

A LITTLE TOO PREVIOUS.

The Times must have been misinformed as to the number of Chinamen employed at the Esquimalt fortifications.

We have been informed, too, that Col. Prior, previous to his departure for Ottawa, interested himself on behalf of the unemployed white men, and we think it will be seen not without success.

NOT A PARTY MATTER.

We think it a pity that our evening contemporary cannot discuss any question without trying to make it a party one.

NOT REFORMED, BUT RETROGRADED.

A few days ago the News-Advertiser, in referring to the Nakusp & Slocan Railway bill, called it the "Government's confidence trick."

Talking of legends, the Colonist thought fit to quote the Columbian's opinion of the News-Advertiser, as it was expressed in 1891, before those two papers were "thick as thieves" with each other.

The News-Advertiser is displeased, however, with our conduct, and doesn't think it fair to quote "an accusation made three years ago against the News-Advertiser, and expressing a mistaken belief long forgotten."

NO LONGER INDEPENDENTS.

When the Premier, not long ago, accused the members of the Independent party of being traitors to the cause they espoused, and upon which they were elected, and called them Oppositionists, great was the chorus of denial and loud and deep was the indignation expressed.

With this picture still fresh in our minds, and with a full knowledge of all the harrowing circumstances we have described, it was with mixed feelings that we read an article in the Columbian of Monday, March 19, headed "Getting Candidates in the Field," in which such sentiments as the following appear:

"The sooner the Opposition candidates are got into the field the better. We say Opposition candidates advisedly."

The dissolving views of politics are often most surprising, but this is as inexplicable as it is surprising. Only a few weeks ago the Columbian was savage enough to shoot any person who happened to inadvertently refer to the Independents as Oppositionists.

It has now voluntarily adopted the appellation. What makes it more inexplicable, Mr. Beaven is the leader of the Opposition. Just last week the Columbian referred to him as one of the "palpable traitors" who voted for the Parliamentary buildings.

We wonder what respect the Columbian can command for opinions which it itself so utterly disregards when even occasion offers.

AN UNHAPPY TITLE.

The title of Mr. Stead's book on Chicago, "If Christ Came," is suggestive and it appears to us to be just a little pharisaical.

When we come to compare the practice of people who profess and call themselves Christians with the sublime but simple morality of the New Testament, we are tempted to think that it is very great presumption in them to continue to call themselves by the name of Christ.

It does not require very wide reading or very deep thinking to realize how far men have fallen short of the Christian standard. It is in almost every book and every newspaper that one reads and in nearly every conversation one hears and takes a part in.

We say frankly that we do not like the title of Mr. Stead's book, neither do we think the more of him for having chosen such a title for a work in which the sins and weaknesses and follies of the inhabitants of a city of the United States are exposed and expatiated upon.

A PETTIFFOGGING POLICY.

The News-Advertiser asserts that, in prosecuting inquiries into certain particulars relative to the Nakusp & Slocan guarantee "deal," the Hon. Mr. Davis is "making a virtue of necessity."

The Government were ready and willing to give the House all the information necessary to arrive at correct conclusions relative to the transaction. Its members had all the papers before them that were required to enable them to form an intelligent opinion on the merits of the "deal."

and probability to the vague suspicions they had so industriously raised and circulated. The Government no doubt saw what the pettifoggling politicians were driving at, and they wisely concluded that the best way to foil them and to expose the meanness and the unfairness of their mode of attack was to comply with their unreasonable requirements.

This is what the News-Advertiser calls "making a virtue of necessity." There is no "virtue" in it, and no "necessity."

We do not find fault with the Opposition for enquiring closely into the transactions of the Government, or for criticizing them sharply. It is their duty to do this, but it should be done in an open, fair and manly manner.

It is provided in the "Legislative elections and elections act, 1894" - popularly known as the redistribution act - that forthwith on its passage, the register of voters for the electoral districts as before existing shall be closed and that the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall appoint a person to be collector for each electoral district, whose duty it shall be to make up new registers of voters.

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MARINE MOVEMENTS.

The steamer Maude which returned from the West Coast yesterday, reports the following seafarers: The Beatrice, Katherine, Venture, Borealis, Ainoko, C. D. Rand, Moore, Nona, and the first named had any skins, and she forwarded 27, her total catch, to Victoria.

The disabled steamer City of Puebla was towed into Frisco by the tug Fearless at 10:30 Friday, a day in advance of her expected arrival. It is the intention to give the ship a thorough overhauling.

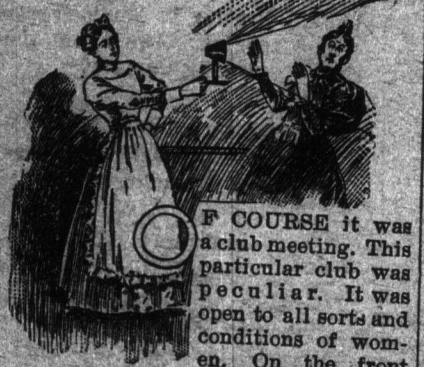
The steamership Walla Walla arrived from San Francisco on Friday night with 115 passengers and 54 tons of freight.

