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FALL FAIR NEXT.

The affairs of the Victoria Exhibition are not directly under the control of the Victoria City Council. Therefore the council cannot be held responsible for the manner in which the exhibition is conducted.

CANADIANS HAVE NO REASON TO BE ENVOIOUS.

Every male child born in the United States is said to be a potential president of the greatest nation the world has ever seen.

Canada have observed these things and yet they are not envious. They do not desire to qualify for the presidency, magnificent though the prize may be.

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is suffering. But we do hold that the situation is not such as to warrant the adoption of the plan in haste, without mature consideration and deliberation.

We claim it is absurd to say that the present government of the city is not representative, that there is no way in which the responsibility for the present conditions cannot be brought home to the parties responsible.

The motive behind the City Hall movement is perfectly apparent to even the dullest comprehension. The idea is to circulate an impression that it is the system, not the personality which ought to control and direct the working of the system.

Therefore we maintain that it is not the system that is at fault—not entirely. And we object to the blame being cunningly saddled upon the system and the parties actually responsible being discharged from liability.

THAT PERPLEXING RESERVOIR.

Engineer Adams recommends that the Smith's Hill reservoir be emptied of its contents and a thorough examination made to find out what is the matter with it.

Another matter about which the public might relish some information is where the responsibility for the weakness of the reservoir can be legitimately placed.

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exhibiting evidence of disgust and impatience. They have been told so many stories that they do not know where to look for the truth.

A superficial examination of the ballots cast in Fernie Riding discloses the fact that fourteen men voted twice and one man three times. That is nothing to what was done of a corrupt and criminal nature in Victoria.

CITY TEACHERS HEAR DR. M'KAY

EDUCATION TREATED ON BY SPEAKER

Victoria School Staff Given Advice Regarding Aims and Ideals.

An extremely interesting and instructive address was given Friday afternoon before the Victoria Teachers' Institute by Rev. Dr. McKay, principal of the Westminster Hall theological college, the subject being "Freedom and Authority in Education."

The widening idea of the universe and the growth of the evolutionary theory in the minds of the race had changed and also their ideas of the relations between the different parties in the home and the state.

There was, however, a tendency today to choose the easiest thing. The demagogue makes promises which tickle the ears of his hearers. It is the place of the teacher, however, to instill a new view of life, to show that life and education mean one and the same thing.

ACCUSED OF BOOKMAKING.

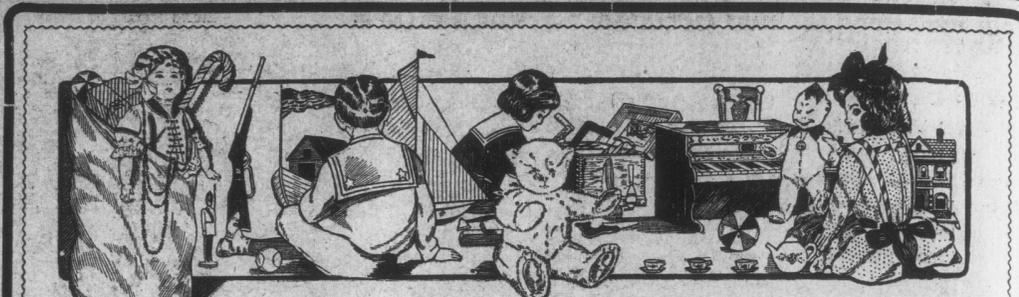
Chicago, Dec. 10.—The first woman to be arrested by the police on the charge of running a handbook in Chicago, is in custody here.

MASTER BLAMED FOR WRECK OF ARGO

License is Suspended by the Inspectors for Twelve Months.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 10.—Carelessness and negligence in attempting to cross the Tillamook bar at half ebb tide, on November 26th, is the reason given by the local inspectors of steam vessels for suspending the license of Captain Levi Snyder, master of the wrecked steamer Argo, for twelve months.

On her regular trip from Portland to Tillamook, the Argo arrived off the bar at the entrance to Tillamook bay on November 26th, and according to the evidence in the hands of the inspectors, Captain Snyder made the attempt to cross at the time the tide was at the half ebb.



