NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Hardware Burglaries at Vancouver—Papal Message to the Young Men's Institute.

The Mortgage Tax Discussed by Board of Trade—Good Water Prospects.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 25.—The furniture was attached in a house of ill-fame on Dupont street by a landlord's warrant. Last night the keeper made off with the furniture.

The Orphans' Home of the Church of England will be opened on Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock by Ven. Archdeacon Woods.

Superintendent Hussey, of the Provincial police, interviewed Stanley Smith yesterday in reference to the rumored Indian massacre. He will not go North until word is received from Indian Agent Todd.

The Pilotage Board have written to the Board of Trade that they consider the fog horn at the Narrows necessary and would attend to it when their chairman returns from England.

The tax on mortgages was discussed at the Board of Trade meeting yesterday, when Mr. H. O. Bell-Irving moved, seconded by Mr. W. Taylor, that in the opinion of the Board of Trade of Vancouver the tax on mortgages acts injuriously to the best interests of the Province, and we beg that the representatives of Vancouver in the Provincial Legislature use their best endeavors to secure the speedy repeal of the Act imposing such a tax, and that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Boards of Victoria and Nanaimo with the request for their co-operation.

Mr. McLagen suggested at the Board of Trade meeting the advantage of a road being built up Seymour Creek valley to Pemberton Meadows, 70 miles in length. If the road were built the Pemberton cattle could come in by this route.

The Credit Foncier Franco-Canadien is represented here by Barrister MacNeill. The company's capital is 25,000,000 francs.

At the Y.M.I., Mr. J. D. Byrne, D.D.G.P., delivered an address on "Education from a Roman Catholic point of view." The society recently sent a congratulatory message to the Pope, and received the following in reply: "The Holy Father blesses from his heart the Young Men's meetings, having received the assurance of their filial affection."

The St. Andrew's and St. George's societies are to put up a club building for the use of both societies on the corner of Cambie and Dunsmuir streets.

A large number of people in Vancouver were made sad by the news of Mrs. Thomas McWhinnie's death in Victoria. Yesterday the remains arrived by steamer Islander.

There is 100 pounds water pressure from Capilano now, which is considered good for fire purposes. On the higher levels, however, the pressure is rather deficient.

The second round of ties in the Hotel Vancouver billiard tournament was completed to-night, leaving four players in the field.

In addition to Dr. Thomas' regular salary as health officer, he is to be paid $5 a visit for attending patients at the hospital.

No business of peculiar importance took place at the meeting of the Trades and Labor Council.

The Squamish Valley Hop Growing company met yesterday. Mr. T. H. Potter said the land was well suited for hop growing. The capital stock will be increased from $10,000 to $50,000. The following directors were elected: G. E. Magee, Dr. Bell-Irving, W. Shannon, E. Lindsay Phillips and John McDowell.

McIver Campbell, the wonderful little half-back of the Vancouver football team, has returned to England. He was missed in to-day's match. Hoey and Hamilton, of the Empress of China, played on the C. P. R. team; while Senkler played with the town.

At 10:30 last night Night Watchman McLean noticed a young man loitering in the rear of the Cunningham Hardware Company's building. He told him to move on. The man moved on quietly at first, but on getting on the street, ran at full speed, which was not very fast as he seemed weighted down and peculiarly handicapped in some fashion. McLean's suspicions were aroused and he gave chase, catching up to him. On examining the man's clothing it was found that every pocket was full of knives or razors, 452 of the former and 38 of the latter, evidently stolen from the Cunningham Hardware Company. The man gave his name as Watters.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Feb. 25.—R. Hilbert has let the contract for the erection of a frame building in place of the two frame buildings now being demolished on Front street. The new structure is to contain ten stores, and will cost $12,000.

The steamer Joan brought down from Hornby Island yesterday Messrs. Romander and Eckforth, who have been selecting a site for a sawmill. They are returning to San Francisco to purchase the machinery. Mr. Romander comes from New York, Eckforth from San Francisco.

