BRIEF LOCALS

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

From Friday's Daily.

-Mr. George Cruickshank has been appointed a clerk in the education office. -Dr. Emil Pohl, of New Denver, has been appointed deputy-coroner for the

Slocan district. -Formal application to be called to the supreme court bar has been made by Mr. C. J. Prior of Victoria.

-Louis Emanuel, of London, Eng., take affidavits for the B. C. courts.

-James Dardle, J. P., of Hope, has been appointed judge of the court of revision and appeal for that district.

-The board of school trustees of Vancouver has secured incorporation by letters patent under the name of "The Board of Governors of the Vancouver College.

-The next meeting of the Vancouver Island Building Society will be held on Thursday next, when the drawing for the 92nd appropriation of that society will take place.

-The Kootenay Iron Works Company, limited, has been incorporated. The trustees are Messrs. A. R. M. Barrow, G. A. Bigelow and G. W. Richof Nelson, and the capital stock is \$50,000.

-Arthur Langley, who was charged with vagrancy in the police court yesterday morning and remanded until this morning, was further remanded by Magistrate Macrae until more evidence can be obtained.

-All the provincial offices will be closed from the 24th to the 26th inst., inclusive, and on the 1st and 2nd prox. County Court Christmas vacations extend from Thursday next to January 3rd, both days inclusive.

-Yesterday evening the Philharmonic Club was formed with the object of providing social evenings twice a month during the winter season. The first entertainment to be given by the club, a dance, will take place on Tuesday next at the Philharmonic Hall.

-William Gustave Meier, a man of many aliases, was charged in the police ers. The body is new lying at the city court this morning with stealing an overcoat on Tuesday last from the Occidental hotel. He was remanded until to-morrow merning, when probably other 2 o'clock. charges will be laid against him.

1 -In the police court this morning, a Chinaman, Ah Long, was accused before Police Magistrate Macrae with aggravated assault on another Chinaman. whose forehead bore silent testimony as to the nature of the assault. As the accused wished to call witnesses on his behalf the case was adjourned until 10morrow morning.

-William Lelleivre, formerly a resident of Victoria, his mother now residhorse show in San Francisco last

-News was received to-day of the death yesterday at Haxby, near York, England, of Mrs. Elizabeth Cuthbert, relict of the late William Cuthbert, of Waakefield, and mother of Herbert Cuthbert, of this city. The deceased for about a year.

-Pride of the Island lodge, Sons of England, on Tuesday evening elected the following officers: F. Tubbs, W. P.; J. Hick, W. P. P.; T. Meads, V. - Lang, chap.; C. Fern, O. G.; H. Hancock, I. G.; F. Dykes, 1st G.; S. Newton, 2nd G.; A. Harris, 3rd G.; -

board of trade was held at 10 o'clock this morning. Mr. G. A. Kirk, of the tion. Conservative and reliable firm of Turner, Beeton & Co., was elected vice-president, and Mr. Arthur Robertson was elected a member of the address which was presented to Hon. tographs, are extremely good.

-A small boy named Harris was summoned to appear in the police court this morning charged with an infraction League, which was to have been held in of the streets by-law. When the case Temperance Hall yesterday evening, and was called the father of the boy rein not take place. sponded in lieu of his son. He was accordingly sent for his son, who was warred by the police magistrate and the father was bound over for six from the Sidney sawmill, was convictmonths to see that in future he kept

-Hon. A. G. Blair was interviewed to-day by several deputations regarding railway matters. At noon the minister and Col. Domville, M. P., were the guests of several of the members of the Badminton Club, with whom they had luncheon. The party will leave for Nanaimo by train to-morrow morning. The Quadra will meet them there and take them to Vancouver.

-Mr. A. E. McPhillips, who was seen to-day regarding the reported sale of the property of the Consolidated Railway Company to an English syndicate, stated that he had received no official intimation that the sale had been actually closed, but negotiations had been in progress for some time, and he believed that the sale would be made. Mr. Hubbard, an English solicitor has been in the province for some time in the in terests of the syndicate.

