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## WHITNEY'S THREAT.

There was an imputed threat in  
Mr. Whitney's reference to the gerry-  
mander in his Hamilton speech. It was  
in cynical contrast with his plea for a  
square deal from the electors.He boasted that the Government  
"could reasonably have changed the  
constituencies so that there would be  
less than five members on the Oppo-  
sition side of the House."The Government, he declared, had  
rectified a few of the "iniquities" of the  
Mowat redistribution, but after the  
census of 1910 there would be a more  
drastic measure. "You would think  
these people ought to be very careful  
when talking of these things," he said.  
"We did not go into it as thoroughly  
as we ought to have, but when the time  
comes we will go into the whole mat-  
ter."This is the language of a tyrant.  
To rob Liberals of half a dozen seats  
is only petty larceny; the Government  
is contemplating grand larceny.If the parties had been represented  
in the Legislature according to the  
popular vote, the standing would have  
been Conservatives 64; Liberals 44.  
The Conservatives had 59 members and  
the Liberals 29. Surely the Government  
had no reason to complain of a distri-  
bution of constituencies which permit-  
ted it to gain such an advantage. The  
claim that changes were necessary in  
justice to the Conservative party is  
belied by the facts and figures. The  
Whitney gerrymander was a gross  
abuse of power, a violation of the code  
of honor in political warfare. If it  
succeeds the Liberals may look for  
even worse treatment. Whitney has  
promised it.

## MR. BECK AND THE COUNCIL.

Mr. Beck and the Free Press know  
that their political friends were in  
control of the council last year, and  
that although the city clerk, as re-  
turning officer, was supposed to have  
the appointing of deputies, the Con-  
servative majority had the final "say."  
The majority exercised its preroga-  
tive to the extent of vetoing—most  
unjustly—one of the returning offi-  
cer's nominations. It is fair to as-  
sume that the deputies who acted had  
the approval of the council, as no  
other appointment was challenged.Mr. Cooper, who missed re-election  
to the council by a few votes, asked,  
and was granted, a recount, which re-  
vealed inaccuracies in the work of  
some of the deputies, but not sufficient  
to affect the result. The mistakes  
were more numerous in one division,  
presided over by Mr. Hooper, than in  
others. Mr. Hooper happened to be a  
Liberal, and the Free Press raised a  
hue and cry for partisan effect. It  
insinuated that the deputy's errors  
were part of a plot to capture the  
council for the Liberals, unmindful of  
the fact that the "conspirators" were  
chosen by an impartial and con-  
scientious Conservative official, with  
the assent of a Conservative council.The Conservative members of the  
Council were not misled by the organ's  
flap-trap and clamor. They were  
perfectly satisfied that no corrupt in-  
fluences had been brought to bear up-  
on Mr. Hooper or any of the deputies,  
and that these men were solely  
responsible for any mis-  
takes they made. In Mr.  
Hooper's case there was medical tes-  
timony of his illness at the time. He  
was not in a fit condition to do the  
work, and a long spell of sickness  
ensued. The council's unanimous de-  
cision that an investigation was un-  
necessary was thought to have settled  
the matter, until Mr. Beck dragged  
it into his nomination speech, in an  
attempt to smirch the city council  
and the Liberal party. His partisan  
rancor merely served to bring out the  
fact that the city clerk had dispensed  
with the services of eight Conser-  
vative deputies and two Liberals as a  
result of the inaccuracies revealed in  
the recount. Mr. Beck might have  
spared eight supporters this exposure,  
and spared also the Conservative  
members of the council the abuse now  
heaped upon them by his organ.

