

Provincial News.

SANDON.

Port & McMillan have been awarded the contract for the construction of a new wharf at Sandon. The completed wharf will be turned over to the city on January 15th. The contract calls for a wharf building 40x40 feet with a small chamber and fire hall on the second floor, a lockup in the basement and a courtroom on the second floor.

FERNIE.

Mike Dorkin, a Slav, was up in the police court charged with assaulting Pauline Morris, another Slav. They were having a good time at a dance in honor of a wedding which had taken place in the morning, and Pauline refused to dance with Mike, hence the assault. Mike's defence was that in his country when a girl refused to dance with a fellow he had a right to make her, so he proceeded to kick her into dancing humor. Pauline resented such treatment, and had Mike arrested on a charge of assault. Justice of the Peace Trites informed Mike that in this country ladies have the right to do as they pleased, and fined him \$15 and costs or ten days in jail. He paid his fine.

NELSON.

W. Ferguson Anderson has resigned his position in the C. P. R. service. Recently he filled the position of district tinsmith agent. Mr. Anderson leaves shortly for the East. The name of his successor has not been announced. George Bigelow's reign at the fire hall was of short duration. He was appointed by the mayor at 11.30 on Tuesday morning. No one else was appointed in his place. Chief Thompson is, however, still making his headquarters at the fire hall, and in case of fire will take charge of the brigade, and the men will follow his instructions. The Nelson volunteer fire brigade culminated on Tuesday in the dismissal of Chief Thompson and the appointment of Geo. Bigelow in his place.

GRAND FORKS.

Joseph Fawcett, a young man hailing from Merced, California, met with an accidental death last Saturday while deer hunting, 20 miles north of this city. His companions included his brother Frank, and M. P. Johns, Mayor of Merced. The hunters were out on a hill. During the day Fawcett got separated from the others. As he did not return at dusk they grew suspicious and their alarm increased when they heard four rifle shots. The sound, but could make no progress in the darkness. The next day they followed footprints and discovered a deer carcass which Fawcett had suspended in a tree. The hunters presumed that his companion had gone home by another trail and reached the cabin to find it locked. The search was resumed and on Monday the body of the deceased was found in a tree, a shooting hill. Footprints showed that he had slipped and fallen. It is thought that he broke his neck by the fall. The body was removed here and an inquest will be held. The Fawcetts followed the occupation of hunters.

NANAIMO.

Alderman Mason, who filled the office of deputy mayor in the absence of Mayor Bate in England, will run for mayor. The contest between him and Alderman Cocking will be an interesting, and in all probability, a very close one. The sun to be paid by the corporation to the Nanaimo Water Works company for the purchase of the water has been handed over before the 1st of January. To this end the by-law authorizing the expenditure was rushed through the preliminary stages at Monday night's meeting of the council. Satisfaction is felt here at the result of the Victoria Railway by-law voting, as merchants recognize how closely the city's interests are bound with Victoria, and hope the victory for the by-law will be followed by development of the Island.

Nanaimo vital statistics for November are: Births, 9; marriages, 9; deaths, 9. New post offices were opened yesterday at Ganges Harbor and New Alberni. A number of others, it is understood, will be opened hereabouts soon.

Six children, from seven years to twelve, were arraigned before the magistrate yesterday charged with breaking into and stealing toys from Stevenson & Co.'s store. The magistrate severely admonished the children's parents. The eldest boy will go to the reformatory for a term of years. His Honor advised the parents to spank the youngsters and send them to Sunday school.

Since the passing of the railway by-law a firmer tone was to be observed in all lines of business here. Real estate, which had been languishing for some time back, picked up in a remarkable way, and some lively exchanges at good prices took place. The strength of the confidence in themselves and their Island passed by the people of Victoria. An excellent sign of the times is the extraordinary security of houses. They are simply not to be had for love money, and where a family vacate for any reason, the place is snapped up immediately. A good deal of building is going on, but not nearly enough to satisfy the demand.

VANCOUVER.

Chief Justice McColl's decision in the Japanese appeal from the action of the collector of votes in refusing to enter a Catholic church just erected at Vancouver will be given in a few days. Vancouver's civic voters' list contains 9174 names and its provincial list 5,114 names.

A gang of daylight robbers are successfully operating in the city. Robberies of money, watches and jewellery have been of frequent occurrence.

The committee chosen by the board of trade to consider the offer of the C. P. N. Company, regarding the establishment of a line of steamers between Vancouver and Skagway, have decided to reject the C. P. N. Company to fill in the details lacking in the original proposal, such as the exact amount of interest the city is asked to guarantee, and

the cost and plans of the new steamer which it is proposed to build for the route, etc.

