ew man, but it is Cash, Cash and the Best man, and they all know where to get them. goods are better just because you are paying re always the BEST and always reliable.

lled Oats, 9 lbs. for 25c.; these are the finest made. at 25c. dozen; received daily. mia Butter 40c. roll.

ulated, 21 lbs. for \$1 60 are still selling at cut price. have a special line at 10c. dozen; 3 doz. for 25c.

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RAILWAY TRAFFIC BLOCKED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.-The most riolent storm that has visited the coast his winter was ushered in on the wings of a forty-mile breeze yesterday, comng from the northwest. The hardest part of the disturbance was experienced ast night. The elements increased their ury after darkness had set in, and traing on the streets was anything but pleasant. The wind kept up a velocity of from 35 to 40 miles, and the sudden custs that always followed the temporary rusts that always followed the temporary ulls created havoc with umbrellas and clothes of pedestrians who were unformate enough to be out while wind, nail and rain raged.

This storm, that has come laden with rain and hail, has reached out all over the state, and from Eureka to San Directive it raigns supreme In the unreceived.

ego it reigns supreme. In the upper por-tion of the Sacramento valley it has been ompanied by particularly co r. In this city to-night the barometer egistered 29.4, making it reasonably

egistered 29.4, making it reasonably bertain that the unpleasant weather will ast for at least another day.

SEATTLE, Feb. 20.—The deep fall of now in the Rockies and Cascade mounns continues to interfere with overand traffic. The Great Northern sent out an east-bound train on Thursday night. The expected west-bound did arrive yesterday, but is hourly ex-ted with other delayed freight trains. he Northern Pacific is operating, but is wehind. To-day's overland, it is said, will not arrive before to-morrow. Their is open to Spokane, but they are

GRAND FORKS, N.D., Feb. 20.—This ection is being visited by an old-fash-oned blizzard. Snow commenced falloned blizzard. Snow commenced falling yesterday. As the evening appreached a heavy south wind prevailed and continued until late in the night. About ix this morning the storm resumed its work and has developed into a genuine cortheaster. Every available snow-blough has been sent in all directions, ogether with a large force of snow shoving until they reach this city, where hey will be held until the storm subides.

COAL IN THE UNITED STATES.

an members of the ways and means nmittee took an important step in heir work on the new tariff bill by deiding to restore the McKinley rates on oal and coke. These rates were 75 ents per ton of twenty-eight bushels on oituminous and shale, and 30 cents on oal slack such as will pass through a alf-inch screen. The present rates are 0 cents and 15 cents. Coke is advanced. hanges were made in response to a eneral demand from the coal interests, whose representatives declared the Wil-on bill had increased Canadian Competition so greatly that the American nine owners had been obliged to reduce

mine owners nad been conged to rectally wages to keep in the field.

The first conference of the week dealt with the tobacco schedule, and although to final agreement has been reached. here is a practical understanding that he new bill will return to the McKinley ates on tobacco, except on the grade mown as filler. The rate on this will be 70 cents a pound, double the McKiney duty, which was 35 cents. It was epresented by the tobacco manufactures that most of the tobacco imported rom Cuba as filler was used for wrap-ings, and that this evasion of the law ave the Key West factories an advanage over those using Sumatra tobacco.
The McKinley duties on wrapper to acco were \$2 per pound on stemmed nd \$2.75 on unstemmed. On snuff the was 50 cents, on cigars and cigartes \$4 and 25 per cent. ad valorem, and tobacco not enummerated 40 cents. he committee will devote most of this eek to the schedule on sundries, which icludes buttons, explosives, matches, usical instruments, furs, jewelry, oves and miscellaneous manufactures, ad on most of these the McKinley rates ill be restored.

THE FIRST ON RECORD.

Mount Vernon, Feb. 19 .- Judge ouser has returned from San Juan ounty, where he has been holding a erm of court. The judge fixed the date the execution of Straub, the Blakely land murder, for Friday, March 26. raub heard his doom pronounced feat calmness, and seems to have hopes hat something will yet tarn up to save the gallows. Straub is is neck from the gallows. Straub is nder sentence of death for the killing of Lauterman on Blakely island out two years ago. The killing was most cold-blooded and brutal affair, d public indignation ran so high at the time that Straub narrowly escaped in the ck of time by marines from a revenue tter and conveyed in the cutter's steam unch to New Whatcom as a place of Straub was convicted of murder the first degree and sentend nged. The case was appealed to the apreme court, where the decision of the wer court was affirmed. Straub's ex-ution will be the first in the history of n Juan.

TORONTO, Feb. 19.-William C. On-'s store, dry goods, groceries, boots is shoes, along with that of G. Ramsn, hardware, have been burned to the und. Both parties were insured.

municipal economy.