UNION.

UNION, B. C., FEB. 24.—The Rev. P. McF. McLeod delivered a lecture entitled "That Young Man" to a large and attractive audience in the Public Hall on Saturday evening last. He preached in the hall Sunday morning and evening in the room of the Rev. A. Fraser. At the close of the evening service a meeting of members and adherents took place, presided over by Mr. Wm. Mitchell, when it was unanimously resolved to petition the Presbytery to have a resident minister for Union, as the work is too heavy for the Rev. Mr. Fraser who has to make the journey from Comox, and in all weathers.

On Tuesday last a serious accident happened to a young man named Samuel Sutton, employed as a rope rider in the No. 4 Slope, Union Collieries. It appears he had almost completed his day's work and was on the way to the pithead when by some means he was struck by a number of loaded cars (which were being hauled to the surface) and dragged for some distance along the airway. Some miners going to work found the poor fellow lying face downwards some distance from the cars, which had jumped the track. He was immediately borne to the surface and dispatched to his residence by train. Drs. Young and Lawrence were speedily in attendance and dressed his injuries, consisting of a broken collar bone and two ribs, also several very deep wounds which required stitching. He is progressing as well as can be expected under the circumstances.

The ss. Joan arrived on Wednesday with a large number of passengers and a heavy freight for local merchants.

The steamers Umatilla and Walla Walla are expected shortly to load cargoes of Union coal. The San Mateo sailed on Sunday with a cargo of 4,300 tons of coal for San Pedro.

A meeting of the residents of Union took place last Thursday evening, the object being the formation of a reading room for the town. Mr. Duncan Sossocupied the chair, and there was an average attendance. The chairman having briefly introduced the matter called upon Mr. G. W. Clinton, paymaster of the Union Colliery Company, who minutely described the terms of the Company, who offer to let the rear part of the public hall for the purpose, all fitted up for use, the same to be rent free. A committee consisting of Messrs. John Bruce, chairman; J. B. McLean, secretary; G. W. Clinton, William Mitchell and Wm. Wright were appointed to draw up a code of rules for the governing of the institution and present same at the next meeting, which will be held Thursday, 2nd March. Upwards of twenty names have been received, and the committee hope to have fifty by Thursday next. Hearty votes of thanks to the Union Colliery Co. for their kind offer and to the chairman for presiding brought the meeting to a close.

Rev. A. Fraser goes to Victoria to-day to attend a meeting of the Presbytery.

The new house for Dr. Lawrence is rapidly nearing completion. The work is in the hands of Grant & McGregor, contractors.

CABLE NEWS.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—The French steamer Dinnal was sunk in a collision, near Saigon, on Wednesday. Seven persons were drowned.

PARIS, Feb. 24.—The Chamber of Deputies to-day, by a vote of 246 to 41, passed the bill providing that a tax shall be levied on time bargains on the Bourse, as suggested by M. Tirard. The Chamber then rejected a proposition to place a tax on time bargains in produce and merchandise.

PARIS, Feb. 24.—A group of deputies resolved to-day in a meeting at which M. Eugene Etienne, Member for Oran, Algeria, presided, to urge that the Government take energetic measures to annex the valley of Mehad, Congo river, in Southeastern Asia.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—The Radical members of the House at a meeting held to-day, decided to advocate the payment of salaries to all members of the House.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—A Parliamentary election was held in Gateshead to-day to fill the vacancy caused by the succession of Walter H. James to the Peerage. William Allan, Liberal, received 6,434 votes; P. Rali, Liberal Unionist, 5,556 votes. These figures show an increase of the Gladstonian majority from 293 in the last general election to 868. Mr. Allan declared himself on the platform for Home Rule and the taxation of ground values, and the abolition of the House of Lords as an hereditary assembly.

PARIS, Feb. 24.—The members of the Court of Arbitration regarding Behring Sea, met to-day and signed the minutes of yesterday's proceedings.