An effort is being made here to establish a training ship for boys. News has been received of Dr. William Kendall, who arrived here in 1894, and suddenly disappeared on April 14th, 1896. So completely did he vanish that the theory was held by many in Vancouver that he had committed suicide and been done away with. E. J. Clarke, who was formerly associated with Mr. Kendall in business here, was one of those who did not believe his former partner was dead, and after working four years on the case, his suspicions have been confirmed. This week Mr. Clarke received a cable from the chief of police of Worthing, England, announcing that Kendall had been boarding for some time in that town with his invalid aunt.

It has been decided by R. A. Anderson, deputy magistrate, that in the suit brought by the provincial tax collector against the United Canneries Company for the recovery of the poll tax on 681 Japanese employed by the company, that the entire amount, namely, about \$2,043, shall be paid by the United Canneries Company into the provincial treasury. The suit was brought on owing to the inadequate amount tendered for the provincial tax collector by the defendants when application was made for payment of employees' poll tax. The case will be appealed.

O. C. Thompson, of the first South African contingent, formerly of the Duke of Cornwall's Own, Vancouver, arrived home yesterday, and was heartily greeted by his friends. Talking of the regiment, he said: "Our marching was very favorably commented upon. One night, after a hard march, when we had outstepped all other regiments, the Governor sent a message to our camp, which read as follows: 'To the boys of the Royal Canadian Regiment: What in you are trying to do with us? We are always first behind the mounted men.' Thompson fought from 9 a.m. until wounded at 4.30 at Paardeberg. He was a few yards from Arnold when he fell. Or his own experience, Thompson says: "I was 500 yards from the enemy when I felt as if my arm had been smashed with a sledge hammer. I jumped up, shook myself and ran for cover. Then I felt a sting in the leg. I ran on, and the next second I felt as if my back had been ripped wide open; then all was blank. My arm will be stiff for life, but the other wounds are all right. You couldn't see the Boers. We only saw one man all day at Paardeberg. We got up on the trenches and pushed a tree through. There was a yell from the crouching Canucks. Next day we found him behind the trenches at the roots of the tree. We counted 80 wounds in him. The hospitals all right here. I would have no kick coming if the orderly hadn't touched me for \$3.50, all I had." Thompson looks in perfect health, in spite of his three wounds.

The body of W. T. Wilson was found yesterday at the doorstep of John Burns's residence, Haro street. He had evidently sat there to rest and died of heart failure. He returned yesterday from Victoria, where he had been on business. He leaves a widow and child. The question of alternate routes crossing the Fraser at Elburne and at Todd's cannery will be decided next Thursday. G. R. Maxwell's mass meeting was a great success, and the Conservative ward meeting in Fairview was captured for him.

A citizen's committee, with the avowed object of protecting and advancing the commercial, mercantile and manufacturing interests of Vancouver was formally organized on Thursday night. O. M. Beecher was elected president; H. T. Lockyer vice-president; C. N. Davidson treasurer and W. A. Campbell secretary. A constitution and by-laws were adopted.

Capt. Tatlow occupied the chair at a joint meeting of the board of trade and city council on Thursday to consider the good roads question. A good road association was duly formed, and an informal discussion took place. The consensus of opinion seemed to be that the present system of distributing money for good roads was defective, and a great waste of revenue had resulted. The good roads association will advise and report upon contemplated undertakings. After a trial lasting for the greater portion of two afternoons, the fact was ascertained to the satisfaction of the magistrate that the Chinese witnesses and principals in the gambling case were not adhering to the truth, and three of them were fined \$25 and costs, for the pleasure of guessing among themselves to their mutual loss and gain. One of the accused after a most scientific exhibition of a Chinaman's ability to testify in support of the plea of "not guilty" changed his front at the last and confessed that he was a guilty man. A couple of the prisoners also were released, as it was found that there was no case against them. A black Minoron rooster, in fetters, lay on the table in the court room during the proceedings. The contingency on finding it advisable to make use of him for one of the Chinamen to swear by, was foreseen by the prosecution, and a bucket, a sacrifice block, and a hatchet, were there ready for an execution. The appeal to the "rooster oath," however, is a privilege of the defendant. This was pointed out by A. D. Taylor, when the city solicitor suggested that some of the witnesses might pan out better if colonized by the rooster. Mr. Taylor said he did not wish to see the unfortunate rooster die, and he was therefore restored to the gall bench, after adjournment.

