

For the 24th Boating Flannels, Neglige Shirts, Straw Hats, Sweater Jerseys, Etc. D. Williams & Co., Clothiers and Hatters, 97 Johnson St.

from their seats, one forcibly declaring "Dead—if I do!"

The doctor entered at this point and as received with perfect silence. The weakest man had carried the day and the doctor could not work one little round of applause.

Mr. J. B. Cade was then called upon to speak, with the idea that he would be able to bring back into the fold those who were standing in the center of the room saying Mr. Stord was elected to a seat certainly, as they would vote for P. H. Hanson.

All attempts to make the nomination unanimous failed, and the meeting broke up without the customary motion for adjournment.—News-Advertiser.

Nanaimo, May 16.—Major Matter reports that his electioneering tour to Alberni promises to give satisfactory results. The stand he has taken as an independent has met with the general approval of the electors, as they express themselves that they are tired of the same combination. The major is looked on here as a supporter of the opposition and will therefore be an acquisition to the party.

The Northfield branch of the Nanaimo Reform club have organized their press to advantage, and from their sheets it is certain that Mr. J. Bryden will be defeated. A meeting will probably be held at Wellington some evening next week when the candidates will address the electors. Some of the strong men of the government party have gone over to the other side, and it is said confusion is spreading among them so that Ralph Smith's chance is very simple as to require the delegates from the South district to meet in the Co-operative hall on Saturday, when the result of the ballot will be made known.

Some of the farmers in Colar district are dissatisfied because Dr. Walkem has been nominated for the South district. They seem to forget that the matter rests entirely with them. The doctor knows to be a government man, and would be a very simple act to request him to stand for the election. There are those, however, who take a more active part in politics, very anxious that the doctor should take a back seat, as they are afraid it would simply mean a walk-over for the opposition candidate. It seems very ungrateful of the government party, after Dr. Walkem has spent the last four years in canvassing for votes, to be thrown over for another aspirant.

AMERICAN NEWS NOTES.

Daily Chronicle of the Events of the Great Republic.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 17.—The crusade Columbia left League Island yesterday for a final deep sea trial.

Washington, May 17.—Opinion in an application for a writ of certiorari in the case of charge for firing hats at Russell & Bradley on Friday. Sentence on the case may be deferred until then.

The Navy department is advised that the Behring Sea fishery is being prosecuted with vigor.

New York, May 12.—Taxidermists and argonauts spent most of the night removing the skin and cutting up the carcass of the elephant, Tipu, killed yesterday. The vital organs are in demand among the applicants is the University of Chicago.

THE MARKETS.

Short Summary Covering Articles Produced by the Farmer.

Table listing market prices for various commodities such as wheat, corn, sugar, and other agricultural products.

COMOX--FOR SALE.

Thirty-six acres near the town of Court, belonging to Anthony Maitland Stenhouse, ex-M.P. Apply to Lovelace, Harris & Co., Estate Agents, Victoria.

YATES ON EUROPE.

Some Important Government Secrets Divulged.

EDMUND'S FORECAST OF ITS FATE

How Sir William Harcourt Committed Himself—Misguided Stumpers of the Indian Peninsula—Threats of Another Mutiny—Col. Harfield's Invention—The Queen's Maids of Honor.

New York, May 15.—In his weekly cable dispatch from London to the Tribune this morning, Edmund Yates says: "It is not to be supposed because the government has managed to survive by fourteen votes out of thirty-four on the second reading of the finance bill, that they will sustain its followers. The second reading of the bill will prove a fruitful source of discussion. Soon after the house assembles again after Whitsuntide, those who are eager for this cannot have their way the leaders will yield to popular opinion and issue a definite statement of their intentions. Sir William Harcourt has been going out of his way to let it be believed that he means to alter his position in the Rosebery ministry. He likes it so little that a fortnight ago he pointedly said in answer to a question in the house that he fervently hoped that it would not be in the position this time next year. On Thursday he repeated his hopes. His own words at the National Liberal club last Wednesday show that he does mean to retire from public life. Breveting points, however, to the fact that he will not control the national finances when next year's budget comes up. If it happens that the Liberal government is then in power, Henry Fowler will probably be hanging over us, absurd as they probably prove to be, it is surely ill-advised for Anglo-Indians to stomp the country in behalf of more sympathetic treatment of a native population. But Sir Wm. Wedderburn has determined to stomp the country in behalf of the down-trodden native. One hundred and thirty members of parliament, mostly Irish, have promised to help.

