unfortunate fact in a nutshell is this—that the wire was up and in condition for handling all the business that might be offered—yet when the news of a might be news the prima doma contraitor of the salaways commanded. The stalaways commanded to fear a might be ated under the direction of the public

Made Well and Active After

may reward his henchman with a five or ten dollar a month office.

When the steamship Cleveland was wrecked and the purser started for Al-berni, I promptly wired you the news. The wires were up and the line open-yet PAINE'S CELERY COMPOUND the message with others remained unsent. On that occasion the instruments were

out of adjustment, and for almost two weeks the line was allowed to remain inoperative, it is said, because the new adopt operator did not understand how to adjust his instruments and didn't like to 1898:

SCALCHI'S MUSICAL CAREER. rom Early Girthood She Has Been the

that no other artist has had the success that has followed this great contralto

throughout her career.

When only a very young girl she started in her native city of Bergamo, and at once made an immense hit. She was only sixteen years of age when her mother consented after myth promise. sented after much persuasion to let her make her first appearance in public. The girl's voice even at so early an age was considered something out of the common, and after her first appearance she was engaged for the year.

At twenty-one she was engaged by Col. Mapleson at an immense salary to sing in London at the Drury Lane theatre, which was then the Imperial opera house. The London critics at the time laughed at the Colonel for his promise to bring before them the youngest and best contraits they had ever heard. Scalchi made her first appearance in London with Thearese Tietjens and scored an enormous success. The older artist had to take the young girl before the curtain no fewer than ten times.

wonderfully powerful voice of which she is possessed.

Mile. Marie Du Bedat, mezzo-soprano,; Mr. T. McQueen, tenor; Sig. Alberti, baritone; and Sig. Gallia, musical director, are also members of the company. All of the artists will appear in a miscellaneous concert, Mme. Scalchi singing her famous airs "Nobil Signor (Huguenots), and also "The Lost Chord." Part second will consist of a complete performance in costume of a complete performance in costume of a complete performance in costume Verdi's "Il Trovatore."

BASKET BALL SCHEDULE. ogramme of Events as Arranged for the Present Season-League Meeting

The Victoria Basket Ball League has adopted the following schedule for 1897.

Mme. Scalchi, the wonderful contraito and her associate artists, will be heard at the Victoria theatre this evening. Mme. Scalchi is without doubt one of the best artists is without doubt one of the best Klondyko. Klondyke.

> Steamer "Santa Cruz" Again Afloat and Proceeding in Damaged Condition.

> > (From Our Own Correspondent.)

NANAIMO, Dec. 22.—The steamer Geo. W. Elder arrived this forenoon at De-At twenty-one she was engaged by Col. parture Bay from Skagway, Juneau and other Northern ports. She brought between 20 and 30 passengers. At the time she left there had not been any fresh arrivals from the interior.

At the coast towns winter has set in

rogress of the Public Schools as Shown by the Christmas Examinations

THOSE VATOLES.

The property of the property o Galiano, Dec. 20 .- (Special)-The Christmas examination of the children attending the Galiano Island public school took place

felt too miserable to move. The lump was probably two or three ten-minute lunches condensed The man who "bolts" his lunchs will find Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets the best friend

he ever met.
There is no case of billiousness. There is no case of billiousness, consti-pation, indigestion, "heart-burn," or any of the rest of the night-mare breeding brood, that these little "Pellets" will not cure. They cure permanently. Send 31 cents in one-cent stamps to World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y., and receive Dr. Pierce's 1008 page "Common Sense Medical Adviser," profusely illus-trated.



PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

1st December, 1897 Is Becomor, 1097.

Its Honour the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to appoint Captain William John Rant, of the city of Victoria, to the undermentioned offices, to reside and usually perform his duties at Lake Bennett, Cassiar, name-

ipendiary Magistrate for the Stickine Polling Division, Gold Commissioner, Government Agent, Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works, Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works, Assessor and Collector under the "Assessment Act." and a Collector under the "Revenue Act." and "Evernme-Tax Act." for that portion of the Stickine Folling Division known as "Bennett Lake" Division.



PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

15th November, 1897.
ARTHUR RAMSAY MARSHALL and DUNALD MCCALLUM, of Thurlow Island, Evquires, to be
fustices of the Peace within and for the County
of Nanaimo.

THE little folks of the Centennial Earthquakes at Smyrna.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 22.—A number of earthquakes, increasing in intensity, have occurred to-day around Smyrna, Asia Minor. Already considerable damiage has been done, some having been killed, and many injured.

And intile folks of the Centennial Methodist church enjoyed, their annual Sunday school treat last evening. The event was given in the church, was splendidly arranged and admirably carried out, every number on the programme being something pleasing for the many present.

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GLEASON IS The Vicious Equines fr Brought Into Comple

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The market hall was evening with ladies a where Professor Gleaso very forcibly his pow Before commencing th tertainment the Profess address upon horse tra principally upon the fact of people having remark tertainments were not witness on account cruelty to the animal brought to be broken in. At about 8:40 the first

brated Thunderbolt, w Various people have, du years, attempted to tan without success. however, not only hitch and drove him around gained such mastery over animal followed him rot an obedient poodle. A bay horse, also the p Richardson of Westmin oolt's owner, was next gave a very lively exhib for ten minutes without then suddenly stopped a trying to remember so forgotten. The profes nim last night, and save

the work before leaving The liveliest animal o black mare, owned by This is a remarkably but very wild, having al hurt two or three India sayed to break her in. bought the mare up mise of Professor Gleason and though still a little ore leaving the city. the bay horse made a

to handle, but Gleason splendidly, although Professor Gleason clai completely subdue the thirty minutes, and under a wager of \$25.0 animal named broken minutes.
All the animals shown

be sold by auction at to-day at 2 o'clock. During the entertain ing the professor states citizens would club toge number of vicious horse another exhibition, cha fee and give the proceed the city. This annound the applause it well dese CRAIGFLOWER

An Excellent Showing Mad mas Public Exam

The public examinatio school was held on Fr the 17th instant, when the attendance of pupils an The examination in their respective was pleasingly varied At the request of the Kirker conducted the

anatomy.
In addressing the audi man, Dr. Kirker, con pupils and their teacher on the excellent work evidenced by the exami special mention of the the fifth class in gramma The teacher stated Shepherd, a pupil of successful candidate at

entrance examination A cordial vote of than Trustee J. W. Rowland Trustee E. Whittier, wa chairman, and the meethe singing of the nation

Three Droy North Tonawanda, I While skating on Elli this place last night a p through the ice. Miss was rescued in an uncorbut will recover. Wm. 19; Miss Rose Newman Michael Coleman, aged?

Yacht for an I NEW YORK, Dec. 2 yacht Yampa, which is purchased recently for peror, sailed at noon ampton. Mr. R. Sps owner, had expected to tic in the yacht but che The Yampa is comman John Burt and carries It is said she will reach about 20 days.