## THE AFGHAN RAID.

The latest Afghan uprising makes  
clear the fact that the recently-signed  
Anglo-Russian convention has not re-  
moved Afghanistan from the arena of  
possible strife. Whether the Amer-  
ican is reported to have made no ef-  
fort to restrain the invaders of Brit-  
ish Indian territory, part of whom aresaid to be his own soldiers, has been  
really guilty of hostile maneuvers  
against the British is not quite clear;  
but there can be no doubt that the con-  
clusion of the treaty without consulting  
him, caused him much dissatisfaction.  
He has not yet signified his adhesion to  
the agreement.Latest reports show that the com-  
mander of the British forces, Gen.  
Willcocks, has succeeded in dispersing  
the invaders and driving them back  
across the Afghan frontier, where they  
have taken to the hills. To continue  
the pursuit in a country offering such  
splendid opportunity to the natives for  
ambuscades would be a risky matter  
for the British, and it is hardly likely  
such a course will be followed.The Afghan raid must be considered  
in connection with the Kurdish out-  
breaks in Persia, against which the  
Russian troops have been for some  
weeks contending. At the time the  
Kurds first invaded the Russian sphere  
of influence the suggestion was made  
that Britain might have somewhat the  
same sort of work cut out for her on  
the Afghan frontier. It is likewise sig-  
nificant that this disturbance follows  
a recent hostile movement of the Moh-  
ammed tribesmen, which itself was pre-  
ceded by an uprising of Zakkakbeli.  
It seems to indicate unrest amongst the  
Mohammedans in various parts of the  
world. These people can hardly be  
expected to regard with equanimity the  
invasion of Morocco by the French, the  
domination of Egypt by the British, and  
India, Tunis and Algeria also under  
Christian rule. In this may be found  
the explanation of all these recent up-  
risings.The reports of sedition in India add  
to the seriousness of the situation. A  
plot against the life of Lord Kitchener  
has been disclosed at Calcutta, where  
there is also reported to have been a  
conspiracy for a general massacre of  
Europeans by means of bombs. Re-  
sponsibility for these plots has been  
placed upon the natives, and many ar-  
rests have been made. Whether there  
is any connection between these plot-  
tings and the Afghan outbreak is not  
clear, but there seem to be mysterious  
lines of communication and influence  
throughout India.It is hardly likely that the outcome  
of the present disturbance will be  
another costly war with the Afghans;  
but in any event Lord Kitchener will  
be found equal to the task of repelling  
any invasion or quelling any uprising  
that might take place within the Indian  
Empire.SOME ADVICE TO THE CANDI-  
DATE.The Advertiser doesn't know what  
Mr. McEvoy's plan of campaign is to  
be, but he will not be well-advised if  
he neglects that good, old-fashioned  
institution, the public platform.The platform has not the place it  
once had in Canadian politics and  
public life—more's the pity. It ought  
to take rank with the press as a  
great instrument of public education,  
as it did in earlier days. The power  
and prestige of the hustings have  
been carefully sustained in the  
mother country. One of the admir-  
able features of British politics is the  
autumn campaign. Every member of  
parliament considers it his duty to  
give an account of his stewardship  
and discuss the public questions face  
to face with his constituents, at least  
once a year.The platform is a searching test of  
a candidate, but the electors have a  
right to demand of any aspirant for  
public honors that he shall publicly  
state his views and opinions. He may  
not be an orator and may find speech-  
making uncomfortable, but he need  
not fear the result if he has definite  
and clear-cut ideas and convictions.  
He will at least give an impression of  
sincerity; a man who has something  
to say needs no art or training to  
say it clearly. Too many candidates  
have a preference for the "still hunt"  
because they have no message for the  
people.Liberals expect that Mr. McEvoy  
will make good use of the hustings.  
He is no novice in platform work,  
and he can bring a trained intellect  
to bear on the discussion of the public  
issues. He should make it distinctly  
a campaign of education. There are  
still many electors who like to hear  
a candidate argue, and appeal to their  
reason and judgment as well as their  
party spirit. Mr. McEvoy might do a  
service also by encouraging the latent  
talent in the younger element of the  
party to make itself heard.And so the present gerrymander is  
only an installment!Mr. Whitney pleads for a square  
deal and stacks the cards.The Hamilton Herald notes that  
Premier Whitney complimented Hon.  
Mr. Hendrie and the late Mr. Mas-  
campbell for their attitude on the  
power question, but made not a  
single reference to Hon. Adam Beck.Will Mr. Whitney or any of Mr.  
Whitney's supporters explain what the  
Mowat redistribution has to do with  
Whitney's outrageous gerrymander of  
Middlesex County, where the bound-  
aries of the ridings were fixed by the  
fathers of confederation?Mr. Pense, of Kingston, denies the  
story, industriously repeated by Mr.  
Whitney and his papers, that he was  
advised by Mr. MacKay to vote for theCanadian Northern bond guarantee.  
The more this matter is discussed, the  
worse the Government's case appears.  
As Mr. MacKay again pointed out last  
night, the mortgage of which Mr.  
Whitney complained on the ground  
that it did not include the terminals  
of the road, was signed by the present  
Provincial Treasurer, the date being  
July 12, 1906. To repair this omission  
was the excuse for the recent guaran-  
tee; but the Whitney, not the Ro-  
Government was responsible for the  
omission.Mr. Edward Howard Griggs told his  
audience last night that twenty min-  
utes is sufficient time to spend on the  
newspaper. Perhaps this is true of  
the average newspaper in his own  
country. An intelligent person reads  
his daily journal with judgment and  
discrimination. He knows at a glance  
what is useless and useful to him, and  
he needs no advice as to whether he  
should consume twenty minutes or two  
hours. If all readers were of the un-  
varying twenty-minute class, there  
would be no encouragement to news-  
papers to publish full reports of, say,  
important speeches on public ques-  
tions, or of other public events upon  
a man must be posted if he would  
qualify himself for the duties of citi-  
zenship and know what is going on in  
the world around him. We are free to  
admit that the man who reads nothing  
but newspapers is almost as news-  
paperish as the man who reads no news-  
paper at all.

