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Bryan denied that he desired or expected to be a candidate for the United States seat.

QUIET WEDDING AT CHURCH OF OUR LORD

Mr. J. F. Simmons of Vernon and Miss Erskine Joined in Marriage.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the Church of Our Lord at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the Rev. Dr. Reid officiating, assisted by Rev. T. W. Gladstone. The contracting parties were Miss Katherine Olive Erskine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Erskine, 766 King's road, and Mr. John Frederick Simmons, of Kedleston, Vernon, B. C.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a very becoming tailored suit of champagne cloth with blouse of eoru net, large tub turban of white straw trimmed with pink, and carried a bouquet of bride's roses and white carnations. She was attended by her sister, Miss Eunice Erskine, in a very pretty dress of green and cedar green messaline silk with net yoke and sleeves and Persian trimming. With this she wore a hat of green straw with pink roses and carried a bouquet of carnations.

Mr. Noel Chambers, of Vernon, supported the groom, and Mendelsohn's wedding march was rendered by the church organist.

Miss Donaldson and Mr. A. B. Erskine, of Vancouver, were the only out-of-town guests who were present at the ceremony, which was witnessed by the immediate relatives only. Miss Donaldson wore a very dainty gown of blue silk with white picture hat.

A great many handsome and costly presents were received by the bride. The groom's gift was his 140 at Nottingham for England against Australia in 1905. On that occasion the selection of Mr. MacLaren had been very adversely criticized, and that was the Old Harrovian's answer to his critics.

His first appearance in county cricket too, is well worthy of note, for at the tender age of eighteen he scored 105 for Lancashire against Sussex at Brighton, a precocious Harrovian indeed.

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When this brilliant Australian batsman is at his best it is impossible to place the field to stop him scoring, for he has that faculty, which Ranjitsinhji alone shared with him, of treating any ball just how he pleases and throwing orthodox to the winds.

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The crowd worship "Annie Mac" they love his magnificent confidence and coolness, his little mannerisms when fielding in the slips, and his tremendous personality when batting. He is so used to Mr. Jackson in the coolness of his dealing with the very best bowling in the most trying circumstances, and likewise in his method of making a difficult wicket adapt itself to his methods rather than altering his style to suit the wicket. As a batsman he is flourishing in perplexity, endeavoring at the best to keep up their wickets, one sees Mr. MacLaren scoring with ease and confidence at the other end, as though he were playing on the truest pitch. Yet, though he appreciates the admiration of the crowd, no one has been less influenced by it than Mr. MacLaren. He has his scheme of campaign, and no barking can make him alter it. To quote again from Mr. MacLaren's article on captaincy: "A captain must command the respect of his men, and know all about each man on his side, not only from a cricketing point of view, but also he must know how to treat each man individually. In fact, he must get on the right side of his men." A difficult task this, but one which the writer fulfills. As to the letter, for no English captain has ever been so thoroughly popular with his men, whether on the field or off, and this, after all, the highest praise.

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WHITE CREW FOR STEAMER GEORGIA

Chinese Found to Be More Worry Than They Are Worth.

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Steamer Georgia, which is in dry dock undergoing repairs, will leave on Thursday morning for Friday morning. Her Chinese crew has been all paid off and a white crew is being signed to fill their places. The reason for getting rid of the Chinese seems to have been the difficulty in keeping them from deserting when in British Columbia ports.

The Chinese sailors are usually signed on at Hong Kong, or at any rate they are men who have not paid the \$500 head tax. If they desert when in British ports the owners of the ship have to pay the \$500, which comes rather expensive. A few days ago three Chinese deserted from the Georgia just after a number of their countrymen had been paid off and sent home. This cost the Canadian-Mexican people \$1,500. As the steamers are so often in port it is extremely difficult to see that the men do not desert.

Most of the big liners when signing a Chinese crew make them give bond for their remaining aboard. When this is done they seldom desert as their countrymen have a way of following them up which makes it not worth their trouble to get away. The Canadian-Mexican liners did not do this and hence the trouble.

CRICKET.

FAMOUS ENGLISH CAPTAIN.

In a sketch of A. C. MacLaren, England's famous cricket captain, the London Mail says:

Of Mr. MacLaren's doings with the bat a volume might be written, and his 424 for Lancashire vs. Somersetshire at Taunton in 1885 still stands as the highest individual score on record in first-class cricket. Perhaps, however, the best thing he ever did was his 140 at Nottingham for England against Australia in 1905. On that occasion the selection of Mr. MacLaren had been very adversely criticized, and that was the Old Harrovian's answer to his critics.

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JOCKEY MADE GOOD
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Reed Brooks came up several rungs in the ladder of fame yesterday when he rode four winners at the Willows track and stamped himself as one of the most capable jockeys of the continent. Brooks had five mounts for the day and won on Tube Rose, Succeed and Sink Spring in succession, and he was not mounted in the fourth; was beaten on Prestige in fifth, and best field of eight in the mile on Santee, which he landed home at 8 to 1. The Kelly brothers were responsible for the other two races, winning one each.