-Philharmonic Hall was re-opened last evening by a "return leap year ball," given by the young men. charge consisted of Messrs. J. W. Coburn, A. Johnson, J. Fletcher, C. Becker, W. Campbell, H. Becker, D. Dallas and 'F. Maynard. The arrangements were most complete and all present spent a pleasant evening. The music was furnished by the Bunce orchestra, and Mr. Henry Clay, the well known caterer, provided a very

appetizing supper at midnight. The election of officers of Princess Alexandra lodge, No. 18, Daughters of

Iredale; Treas., Sister Temple; Chap., A. Martin, A. Sister Nute; 1st Guide, Sister Foster; C. E. Renouf. Sister Lawley; 4th Guide, Sister Nan kiville; 5th Guide, Sister Grimason; 6th Guide, Sister Luney; I. G., Bro. Smith; O. G., Bro. Shaw., Sisters Wolff and Owen and Bro. Smith were appointed trustees, and Bro. J. Critchley and Sister F. Gladdey auditors.

-A San Francisco dispatch says: "The Behring Sea commissioners, who are now in session at Victoria, will come to San Francisco at the conclusion of their labors to continue their inquiry at this port. United States Aftorney-General Harman has written to United States District Attorney Foote asking him to secure accommodation for the commission. Mr. Focte has arranged to have the rooms of the United States circuit court of appeals set aside for their use up to February 1st, at which time the court convene. The commission will probably need longer time and other arrangements will be made for the continuance of the session."

-The inquest into the cause of the death of William T. Harris was held in the police court by Coroner Crompton this afternoon. The jury brought in a verdict that he had died from the effects of pneumonia. Harris was brought before the police Magistrate on Tuesday morning charged with being found drunk, and as he was unwell then he was remanded until to-morrow morning. He was sent to the Jubilee Hospital, where he died as stated, on Wednesday morning. The coroner's jury were as follows: Charles J. Wilkes (foreman), R. H. Taylor, J. M. Lee, W. Stewart, Antonio Sarantis, T. S. Robertson, J. R. Angus.

-Totaugh, a young Jap who had just completed a sentence of 10 days' imprisonment imposed upon him by Police Magistrate Macrae for his being convicted of drunkenness, committed suicide yesterday morning soon after he left the city lock-up, where he had been confined. He was seen to enter the garret of the Esperanza House on Rae street, where he had been boarding, and was not seen coming out again. In the evening the other Japanese boarders, becoming alarmed at his continued stay in the garret, broke open the door and found his dead body hanging from one of the raftmorgue, where it was taken by order of the police. Coroner Crompton will hold an inquest to-morrow afternoon at dence.

-A very pretty home wedding was celebrated at the residence of the bride's mother, 148 Johnson street, last evening. The contracting parties were Mr. Robert Livingstone, well-known on the football field, and Miss Grace Edith Craigie, both of this city. The bride was given away by her step-father, Mr. Blackmore, and Mr. W. Renny, assisted by Master Jackie Trace, supported the groom, and the bridesmaids were Miss Jane and Miss Sarah Sand3 with, cousins of the bride. Rev. Mr. ing here, met with a serious accident at Reid officiated at the ceremony. The presents were numerous and cos.ly, Saturday. He was giving an exhibition among them being a beautiful marble

-The holiday number of the British Columbia Mining Record, just issued, is a remarkably good one. For a young publication-being now only in its second year-the success of the Record lady resided in this city with her son may well be a cause of gratification to its publishers. It has well fulfilled its purpose, as briefly stated in this num-"of urging the claims of our mining industry upon the attention of the public." Not only those directly interested in the mining industry but the people of the province in general have reason to be grateful for the efforts of the Record in this direction, and it is Allen, 4th G.; - Norman, W. S.; S. satisfactory to find a liberal measure Gravlin, W. S.; A. Lee was one of the of patronage and support accorded it in return. The holiday number is a very creditable one in every respect-one of -A meeting of the council of the which British Columbia should feel proud as a British Columbia producports are given of progress in the various mining localities and much general information is furnished. The illustracouncil. The council also considered the tions in this number, from original pho-

From Saturday's Dally. -As there was not a quorum present the meeting of the Christian Citizens

-John Plow, who was arrested ou Thursday for stealing two pieces of mon ed in the provincial police court this morning and fined \$10.