"I am admirably have at length signed, sealed and delivered an agreement with Col. Harfield adopting his terms of royalty for the manufacture of his patent compensating steering gear in the navy and his adoption generally throughout the fleet.

The Queen leaves London next Monday for Manchester, proceeding thence to Balmoral, where she will arrive on Tuesday morning. Her Majesty's departure will then return to Windsor for a residence of three weeks before going to Osborne for the summer. The Queen has been looking out for two months of honor to replace Miss Innes and Miss Mary, both of whom are going to be married. Miss Judith Harbord, daughter of Lord Suffolk, and Miss Byng, daughter of Col. Byng, have been appointed. A maid of honor has three months to be placed on the dry dock, estimated to have her bottom cleaned, those in a position to know say that the real object is to remove the plate on the port side forward of the monitor, which contains most of the defects.

The relatives of one of the passengers who was lost on the wreck of the steamer Los Angeles have waited on the United States district attorney and requested him to commence criminal proceedings against the captain and third officer. The district attorney is now investigating the case to determine whether or not the federal courts have jurisdiction.

LOUISIANA'S POSITION.

Causing a Lively Dispute Down in Louisiana.

New Orleans, La., May 15.—The State Supreme court yesterday reversed its late decision in the State of Louisiana against the Olympic club in the suit of the club against the State for the charter of the club. The first decision was in favor of the club and permitting glove fights. The attorney-general applied for a rehearing, and this court denied and declared against the repeal of the clubs charter. But it remanded the case to the lower or district court to be tried all over again, and not to admit any expert prize fight testimony. The decision reopens the whole question and will practically bring the club from having any prize fights until another decision is made. In his message to the legislative body the governor recommended the passage of a stringent law against glove contests and prize fights of any kind.

San Francisco, May 15.—E. E. Parsons has secured a warrant for the arrest of Dr. William Jennington for stealing twenty bonds of the Lodi Electric Co., value \$10,000, which Jennington obtained from Mrs. Parsons along with other books and papers belonging to the International Electric Supply and Construction Company, while Parsons was away from home. Parsons was one-third owner of the Electric Supply Co., while R. E. McDonald, Jr., of the Pacific Bank, owned two-thirds. Jennington's secret will be the fifth one in connection with the Pacific Bank and People's Bank frauds.

New York's Battle Monument.

West Point, N. Y., May 12.—After months of delay the shaft for the battle monument was slowly and carefully hoisted to a vertical position yesterday. Many of the veterans and officers gathered to see the uplifting of the great stone which is to stand in memory of the officers and enlisted men who were killed or died of wounds received during the war of the rebellion. Disappointment was expressed that the monument will not be ready to be unveiled at graduation time. The shaft is now upright and rests upon wooden blocks placed on the base prepared for it. The monument is plainly visible from Newbury Bay. The work when finished will be about \$75,000.

Northern Pacific Enquiry.

New York, May 15.—To-day counsel for the Northern Pacific railway tried to find out from Edes and Great Western, Bridgeport and South Chicago, and Chicago, Harlem and Batavia roads were made. Edes said on March 27, 1890, a check was drawn for \$351,750, payable to the Chicago and Great Western company. Two notes for \$575,000 each were paid by check for \$1,174,916.67, made on June 2, 1890, signed by Edes and Colgate Hoyt. The Oregon Transcontinental company acted only as financial

EASTERN CANADA.

Students of Toronto University Make a Display

OF THEIR BRUTALITY AND STUPIDITY

Runaway Assault on a Helpless Man—Hard Times in St. John, N. B.—The Andrews Murder Trial Finished—A Verdict of Not Guilty—A Gambler's Arrest.

Toronto, May 12.—A cowardly outrage on the part of medical students took place the other morning in the University college building on Gerrard street, where the summer session is now being held. A young first year medical student attending the session was set upon by a gang of university students from behind, who blindfolded him, and after severely beating him imposed on one side of his mouth. In case the university authorities fail in meting out punishment to the guilty parties the friends of the young man assaulted will bring the matter into court.