A sailor named Hulbert was roughly handled by alleged highwaymen on Sunday night. He was seized from behind by two men, and an attempt was made to throw him down and go through his pockets. Being a strong man, he fought with his assailants, and seizing one of them, dragged him into a nearby saloon, where a cooler man ran out of the saloon and appeared to help his assailants. He then ran away. One man has been arrested. Arrangements are being completed for the dedication of the magnificent new Roman Catholic church just erected at Vancouver. It takes place on Sunday next. Seats are being sold to the public, to witness the imposing ceremony, and the proceeds of the sale will go towards the building fund.

Japanese fishermen have already been approached by white union fishermen, and asked if they will join them in a combine to demand a stated price for fish next season. The reply they received was that the Japanese owed so much

money to the canneries, that if they did not wish to repudiate their debts and lose their boats also, they must join no combine or strike.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Mayor J. G. Scott was yesterday elected chief magistrate by acclamation. For the seven seats at the aldermanic board, the nominees are: B. W. Shiles, George Adams, W. H. Forester, A. M. Herring, W. A. Johnson, N. Sinclair, W. A. Hancock, J. C. Brown, Thos. Owens, A. B. Woods, W. H. Keary, J. A. Calverick and Jos. Jaegers.

At a meeting of the A and B Companies' Association, the principal matter under discussion was the reception to be tendered the local members of the First Canadian Contingent to South Africa. The matter having been fully debated it was decided that the companies shall parade and meet their returning comrades on their arrival, escorting them to the Armories, where they will be welcomed by the citizens, presented with addresses, etc. To avoid clashing with the civic arrangement, a committee of officers was appointed to interview the city council and co-operate with them in arranging the details, which, doubtless, will include a torchlight parade, or some other popular demonstration. On the following evening, or as soon thereafter as possible, the members of the Duke of Cornwall's Own Rifles will tender their hero comrades a purely military banquet, similar to that on the eve of their departure for Africa. At this banquet each of the returned volunteers will be presented with a gold watch, suitably inscribed. Some other matters were touched upon, and, incidentally, it developed that satisfactory progress was being made toward the scheme for organizing a new battalion of rifles. If this be done, a third company will be organized here, and Westminister will become the headquarters of the residence of the staff officers, etc. There will probably be seven or eight companies, possibly two in Nanaimo, one in Ladner, one in Chilliwack, three at New Westminster and possibly one or two from other sections of the district.

RETAIL QUOTATIONS.

Remarkable Development of the Flour Market Feature of the Week.

Those who follow the big markets of the East say, notwithstanding opinions locally entertained to the contrary and the present depressing tendency of the article, that flour will yet run up very high in price this winter. The slump in the Chicago markets, which continues, and in consideration of which the general cut in prices has been made, is, they assert, opposed to wheat conditions all over the country, and in fact to all grain quotations. It was thought that last week the zero mark had been reached on flour, but expectations were arrested again when, a few days ago, came the announcement that Calgary Hungarians had dropped from \$3.75 to \$3.50 per barrel. Receipts of large Christmas stocks have been the order of the week, the large and handsome show windows all over the city testifying eloquently to the bountifulness and variety of the goods. Current quotations are as follows:

Wheat, per ton	28.00/30.00
Corn (white), per ton	26.00/28.00
Corn (cracked), per ton	26.00/28.00
Oats, per ton	26.00/28.00
Oatmeal, per 10 lbs.	40¢/50¢
Rolls (B. & N.) 7lb sack	30¢
Hay (baled), per ton	14.00/16.00
Straw, per bale	55¢/65¢
Middlings, per ton	20.00/22.00
Bran, per ton	18.00/20.00
Ground feed, per ton	26.00/30.00
Vegetables:	
Potatoes, per 100 lbs.	2.45
Onions (Ashboro), per 100 lbs.	1.25
Cabbage, per lb.	1.25
Onionflower, per head	5¢/15¢
Onions, per lb.	2¢/3¢
Carrots, per lb.	5¢/10¢
Turnips, per lb.	5¢/10¢
Flax:	
Salmon (smoked), per lb.	20¢
Salmon (spring), per lb.	10¢/12¢
Shrimps, per lb.	10¢
Cod, per lb.	8¢/10¢
Hallbut, per lb.	10¢
Herring, per lb.	5¢
Smelts, per lb.	5¢
Flounders, per lb.	5¢
Blonkers, per lb.	12¢
Kippers, per lb.	12¢
Shrimps, per lb.	12¢
Farm Produce:	
Fresh Island Eggs	80¢
Eggs (Manitoba), per doz.	80¢
Butter (Delta Creamery)	20¢
Best dairy	20¢
Butter (Cowleson Creamery)	18¢
Cheese (Canadian), per lb.	15¢
Lard, per lb.	15¢
Meats:	
Hams (Canadian), per lb.	17¢/18¢
Hams (American), per lb.	18¢
Bacon (Canadian), per lb.	18¢/20¢
Bacon (American), per lb.	20¢/22¢
Bacon (rolled), per lb.	12¢/14¢
Bacon (long clear), per lb.	12¢
Shoulders, per lb.	8¢/10¢
Beef, per lb.	8¢/10¢
Mutton, per lb.	10¢/12¢
Pork, per lb.	10¢/12¢
Fruit:	
Coconuts, each	10¢/15¢
Lemons (California), per doz.	25¢/40¢
Lemons (small)	10¢/15¢
Apples, per lb.	5¢
Grapes, per 2 lbs.	25¢
Japanese Oranges, per box.	50¢
Poultry:	
Dressed fowl, per pair	1.25¢/1.50¢
Ducks, per pair	1.50¢
Dressed turkeys, per lb.	20¢/30¢
Game:	
Venison, per lb.	10¢/12¢
Duck, Mallard, per pair	75¢/85¢
Grouse, per pair	1.25¢

HOW TO CURE COUG.

Mr. R. Gray, who lives near Amelia, Trench county, N. Y., says: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine I have ever used. It is a fine children's remedy for cough, and never fails to cure." When given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the coughy cough has developed, it will prevent the attack. This should be borne in mind and a bottle of the Cough Remedy kept at hand ready for instant use as soon as these symptoms appear. For sale by Henderson Bros., Wholesale Agents.

Paris, in spite of its gaiety, is not a paying city. Its finances for 1900 show a deficit of nearly half a million francs. This, unless it is covered by new taxation, will bring the local debt of Paris to over \$71,000,000 sterling. The explanation lies in the expensive government of Paris, which is the dearest of any capital in the world. The government of Paris costs \$5 per head, as compared with Washington, \$4; Rome, \$3.85; London, \$3.15; Stockholm, \$3.25; Copenhagen, \$1.12.

The Ottawa board of trade has appointed a deputation to wait upon the Premier and Minister of Finance, to urge the location in Ottawa of the branch of the royal mint. In the event of it being decided to establish one.

THE CHRISTMAS RECORD.

Handsome Holiday Number of the Best Mining Paper in the Province.

As promised by the publishers, this year's Christmas edition of the Mining Record is fully in keeping with the high standard set in last year's publication. The contents include a History of the Progress of Mining in B. C., by the Editor; an article on the Metric System by Sir Henri Joly; another on the Esplanade Mine, by D. R. Bogle; The Growing Time in Lode Mining; Governors and Lieut.-Governors of B. C., by R. E. Gosnell; Some Typical B. C. Mines, by A. A. Cole and other mining engineers; Mining in the Slokan, by Howard West, A. R. S. M.; Jimmy's Kill, a story by J. H. McGregor; Towns and Cities of B. C., by C. H. Loggin, N. C. Schon and others; and two stories, Brevet Rank, by W. W. Jacobs, and The Wendigo, by Olive Phillips-Wolley, and The Rhymer of the Remittance Man, by Robert Service.

The editor has struck the happy medium between a publication purely statistical and technical in a mining sense, and the light contents of the regular Christmas edition of the majority of papers. In this issue, instruction and entertainment are agreeably intermixed, making a very attractive and readable number.

A feature of the issue is the fine cuts with which it is embellished, the majority being the work of a local firm, the B. C. Photo-Engraving Corporation; and which are equal to the work of the New York and Chicago houses. The frontispiece is particularly apt, being a representation of a prospector's camp fire, with the hardy miners seated about it. The book retails at 25 cents.

POVERTY IN RUSSIA.