YOKOHAMA, Feb. 24.—The C.P.R. Company's steamship Empress of Japan arrived here on February 22.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Mrs. Gladstone, wife of the British Premier, has been confined to her bed all the week, suffering from a cold. She is improving to-day.

FIGHTING IN ARGENTINE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—The Herald's correspondent at Valparaiso cables that paper as follows: From the various sections in Rio Grande de Sul comes news of fighting. The federals have assumed the offensive and appear to be making decided gains. An army of 2,000 federals are besieging the town of Santa Ana. They are poorly armed and hence have made no assault on the town. The Second cavalry, which is in garrison at Santa Ana, made a sortie yesterday and attempted to drive away the beleaguering forces, but after a desperate skirmish they were defeated and compelled to seek refuge behind the defences of the town. A fierce battle was fought near Dom Pedrito yesterday and many were killed on each side, but the result of the fight is not known.

The Federals, who have organized in the Argentine province of Corrientes, have invaded Rio Grande and skirmishes are reported all along the frontier. No decisive battle, however, was fought. The Government cavalry are dissatisfied, and in some cases have refused to fight the rebels. Colonels Pinto and Barcellos, with their commands, have passed over to the federals. The Federal Government has sent 3,000 federal troops to Pelotas, in the province of Rio Grande de Sul. It is stated that the Twelfth regiment of cavalry was defeated by the federals and pursued into Uruguayan territory, where they were disarmed. The Castihalists admit they have suffered many losses, owing to desertions. A revolution has broken out in the province of San Pablo against Governor Campos.

One painful feature of the fighting which is going on in the unfortunate state of Rio Grande de Sul is the awful atrocities against non-combatants, of which both sides are guilty. It was said in Buenos Ayres that they expected the resignation of President Sanches Pena will be based on the ground of a wide divergence of opinion in the cabinet. The steamer Providence has arrived in Buenos Ayres with yellow fever on board. Her captain failed to report the disease to the health authorities and has been subjected to a heavy fine. Paraguayan ports have been declared free from disease. Many families from the Argeatine province of Corrientes are fleeing into Paraguay to escape from the brutalities of the soldiers. The national guard has been ordered to assemble ready for service on March 1. Lists have been opened in order to augment the corps.

THEIR ULTIMATUM.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—The National League of America to-night issued an address to Irishmen. It is in part as follows: "When the Home Rule bill was introduced in 1886, and now when, for the second time, a Home Rule measure has been placed before the British Parliament, Irishmen were inclined to congratulate themselves on a seeming beginning of an era of liberty, peace and prosperity for Ireland. The Parliament to assemble in Dublin, as provided for by this measure, would seem to be little better than a mockery. The financial proposals of Mr. Gladstone are certainly beyond the wit of man to understand. A sovereign Parliament in Ireland with complete control over her own affairs, and not subject to the caprice of English parties, should alone be acceptable to the Irish people."

AMERICAN NEWS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: "The Province of Quebec reports a comparatively healthful state of affairs with merchandise acting conservatively. Dry goods, groceries and hardware are most active at Montreal, while Quebec city jobbers of groceries and boots and shoes manufacturers are having a good trade. Toronto wholesale dealers report moderate activity and a good sorting up business. Collections in Ontario are said to be fair, but unsatisfactory in Quebec. Severe storms have greatly interfered with business at Halifax and owing to cold weather, bad roads and low prices in Manitoba, Winnipeg and the interior, merchants are moving slowly in making spring purchases. The bank clearings at Hamilton, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax, aggregate $19,356,000 for the week, an increase of 10 per cent. over last week and 20 per cent. over the week a year ago. There were 36 business failures reported from the Canadian Dominion this week, against 44 last week and 48 in the like week of 1892."