## ENCOURAGEMENT.

[Philadelphia Press.]

"Does your friend, the editor, give you  
any encouragement?" asked the would-be  
poet's friend.  
"He's never said anything encouraging  
but once," replied Reimer, "and that was  
yesterday. He saw me in a brown study  
and he said: 'A penny for your  
thoughts.'"

## IN A BAD WAY.

[Chicago Tribune.]

"I've just been to see the Garlicks,"  
said Mrs. Lapelling, laying aside her  
wraps. "They're all well except Mr. Gar-  
lick. He's got an awful bad knee. As  
near as I can make out from what the  
doctor says, the pain in his knee is threat-  
ened with diagnosis of the bone."

## TRAINED.

[Lippincott's.]

Bobby—Please, miss, are you the trained  
nurse mamma said was coming?  
Nurse—Yes, my child.  
Bobby (reluctant)—Then would you mind  
showing me some of your tricks?

## BUILDING NOTE IN 7923.

[Harper's Weekly.]

In order to complete the 410th story of  
the Skidgate building, the contractors  
will have to raise the sky three or four  
feet.

## THE SPRING FIGHT.

[Harper's Weekly.]

Mrs. Jones—Good gracious, Mrs. Brown,  
why is your husband going through all  
those strange actions? Is he training for  
a prize fight?  
Mrs. Brown—Not at all; he's merely get-  
ting in form to beat the carpets.

## INCAPACITATED.

[Catholic Standard.]

"After all, it's the wise man who can  
change his opinion," said a young man.  
"But the wisest man can't do it."  
"Why not?"  
"Because they've been dead for years."

## WELL OFF.

[Tit-Bits.]

Today—Jennie tells me young Woody  
proposed to her last night.  
"Viola—I don't think I know him. Is  
he well off?"  
Today—He certainly is. She refused him.

## A COLLEGE COOK.

[Exchange.]

Gothamite—To hear you have a Vassar  
graduate for cook. Isn't it rather expen-  
sive?  
Gothamite—Not very. She works for  
her board and clothes.  
Gothamite—Why, how does she come to  
do that?  
Gothamite—She's my wife.