Long train journeys in Russia are depressing experiences. Once past the limits of the towns, every village is the same—a wide street, or two—not really streets, of course, but deep dust or mud, according to the season, and from a score to a couple of hundred gray, one-story wooden houses, usually dilapidated, and a church. Russia is still first and foremost an agricultural country; she produces (including Poland) two thousand million bushels of grain, and grain products form more than half the total exports to Europe; therefore, at the right season there are great stretches of waving fields, and later the huge mounds of straw, whence the grain has been threshed. But in the most fertile districts, that the worst famines occur, for famine—a little one every year, a big one every seven years—has now become a regular occurrence. And the country, as one sees it, leaves the general impression of indigence, in sharp contrast with Western Europe, where there are virtually no fat starvards, no cow farm-houses, no chateaux of the local landowner, no equip's hall-piloted assemblages of men and women, just on the other side of the starvation line. And, from all this, disease is rife. Whole villages, I was told by men who knew them well, are poisoned with syphilis, and the authorities, gravely alarmed at this terrible state of things, have appointed, of late, several commissions of inquiry to devise remedial measures. Drunkenness, too, is a national vice, the peasant having his regular bout whenever he has saved up a small sum.

CONVICTS AT WORK.

In the Pall Mall Magazine Major Arthur Griffiths describes a visit he made to Dartmoor, England: "We are now more than a mile and a half from home; yet here in this seeming desert, and far from help in case of accident, insurance, with so safeguarded against some equally sudden rush for freedom but the power to shoot straight, a couple of warders are working some five or six convicts. I can see from my point of vantage other convicts parties far away, stationed like these on the outskirts of the prison lands at considerable intervals apart. What keeps all in check, all safe within these wide limits? The strong arm of systematic discipline, the complete if not too willing obedience of the men to the few in authority, who wield their power effectively yet not too obtrusively. The distant prison, standing grey and grim upon a central hill, is really in touch with and has its hold upon every point with an admirable system of signalling. A cordons of armed sentries, the civil guard, surrounds the outermost boundary: within it, detached officers constantly controls his men, come then upon the scene for the number he takes out on must be back alive or dead—keeps a watchful eye on their temper, industry, and general demeanour. It is this ceaseless supervision, this sense that every movement, every thought almost, is closely all on, that is the best guarantee against outbreak. But, more than this, the authorities know from long experience that there is no fidelity among convicts: combination—the most dreaded, the most punishable of all prison offences—any concerted action, is all but impossible, for some one in the plot is certain to play false and betray his friend.

Window panes of porous glass, which allow a pleasant and healthy ventilation of a room, while preventing draughts, have been made in Paris.

Weak lungs need constant care.

The Slightest Cough or Cold Should Be Promptly Treated by Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup.

There are many people who have weak lungs and need to be constantly on their guard. The arch enemy of the race—consumption—is ever ready to pounce upon those who neglect coughs and colds and clean them as its victims. Those who catch cold easily should never stop at treating a cough in its first stages by the use of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. It will not only cure the cough quickly, but the healing balsamic properties of the pine it contains will strengthen the lungs and help them to resist cold.

Miss Grace Lynch, Blackville, N. B., writes: "I have been troubled with coughs and colds and weakness of the lungs for a long time and could get no relief until I took Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup, which soon made a complete cure in my case."

A good illustration of the decline of sentence length is afforded by the following figures, which give the average words per sentence for 500 periods:

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Emerson	20.38

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Count—I had cold in my head. Father-in-law—Well, I'm glad you've got something in it.

THE SOLDIER'S RETURN.

To the Editor:—At the present time, when so much interest is shown at the return of our noble volunteers from South Africa, a reference to the poem of the immortal Scottish bard, Robert Burns, hereto annexed, will point out clearly and forcibly the relative position which the Scottish soldier occupied a hundred years ago. Then it would appear that each soldier reached "Bonnie Scotland" the best way he could. However, if our citizens and municipalities are doing so much to memorialize those volunteers, Burns has in his never-dying verse, immortalized at least one soldier's return and his reception by the faithful "Nancy." The description of the circumstances is true to nature. The scenes of the tented field, etc., have been transferred for illustration by a celebrated artist with marked effect.

ALEXANDER BEGG.

20th Nov., 1900.

When wild war's deadly blast was blown,
And gentle peace returning,
Wi' mony a sweet bawf' faceless
And mony a widow mourning,
I left the lines and tented field,
Where lang I'd been a lodger,
My humble knapsack a' my wealth,
A poor but honest soldier.

A leal, light heart was in my breast,
My hand unstaid wi' plunder;
And for fair Scotia hame again
I cheerily on did wander.
I thought upon the banks o' Coll,
I thought upon my Nancy,
I thought upon the witching smile
That caught my youthful fancy.

At length I reached the bonnie glen,
Where early life I sported;
I pass'd the mill, and trusting thorn
Where Nancy aft I courted;
Wha spied I blyth an ain dear maid
Cover'd by her mother's twirling,
And turned me round to hide the flood
That in my e'en was swelling.