SAN RAFAEL, Cal., Feb. 23.—Six men were arrested at Sausalito to-day on suspicion of having murdered the first mate of the steamer George W. Elder. Last night a party was given aboard and early this morning a row occurred. Several shots were fired and blows exchanged, and when it was over the first mate could not be found.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 23.—Commenting upon the small number of Chinese now coming to San Francisco, Collector Phelps said to-day: "There is something wrong somewhere. The Chinese are undoubtedly forsaking San Francisco as a port of entry, but nevertheless they get into California. Some of them are smuggled in, as for instance those who came on the Haleyon and Louis Olsen, but still there are a great number who get into the United States by the various overland routes. If the same system of investigation were employed in Washington that is employed here, I think the immigration of Chinese would be greatly restricted. As things are at present, nothing can be done until May 5 next, when the time expires in which the Chinese are allowed to register. Even then they will appeal to the courts, and while the matter will lay in abeyance for probably a year, in the meantime the Chinese will come and go as usual, and those who cannot get in at San Francisco or Seattle will cross the border.

AUCKLAND, Feb. 24.—Robert Louis Stevenson arrived here to-day, on his way to Sidney. In an interview with a reporter he repeated his strictures upon the Samoan officials. He condemned the regulations made by the British commissioners for the preservation of order. These regulations, Mr. Stevenson said, were especially directed against himself. Mr. Stevenson deprecated the disarming of the natives, who, he said, ought not to be left utterly defenceless. The sole remedy for the present unsatisfactoriness of Samoan affairs, he thinks, is the annexation of the Islands by a great power.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The Hawaiian resolution introduced in the House by Dr. Springer calling for a statement of liabilities to be assumed was considered by the ways and means committee, and referred to a subcommittee.

STOCKTON, Cal., Feb. 24.—Superintendent Clarke, of the state insane asylum, has permitted a newspaper man to see Sarah Althea Terry in the madhouse. He found her a raving maniac and subject to the restraint necessary in such a case, but otherwise kindly treated.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 24.—Allan Manvel, president of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad, who has been ailing for some time at the Hotel del Coronado with Bright's disease, died early this morning.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—A despatch published in this city this morning, dated Massillon, O., stated that the general agent of the New York Mutual Life Insurance company is authority for the statement that Governor McKinley holds a security for his obligations to the creditors of his friend Robert N. Walker. A tontine policy was made out in favor of Walker for $100,000 in the company, which the agent represents. The dispatch further states that the policy is on the twenty years plan, and has run sixteen years, and now has a cash value of $60,000. At the office of the Mutual Life, in this city, it was stated to-day that there was no truth in the report, and that there must be a mistake somewhere. A search among the books showed that Robert N. Walker held a policy in the company, but it was issued in 1885, and is for $10,000 only.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The following proclamation has been issued: "Whereas public interests require that the Senate should be convened at 12 o'clock on the 4th day of March next, to receive such communications as may be made by the Executive. Now, therefore, I, Benjamin Harrison, President of the United States, do hereby proclaim and declare that extraordinary occupation requires the Senate of the United States to convene at the capitol in the City of Washington on the fourth day of March next, at 12 o'clock noon, of which all persons who shall at that time be entitled to act as members of the body, are hereby required to take notice. Given under my hand and seal of the United States at Washington, this twenty-fifth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, and of the independence of the United States of America the 117th.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Feb. 25.—Pete Anderson was an honest cowboy on the Laramie river, but had been a clerk in Johnson's store at the Hanna coal camp only two months when he bolted with a trunkful of valuables and landed in Canada. He made away with nearly $25,000. Anderson writes from across the border offering to sell back to Johnston a collection of 12,000 coins, there being many rare specimens. Johnston had refused a large offer for the lot. The catalogue lists a Roman coin 2,000 years old, shell money from the Fiji Islands and bone money from Paraguay and Uruguay, gold coins from 25 cents to the $5 slug of the days of "49," and specimens from every country in the world.

WANAMAKER'S DEAL.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 24. — John Wanamaker's reported loss of $2,000,000 in the Reading collapse caused a considerable amount of gossip to-day. A year ago he purchased, at a favorable price, a large block of stock, perhaps 30,000 shares. He held to it and when the coal trust was formed was clearing twenty cents a ton.