St. John, N. B., May 12.—The employees of the Coldbrook rolling mill received notice yesterday of a reduction in wages after May 21st. The manager states that the reduction is chiefly due to duties which have been imposed on iron which discriminate against the Canadian rolling mills in favor of the iron mines in Nova Scotia.

Toronto, May 12.—"Not Guilty" was the verdict in the Andrews murder trial which was concluded yesterday. The judge's charge lasted an hour and it carefully reviewed the evidence. The jury were out an hour, and when they returned their verdict the prisoners burst into tears. There are other charges against them.

Montreal, May 12.—Andy Maloney, a noted gambler, was arrested on the charge of being a vagrant yesterday afternoon. He was using insulting language to a chief of revenue police. When taken before the magistrate Maloney pleaded not guilty and was released on \$200 bail.

St. John, N. B., May 12.—The Valley cotton mill, owned by Parks & Co., was closed last evening, throwing 500 people out of employment. Inability to compete with the Upper Canadian combine and over production are the causes of the suspension.

AMERICAN NAVAL OFFICERS.

Honors for the Chicago's Men—Thaegs Again Fighting.

London, May 15.—By the capsizing of a boat containing a pleasure party on the river Orwell yesterday six people were drowned.

London, May 15.—The weekly statement of the associated banks is as follows: Reserve decrease, \$2,173,375; loans increase, \$2,323,100; specie increase, \$385,700; legal tender decrease, \$2,434,900; deposits increase, \$451,100; circulation decrease, \$42,700. Banks now hold \$80,034,575 in excess of required 25 per cent. rate.

Washington, D. C., May 12.—Secretary Cristie to-day announced that he had fixed the limit of the seal catch of Prhylof islands for the present season under contract with the North American Commercial Co., at 7,500. The United States agent on the islands can, however, increase the limit to 20,000 if he finds the industry is not injured by the seal herd. Mr. Carlisle has also fixed the price to be paid by the company to the United States for fox skins at \$4 to \$5.

Brooklyn, N. Y., May 15.—The Brooklyn handicap was won by D. Rice. Henry Vanover secured six Water third. Time 2:07 1/4. Just before the race a deputy sheriff arrested three of the racing judges. They were taken to Gravesend town hall and arraigned before Judge Voorhees.

Brooklyn, N. Y., May 12.—Corporation counsel advised Mayor Shieffert not to interfere with pooling on race track under any jurisdiction. He says the recent decision of Judge Prior on the issue of pool betting is not binding. Betting is not legalized, but he considers that the penalty clause has been revoked by the legislature. It is now certain there will be no interference with the Brooklyn handicap race.

Boston, Mass., May 12.—James T. Flood was today shot and partially fatally wounded by Edward Cahill, who then committed suicide by shooting himself in the head. It is said the shooting was the result of the circulation of stories by Flood regarding a malpractice in which Cahill was said to be connected.

Atlanta, Ga., May 12.—Marion W. Spence, one of the best known young brokers of Atlanta, has been missing for more than a week. There are rumors in commercial circles of complications in his business, but they could not be readily adjusted. It is the belief of his friends that he is temporarily deranged. He was the Atlantic representative of a number of mills and packing houses and had Chicago, Louisville, St. Louis and Nashville connections. Col. John Paul Jones, who was associated with him, has assumed control of his business and detectives are trying to find him. He has a young wife who is heartbroken over his disappearance.

Washington, D. C., May 12.—The senate took up the tariff bill to-day. Hale in the course of the debate warned the majority that if it made the house its enemy it would simply get the bill through the senate with the intention of revoking these concessions in conference, the minority would find a way to prevent the passage of the bill. The house is expected to pass the tariff bill on Monday. New York, May 12.—Bar silver, 62 3/4; bar copper dull; lake, 930; bar lead quiet; domestic, 335.

Philadelphia, May 12.—General Decheret has this afternoon.

Unions, Pa., May 12.—The coke strikers are quiet, and it seems as if matters had settled down to a question of endurance between strikers and operators. The works will make no further effort to import coke workers.

DOWE'S INVENTION.

Americans Will Experiment With the Bullet Proof Cloth.

Washington, May 12.—The American army authorities will test the bullet proof cloth which has aroused so much interest among officers abroad. The United States military attaché at Berlin has reported that Emperor William is sufficiently interested in the invention of the Mannheim tailor, to have the cloth intro-

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