The attendance yesterday was again in the thousands class, and the popularity of the races is evidenced by the continued support accorded by local residents. In addition to the Seattle contingent which is just beginning to make itself apparent at the track, the extending of the betting ring will be completed for Derby day, and a large number of additions to the layers of odds will take the track. One change took place yesterday in the ring, Smith getting down for a rest after three days of adverse conditions.

The track was slow yesterday, and the times were all away behind. A. The various races yesterday finished with the horses in the following order in each:

First race—Four and a half furlongs. Selling. Maiden two-year-olds. Value to first \$150.

Horse and Jockey. Op. Cl. Tube Rose, Brooks 3 4 Otranto, Anderson 4-5 7-10 Maternus, W. Powers 4 5 Alarm, J. H. Smith 15 15 Risky, J. King 20 25 Earlene, Whitesides 15 20 El Molino, W. Kelly 6 10 Time—1:02-5.

Second race—Five furlongs. Selling. Three-year-olds and upward. Value to first \$150.

Horse and Jockey. Op. Cl. Succeed, Brooks 8 10 Zick Abrams, W. Powers 50 50 Choice, D. Riley 1 4-5 Taunt, W. Kelly 4 5 Semproule, Coles 20 20 Forest Rose, McLaughlin 15 20 Geo. Kilborn, Matthews 20 20 Water Thrush, Bedell 10 10 S. J. King 6 8 Time—1:02-5.

Third race—Seven furlongs. Selling. Three-year-olds and upward. Value to first \$150.

Horse and Jockey. Op. Cl. Sink Spring, Brooks 3 4 Angelface, Vosper 8 10 May Sutton, Whitesides 3 5-2 Black Cloud, McEwen 10 12 R. H. Jones, J. H. Smith 4 4 Alcibiades, Matthews 10 20 High Gun, Madden 5-2 5-2 Wronsky, D. Riley 20 30 Time—1:32-5.

Fourth race—Five furlongs. Selling. Three-year-olds and upward. Value to first \$150.

Horse and Jockey. Op. Cl. Belle of Iroquois, W. Kelly 3-2 3-2 Laura Clay, F. Kelly 6 10 Escalante, Lycurus 6 5 On Parole, Anderson 2 11-5 Zelma, J. King 4 2-2 An. Karenina, McEwen 30 40 Time—1:02-5.

Fifth race—Six furlongs. Selling. Horses and geldings. Three-year-olds and upward. Value to first \$150.

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MAKING INVESTIGATION.

U. S. Immigration Commissioner Inquiring Into Case of K. Hirade.

Vancouver, B. C., June 17.—Daniel J. Keefe, commissioner general of immigration of the United States, came into the city this morning and stopped at the Hotel Vancouver. It is believed he is here for the purpose of looking into the case of K. Hirade, the Japanese, who is being detained here on charges of having been connected with a disorderly house in Seattle.

A unique lawn social will be held on Tuesday, June 22nd, at the residence of W. L. Parsons by the men's adute Bible class of the Centennial church. An interesting programme is being prepared by the men and a good time is promised all those attending.

Arrangements have been made by the Vancouver Island Development League for the printing of from 10,000 to 20,000 copies of a new guide to Victoria and its surroundings. The pamphlet will show the automobile routes to Alberni, Nanaimo and other points on the Island.

Postmaster Shapere would be glad to receive any information as to the whereabouts of Mrs. Mary V. Gordon, who is supposed to have been a resident of this city in 1904.

DAYTON HONORS THE WRIGHT BROTHERS

Review of Troops Feature of the Celebration in Ohio Town.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Dayton, Ohio, June 17.—With whistles blowing, fire crackers exploding, bands playing and troops parading, Dayton to-day celebrated the aeronautical achievements of the Wright brothers. Speeches paying high tribute to the wizards of the air were delivered this morning at Van Cleave park, and this afternoon a review of troops was the principal feature of the celebration. The Wright brothers rode to the park in automobiles and with characteristic embarrassment, heard their praises sung by admiring local officials.

In a recent speech at Glasgow the prime minister warned his hearers that the world was on the eve of new developments in naval construction which might vitally affect many of the conditions governing naval policy. In other words, there was a danger that the British Dreadnoughts would be outdone, whereas no previous Dreadnought, as we may call the new type of ship, has already made its appearance in foreign navies, and that the latest battleships designed for foreign powers are so much more powerful than the latest examples of the British Dreadnought type as to throw them into the shade. Thus we are not only in danger of being outbuilt in number of new ships, we are also running the risk of finding that our new ships are, vessel for vessel, inferior to the foreign battleships, and that four German ships are equal to five British.