Last December the conviction forced itself on Mr. Wanamaker that President McLeod was trying to make too big a "deal" on too small profits. McLeod showed that unless hard luck overtook the road from two or three sources at once, the Reading scheme was bound to go through. Mr. Wanamaker was led to believe that things were coming out all right, and the stock was going higher instead of lower. He decided not to close out, and returned to Washington with his heading securities.

Last Saturday Wanamaker came to Philadelphia in a great hurry. He saw disaster had come upon the ambitious coal monopolists and in a very quiet way unloaded every share of Reading stock. Many well-informed financiers here believe he came out even. One fact, however, is admitted. Had Wanamaker followed his first impulse last December, and closed out then, his profits on the Reading investment would have been an even $666,000.

MACKAY'S ASSAILANT.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25.—The Examiner this morning prints the following letter addressed to it by Wm. C. Reppey, the would-be assassin of John W. Mackay:

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25.

MR. EDITOR: I believe that it takes two persons to constitute a contract, the party of the first part and the party of the second part. I have been neither the party of the first nor the party of the second. God only knows, but I do know that I have been the party that has not lost one cent less than $25,000 among a dirty low banditti of thieves who infest what is known as the San Francisco Stock Board, situated on Pine street in this city. In other words, Mr. Editor, I have sown my corn and I have reaped tares; but the man that sowed the tares that I reaped, if he don't harvest a whirlwind, it will simply be because I have neither nerve nor strength to pull a trigger. I have had some close and intimate friends who to-day sleep that sleep that knows no waking, all on account of stocks. The last one but a short time ago came to me and, holding in his hands sixty-five cents, said to me, "this is all I possess on this earth. Just enough to take me across the Bay and walk until I hope to God I may find some secluded spot where I hope to lay unidentified until the sun shall grow dim with age, and nature sinks in years. Now, Mr. Editor, I am passed 73 years of ago and I can't bring to mind anyone I ever had trouble with. I never associated with that class of men who were liable to get into trouble; I have always paid the last honest cent I owed until the past few months. I was forced to borrow small amounts to bridge over an assessment on stock. This I regret, although, as small as it is, those men have driven me to desperation, and had I the power to-day I would wipe them all off the face of this same city. They have been the cause of more destitution, more demented men, more suicides, and the direct cause of separations and the destruction of more happy homes than any body of perjured villains that God ever suffered to live. Now, in conclusion, let me say I have but one desire, and that is, if I should leave behind faiends enough to give my remains a half decent funeral, I hope the coroner will leave my remains in their hands, and if not it is all the same. I will get there just as soon as that other fellow. I never started for a new country but what I got there.

Respectfully yours,
W. C. REPPEY.

Health Officer James W. Jeeney, Mr. Mackay's physician, when seen this afternoon, said: "Mr. Mackay's condition this morning is splendid. He passed a good night and slept very well. He has no fever, but I have issued orders that no visitors be allowed to see him."

FATAL SLUGGING.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25.—Wm. Miller, pugilist, died this morning from concussion of the brain, received during the fight with Dal. Hawkins at the California Athletic club last night. Both were feather-weights, 21 years of age. The fight lasted fifteen rounds. Miller was severely punished throughout. Hawkins and five others who acted as seconds have been arrested, charged with murder.

In conversation with a United Press reporter this morning Captain Lees, of the detective force, spoke as follows in reference to the fatal fight. "It is safe to say that the result of last night's battle will put an end to that sort of business here, and I for one will be glad to see it stopped for good. The fact of the matter is that what have been termed boxing matches here, recently, have been nothing more than slugging matches. A scientific exhibition does not do harm to anybody, but the people running such affairs have simply run them into the ground. The seconds of the dead man, who participated in last night's fight, are very much to be blamed for not throwing up the sponge after the fifth round.

