

The Colonist.

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ELIZABETH OF ENGLAND.

The name of "Good Queen Bess" has been so associated with the culminating glories of the kingdom of England that her memory is almost revered by Englishmen the world over.

Personally Elizabeth was not admirable, except for two qualities, common sense and courage. She was vain, suspicious, vacillating and, if half the stories of her relations with Leicester are true, grossly immoral.

To rightly judge of the character of Elizabeth, we must remember the circumstances of her birth, early training and surroundings. Her father, Henry VIII, married her mother, the beautiful Anne Boleyn, notwithstanding the refusal of the Pope to consent to his divorce from Catharine of Aragon.

Her right to the throne was disputed by Mary Queen of Scots upon that very ground. During the reign of her half-sister Mary was much of the time in mortal terror of her life, and when at the age of 25 she ascended the throne, the sense of security must have been extreme.

THE SPANISH DEFEAT.

The victory of the United States at Manila was the triumph of modern ships over those of a discarded class. Until full particulars have been received it will be impossible to pass final judgment upon the skill of the commanders or the courage of the men.

forts with safety, with a fleet hovering on his flank and torpedoes and mines possibly beneath his keels. In a fair stand up fight the Spanish fleet was unquestionably far outclassed; but the circumstances of the case almost balanced the chances.

The battle was one of very great importance, much more so than is implied in the loss of Manila by Spain. If the United States fleet had been at all damaged, it would have been compelled to cross the Pacific for repairs and this would have released the Spanish vessels and left them free to sweep across the North Pacific or even make a descent upon the Coast.

We feel unable to join in the belief that this battle will hasten the conclusion of the war. It is, except so far as it secures a large measure of safety for United States merchantmen on the Pacific, only an incident which does not go to determine the result either one way or the other.

We suggest that the difficulty raised by the Mail and Empire can be got over by providing that the white lists of the province shall be taken, non-resident voters shall not be allowed.

THE PRESS AND THE PARTIES. One eastern exchange advises another to wait to see what the ministry think about Senate reform before committing itself to it.

The Toronto Globe says there is nothing to prevent Canadians from selling munitions of war to the United States. This is the conclusion reached after an elaborate view of international law bearing on the subject.

A. S. Van Alstyne has written to President McKinley from Ashcroft to say: "The civilized nations are looking to you for leadership in this crisis."

THE FRANCHISE BILL.

The Toronto Mail and Empire makes the only tenable point that we have seen taken against allowing the franchise for Dominion elections to be regulated by the provinces, namely, that whereas in some of the provinces the principle of "one man, one vote" prevails, in others a man may have a vote in every constituency in which he owns property.

The Wellington Enterprise ought to correct its little error about a proposed \$44,000 subsidy per mile for the Coast-Teslin railway. It is only eleven times too great.

Mr. Justice Brewer, of the Supreme Court of the United States, said in a recent case that the lives of the judges of the land should be open to the light of day and their judicial acts should be freely criticized.

The Vancouver World, discussing the Yukon railway, says that Providence helps those that help themselves. The expression is trite, but it fits the case of British Columbia like a glove.

The franchise is something about which there should be certainty and permanence. The method of getting on the voters list should be simple. There should be no routine and no fine distinctions whereby a man could be disfranchised by mistake.

EPPS'S COCOA ENGLISH BREAKFAST COCOA Possesses the following Distinctive Merits. DELICACY OF FLAVOR. SUPERIORITY IN QUALITY.

The Spokane Spokesman-Review is greatly pleased at the attitude of the British Columbia press on the war. There are two explanations. One is that the United States is only trying to do in Cuba what Great Britain would do under the same circumstances, and the other is that when it comes to sympathy we are on the side of the United States against non-English speaking countries every time.

Our friends of the opposition press need not try to work up heroes over the opposition "walk out." No one realizes how absurdly silly the performance was any better than the opposition themselves.

The Rosland Miner thinks the government will be judged at the elections by its record during the next four years. The best friends of the government ask nothing more and nothing less than this.

Kaslo is going to have a special illustrated edition of the Kootenain. Kaslo has many things to tell about itself that will be well worth reading.

BY WAY OF VARIETY. Nell—So you're really engaged in earnest. Belle—Yes; and I think that I should do it, after rejecting almost a hundred proposals.

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LEGISLA Short Sittin Deal of E Sevr-al Bil Time and ing The proceedi of the governmen through the m many of the b members were the order paper The proceedi prayers. SONG Mr. Helmcken ence between the government of the and the the to the obtaining of the provinca sition of the De ten actual of the part thereof in Co.; also order matter; that the to in the coun Kenya to the I 1897, also not of Provincial and the Provincial G Co. relative to the assist of the the grant of the reserve or any government in fa also copies of a by the provinca through the p provincial govern of the forshire. This list was to in support of said that it was discuss of his reserve question. Large amount to be taken int removal of the ownership of of the Indians. tion. Mr. Jarne should be brought however; that the sionally about the his interview with heard rumors ye rangement between and the Indians was any corre brought down. Mr. Hunter thi thing would tur a great deal. He was fully con and there was not saying on the cr inuity to the cr way, for he had the provincial gve posed as a good ried on at Ottawa. Mr. Semlin, if d cure, the sooner Mr. Hunter expl tions had counti tions were for the nineteen acres sou railway terminal, had made a plan s would say, howev carried out it would for the benefit of Mr. Helmcken in said it was not de on any one. The cr that the governme it was importan tion possible on the VANCOUVER Mr. Williams move Governor move the to take into consida of a drill shed in t when the contract dation for our volum be believing in the country should be en with suitable place acquire protection that there was some million government p sum for the drill will be a great shame if V on a proper drill she erable shed the millt use. Hon. Mr. Turner tition was one that she such a fine body as should certainly ha which to drill. As government was o tended to bring down estimates provision shed, the same in case of Victoria an shads. It was only should take an int ment of the voluntee force as a good t men morally and phy in favor of every sion. Mr. Macpherson sal -Ottawa stating that ment intended placin rates for the dril harm, however, to p The resolution was MUST GIV Mr. Semlin moved the house to discuss man of the commite Redistribut bill. Mr. Speaker said th that the question s tice. The report con nals of the house un to some conclusio MINER On the report of a C. Baker moved an plain that limestone, not minerals under t This was carried adopted. BILLS The North Cowich daries bill; the Brit Act Amendment bill Dan Co. bill; and the way bill were int and passed. The Small Debts Ac put through commit reported complete with The Truck bill rep SPEEDY INC Hon. Mr. Eberts r reading of the Spee Towns bill explained purpose of allowing it last year to use the hat instead of the m rowing money this year's revenue. Mr. Eberts provides that the "In rof of a town should sible in existence las roll in them, it was this respect until ne The second reading bill partly put thro whole, the committe ing leave to sit again INDUSTRIAL The Industrial Com through committee at Mr. Helmcken aske ever possible to rec Lake Dam bill thro the afternoon as it