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CELEBRATION BY MASONS

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constitutes one of the handsomest apartments for such a purpose as can be conceived. With its rich carpeting, special manufactured for the order, handsome furniture and brilliant light fixtures, it presents an air of sumptuous splendor which is at once striking and impressive.

In a gallery at the rear of the lodge room is a fine pipe organ, of Estey manufacture, of beautiful design and tunefully a very fine instrument.

Very great success attended the work of putting in the lighting system, the Hinton company having been awarded the contract. Several immense chandeliers are suspended from the ceiling, carrying a dozen frosted globes of large size.

Special attention was paid to the heating system, which is known as the hot air and fan system. This contract was in the hands of the Pacific Sheet Metal Works. The plumbing was done by Messrs. Hayward & Dods, and the painting and decorating by the Melrose company.

ating the new hall, an adjournment will be taken until 8 o'clock in the evening, and on reassembling there will be addresses appropriate to the celebration of the anniversary by a large number of prominent members of the order.

COURT OF REVISION DEALS WITH LISTS

Corrections Made and Thirty Who Do Not Attend Are Struck Off.

(From Monday's Daily.)

The court of revision met this morning in the city hall and struck off the following names of persons who had been notified to attend the court to show reason why their names should not be struck off. They failed to attend:

- Herbert Appleby, Atlantic hotel; John Bennett, 1286 Pembroke street; Peter Colpo, 1401 Douglas street; Alex. Alex. Cowan, Wilson hotel; A. E. Cowling, Grand Pacific hotel; J. S. Ferguson, 1530 Chambers street; W. J. Hatch, 900 Green street; Wm. A. Hallowell, 120 Ontario street; E. W. Jones, California hotel; Joseph Kenny, 551 Johnson street; Harry Karl, 1614 Douglas street; E. Lynch, 514 Mason street; Wm. Mather, 1289 Humboldt street; Frank Muhner, 529 Johnson street; Hy-

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Muldrew, B. & K. warehouse; John Munro, 708 Blanc street; Jas. McCarty, 551 Johnson street; R. J. Conville, Colonial hotel; George Petheridge, Pandora hotel; Thos. Pigeon, 1025 McClure street; Clement Phillips, Royal Arms hotel; John Ryan, 529 Johnson street; Matthew Stedek, 398 Cook street; Jas. W. Saunders, 672 Yates street; Wm. Sutton, 638 Esquimalt road; John Sherman, Store street; Herbert Thompson, 879 Johnson street; John M. Thomas, 424 Helmcken street; Chris Thomson, Pandora hotel.

James D. Taylor wrote asking that his name be placed on the voters' list as he has purchased property on George road. Two others made similar applications.

The city solicitor said further proof was required in addition to a letter from the applicant, and the court adjourned to allow the applicant time to submit the necessary proof. A number of corrections and a few additions were made to the list. The city solicitor said personal oath by the applicant or production of the deed would be satisfactory proof in

FROZEN TO DEATH.

Palacios, Texas, Dec. 13.—Caught in a storm on Saturday night in a small gas-line launch in Tres Palacios bay, T. S. Clark was rendered unconscious by the cold, and his son, E. B. Clark, was frozen to death. When the storm came on they anchored until morning, when a rescue boat went out to them. The water in the bay is only a few feet deep and they could have waded ashore.

HE EXPLAINS

Mayorality to Deal

The mayor Thursday, wearing a Pioneer hall regard to two most important matters. The hall will represent Oliver's representative he looks most promisingly as a good thing for the form representing whole south which would available to all the municipalities.

The other Oliver was city streets competent as after every make them to their detriment from the city council by Mr. Oliver Bay, Spring Victoria W. Beaumont chair by the society, exp meeting. A excellent show der Mr. Oliver's advantages for and placed ity in the c

"All I have election is Victoria, said Mr. Oliver. "It seems up to the pr there is at should come attractive earth. I think that prosp than comes who come date. Ovid the railway be the bus but there a brighter dence city, who are not dollar hunt ing happen ward.

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