When questioned in relation to the fight Hawkins said that he had no statement to make to the public except that he was very sorry the fight had terminated as it had. "Of course the pugilists must think that I am really sorry for poor Miller. No person can honestly think that a man who enters the ring has any thought or desire of seriously injuring his opponent. I thought Miller was strong and fit to fight or else I would not have gone in the ring with him. He did not give any evidence of weakness before the commencement of the fight, and I am satisfied that the blow which I struck him had nothing to do with his death. It was a very unlucky affair for both of us, and I am sincerely sorry that it happened."

The autopsy on the remains of Miller, made by Dr. O'Brien, this afternoon, showed that death resulted from the rupture of the middle meningeal artery in the right hemisphere of the brain, the rupture being under a contusion in the scalp, the contusion being caused by a blow.

HAWAIIAN ANNEXATION.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 25.—The Hawaiian treaty is thought to be dead for the session. This is reluctantly conceded even by its friends. The action of the Senate to-day in refusing to go into executive session—though that action doubtless had some reference to the Hanchette circuit judge nomination—was also accepted as a conclusive indication that the treaty would be shelved for the balance of the session. The Treaty matter can, of course, be taken up in the extra session, which will convene immediately after the present Congress dies, but unless some marked change of sentiment occurs there is believed to be no prospect of action upon it during the life of the present administration.

VIENNA, Feb.—25.—In the Reichstag today Dr. Gregor, leader of the Young Czechs, made a vehement appeal to the House in favor of Bohemian Home Rule. Several leading Germans spoke in reply. They declared that the settlement of the Bohemian question was desirable, for the struggle carried the liberty and progress of the country, but they declined to make any of the concessions demanded by the Young Czechs, who want to see the Emperor crowned King of Bohemia and that country placed as to self-government on a par with Hungary.

WITH THE HIRED MAN.

Farmer Elias Tells a Travelling Acquaintance an Unhappy Domestic Experience.

Arthur's Vain Attempt to Steady Down After His Gay Life in Kansas City.

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There is no place like a smoking car on a local train for studying the human being of the male sex, with now and then a few dago hyenas of the softer sex. The American smoking car near the city is a Mott street, a Chatham square, a dose of the French quarter, a Little Italy and a Klein Deutschland, with a sprinkling of free born salivary sovereigns of the republic.

Farther away one begins to find in Michigan the Hollander who likes to colonize a swamp with Holland neighbors and then play in the mud till he gets a rich, productive farm and webs between his toes. Then he will go quacking about over it with a joyful waddle that a high bred American farmer would pause to despise.

"HOW ARE YOU, HENRY?"

Then in Minnesota he begins to hear the "yentle" bobolink language of the Swede, the Dane and the Norwegian. Here in southern Missouri and Kansas and Nebraska one encounters the Populist. But you must ride in the smoking car if you want to do all this. You can't go through America in a palace car and understand the country any more than you can call on the czar of Russia and get points on the suffering of the people there.

Riding through some of the regions of the south, where the moonlight whisky, or American vodka, flows, and the white corn is worked up into food, drink, lodging, mirth and 30 days in the "cold storage" of the county, one may be asked to take a swig from the large bottle, around the neck of which seven or eight tawny mustaches have been already twined.

You can refuse, however, by stating that you promised a dying mother—anybody's dying mother will do—that you would not take anything in the way of liquor; also that you have just taken a large drink.

One also encounters the local farmer everywhere, hard of hand, faded of beard and proud to know the "guard."

Yesterday a middle aged farmer sat across the aisle from me in the smoking car. He was dressed up when he left home, but no porter had brushed the nap from his clothes and no comb or brush had dallied with his locks. Even the wailing wind outside was sobbing because it had failed to blow through the jungles of his whiskers.

By and by an old acquaintance came in and was welcomed as a friend is welcomed always by one who has been alone "on the cars" for a fortnight or so.

"How are you, Henry?" said the traveler. "I'm glad to run acrost ye, I declare."