Westminster, Feb. 19.—The board of stated that mining matters were in a much more satisfactory state than heretofore at Kamloops. The unhealthy excitement had died down and there was more legitimate business being done. Not long ago prices of locations were subject to violent fluctuations in a single day. At one time \$5,000 would be asked for a mine and not a cent less. In 24 hours the same vendor would be offering his proposition for \$50 to enable he liked better." Men made fortunes in their minds) and lost them again before one sun had set. In the excitement some properties were purchased at remarkably low figures, which have since turned out excellent claims. In one instance a first class property was bought from the three owners at widely different prices, owing to the purchaser dealing with each one separately on the spot for cash. Though they on with a Colonist reporter Mr. Jenns

had equal shares, one man got more than ten times what another did for his share. Coal Hill was well advertised in those days, and many Kootenay men came over and had a look around, and eventually bonded numerous properties. In August, 1895, Louis Victor Bennett staked the first property on Coal Hill. Mr. Bennett claims that he had known about the rock being in place on the claim a year before, and had kept it quiet until he was ready to handle the property. This was easy enough, and reasonable enough in those days, for no one dreamt that there was any mineral around Kamloops. But the announcement that rich mineralized ore had been found close to the city caused tremendous excitement, the town went wild, and of course there was a rush made for Coal Hill.

The second claim was staked by Meases Gream Lyons and Food and Louders.

The NANCOUVER, Feb. 18.—Much inconven
The August 1895, Louis Victor Bennett which to begin paying aldermen.

The city's court of revision will be held in the city hall on the 15th of March. The Fraser River Industrial Society has just elected officers for the year after authorizing the issue of a very satisfactory financial report. Mr. J. S. Bryson has just been appointed vicar of the united parishes of Sapperton and Ladners. The reverend gentlemant till recently resided at French Creek, Vancouver island.

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ciers. It is understood that the committee in charge of the show carries for which either in charge of the show carries for what the early start is a sound that the committee in charge of the show carries for what the charge of the show carries for that 100 claims have been staked since and the shaft on the Great Western, which the shaft on the Great Western with the shaft on the Great Western which the shaft on the Great Western the carly furner as some fine ore all over the bottom. This shaft is down about 20 feet and from the sasys averaging \$20 have been call when the shaft on the Great Western the carly furner as set on the same year in the says averaging \$20 have been crown as the same year in the says averaging \$20 have been the from the sasys averaging \$20 have been containty the same year in the says averaging \$20 have been crown as the same year the same year the same year in the says averaging \$20 have been call ment and the same year the says averaging \$20 have been call ment year. The polder of the same year the same year the same year year and same year year and same year year and same year year and same year year year yea

Adoption of the Corliss Amendment to the U.S. Immigration Bill.

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BELLA COOLA COLONY.

Bella Coola, Jan. 30.—(Special)—The local items of news of late in New Nor way may be chronicled thus: The mild and agreeable, and this salubrious climate in the month of January has materially raised the Bella Coola valley

materially raised the Bella Coola valley in the estimation of the colonists.

Mr. H. Hansen, carpenter, has lately been doing some finishing work on the public school building. This structure is built of hewn cedar logs, 26 feet by 20 feet, and 10 feet from floor to ceiling. It is a substantial edifice, and is used as a place of worship also. Bella Coola has one of the large rural schools of the province, as there are over thirty nonlig

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TRANSVAAL RAID.

London, Feb. 19.—The South African ment to investigate the Transvaal raid, CIrculars

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In the proceedings. The Prince of Wales occupied the same seat as on Tuesday last, next to the Earl of Selborne. Sir William Vernon Harcourt continued his samination of Colonel Cecil Rhodes, the former premier of Cape Colony.

The examination of Col. Rhodes was tedious and lasted all day long with waning interest. It developed nothing new of general interest. The witness frequently repeated that he did not want to shirk responsibility and that he acted solely in the capacity of a private differ interested in the welfare of South Africa. He did not attempt to defend himself from the charge of having supplied the resources of the chartered company in London relative to the raid. Col. Rhodes showed considerably in response to the chartered company in London relative to the raid. Col. Rhodes showed considerably in the subject, and with reference to proposed more stringent and of the revolution, and reiterated that he did not communicate with the Duke of Abercorn or other members of the chartered company in London relative to the raid. Col. Rhodes showed considerably in response to questions on this subject, and with reference to proposed more stringent and the resulting and export duty of \$2 a thousand on lumber, Canada will retailate by putting an export duty of the Dominion ministers have openly made that declaration, but in response to questions on this subject, and with reference to proposed more stringent and the revenue of the resulting and the resulting and

weather for the last month has been The Very Latest Political Dicker-Maxwell to Lead Provincial Opposition.

OTTAWA, Feb. 19.-An important re-

MONTREAL, Feb. 20.—(Special)—Sir Charles Tupper, who reached here yes-London, Feb. 19.—The South Airican inquiry committee, appointed by parlia-ment to investigate the Transvael raid islation by the United States which resumed its sessions to-day in Westminster hall. Keen interest is manifested said that what the Canadian parliament ster hall. Keen interest is manifested in the proceedings. The Prince of Wales and it should retaliate as harshly as the