## SHOUTING TOO LOUDLY.

[Kingston Whig.]

"Ten members of the Liberal party in  
the Ontario Legislature have announced  
their retirement into private life—Har-  
court, Monk, McMillan, Glegg, Cur-  
rie, Prince Edward, Preston, South  
Brant, Munro, North Oxford, Hilsop,  
East Huron, McColg, Kent, Cameron,  
West Huron, Anderson, East Peterboro,  
McDougall, East Ottawa."The Conservative papers are spreading  
the above with comments upon the con-  
trast shown by Conservative members in  
nearly all clamoring for re-election. It  
does not take much courage to champion  
a signally victorious party, especially  
when that party feels it is the very salt  
of the earth and invulnerable. But sev-  
eral of the alleged retirements are not  
on grounds of political discouragement.  
McColg, Hilsop and McMillan are can-  
didates for the House of Commons—are  
going up higher. Anderson has been a  
deceased, literally, for over a year.  
Currie has been very ill, and unfit to re-  
turn. McDougall is in the field. The retreat is,  
therefore, reduced to four members, and  
Preston is yet, the whole province hopes,  
to be South Brant's choice.

## A FEW LEFT.

[Toronto Telegram.]

Legislature being dissolved, there is not  
an M. P. left in the Province, and  
Ontario must worry along on her supply  
of K. C.'s, J. P.'s and L. L. D.'s.

## LICENSE SCANDALS.

[Brantford Expositor.]

Talk about reform in administration of  
the liquor license act! In the whole his-  
tory of Liberal power marks, we are told,  
there have been no so many scan-  
dals arising out of liquor licenses as there  
have been since the Whitney Government  
came into power.WHEN IS CHEAP POWER COM-  
ING?

[Woodstock Sentinel-Review.]

The signing by the city of Toronto of  
the hydro-electric commission's contract  
for Niagara power marks, we are told,  
the beginning of the end of the struggle  
for cheap power.Just so; what is the end to be-  
come? Victory or failure? After the other  
municipalities have signed contracts the  
next step, we are told, will be to adver-  
tise for tenders for the construction of a  
transmission line. If these tenders should  
prove to be within the estimate of the  
commission's engineers, the constructionof the line will, it is said, be begun at  
once. But should they not be within the  
estimate, what then? A new set of figures  
may be submitted to the municipalities,  
and the work of securing contracts be  
begun all over again.  
The prospect is opened up for al-  
most indefinite delay.

## THE TROUBLE IN LONDON.

[Kingston Whig.]

Mr. Gray declined to be a candidate in  
London at convention which was packed  
for Mr. Beck. He does not decline a  
nomination from a convention "where  
every man who calls himself a Conserva-  
tive will have a voice and vote." The  
trouble is not over in London yet.

## CUPID'S JUNE SUPPLY.

[Toronto Star.]

Weddings fell off in April, according to  
statistics. There is nothing in this,  
however, save that Cupid is up to his old  
tricks, saving up most of his brides for  
June.

## GAMEY'S REPARTEE.

[Hamilton Herald.]

Bob Gamey's spellbinding style resem-  
bles that of his distinguished fellow-  
countryman, Thomas Burns, Esq. At  
Thorndale the other evening Mr. Gamey  
rattled a man who interrupted him that  
he interrupted would step outside he  
(Gamey) would incontinently "knock the  
suffring out of him." The campaign is on  
in earnest.CANADIAN BISHOP  
FOR WASHINGTONRev. C. N. Brent Secures One of  
Most Important Positions  
in America.Washington, May 6.—Bishop Charles  
N. Brent, Episcopal bishop of the  
Philippines, was today elected bishop  
of the Diocese of Washington, to suc-  
ceed the late Right Rev. Henry Y. Sat-  
terlee.Bishop-elect Brent, of the Episcopal  
Diocese of Washington, is a Canadian  
by birth and a graduate of Toronto  
University in the class of 1884. He  
secured the M. A. degree in 1889.  
Bishop Brent was prominent in edu-  
cational affairs, having been for some  
time head master of Trinity College  
school at Port Hope. He was a fre-  
quent visitor to his native country.  
It was while visiting in Brampton in  
1892 that he was notified of his ap-  
pointment as bishop of the Philip-  
pines.The see of Washington is recognized  
as one of the most important in Amer-  
ica, and will take even a higher place  
on the completion of the grand ca-  
thedral now being erected. He is the  
second bishop of Washington. Dr. Sat-  
terlee being the first incumbent of the  
office.

