

Twice-a-Week Times

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ILLTIMED DIGNITY.

The morning paper on Saturday tendered a gratuitous insult to the Times by asserting that "it is a matter of perfect indifference to the Colonist what its contemporary accepts."

The Times, acting on information and belief, refused to accept the statement of the morning paper and gave it ample opportunity to produce and publish the only possible proof of the truth of its assertions—a proof available to the Colonist but not to the Times.

The Colonist has a stock phrase which it keeps in type for use whenever it will sound good. The phrase is "The Colonist holds no brief for the McBride government."

The Colonist can easily satisfy the public in this matter. Let it publish a statement authorized by Hon. W. R. Ross, commissioner of lands, showing that the sixty-six applications published in the editorial pages of the Colonist on Friday morning were bona fide applications duly accepted and authorized as proved and finished applications by the department and that the usual official notices of such completed applications were sent to these parties, or to some person or persons acting in their behalf, stating that all that would be necessary after the dates given would be the payment of the balance due and necessary to secure the Crown grants.

And while the Colonist is telling us this authoritatively it might courteously add why it omitted the sixty-seventh name from the list of those published and necessary to make up the 42,800 acres under the regulations of the land office.

The Times may as well intimate in the most polite and courteous way that one paper may suggest to another that the high and exalted attitude of self-righteousness which is assumed by the Colonist is not in favor with the public.

province. If the Colonist has the ear of the government and may speak by the book there should be not the slightest difficulty in explaining the whole circumstances; that is providing that they are square and above board.

A NEW DEPARTURE.

The morning paper in its defence of the lands department of the province, of the government and of the Attorney-General, has ventured an interpretation of the order-in-council of April 3 which will be new to the public, and had it been available prior to May 11 would have been a great relief to a multitude of people in British Columbia who lost much money through their own and the department's interpretation of the first order. That interpretation is so entirely at variance with the popular understanding of the order of April 3 and of the dealings of the land department with applicants subsequent to April 3 and prior to May 11, that, however good the interpretation may hold in law, its spirit was never maintained or announced to the public prior to the issue of the Colonist of Wednesday morning.

The Times does not accept the statement of the Colonist at this late date. The whole province was agitated and thrown into confusion at the time the first order-in-council was promulgated; hundreds of people came to Victoria and voiced their protests at the government offices. Not one of them came away from their interviews with either the Commissioner, the Deputy Commissioner, the Attorney-General or the Premier with the understanding of the order of April 3 which the Colonist now puts forth.

MORMON CONSISTENCY.

The Mormon church leader persists in the statement that polygamy is no longer practised among these aggressive people. The venerable president of that church, Mr. Joseph Smith, said at Washington last Saturday that "the man who is caught taking a plural wife is promptly excommunicated."

When he was asked if he personally thought it best that a man should have but one wife, this venerable husband of five and father of forty-three children made reply which would appear to be correctly characteristic of what has lately been considered the personal attitude of Mormons toward the law enforcing monogamy.

So it would appear from the declaration of the present head of the great Mormon hierarchy that it is not a matter of conscience with Mormons that they obey the civil law against polygamy; it is a matter of expediency and a question of domestic economy.

TWO EARTHQUAKES CAUSE PANIC

Central California and Western Nevada Shaken—Excitement in Sacramento

San Francisco, Cal., July 1.—Two earthquakes—the heaviest since the big shock in 1906, and separated by only a few seconds—shook the central portion of California and western Nevada on Saturday. The first shock, experienced at approximately 2:01 o'clock, was followed within a few seconds by one of similar intensity, each lasting about five seconds.

Only trivial damage has been reported from any section, but in San Francisco and other cities in the affected area, panic seized upon crowds in restaurants and hotels, and a pell-mell rush from the large buildings.

The quake was felt to the northward of Sacramento in the Sacramento Valley, southwest as far as Fresno and to the east at Carson, and Reno, Nevada, the latter place experiencing the heaviest shock in its history.

Some slight damage was done to buildings in San Francisco. Heavy stones in the cornice of the Mechanics Bank building were moved slightly out of alignment; superficial cracks were made in several large office buildings.

In Reno, Nevada, the shock was severely felt, but in Carson it was severe. The federal court was in session in the Nevada capital, and judges, jury and attorneys rushed post-haste to the streets.

