

British News

By Cable

Alum Arrives at Durban After Four Months Voyage From Auckland.

Bert Gladstone Places Confidence in Banker. Opinions on Trade.

Other Additions to Chamberlain's Tariff Reform Commission.

London, Dec. 29.—(Special)—Herbert Gladstone, M.P., speaking at Chester, said that the cabinet were generally of one opinion that the tariff reform commission should be enlarged to include other members.

Alaska was once named by Canadians but left Victoria in 1847, Mr. Chamberlain has arrived at Durban after a long voyage from Victoria.

INVENTOR'S SAD END.—Boston, Mass., Dec. 28.—After the fire in the factory at Boston, the inventor of the dynamite, Alfred Nobel, was found dead in his room on the third floor.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.—London, Dec. 28.—The coroner's jury at London returned a verdict of murder and suicide in the case of a woman who had been found dead in a room.

REDUCTION IN WAGES.—London, Dec. 28.—The wages of workmen at the American Bridge works in London were reduced by ten per cent.

U. S. WAR SUPPLIES.—London, Dec. 28.—The United States government has ordered a reduction of ten per cent in the price of war supplies.

NOTED ARTIST DEAD.—London, Dec. 28.—The noted artist, John Ruskin, died at his home in London.

NOTICE.—London, Dec. 28.—The London and North Western Railway Company has issued a notice regarding the sale of land.

Teachers for Timber Limits.—London, Dec. 28.—The government has appointed teachers for the timber limits in the north of England.

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OLD JACKSON'S STORY OF A SAINT AND A SINNER.

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Why did they call him old? And why did everyone refer to him as "Old Jackson"? All the other boys in the town were known as "Bill," "Jack," or "Sam," or "Pete." Sumner was seldom called by his name.

of some influence, that he had worn a fine and expensive suit, and that, which was well better, in his earlier days he was a honest lawyer.

YALE IN THE EARLY '60's

On the flanks of the train. Some of his force deserted and joined other trains; but Old Jackson crawled along at the ten-mile pace, and it was not until late in September that he reached the Fraser and found that the packers had been driven from the mountains.

to kill a human being—especially an old man? O'Neil raised his pistol again and pointed it full at the victim's head, and Reynolds sank on his knees to the floor, grasped his assailant's feet, and as he groveled there continued to pray for mercy.

Reynolds left the river the next day and Tom O'Neil apologized to Old Jackson for a moment as he held his open hands toward the stove to warm them and then continued: "What did I come for? A picnic? Not much, I came for a man."

THE GOPHER'S TAIL

An Unique Xmas Gift Sent out by Management of Winnipeg Free Press. The Manitoba Free Press has just sent to a limited number of its friends a copy of a book containing a collection of gopher stories.

Proceedings in The Will Case

Mr. Justice Drake Refuses to Allow Plaintiff to Examine Books.

Application of Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, K.C., Counsel for Intervenor Postponed.

Yesterday morning in the County Court at Victoria the proceedings in the will case of the late Mr. John O'Neil were resumed.

GOES OUT OF FEDERAL FIELD

Sir Hibbert Tupper Declines Nominations Both in Nova Scotia and B.C.

Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper is out of Dominion politics, says the Vancouver Free Press. He has declined the nomination in his old constituency of Pictou, N. S., and also refused to allow his name to be put forward in the Nova Scotia electoral district.

RANGE AT ESQUIMALT WAS FIRST INTENDED

Comment Regarding Inconvenience of Comox Range Brings Out Fact.

In connection with the comment among naval men in regard to the inconvenience and also the danger to the vessels of His Majesty, as instanced by the recent stranding of H. M. S. Flora in Beznar sound, by the rifle range at Esquimalt, it is recalled that the range was first intended as a Comox range.

Murderers Who Survived Garrote

Two Men Who Are Declared Dead By the Law But Still Are Living.

Were Strangled by the Garrote for Eight Minutes But Not Killed.

A gruesome tale of an execution in the Philippines, which was generally well received, is given in the issue of the "Illustrated London News" of December 26.

LARGE DEAL COMPLETED

Charles A. Godson, a former resident of Victoria, is interested in an important business deal which has just been completed at Vancouver.

PROVINCIAL PRESS

Mr. P. Rosenburg left Ashcroft Wednesday night for Revelstoke, where he was to be married yesterday to Miss A. E. Taylor.

PRESS COMMENT

By the evil star of the Koreans it has been arranged that their land is to be the subject of a treaty with the United States.

THE YEAR SEEMS TO BE CLOSING AS IT BEGAN

With an unusually large number of railroad wrecks. When the record for the year which has just been completed is probably found that the total in loss of life and property is considerable.

J. W. BENGOUGH IS AGENT AT WORK ON THE GLOBE

He was once a good cartoonist, but the humor drew out of the windows of his cartoons when his fierce political parody entered the door.

MR. SCHWAB, LIKE OTHER LESS PROMINENT BUNCO MEN

who have been caught with "the goods on 'em" denies that he has been guilty of any wrongdoings in connection with the shipyard scandal.