## CANADIAN

An order has been placed for a new  
observatory for Queen's University.  
Seeding is almost completed in the  
west.  
Seaforth's five hotelmen were each  
fined \$50 for selling liquor illegally.  
Col. T. R. Atkinson was renominated  
at Simcoe by North Norfolk Liberals.  
The report that the Quebec bridge  
will be erected at Batiscan is denied.  
Edward Thatcher, a well-known citi-  
zen of Hamilton, is dead after a long  
illness.

## CANADIAN

Police still guard the Doukhobors at  
Yorkton, and the unwelcome guests  
are eating peanuts and apples.  
P. H. Daynard, of Sidney Township,  
aged 79, attempted to commit suicide  
by slashing his throat with a razor.

## CANADIAN

The G. T. R. puts on a weekly re-  
frigerator car service on Monday be-  
tween dairy centers and tide water.

## CANADIAN

Charles Doran, of Guelph, has been  
arrested, charged with an attempted  
indecent assault on a little girl.

## CANADIAN

The town of Sandwich cannot pay  
\$150 a year for a policeman, and the  
town is unprotected.

## CANADIAN

The police commissioners of St.  
Thomas will investigate the charges of  
the men against the head officer.

## CANADIAN

The Haldimand County Old Boys  
will hold a reunion in Dunnville in  
July next.

## CANADIAN

Contractor Norris Gibb, of Sarnia,  
had his arm badly crushed while work-  
ing with his plectrifier yesterday.

## CANADIAN

The Liberal convention for West  
Elgin will be held in Dutton on Wed-  
nesday next.

## CANADIAN

It is expected that the debate on  
Hon. Mr. Aylesworth's election bill  
will last several weeks.

## CANADIAN

Two young girls, Flora Molra and  
Eva Page, were struck by a G. T. R.  
train in Montreal yesterday and fatal-  
ly injured.

## CANADIAN

The Chatham Board of Education has  
done away with entrance examinations.  
Pupils pass on the recommendation of  
the teacher and the inspector.

## CANADIAN

Sixteen horses were destroyed in the  
fire that broke out in the Carney Lum-  
ber Company's stables at Owen Sound  
yesterday. The loss amounts to \$5,000.

## CANADIAN

Everett May, of Blenheim, was  
drowned yesterday in the Montreal  
River while prospecting in the Cobalt  
country.

## CANADIAN

At the unclaimed baggage sale yes-  
terday in Montreal, a man bought a  
bag for \$2. It contained gold nuggets  
worth \$200 at least.

## CANADIAN

The residents of St. Marys will vote  
again on the defeated Canada Small  
Share Company's bonus bylaw on  
May 15.

## CANADIAN

John Watkins, a blacksmith, of North  
Buxton, was found dead in bed yester-  
day. Heart failure was the cause of  
death.

## CANADIAN

William J. Lavis, of Toronto, who  
fell down a number of steps in Strat-  
ford Saturday night, died yesterday of  
his injuries.

## CANADIAN

Charlie Gowing, the 8-year-old son  
of Charles Gowing, Stratford, was  
kicked on the head by a horse yester-  
day, and his recovery is doubtful.

## CANADIAN

Sidney Martin, a St. Catharines boy,  
rescued his companion, George Court,  
from drowning in a hydraulic race-  
way.