"Middlin; just middlin, Elias. How are you?"

"Tol'able, thank ye; tol'able."

"Well, ain't you a good ways from home?"

"Yes, Henry, but I bin a good deal furder'n this."

"Well, well! Where have ye been to?"

"Well, it's no secret at our place, Henry, that my woman went away with a farmhand of mine, and I've been to try and see her. You know how most every paper you pick up now has two or three cases like this, 'Gone with the hired man.' I can hear it night and day, Henry. The trucks of the train says it to me. The dinner bells at the eatin stations jingles it out, and sometimes I can't ear nor sleep. To-day I've only et a red apple and a glass revolver of candy. Here's the revolver now. My liver is inactive, and I feel bad."

"Well, where have ye been to?"

"I was afraid she'd went off with the odd horse whenal got in for supper, and I hopped on my off one that I'd been haulin with and started for the station, eight miles off. I was too late for that train and had to take the next one. But where to? The agent thought the hired man bought two tickets for Murdock, but wasn't shore about it. I bought for Murdock, but she'd went away with Arthur.

"I always called him Arthur. He was from Kansas City, he claimed, and led a life of gayety there. He wanted to come on the farm and stiddy down. Well, I knew if Arthur worked the way I did a few years it would stiddy him down so that his own mother wouldn't know him. 'Poor boy,' mother said, 'you mustn't work him too hard till he gets used to it.' So I let him chore around a good deal, beatin carpets and turnin the wringer, etc., whilst I pulled stumps and did other light work till I could hardly stand up.

"Arthur knew a little music and could play tunes on the cottage organ with one hand as well or better'n he could with both.

"When he wanted a fried chicken or preserves, he would tell mother how he had no mother and had been drawed into evil ways by bad men. Did you ever notice, Henry, how even the devil, if he's a married man, would make his wife believe that he was led into his present business by bad, designing men? I'll bet he does just that way, and his wife says to him: 'Sate, you are too popular. Everybody likes you, and you hate to refuse 'em, and by and by you step aside from the path of rectitude.'

"Arthur could crochet, too, and he would spring up and help mother peel pertaters whilst I set there all beat out with hard work. I felt kind of foolish about it first, but after awhile I said, 'I am supporting mother, and it don't give me time to fondle her so much as I'd like,' and I would feel bitter then towards somethin or nother that made me have to pull weeds and haul refuse from the barn all day till I was most dead and then set round at night so tired that I was like a big unsavory beast, with hard, crooked paws on me and hair like a badger.

"I'd snooze in spite of myself, whilst mother (I always called her mother after Sid was born, but she was just only crowdin 40 when she went with the hired man) set and sewed a blue woodpecker onto a felt tidy while Arthur read one of E. P. Roe's works out loud.

"Arthur used to be a quite a youmorist, too, and asked mother when she worked on that job whether she 'felt tidy,' and mother would laugh, and I never got onto the joke till yesterday on the cars. Travelin seems to brighten up a man, I think, sometimes."

"Well, did you ever find her?"

"Well, I tell you how it was. I got all worn out and give it up when I got to Kansas City, and thought I'd go to a show one night and try to forget about my trouble. I had mother's shawl along with me always over my arm, for I knew she left in such a hurry that she couldn't provide herself and might need it if she was out much nights.

"Arthur took all of his cloze with him and $200 that I was to get another team with, but that's neither here nor there. I don't know where it is, but I don't believe mother knew Arthur took it.

"Well, the show was a vandeville, with what they call speshelties thrown in it. One man was down for a sort of ackobattic thing that was claimed to be the most difficult and dangerous thing that was ever attempted to be done by man or beast. Well, it turned out to be sort of a midair jump from one of these here trapezers to another, one and I seen in two seconds that the fellow was my hired man. He chalked his hands and razzumed his moggasins, and away he went up a rope and hung there like a cat that's been treed by a dog. He hopped around there and swung away out over the audience. He was dressed in sort of tights, and one of the ushers sort of laughed and said the feller had on an extra tight, he thought. 'My God,' says I, will the cuss do such things as that with a jag on him and scarcely anything else?"