-The coroner to-day held an inquest on the body of the Jap Totaugh, who hanged himself on Thursday last at his boarding house on Rae street. The jury brought in a verdict that the deceased came to his death by hanging himself.

Jack Hayes, the poular proprietor of the Louvre, who is a red-hot McKinley man, has a silver dollar in his possession such as would have been coined if Bryan had been elected. It measures 31 inches in diameter.

-At the regular meeting of the Victoria Teachers' Institute held on Friday, these officers were elected: President, S. B. Netherby; Vice-President, Agnes Deans Cameron: Secretary-Treasurer. D. Dallas; Executive Committee:-A. B. McNeill, A. F. Doran, Miss A. F. Barron, Miss A. F. Gardiner.

-The closing exercises were held at Craigflower public school yesterday. The oral examination of the pupils was enlivened by songs, recitations and short addresses. The reading of the promotion list and the distribution of prizes concluded the exercises.

-The ladies in charge of the bazaar held recently in Institute Hall are awaiting for the owners to call for several articles which have been left on their hands, including a large cake won by W. Foley, a cushion by J. McCarrah, and a tox stove by S. H. Haake

-The following gentlemen dined with

Erskine & Wall, local agents for the Commercial Trav-Association of the Dominion of Canada, have received the certificates of the association for 1897. By calling at their office past members may obtain renewal cards and travellers peretofore unconnected can affiliate.

The ladies of New Westminster are taking up a subscription to give the or-phane of Sapperton a good dinner and presents on Christmas. Subscription lists

-President' Cleveland has con the sentence of Mrs. Margaret Morrison, the Port Townsend opium smugfire, to five months. She must pay her fire, \$50, and the costs of the trial be-\$50, and the costs of the trial beshe can go forth a free woman. Mrs. Morrison was sentenced to imprisonment for eight months, five of which she has already served.

-In the relice court this morning the three cases remanded from yesterday were disposed of. Alfred Langley, a cuted of vagiancy, was convicted and sentenced to five months, and a like sentence was imposed upon William Gustave Meier for the theft of an ovvercoat from the Occidental hotel. The assault case preferred by a Chinamun against Ah Long, another Chinaman, was withdrawn, the complainant refus-

-Yesterday the students of Victoria College completed their Christmas examination and broke up for their usual vacation. Quite unexpectedly the fifth and sixth forms availed themselves of the opportunity to present Principal and Mrs. Church with a splendid silver and oak dinner gong. The other forms, not to be outdone in generosity, also remembered their master, Mr. W. R. Wilson, being the recipient of a particularly handsome present,

-Captain John S. Bennett, well known on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, died this morning at his resi dence, Richmond avenue, after an illness of a year's duration, he having been a sufferer from cancer of the tongue. He came to Victoria from Digby, N. S., a number of years ago. A widow and a large family survive him. The funeral will take place on Monday afternoon from his late resi-

-At the last regular meeting of Behnsen Temple, Rathbone Sisters, the following officers were elected: Past chief, Mrs. G. E. Moss; M. E. Chief, Mrs. J. Miss J. Behnsen. Arrangements were also made to hold an anniversary social funeral will take place from Hanna's in the new Pythian Hall on January 20 parlor's to-morrow afternoon.

-Camp No. 52 Woodmen of the Bradbury and F. A. Cuthbert as visiting Victoria. ing of the camp, which will take place on Monday, January 4th, these officers will be installed. The ladies of Hope lodge, No. 1, Degree of Honor, will give a social dance do not intend going into that hackness will be installed.

the initial "C." One of these birds esdistance of over 3000 miles. Major- first degree will be conferred. by its number.

ciety with "Lochaber No More." Then followed a song by Mr. Brownlee; High- party. land fling by Mr. Anderson; song, Mr. R. Foster; Gaelic song, Mr. J. Munro; reading, Mr. Begg, and song, Mr. Douglas. The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: A. Hay, chief; E. B. McKay, chieftain; J. McCurrach, treasurer; R. J. Jameson, secretary: A. B. Fraser, recording secretary, and Revs. Winchester and Campbell, chaplains; Robertson, Munro, W. Anderson, M. McDonald, P. McDonald were chosen as the society's pipers; and Colin Cameron and H. Brown were selected as auditors. A Hogmanay concert will be given under the management of Mr. Clement Rowlands.

