

The Colonist

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1890.

AN IMPORTANT BUSINESS.

The citizens of Victoria are, we are told, preparing for the coming election. We trust that they will do this very important piece of business in a business-like way.

It is not practicable to have a head on his shoulders. He does not choose a man to do the job because he is related to him, or because he is an old friend, or because he is a civil and sagacious man.

A good man will look upon his vote as something of no value whatever, and he will give to the first man who asks for it pleasantly, and quite a number of others think so little of it that they don't take the trouble to go to the polls to cast a ballot.

It is a matter of fact that a man who votes, either in person or by proxy, is not only a citizen, but a responsible one.

TO A CLOSE. The election with the Bazaar. The Bazaar was held on the 9th, and will be remembered as a most successful one.

ENGINEERS. For the Evening Year. The Marine Engineers' Club in this city has established its province in its work.

NUICIDE? Connected with the Thursday Morning. The death of the man who was killed in the kitchen of the Bazaar.

A CHANGE OF POSITION.

The Americans are now trying to show that the fur seals are being exterminated in Behring's Sea. There is a long dispatch in the San Francisco Chronicle.

Mr. Elliott declined to be interviewed, but it is learned from another source that he stoutly insists upon the propriety of our Government at once purging itself of the miscreants now listed in the archives of the Treasury Department.

Another witness named Jackson, quoted by the San Francisco Examiner, tells a very confused story, in which he appears to convey the impression that the "poachers" invade the seal islands and massacre the seals, old and young, male and female.

The officers of the Bear, very often without orders or authority, were powerless to do anything to prevent the destruction of the seals; and poachers, in their defiance of their presence, continued their destructive work as long as there was anything in sight, until there were very few seals remaining.

It is absolutely necessary that the United States should send many into these waters to seize every English poaching vessel found within the three-mile limit illegally killing the remaining seals, while now there are scarcely any on hand, and if nothing is done to protect the seals, the industry, a little more than a year, will have been completely ruined.

We are pleased to see that many of our neighbors have abandoned the claim of jurisdiction over the waters of the Behring's sea. They have taken no steps to better ground and wish to see for a better hunting matter of international concern, and to have the whole question settled by arbitration.

Our contemporary evidently does not understand the questions at issue on the eastern side of the continent. The three-mile question is pretty well settled there. If there was no greater difficulty on this side of the continent than there is on the other there would be very little, indeed, for the arbitrators to do.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

It is pleasant to see that the Massimo Free Press has such a good account to give of Wellington. Where not long ago nothing was to be seen but deserted works and demonstrations of angry and discontented strikers, there are now "peace, happiness and prosperity, and all who desire can find remunerative employment."

It is needless to enquire how the "Public Health" is affected by this practice. Suppose one of the Chinese laborers to die and be buried in the cemetery, and one of the firms who make a business of this kind of thing, after a time, to find the bones of this disgusting unfortunate and bring them into the city.

To THE EDITOR.—In the morning paper of yesterday there appeared an obituary notice of a man looking, it would seem, for holes to pick, (or perhaps for "pickings") in the recent report of the Park Commissioners.

Who can say where the winds wait the fastening remains lying exposed in the law to prevent their being blown away to suffer in this state of affairs is allowed to exist? Who can say that the Chinese servant to his employer, the Chinese carrier to his customer, the Chinese laborer to his employer, are not the victims of a system of oppression and exploitation?

RAILWAY SMASH-UP. Union Pacific Freight Train Piled in a Heap. A Brakeman Instantly Killed. WALLA WALLA, Dec. 12.—A collision occurred on the Union Pacific west of Coyote station, seven miles from Walla Walla, at 4 o'clock this morning.

IN CHAMBERS. (Before Mr. Justice Walker.) Anderson v. New Westminster Steam Navigation Co.—Application to rescind order and set aside the order of the 9th inst. Order granted. Mr. Walker presided.

CHINAMEN'S BONES AND THE CATACOMBS OF VICTORIA. To THE EDITOR.—The state of the city of Victoria, moral, social and economic, has been much discussed of late in public.

THE WAR IN IRELAND.

Parnell, Michael Davitt and Timothy Healy at Kilkenny—Cheers for Mr. O'Shea. CATHOLIC CHURCH SUPPORTING THE CAUSAS OF SIR JOHN POPE HENNESSY.

KILKENNY, Dec. 12.—Parnell arrived here this evening. A torchlight procession, headed by the corporation officials, was waiting and escorted Parnell to a hotel, where he addressed the crowd briefly.

HEALING BOYS CAN BE BUILT UP AT HOME THAN ABROAD. One of the principal requisites of a sailing schooner's outfit is necessarily the boys, and the purchase of these is a chief item of expense.

SOME BIG MISTAKES. An Epigrammatic Lecture by the Editor of the "Beane's Horn." Preachers who get some and scold when things do go to suit them, make a big mistake.

Wife Animals in Texas. Wolves, coyotes, wild cats and panthers in Texas are multiplying under the protection of the barbed-wire fence and the sparsity of the State legislators.

IMPORTANT WILL CASE. Of Interest to British Colonials.—The Rights of a Native of Canada in Question. A few days since there was up before the Court of Chancery sitting in Kingston, Ont., under the presidency of Mr. Justice Robertson, a case the outcome of which will in due course be published.

A Care for Footstubs. Gibbons' Toothache Gum is guaranteed to relieve toothache instantly. Prepared by J. A. Gibbons, Co., Toronto, and sold by druggists. Price, 15 cents.

WE HELD THE BAG.

Net the Old Trick. Work for the Boston Man Caught the Rabbits. Some time since a gentleman from Boston went to an Illinois town seeking rest and pleasure, says the St. Louis Mercury.

HOME INDUSTRY. Healing Boas Can Be Built Up at Home Than Abroad. One of the principal requisites of a sailing schooner's outfit is necessarily the boys, and the purchase of these is a chief item of expense.

DR. TODD'S MISTAKE. A Long-Winded Dissertation Ends in the Medical College, where he is one of the most learned and valuable lecturers, has a theory that directly conflicts with the beliefs of nearly all of the ablest and most practical of the world.

VOORHES' ELOQUENCE. Emotional Oratory That Came to an End. Senator Voorhes is an eloquent lawyer and is justly noted for his influence and a jury, sometimes, however, he moves to a more serious and sober note.

THE FRONT ON THE BENCH. There has been a good deal said, and properly, about the profits made by the Government in getting dollars out of its pockets.

THE END OF HIS COURTESY. "Now, Maude," said the young man, about 12 m., "don't give me any old chestnuts. Do not say you will be obedient and a hoarse voice said: "Young man, let me be an assistant to you."

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