## CANADIAN

Mrs. Niven, an aged Ingersoll wo-  
man, was struck by an engine while  
gathering fuel on the C. P. R. and arose  
uninjured.

# Chapman's

## THE BANKRUPT STOCK of CARPETS

No Carpets Ever Sold So Cheap—No Sale Was Ever Better Attended.

If you need Carpets, Rugs or Linoleum, here are bargains that have no parallel this season. Savings in some cases one-half and in others one-third. And what makes the opportunity all the more astonishing is that it comes just in the midst of housecleaning when floor coverings needs are so urgent. Hundreds of wise housekeepers have already profited. You may profit, too. Bring room measurements.

Four-Frame English Body Brussels Carpet, 3/8 borders to match same. Beautiful patterns in greens, reds, fawns, orientals and scrolls. We will cut any length. Regular \$1.15, \$1.25, \$1.35 value. At a yard ..... 78¢

Still a big lot of ends of Brussels Carpet. Anything under 10 yards we call an end. Worth \$1.15 a yard, some worth more. At ..... 63¢

This is your time to buy a parlor or drawing-room carpet or have an elegant bedroom or library rug made. \$1.75 to \$2 Axminster and Wilton Carpets on sale at, a yard ..... 98¢

English Tapestries, suitable for almost any room. Choice of beautiful, up-to-date patterns. Hard-wearing, durable quality. Colors guaranteed; all wool. Regular 75c and 85c value. We have made the price for this sale, a yard ..... 58¢

Just 117 yards English Tapestry Carpet, 50c value, at, a yard ..... 37½¢

85c Inlaid Linoleum, guaranteed "C" quality of the foremost makers. A square yard ..... 60¢

Window Shades, in green and cream, complete with brackets, etc., at ..... 27¢

## Extra Special for Friday

30 pieces Dark and Light Prints, 33 inches wide. Regular 12½c yard. On sale Friday and Saturday ..... 8c

10 pieces Wrappette, good patterns, regular 10c and 12½c qualities. On sale Friday and Saturday ..... 5c

## FRIDAY'S LIST

Shop early tomorrow for the big bargains prepared for this week's Bargain Day. Space does not permit us to print the list, but the bargains, big with opportunity, are here just the same, and easy to find, because they're in every department and plentiful, too.

See Men's 75c and \$1.00 Shirts for ..... 49c

See \$2.00 Lace Curtains for pair ..... \$1.50

See 10c Toilet Soaps, for, cake ..... 5c

See 75c Dress Goods for, yard ..... 49c

See Ladies' Dress Skirts, \$4.50 ones for ..... \$1.50

See \$3.50 Silk Waists, for ..... \$2.25

## CHILDREN HAVE THEIR OWN CHURCH

Little Ones To Dedicate Structure From Which Grown-Ups Are Barred.

Chicago, May 6.—Children of Chicago are to have a church entirely of their own, where the grown-ups won't ever get cross with them for whispering and making noise with their feet on the floor, and occasionally—just occasionally, mind you—forgetting where they are—simply for the reason that there won't be any grown-ups in this particular church.

It will be known as the First Children's Church. It is at 910 North Fairfield avenue, and tomorrow night something like 150 boys and girls will march in and dedicate it.

And what is this boys' and girls' church to be like? you will ask. Now just for a few minutes fancy you were a boy or a girl and were going to play at running a church, what would you have?

You would have no long, dreary sermons, would you? You'd want plenty of time for play and you'd want to hear—just the sort of stories, just stories about Jesus when he was a little boy like yourself, and David and Samuel and Samson, who was so strong until he got his hair cut. And you would want to play games out of doors and indoors at times, and when you gave sociables, such as your fathers and mothers do at their churches, you would want at least two dishes of ice cream and plenty of cake.

Two Grown Men the Leaders.

All these things have been planned by the two young men—the only grown-ups in the church—who will be in charge of the children who will allow to preach to them if they never get cross.