SHE HAD THE FLOOR.

THE HELP GIVES HER OPINION OF THE MISTRESS.

Bridget's Address at the Club Meeting. The Obovise Side of the Servant Girl Question - Good Reasons Why Young Women Prefer Factory to Private House.

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"OF COURSE it was a club meeting. This particular club was peculiar. It was open to all sorts and conditions of women. On the front seats several good sized fortunes were represented.

The secretary, a quiet little woman who, report said, had once been a factory girl herself, intimated that there was a screw loose in Mrs. Lincoln's statement, because she had the names of 50 shopgirls who were willing to change and do housework, but no families could be found willing to take an untrained domestic.

There was a whispering in the little knot of servant girls. "Mrs. President," began a half frightened voice, and then the owner went at the heart of the question in a way that would have done credit to her more cultured sisters of Sorosis.

After the 24 couples are seated around the sides of the room, the leader will bid the first eight couples dance a waltz. At his signal each couple separate, each lady taking a favor for a gentleman, and presenting it to the one she desires for a partner. The men do likewise. It is generally best to open with a favor figure.

The "scarf" figure is danced by eight couples. Eight scarfs are given to as many men, who present them to the ladies they wish to dance with. After a waltz, the leader has the women form a circle, with the scarfs of men on the outside, with the scarfs serving as links, each circle rotating in an opposite direction.

It is well to have another favor figure between this and the following figure, which is called the fool figure. Eight couples are needed to dance this. At one end of the room a wastebasket is placed. At the other eight men stand in front of seven ladies. The eighth lady sits in a chair with a fool's cap in her hand.

The "two-in-hand" is danced by four couples, who separate, each lady securing two gentlemen, whom she harnesses with her reins. Each of the original men does the same, the lady taking a gentleman from one of her pair - and the men a lady as a partner for the two step which finishes the figure. Then comes another favor figure. The forbidden fruit is danced by eight men, who have to jump for the favors hung on the hoop and then give them to a partner for a waltz.

Favors afford an extensive range of choice - for the men, buttonholes, pencils, umbrella clips, penholders, cigar cutters, etc., and for the women, fans, flowers, bouquets, pins - in fact, anything may be given - while an inexpensive cotillon may be given by supplying Japanese favors of all sorts.

guage. There is the unscrupulous class of mistresses too. They regard wages cheated out of their help as money saved. I know a girl who worked for a rich and fashionable woman who pays \$75 for a pew in a fashionable church.

"Of course there are good mistresses and good homes, and there are well paid shopgirls and good employers. There are some mistresses who don't regard themselves as imported Limoges and the servant as potter's earth just because she's a little off color in her culture. They're a good deal like hen's teeth, though - mighty few. And even a tenement home, where you can do as you please and have some one to talk to, has advantages."

Bridget sat down, and Mrs. Lincoln looked puzzled. M. E. J. KELLY.

LEADING A COTILLON.

It is the famous but frivolous Mme. de Montespan we have to thank for our erroneously named german. While riding one day on the outskirts of Paris she saw a crowd of country people celebrating a fête with many quaint dances.

For a drawing room of ordinary size not more than 24 couples should dance the cotillon. At the end of the room have two tables to place the favors upon. For the "forbidden fruit" figure have a good sized hoop hung about 6 1/2 feet from the floor. To this different favors may be tied; for the "fool" figure, a wastebasket and eight good sized rubber balls. For the "two-in-hand" eight pairs of children's horse reins are necessary.

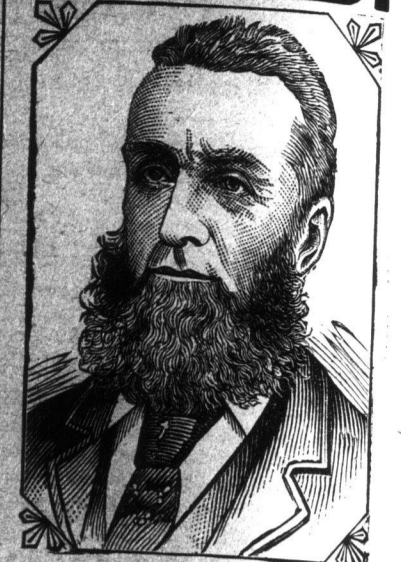
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CABLE LETTERS

The British Registration Bill - To be introduced in the House of Commons, confirmed by the Government's Intention to Lords - Mr. Gladstone's Budget Deficit.

(Copyright 1894 by the United Kingdom.) LONDON, March 24. - The draft registration bill which is to be introduced in the House of Commons, confirmed by the Government's Intention to Lords - Mr. Gladstone's Budget Deficit.

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