Famous Dog Actors.

Of all the illustrious dogs which ever trod the boards the most famous is Dragon, the property of Captain Montdidier in the French army. This gentleman was murdered in the forest of Bondy by his friend, Lieutenant Macaire of the same regiment. After the crime Dragon showed such a strange aversion to Macaire that suspicion was aroused against him. In the end he aroused against him. In the end he confessed his crime, and his accomplice, Landry, in trying to escape, was seized by the faithful unimal and eiten to

This story has held the English stage. on and off, since the year of Waterloo, and it is only three decades since two "stars," named Lamb and Emmett, played in it with their trained dog Carlo at the Marylebone theater, London, then directed by Joe Cave. This animal was also the principal performer in a canine drama named "Poor Dog Tray." Eighty years ago there was a theater at Peckham where a youth named John Baldwin Buckstone made his debut as the injured captain. There is a venerable theatrical legend

There is a venerable theatrical legend which deals with a piece called "The Caravan Driver and His Dog." One evening the leading tragedian was taken ill, and the prompter rushed off to the manager to inform him that the play must be changed. "How you alarmed me!" said that worthy man, ordering a glass of strong brandy and water to steady his nerves. "The tragedian unwell! I was afraid it was the dog."—New York Times. New York Times.

Wanted, a Holograph Will.

A Canadian barrister is responsible for the following: One day a farmer came into his office and requested that a holograph will should be prepared for his signature. The lawyer began at once to explain terms, but the tiller of the prairie, who prided himself not a little upon his legal knowledge, only grew angry. "I want a holograph will," he declared, "and I'm going to have it," he added in parenthesis. When the impossibility of his request was still inpossibility of his request was still pointed out he angrily stumped from the office shouting out: "D—n it! If I can't have a holograph will, I'll blamed well die intestine!"

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Almost as funny was the tradesman who had recently been left some land. He came to the lawyer with instructions for a deed of transfer to be prepared in favor of himself. On being asked his reasons, he gave them thus: "Don't feel sort of comfortable about that bit of country. I know how particular you lawyer gents are, and I thought maybe that if I signed a deed making over the property to myself no one would be able to touch it." When his application was refused, he went away in a rage, and subsequently tried to bring an action against the lawyer, who, he imagined, was trying to defraud him.—Cornhill Magazine.

When Maseagni Composes.

When Maseagni Composes:
Mascagni's greatest passion and delight is to conduct an orchestra, for which he himself says he has a natural talent. But what is more interesting is to watch Mascagni composing his works. His wife, Signora Linn; Mimi (his eldest boy). Dino (another son) and Emilia His wife, Signora Lina; Mimi (his eldest boy), Dino (another son) and Emilia (his little daughter) all have their parts in it. When the maestro is feverishly writing notes and rushing to the piano to catch an inspiration, his wife follows him to and fro, while the children climb on his knees, he unconsciously running his fingers through their curls.

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As soon as he has fixed on a melody he gathers the children in his arms, and he gathers the children in his arms, and they all rell indiscriminately on the floor, the shouts, bumps, laughter, tears, making such an uproar that at last Signora Mascagui interferes, scolding her husband and telling him that a grave musician should give a better example to his family. She bundles away the children, and he returns to his desk, but a few minutes later the scene desk, but a few minutes later the scene repeats itself.—Pall Mall Gazette.

A Maharajah's Revenge.

The maharanee of Nepaul committed spicide in horror at the disfigurement which an attack of smallpox had caused in her features. The maharajah, who was passionately attached to her, first

was passionately attached to her, first wreaked his vengeance on the physicians who had attended her in her illness. Then he flew at higher game. Out of the great temple he brought the idols, placed leaded cannon before them and bade gunners fire. In terror at the proposed blasphemy they refused. Thereupon the maharajah hanged several of them. The survivors then submitted, and the guns were fired and the and the guns were fired and idols blown to pieces.—Leipsic M. sions

Took Him at His Word

Gradgrind (to his employees)—No-body but me is to touch that clock. Nobody is to begin or leave off work except as it indicates the time.

Foreman—Yes, sir.
Gradgrind (the next day)—Why, the day is one-fourth gone and nobody's at work! What does this mean?

Foreman (meekly)—You forgot wind the clock, sir.—London Fun.

Mamma—Bessie, how many sisters has your new playmate?
Bessie—He has one, mamma. He tried to fool me by saying that he had two half sisters, but he didn't know that I've studied arithmetic. - Tacoms

THE F. G. & R. CLUB.

A Very Successful Meeting on Tuesday Evening.

On Tuesday evening a number of those interested in trap and target shooting met in the Free Press office and the first steps towards organizing a club for this purpose were completed. Among those who were present and who will become embers of the new club are Messrs. H. W. Herchmer, H. J. Johnson, Fred Stork, G. G. Henderson, J. L. McIntyre, T. R. McIlmoyle, R. L. Henderson, — Lewis, G. W. Wilson and A. Ellis.