Will-be church, the superintendence of this juvenile church. He is a printer, and three years ago he was graduated from the Moody Bible Institute. Since then his religious work has been almost entirely in the Sunday school. Bernard Grimsch, a slightly older evangelist, calls himself the clerk. He is a carpenter and paperhanger.

They both were at the Children's Church late last night, scrubbing and painting and hammering, getting ready for the dedication. It's the most delightful play-house of a church, one story high, hung with gray paper, and nestled like a chicken under the wing of a large church where the grown-ups go—the Humboldt Swedish Methodist Church.

"I've been thinking of this for years," said Mr. Filine, a tall, bushy-appearing young man, leaning on a mop handle. "You see, the children's don't like to go to a regular church, where there are nothing but grown-up people. Here we shall preserve order, but we will remember that children can't be made over-into grown-ups all in a day."

Clubs for Boys and Girls.

"There will be clubs for the boys and clubs for the girls, with special attention to baseball and other outdoor games in the summer, and checkers and authors and dominoes and similar games inside in bad weather. There will be sociables, and I expect we shall have a physician in attendance to tell them the evil effects of too much ice cream, for they will want their way in that."

"We shall teach the girls to sew—not to cook, and other departments of domestic science."

"Then we are going to have an employment bureau for the boys and girls, and help them to go into situations as they grow older, for this is a poor neighborhood, and the children can't always attend school."

Children to Lift the Debt.

So far as possible the children will carry out themselves all the functions of a church, as described by Mr. Filine. They will have a boy janitor, and when the children will clean up the church. They will have boy ushers, and boys will take up the collections, and perhaps later on there'll be boy deacons and girl deaconesses. Yes, and there'll be a church debt, for the children have arranged to pay for the building in monthly installments. It will be undenominational.

For week days during the next few weeks the children have arranged for a series of street lectures, and have promised to bring their fathers and mothers. They will serve lunch to the grown-ups on these occasions.

## GREAT WEALTH IN INDIA MINES

Wolframite, Valued at \$600 a Ton, Has Been Found by an American.

Calcutta, May 6.—The numerous mineral finds that have been made in the last few years have revealed vast possibilities of wealth, which no one interested in the commercial prospects of India can afford to neglect. In no part of the country are these prospects brighter than in the central provinces. The development of the manganese industry has, perhaps, been the most striking feature of the past decade, but, important as the discovery of manganese is, another discovery may be more important still.

Mr. Kellerschorn, an American mining engineer, some time ago obtained a concession of a part of the village of Agargaon, with a view to discovering manganese. Agargaon is situated some twenty-five miles south-east of Nagpur. His employees, while digging in a band of mica schist rock that traverses the village, discovered a number of lumps of heavy mineral, which, on being examined by the geological survey at Calcutta, were found to consist of wolframite.

The wolframite differs in appearance and constitution from the best-known specimens, but it yields, on analysis, no less than 64.5 per cent of tungstic acid, which is equal to that contained in the best ores of Colorado. Wolframite is chiefly employed in the making of what is known as high-speed steel material.

When the total output was a few hundred tons the price stood at \$200 a ton. Now, when more than 1,000 tons are produced annually, the price has gone up to over \$600 a ton. In Agargaon the existence of wolframite has been proved in numerous stringers at intervals extending over a length of 1,490 feet, and it has been found at opposite ends of the mica schist, ten miles apart from each other.

## AMERICANS BUY BOGUS PEARLS

Many Necklaces of Artificial Gems Will Come From Paris This Year.

Paris, May 6.—Not only diamonds but pearls have apparently involved in the crisis through which the European jewel market is now passing. A prominent French society woman became painfully aware of the fact this week when she sought to sell a portion of the pearls for which she is famous.

Among others she had a pearl collar consisting of five identical strands. Experts estimated the value of the collar last year at \$500,000 francs, and found no purchaser. Finally, after a long and futile quest she was forced to accept \$50