Wi' altered voice, quoth I, sweet lass,
Sweet as yon hawthorn's blossom,
O' happy, happy may be
That's dearest to thy bosom!
My purse is light, I've far to gang,
And fain wad be thy lodger;
I've serv'd my King and country lang,
Tak' pity on a soldier.

Sae wistfully she gaz'd on me,
And lovelier was than ever;
Quo' she, a soldier since I lo'd,
For ye shan't shall I never;
Our humble cot and hamely fare,
Ye freely shall partake it,
That gallant badge, the dear cockade,
Ye're welcome for the sake o' it.

She gaz'd—she redder'd like a rose—
Syne pale as ony lily;
She sank within my arms and cried,
Art thou my ain dear Willie?
By him wha made ye son and sky,
By wha true love's vengeance
I am the man; and thus my still
True lovers be rewarded.

The wars are o'er, and I'm come hame,
And at this still time
Tho' poor in gear, we're rich in love,
And nae we're ne'er parted.
Quo' she, my grandaere left me gowd,
A mullen plenshaed fairy;
And come, my faithful soldier lad,
Thou'rt welcome to it deary!

For gold the merchant ploughs the main,
The farmer ploughs the maw:
But glory is the soldier's prize,
The soldier's wealth is his own life.
The brave, poor soldier ne'er despise,
Nor count him as a stranger,
Remember he's his country's star,
In day and hour of danger.

BURNS.

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INGENIOUS WESTERN MINISTER.

A Preacher Among the Cowboys Who Has Won Unbounded Popularity.

"The ingeniousness of Rev. Harry A. Handle, pastor of St. James' Mission, Meeker, Colorado, constantly evolves entertaining features for the old and young, attracting interest to the mission," writes Stanley Stokes of "A Minister Among the Cowboys" in the "Home Journal." "He is an accomplished artist and takes photographs for everybody. An immense success, swings and other entertaining features have been erected by him in the rectory yard, where everybody in the town enjoys them. The preacher spent part of his earnings for a photograph with a set of fifty rolls, which drew big crowds to the rectory, some coming one hundred miles to see the wonderful talking machine. Nearly every day when the stage comes in, Mr. Handle changes his working clothes and goes to the hotel to acquaint himself with the strangers arriving, and invites them to the rectory, all of which is unusual and unlooked for on the frontier. And that is one of the ways by which so many people in his parish, which is of greater area than the states of Delaware and Rhode Island combined, have become acquainted with the popular 'Little Minister of Rio Blanco,' as he is called."

TOO MANY PEOPLE DAILY WITH CATARRH. It strikes one like a thunder-clap, develops with a rapidity that no other disease does. Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder is the radical, quick, safe and pleasant cure that the disease demands. Use the means to prevent its deep-seating and years of distress. Don't delay with Catarrh. Agnew's gives relief in ten minutes. 50 cents. Sold by Dean & Rice, Meeker and Hall & Co.—97.

TRUE HELP.

A story of our civil war has embalmed the memory of an unknown army chaplain who preached Christ without words.

The chaplain came upon a soldier lying wounded on a battlefield, and finding that the end was near, said: "Would you like me to read you something from the Bible?"

"But all the wounded soldier could answer was, 'I'm so thirsty! I would rather have a drink of water.' The chaplain quickly fetched him some water, and then, when the soldier asked for something under his head, he took off his own overcoat and rolled it up to make a pillow.

"If I only had something over me!" moaned the soldier. "I am so cold." In a moment the chaplain had taken off his undercoat to cover the sufferer, and as he was doing so the dying man looked up in his face and said:

"If there is anything in your book which makes a man do for another what you have done for me, let me hear it."—Youth's Companion.

ITCHING PILLS.—Dr. Agnew's Ointment is proof against the torments of itching Piles. Thousands of testimonials of cures effected by its use. No case too aggravating or too long standing for it to soothe, comfort and cure. It cures in from 3 to 6 nights. 35 cents. Sold by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.—95.

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By selling only 3 dozen Patent Lever Buttons at 10¢ each, these buttons are heavily Gold Plated, latest style, and are easily sold by any retail boy. Write and we forward the buttons, free of all charge. Sell them, earn the money, and we send you this handsome watch, with polished nickel case, ornamental hands, hour, minute and second hands, gilded wind and gong, America's most famous timepiece. Write for it today. The Watch Co., 2 Richmond St., E. Dept. 519 Toronto.

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