-Fernwood Lodge No. 178 C. O. O. F., yesterday evening elected the following officers and board of manage-L.M., P.N.G., J. R. Wescott; P.N.G., W. H. Coates; N.G., A. Campbell; V.G., J. D. Campbell; Rec. Sec. G. E. Wilkerson; Fin. Sec., T. W. Carter; Treas., W. F. Fullerton; Con., R. Hawke; Warden, P. T. James: Trustees, R. Carter, J. J. Walsh and Wm. McCormack; Auditors, B. Cooper, J. R. Wescott and J. D. Campbell; Fin. Com... A. Campbell, I. Campbell and J. R. Wescott; R.S.N.G., W. C. Kerr; L.S.N. G .: P. Christienson; R.S.V.G., B. Conper: L.S.V.G., W. Shaw; I. G., E. Brinjolfson; O.G., L. Sharpe; and lodge surgeon, Dr. E. Hall. January 5th was fixed as the date when the Christmas treat will be given to the children, and New Year's Day, it was deferred until January 14th.

-A San Francisco dispatch says: The sleek and costly sealskin seems to be somewhat out of fashion. The tale of a falling demand in the product of Behring Sea and the Pacific has just been told by the yearly sale at Lampson's. England, for the ensuing term, which took place yesterday evening resulted as follows: W. P. P. Sister H. Gladding; W. Dr. G. L. Milne at his residence last in this city stating that the price for turned last evening from Lac La Hache, to the evening from Lac La Hache, and this morning control of the future before her, but the people must detect the control of the future before her, but the people must detect the control of the future before her, but the people must detect the control of the future before her, but the people must detect the control of the future before her, but the people must detect the control of the future before her, but the people must detect the control of the future before her, but the people must detect the control of the future before her, but the people must detect the control of the future before her, but the people must detect the future before her, but the people must detect the future before her, but the people must detect the future before her, but the people must detect the future before her, but the people must detect the future before her, but the people must detect the future before her, but the people must detect the future before her, but the people must detect the future before her, but the future before London, Telegrams have been received

V. P., Sister E. Pearse; W. Sec., Sister ley, A. H. Scaife, H. A. Munn, R. Hall. of coast furs, including California and A. Martin, A. L. Belyen, Dr. Watt and C. E. Renouf.

Japan, 20 per cent lower thin in 1895.
This news comes as a surprise to local tradesmen, for the catch of this year tradesmen, for the catch was much lower than that of 1895. The entire catch of the Canadian sealers va Japan waters and Behring Sea ata ounted to 55,677 seals. In 1895 the catch of the Canadians amounted to 74,124 and in 1894 to 97,474 skins. The catch of the American pelagic sealers entered at this port amo 5,040 seals, as against about 15,000 in 1895. To the former number, 30.067 skins are added as the eatch of the North American Commercial Company on the seal islands

-Rev. Canon Padden conducted the services at the funeral of the late Wil-liam T. Harris which took place from Hayward's undertaking parlors yesterday. The pallbearers were Messrs. C. Nelson, O. Snaith, H. Matthews, J. Bierney, C. Andrews, and C. Craigie.

-The Glee and Mandolin Clubs of Stanford University, who intended playing at the Victoria theatre next Saturday, have cancelled their engagement. Nothing has been booked for the theatre manity" on the 25 and 26.

licitor for the applicants, gives notice of hama and Kobe, because of the reportthe intention of a company to apply ed prevalence of smallpox there, at the next session of the legislature Board of Health recently passed at the next session of the legislature Board of Health recently passed the for an act to incorporate a water, elec-

-Mr. S. Perry Mills held a court of revision and appeal for the coast and other districts this morning. Mr. Thornton Fell, acting for Merrill & Co., raised the point that timber lands should be assessed as real estate, and that they should not be subject to the wild land tax. Mr. Mills reserved judgment.

-Margaret Catherine Peden, daughter of Mr. Alex. Peden, died at her father's residence, No. 24 San Juan avenue, last evening. The deceased was a native of Scotland and only 24 years of age. The funeral will take place at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the family residence.