"Jest then the drum give a big thump like a blast in a deep well, and the fellow made a long jump, and before I could holler 'Whoa' he lit in the isle as near as me and you is. The blood squirted out of his nose, and I heard his neck crack, and the doctor that looked at him sez, sez he:

"'Take him to his home; he is dead,' sez 'e. 'He has no home,' sez the stage manager. 'Here, Maud,' he sez, 'where shall we send him to?'

"'It's none of Maud's business where he goes to,' sez another girl with tar on her eyelashers and a coat of pink whitewash on her as fur as the eye could reach. Her name was Little Flossy, they sed. 'We've been married twice, him and me,' she sed and throwed her gum in the other girl's face. Maud hit her over over the eye with a Roman stab knife that scalped Flossy and left her in her own hair, which hurt her feelin's worse'n ef she had had her head cut off.

"Well, they fought over the matter, Arthur's two widders did, till they had to be sent to the courthouse in their mackintoshes.

"Then I saw mother had been watchin the whole business, and she looked broke down and shamed. She give a scart look at the remains and shivered as you would to see a murderer mussed up by a wabbly gallus.

"HERE'S YOUR SHAWL, MOTHER."

"It don't seem like I ever saw anything sadder or humbler than mother. She leaned down in her opry seat and prayed—prayed for herself, mind ye. She never had to do that before. She didn't need it.

"When she got up she shivered ag'in, and I reached out and sez, 'Here's your shawl, mother,' sez I.

"It seems he deserted her on the train and got off before they got to Kansas City, and he come in on another train, got some new cloze and his old job as Dan—what's his name at the show, and poor mother tried to hunt him up and borry a few dollars of him to come back, but she never got sight of him till that evenin. Then she saw him spatter himself over the orchestry.

"She's gone up to visit Martha Ellen's folks at Lawrence now, and I'm goin back to rent the farm to a good feller I know, and I'm going to give mother more attention after this. Seems odd to some folks, of course, but I'm different from some folks. She won't ever be so gay as she used to be, but she has added to her general knowledge.

"She wouldn't leave go of my hand after that till she went up to Martha Ellen's, and then she patted me on the shoulder and then kept the window up till everybody in the car swore, and we parted as we used to when both of us was young people.

"But you'd ort of seen her climb up on my shoulder and cry when I sez to her that night, 'Here's your shawl, mother,' sez I."

BILL NYE.

MARINE DISASTER.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Feb. 25.—At a late hour this afternoon news was received of a terrible disaster off Cutty Hank, one of the Elizabeth Islands, separating Buzzard's Bay from Vineyard Sound. About eight o'clock last evening the lights of a vessel were seen off the Sow and Pigs Reef, and in a short time the vessel had struck. The boat belonging to the Massachusetts Humane Society was got out and a volunteer crew of six men put off in her, despite the heavy swell and the warnings of the captain of the Life Saving station. The men were determined to rescue the crew of the vessel if it was possible to do so. They had a long, hard and perilous pull amid the angry waves which threatened every moment to engulf them, but at last succeeded in getting under the lee of the vessel. A rope was thrown to the boat, but just as a landing was about to be effected a great wave capsized the boat and in an instant the men were struggling in the ice cold water. One of the boat's crew caught a rope thrown and was drawn on board the vessel, but the others were all drowned. It is the worst disaster known in the history of the island. The wrecked vessel was ascertained to be the brig Sagua, laden with sugar, from Cuba for Boston. It is thought that the brig will be lost as the wind was to the southwards and a heavy swell was on. The captain and crew of the brig were saved and landed on Cutty Hank, where their temporary wants were supplied.

LAKEWOOD, N. J., Feb. 24.—Mr. Cleveland has appointed Henry T. Thurber, of Detroit, his private secretary.

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