At the Santa Clara College Observatory both reels were thrown off the seismographs. They were immediately replaced, but the records of the San Joaquin Valley were early frightened by the jarring, but there, as in Sacramento, where the state offices were deserted in a trice as a result of the shock, the damage to buildings was slight.

BATTLE OVER THE VETO MEASURE

Report That Liberal Government Has Decided to Take Drastic Action

London, July 3.—Politics have forged to the front again with surprising suddenness. After the truce during the coronation season, the case of the government versus the peers seems about to reach an acute stage. The radical newspapers assert that the cabinet, after careful deliberation, has finally decided to take drastic and final action, if the Lords persist in mutilating the veto bill with amendments.

Fort William, July 3.—William Eulbert, night watchman on the dredge Frank, was drowned at the mouth of Mission river.

JULY SALE

Two Remarkable Bargains---1 Piece Muslin Dresses \$2.75 and \$5.75, Special for Tuesday's Selling

AT \$5.75—Dresses in colored mulls, marquisettes and white mulls, with peasant sleeves, high and Dutch necks, handsomely trimmed with fine lace insertions. Yokes of net finished with medalions. Many other dainty styles too numerous to describe.

AT \$2.75—Colored Muslin Dresses, made with Dutch necks, peasant sleeves, plain skirts with pleated flounce in Paisley and spotted muslins. These are the latest and most popular of summer dresses and are a most remarkable value.

Women's Costumes, July Sale Special, \$10 and \$15

AT \$10.00—The materials are basket weaves, Panamas and novelty suitings, in dark shades of blue, light shades of grey, also black. They are mostly plain tailored models with semi-fitting coats, some trimmed with bands of materials and fancy buttons. Linings of silk or brocaded saten. Skirts are plain gored and pleated designs.

AT \$15.00—A rare collection of handsome Suits. Values to \$57.50 will be sold at this low price. They are in a variety of dressy styles, made of fine tailor's serge, novelty suitings, etc., in navy blue, black and all popular shades, including cream serges. Many are strictly tailored models, with plain gored skirts, others are handsomely braided. All very stylish and not one worth less than \$25.

July Sale in the Silk Dept.

500 YARDS COLORED PONGEE, Canton, Paisley and Liberty Silks. Regular value 50c yard. All to be cleaned out at, per yard 15c

July Sale in Dress Goods Dept.

500 YARDS ALL WOOL POPLIN and Diagonal Suitings, in navy blue, brown, myrtle, tan, rose, wisteria, reseda, garnet and sheppard's checks. Regular 50c per yard. For 25c

Exceptional Bargains in Women's Shoes---July Sale Specials

WOMEN'S BOOTS AND SHOES, VALUES TO \$6.00 FOR \$3.50 A PAIR. This lot embraces the whole of the famous "Queen Quality" Shoes selling in the regular way at \$5 and \$6 a pair; also the well known brand "The Boston Favorite."

BLUCHER BOOTS, in fine glazed kid, have Goodyear welts and patent leather tips, in many new and snappy styles. Regular \$4 values. Per pair \$2.75

Men's Furnishing Dept.---Shirts and Underclothing Reduced

PRINT AND CAMBRIC SHIRTS, with ordinary collar band, soft bosom, starched attached cuff, in plain colors, also fancy light and dark stripes. All sizes. Regular value 75c. July sale price 35c

plain white with mercerized bosom. Regular \$1 value. July sale price 65c

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CUSTOMS RETURNS AT HALF MILLION MARK

June Receipts Are Rosy—Double Those of Corresponding Month Last Year. Never before in the history of this port have the custom returns for a single month passed the half million mark, but for several years they have been building up to that figure and now the anticipations of the boosters of Victoria have been realized.

WATCHMAN DROWNED.

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MINING

Efforts Will "Discov"

Vancouver hunting for gold. The prospectors are now in the mountains of British Columbia, and the search for gold is being carried on with renewed vigor.

INDIANS LEAVE FOR

Annual Exodus Coast—May Time. The Indians are beginning to leave the coast for their summer homes in the interior.

(Special Correspondent) Tofo, June 26.—making their annual summer canneries to their fishing grounds. The Indians are carrying their families to the coast, and the summer season is now in full swing.

POOLS IN WA

New York, June 26.—The pools in Washington are now in full swing, and the game is being played with great interest.

CAUSE OF EXP

Vancouver, June 26.—The cause of the explosion in the mine is now being investigated, and it is believed that the explosion was caused by a gas leak.