-The funeral of the late Captain John S. Bennett, which took place from the family residence, Richmond avenue, at two o'clock this afternoon was largely attended. The services at the house and grave were conducted by Rev. Canon Beanlands. The pallbearers were Captains William Grant, J. G. Cox, Clarence Cox, James Hughes and Messrs. W. Arbuckle and J. Norris.

Joseph Hilliard, aged 74 years, was W. Walker; E. Senior, Miss E. Hall; found dead in his room on Saturday E. Junior, Mrs. W. Wallace; M. of R. Jevening. The deceased was one of the and C., Mrs. M. J. Conlin; M. of Fin- pioneers of the province and for a numance, Mrs. C. Cox; Manager of Temple, ober of years conducted a grocery on Mrs. R. Johns; Protector, Mrs. E. Wall, Store street. Dr. Crompton, the coran-Outer Guard, Mrs. M. Canterill; Trus- per, decided that an inquest was untees, Mrs. J. Shaw, Mrs. W. Cox and necessary, as the deceased's death was

-Capt. John Panton, R.N.R., com-World elected the following officers yes mander of the steamship Victoria of the L. Fraser; watchman, W. H. Feuwick; for New York. They are expected to H. Brooks: with H. C. Edwards, Thos. Cartain will resume command of the

lon New Year's eve in the A. O .U. W. Hall. The music will be provided by a -Dr. W. W. Walkem, M.P.P., Na-ethree-piece orchestra from the Fifth naimo, who was in the city to-day, is a Regiment band. The committee in charge great fancier of carrier pigeons. Last pare putting forth every effort to make spring he received two birds from Ma the affair a success. A fine supper will or-General Cameron, of Kingston the provided and nothing will be neglect-Both were of the purest breed, and each red that will add to the comfort and had a silver band around one of its legs pleasure of the guests. The lodge holds on which was stamped its number and wits regular meeting on Christmas eve.

caped from the Dector's aviary several - - Columbia Lodge, No. 2., L. O. O. F., vecks ago. He was sure it was lost, received two propositions for memberbut was surprised to learn from an ship at its last regular meeting, and aleastern paper that the pigeon found its so conferred the second degree on several ay back to its old home in Kingston, members. Next Wednesday evening the General Cameron recognized the bird Daughters of Rebekah will at the close of their meeting on Tuesday night, entertain the newly married members of -Piper Macdonald opened last night's their lodge at a tea party. A meeting meeting of the Sir William Wallace So- will be held at two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon to make arrangements for the

-Mr. Robt. Donaldson and Miss Janet Donaldson were married by Rev. T. J. McCrossan at the residence of the bride's parents, Niagara street, on Saturday evening. Mrs. Gracen supported the bride and the groom was supported by his brother, Mr. William Donaldson. During the evening a reception was held. Those present were greatly amused by six amateur minstrels, whose jokes and songs were much appreciated. Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson will make their home on Simcoe street.

-Lee Yim Chuck appeared before Police Magistrate Macrae with a face looking as though it had been through a threshing machine. Yesterday he broke into a dwelling at 25 Store street and on entering was discovered by the residents, who after administering a sound threshing, turned him over to the police. He was remanded until tomorrow morning, as he wished to consult counsel. This is the same China man who some time ago was arrested for threatening to kill a Chinese woman.

-The will of the late Carlo Bossi came up in court to-day before Mr. Justice McColl. The court is asked .o determine what construction must be placed on the will and to decide whether the present executors are entitled to the legacy of \$1000 each left to the exeas the next regular meeting falls on cutors first named in the instrument, in addition to the five per cent commis sion given them in the codicil. Mr. S. Perry Mills represented nine of the nephews and nieces, Mr. L. P. Duff appeared for the four children by second marriage of Louisa Bossi, who claimed double portions, and Mr. F. B. Gregory appeared for the executors.