Mr. F. Stork was moved to the chair and G. G. Henderson acted as secretary pro tem. The chairman explained the purpose of the meeting and said he felt certain that it would be a success, and poke in glowing terms of the future of the club

Mr. R. L. Henderson moved, seconded by Mr. T. R. McIlmoyle, that the organization be given the name of "The Fernie Gun and Rifle Club," the mover explaining that he believed quite a number of gentlemen in town would go in for rifle chooting who might not care for trap shooting, and a number of those who liked trap shooting would also go in for target shooting with the rifle, and he therefore thought it advisable to give the club the name he mentioned. The motion was carried unanimously. vas carried unanimously.

G. G. Henderson then moved, seconded by Mr. McIlmoyle, that a committee consisting of Messrs. R. L. Henderson, J. L. McIntyre and G. W. Wilson be appointed to draft a constitution, by-laws, rules, etc., and to look up a gound suitable for trap shooting and a rifle range. The motion was carried.

The secretary was instructed to procure

prices on traps, pigeons, etc.

A motion fixing the membership fee at two dollars per year was also passed, after which the meeting adjourned, all present showing a great deal of enthusiasm, which bids well for the future success of the

An effort will be made to induce ladies to join the club. Both trap and rifle shooting has of late years become very popular among the ladies, not only in the United States and the old country, but throughout Eastern Canada, and one lady has already signified her intention of joining the club and going in for target shooting, at least.

Ypsilanti, Mich., Feb. 27.-After a terrible struggle in his front yard with his eldest daughter, who is a mute, William Cory, a veteran pensioner, committed suicide by gashing his throat. The girl rescued a razor from her father and threw it as far as she could, but he raced ahead of her, got the weapon, and quickly sank dead. Ill health had affected Cory's mind.

Brandon, Feb. 27.-A. Hamilton, a proninent farmer living near Forrest station was gored by a bull a few days ago. Mr Hamilton, it appears, was showing the animal to a butcher who wished to buy

The bull without warning rushed at Mr. Hamilton, trampling upon and goring him in several places. A hired man, hearing the outcries, ran to his employer's help, and succeeded in driving the animal away.

THE Dominion Parliament will meet for the dispatch of business on Thursday March 16th. This was decided at a meetin g of the cabinet the other day, at which Sir Wilfrid Laurier presided. This date is the earliest at which the session could now be called, and it will allow time for the debate on the address before the Easter adjournment.

POLITICIANS of British Columbia will please note the result of the recent elections in New Brunswick. Acting under the advise of the Hon. George E. Foster, an attempt was made by the Conservative party to run the election on federal party lines. The independent Conservatives revolted against the machine and the Government have had a walkover, the full returns showing 40 government supporters, two independents and four opposition members elected.

THE report of the British Columbia Minister of Mines for the year ending June 30, 1898, gives the amount of roy alty imposed on production and paid by the various mines. The Le Roi heads the list with \$7,528 against \$6,124 the previous year. Next in amount is the Payne, \$5,922 in 1898 and \$2,409 in 1897. The Silver King is third, \$4,411 and \$2,679 Then follows the Whitewater, \$2,398 Ruth, \$2,273; Reco, \$1,378; Cariboo Hydraulic, \$1,327; Slocan Star, \$1,299. These are all that paid in excess of \$1,000. There are 85 mines that paid less than \$1,000, the chief of which are the Idaho \$898, the Cariboo (Camp McKinney) \$840 No. 1 Slocan \$573, Last Chance \$541, North Star \$531, Enterprise \$491, Noble Five \$400, Iron Mask \$356.

physics in the University of Wisconsin has originated the idea of thawing out frozen water pipes with electricity, and made two successful experiments. He takes the electric current used for street lighting purposes, attaches one wire to the frozen pipe inside the building and the other wire to a similar pipe in the adjoining or any other houre, thus complet-ing the circuit. A current of about fifty volts is then turned on, heating the pipes and melting the ice within. Prof. Wood uses a transformer to reduce the voltage so that the current will not melt the pipes. Why not try this on the Victoria avenue main of the Fernie waterworks?

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it my office, Fort Steele. Assessed taxes are collectible at the followidg rates, viz.:
Four-fifths of one per cent, on the assessed
value of real estate.
Three-fourths of one per cent, on the assessed
value of personal property.
On so much of the income of any person as exceeds one thousand dollars, the following rates,
namely, such excess, when the same is not more
than ten thousand dollars, one and one-fourth of
and dollars and not more than twenty thousand
dollars, one and one-half per cent; when such
excess is ever twenty thousand dollars one and one-half per cent; when such
excess is ever twenty thousand dollars one and
three-fourths of one per cent.
Three per cent, on the assessed value of wild
land.

Three per cent, on the assessed value of wild land.

If paid on or before the 30th day of June, 1899; Three-fifths of one per cent, one the assessed value of real estate.

Three-fifths of one per cent, on the assessed value of personal property.

Upon such excess of income, when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars, one per cent; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and not more than twenty thousand dollars, one and one-fourth of one per cent; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and Revenue tax three dollars per capita.

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