We are adding qualitative weakness to quantitative weakness. The original British Dreadnought differed from all previous battleships in these respects: 1, that she was larger than any of them; 2, that she carried ten of the heaviest guns mounted afloat, whereas no previous battleship had carried more than four of the heaviest guns; 3, that she was fitted with turbine engines, which gave her a much higher speed than other battleships; 4, that she carried her guns higher and so could aim them better in any weather; 5, that all her guns were of one calibre or bore, and that the largest calibre, whereas previously battleships had carried guns of two or three calibres.

Four at least of these points represented a marked advantage as against any older ship and any of her contemporaries; the value of the other points, the armament composed only of heavy weapons—has been questioned, and it is on this that most controversy has arisen, as here foreign powers have not imitated us.

From the disposition of the Dreadnought's guns, she can fire eight 12-in. guns, with a total broadside of 6,800 lbs. on either side of the ship. Besides this, she has only a number of 12-pounder guns, which is but a shadow of the power of the Dreadnought's main armament.

Equipment of the Dreadnoughts.

In all the later Dreadnoughts built for the British navy down to the St. Vincent the same general arrangement of heavy armament and the same weight of metal have been retained. The one improvement of any great importance introduced has been the substitution of twenty 4-in. or 5-in. guns for the Dreadnought's twenty-seven 12-pounders. The new 12-in. guns to be mounted in the St. Vincent class are also longer and heavier than the 12-in. guns of the Dreadnought. In speed, armor, and height above the water there has been no material advance. Thus the St. Vincent, laid down in 1903, were to all intents and purposes the same as the Dreadnought designed in 1904.

In the Neptune, begun this year, and in the four battleships which figure in the annual programme for 1909, the armament of heavy guns will be the same as that of the Dreadnought, though the individual weapons will be a little more powerful. The only important change will be that, according to reports, these ships will be able to fire ten instead of eight 12-in. guns on either broadside, and that they will mount, probably, twenty 4.7-in. guns firing a 40-lb. shell, instead of the Dreadnought's twenty-seven 12-pounders. The horse-power will be about 25,000, and the displacement about 20,000 tons, while the total weight of metal fired on the broadside will be, roughly, 9,000 lbs.

But while we have stood still Germany and the United States have rushed forward. The exact details of the latest German Dreadnoughts, the construction of which was begun last year, are not accurately known, but it has been announced that they will displace more than 20,000 tons. They are believed to mount twelve 6.7-in. guns, so arranged that all the 12-in. guns and six of the 6.7-in. guns can fire on either broadside. The weight of heavy guns will be about 12,000 lbs. of metal as against the British Neptune's 9,000 lbs., an advantage of 33 per cent. And a study of the old naval wars shows that when two fleets were well organized, and well trained for war, a superiority of 25 per cent. or less in the weight of metal fired almost invariably proved decisive.

WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Apples, per box 2.50 to 3.00 Lemons 3.00 to 4.00 Walnuts (Cal.) 1.50 to 2.00 Walnuts (Eastern) 1.50 to 2.00 Pineapples 3.25 to 3.50 Cocoanuts, each 3.00 to 3.50 Ham 12 to 15 Bacon 12 to 15 Carrots, per lb. 2 to 3 Potatoes (local), per ton 55.00 to 60.00 Potatoes (California), per ton 20 to 25 Cheese (Swiss), per lb. 2.00 to 2.50 Butter (Creamery), per lb. 30 to 40 Eggs (ranch), per doz. 20 to 30 Hay, per ton 12.00 to 15.00 Corn, per ton 2.75 to 3.25 Oranges (navel) 2.00 to 2.50 Asparagus (Washington), box 2.00 to 2.50 Asparagus, local 2.00 to 2.50 Rhubarb, local, outdoor 2.00 to 2.50 Cucumbers, greenhouse 1.00 to 1.50 Green Peas, per crate 1.50 to 2.00 Tomatoes, local, outdoor 2.00 to 2.50 Tomatoes, greenhouse 2.00 to 2.50 Carrots, per box 2.00 to 2.50 Strawberries (local), per crate 4.50 to 5.00 Sweet Potatoes, per lb. 3.00 to 3.50 Oranges (Seaside), per box 2.00 to 2.50 New Potatoes (Cal.), per lb. 4.00 to 4.50 Watercress, per doz. 4.00 to 4.50 Green onions, per doz. 3.00 to 3.50 Radish, per doz. 3.00 to 3.50 Green Beans 1.25 to 1.50 Cauliflower, per doz. 1.50 to 2.00 Onions (California) 2.00 to 2.50 Wax Beans 1.25 to 1.50 Valencia Onions 3.25 to 3.50 Apples, per crate 1.50 to 2.00 Peaches, per box 1.50 to 2.00

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