-Mr. Dennis Murphy, barrister, re-

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of the first settlers in the province, was cause of the people," instead of a few seriously ill for many months previous wealthy monopolists and absentee syn. to his death, which occurred on the 6th dicaters "owning leagues of unpeopled inst. He came to the province in 1858, and since 1860 has lived on his farm at Lac La Hache. Mr. Murphy had many friends in Victoria and other parts of the fire friends in Victoria and province. He leaves a family of five knowing where their next meal is going sons and one daughter. Two of the to come from, and to hear the wail from sons, Dennis and James, are in Victo- parents "what shall we do with our ria. Another son, Rev. Father Murphy, is a professor in Ottawa University, country like this—are facts that indicate until Jan. 20, when "The Dazzier" is and the two younger sons are students a "screw loose" somewher, when so the attraction, to be followed by "Hu- in that institution.

—In the last issue of the British Co-have declared a strict quarantine lumbia Gazette Archer Marfin, as so-against the Japanese ports of Yoko-more saddening I think than to see for an act to incorporate a water for tric and telephone company for Fairview.

ese ports of Yokohama and Kobe are food, and while such cases are happily few here, still there are some who have quarantine officer of the port of San a hard struggle this winter. There are Francisco is hereby directed to remand to the United States quarantine station do not want work, but it is cruel to at Angel Island for proper disinfection condemn the unemployed as a body. all passengers and baggage coming from Want of food, anxiety, inability to pay these ports. This resolution shall be so constructed as to apply to passengers and when they do get a "quarter" they from Japan coming over the Canadian Pacific steamship line via Victoria, B as well as to those who come directly to this port by the O. & O. and P. few who are coming "close, very close M. S. S. lines.'

> -A correspondent at Prospect writes: 'Mines are in plenty around this locality, those of Messrs. Robt. Ridland and John S. Young showing good incications of gold and silver. Though the wet weather has prevented much work being done upon them lately, still the proprietors expect to have them in full working order by spring, and we may have a little town of Prospect in the near future. The closing exercising exercises of the Prospect public school took place on Friday, 18th. The school was tastefully decorated by the teacher, A. M. Haldon, and the pupils, much pleasure was expressed at the progress made by them in their various branches of study. The visitors present were: Trustees John S. Young and Robt. Ridland, Jas. Erskine, Alex. Young, Mrs. Erskine, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Heal, Mrs. Spotts and J. Haldon.

SOCIAL PROBLEMS.

(By a New Zealander.) To the Editor:-One does not expect to find existing here in British Colum-Saturday. He was giving an exhibition of rough riding, when his broncho jumped the fence and attempted to climb into the boxes, causing a stampede. Lelleivre had his collar bone broken.

World elected the following officers yes, interest of the esteem in which the bride was held by the employees of that establishment, with which she had been connected. The which she had been connected. The stranger as being altogether out of procians, E. A. Hall, F. W. Hall and R. Sailed by the Ethopia December 17th stranger as being altogether out of proportion to the size of the place. There secretary, B. Davidson; and auditor, W. Parrive here, about January, when the are three things which the most casual observer cannot fail to notice, namely: 1. The large number of Chinese; 2. The large number of empty houses; 3. do not intend going into that hackneyed Chinese question, but may ask "en passant," is it not possible that there may he some relation between the number of Asiatics and the tendency for the European population to be driven away? That trade is slack here can hardly be wondered at when it is borne in mind that not only is a large section of the population unemployed but several

thousands of the money spenders have left for other parts. "What shall be left for other parts. done with our boys?" was a question forming the subject of a letter to your morning contemporary a few days ago, and the editor in an article pointing out what young Canadians have achieved in the last three quarters of a century, advises "our boys" to go and do likewise-to learn a trade or settle on the land. Well, as far as I can judge, the trades as well as the professions are pretty well filled, and if there be any land to settle on that is any good, and which has not already fallen into the hands of a favored few, where is it? And how can it be settled on without capital? New Zealand affords a good object

lesson in social evolution and general progress. During the last six years settlement has been pushed ahead as it never was pushed before. By enabling the people to take up land or lease in perpetuity on a four per cent. rental those who had been kept off the land, compelled to keep to the overcrowded labor markets of the large cities and towns of the colony, or to leave its shores in search of employment, are to-day independent colonists. A mil lion and a quarter dollars borrowed to purchase one estate is returning six per cent. The now universally approved Advances to Settlers Act saved the settler who borrowed under it \$70,000. Hundreds of families and hundreds of young men are now settled on the land, but there is still a great deal to be done in this direction, as everyone knows the more people settled on the land the more prosperous will the colony be-come. In addition to this, the railways have been restored to the people, roads have been constructed, a thoroughly organized agricultural department has been placed on a sound and rational basis, experts have been engaged to instruct the farming classes in various branches of industry, new markets have been opened up, industries have been started by English capitalists, all round taxation reduced, while the population has increased by nearly 100,000 people and the colony's stock stand higher in the world's markets to day than they have ever stood before:

record like this and there is no reason why she should not she has every opportunity. A new country with magnifi cent resources and millions of acres of

boys?" are glaring anomalies in a rich a province so sparsely peopled in its very infancy cries out for domestic The San Francisco Board of Health and social reform. And yet there is more saddening I think than to see men and their families suffering starvation, or semi-starvation, growing chilsome who are idle and vicious and who rent, do knock the spirit out of men, do not spend it to the best advantage. No one need starve in this country, I am boastfully assured, yet I know a

> to it. The story of a "come down" is old enough and common enough everywhere but it never grows less sad. One or these told me the other day he had nothing now to hope for here in the way of employment, and that now, although he had been a teetotaler for years, he was obliged to go to the sa loon because that was the only place where he could get anything to eat for five cents-with a glass of beer as well. A hot cup of tea or coffee would do him more good, he knew, and he wondered that there were no places here like the Y. W. C. A. tea rooms in the Australian cities. I have often wondered if that poor girl who tried to make a living by palmistry, having

a choice perhaps between starvation and dishonor, as many another woman has, was driven to madness and death through want of food and lack of human sympathy. But these are things that are never known until too late, if they are ever known at all. They sel dom come out at a coroner's inquest. A voing man who came over in the sence steamer with me from Australia. and who had been a ledger keeper in a Melbourne bank until it failed, landed had read so much in the literature dis tributed throughout Australia and New Zealand by the C. P. R. and the Canadian-Australian Steamship Company. met him in Victoria the other day. He could get nothing to do, he said. An occasional odd job, was often treated to drinks he said, fellows were rather nice here that way-but no one ever asked him to have anything to eat. I saw hunger in every line of his face. "Look thin?" he asked. "Yes, my clothes-all I have got left-don't seem to fit as well as they did. I know I am only skin and bones; soon there will be nothing left but bones." and he quoted:

"Rattle his bones, over the stones, He's only a pauper whom nobody

knows.' Then he laughed a hollow laugh and went away wishing me a merry Xmas as I wish all who read this letter.

THEY CALLED IT BOSH. A Lecturer in Lendon Has Trouble to Get a Hearing.

Extraordinary scenes of disorder took place the other day at the delivery of a lecture in the Imperial Institute, London, by Mr. David Draper, secretary of the South African Geological Society, who was alleged to have sided with the Boers against the forces of Dr. Jameson. On the appearance on the platform of the lecturer, accompanied by Mr. H. C. Richards, M.P., who took the chair, there was a continuous storm of hisses, yelling and hooting and cries of "You ought to be ashamed of yourself, Richards." This was continued all through the chairman's opening remarks. It was some minutes before the lecturer was able to begin the reading of a pamphlet. Amid the din he was heard to ejaculate, "If you are Englishmen you surely know what fair play means. The lecturer was then allowed to contin ue, but soon he was met with cries of "Rot!" and "Bosh!"

A remark of his that the Boers' behavior was superior to that of his hearers, was met with a further demonstration of hooting and hissing, and cries of "You must be well paid for this by the Boer Government." In making a passing allusion to the formation of the reefs near Kurgersdorp, one gentleman bawled out "That's where you were, wasn't it?" "No," cried another, "he was frightened." Sir Frederick Abel, one of the directors of the institute, here advanced to the platform and had a convertation with the chairman. Mr. Richards again rose and entreated a fair hearing for Mr. Draper, otherwise he would order the disturbers of the meeting to be expelled. A formidable array of the institute officials thereupon took up a position near the platform and the lecture was brought to a conclusion.

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