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SOUNDS AND ECHOES.

The following inquiry has reached this office:

Would you please state the circulation of THE HOME JOURNAL, and oblige, Yours, etc.,
ANXIOUS ADVERTISER.

It is with pleasure we answer the inquiry of "Anxious Advertiser." The latest report received at this office from the urbane and gentlemanly prevai-
cator who looks after our subscription list places the circulation of THE HOME JOURNAL at 31,528, more, we opine than the combined circulation of all the other newspapers in this province. However, by way of qualification, it might be remarked that the number given above includes a considerable number of papers spoiled going through the press, and also a large number that are never printed at all. The circulation liar is a most indispensable person in the office of a newspaper that wants to get ahead.

Now that Col. John Michael O'Brien, litterateur, poet, journalist, statesman and patriot, has explained how the report got out that Hon John Robson sympathized with the downtrodden Irish of British Columbia, we hope the matter will be allowed to drop. With Col. O'Brien, the uncrowned king, as leader, the Irish in this province will in time secure freedom, whether the Premier sympathizes with them or not. Erin Go Bragh!

A PRIVATE letter received by a gentleman in this city from John L. Sullivan says that all the talk in New York sporting circles is the coming fight between Bob Foster and George Reed. The American Press Association are making arrangements to have the progress of the mill reported by rounds, so that the outside world will learn the result of this great international sport-

ing event without the slightest delay. At present the betting is in favor of Reed, with a decided tendency to hedge.

ALL doubts as to the success of the World's Fair at Chicago seem dispelled, since the announcement has been made that a company has been formed to place the remains of the Beaver in a carpet bag and shipping same to Chicago. We take it for granted that the Imperial and Canadian authorities are fully prepared for the untoward consequences of the possible addition of this formidable and awe-inspiring craft to Uncle Sam's fleet in the event of the Behring Sea embroglio coming to a head.

A correspondent writes THE HOME JOURNAL as follows:

"It is a disgrace the way in which the tramway people treat their patrons. I would write a letter to the newspapers criticizing the management, if I were not mixed up in business with some of the stockholders, and besides they might take it into their heads to prosecute me for libel. Is a free and untrammelled press a myth?"

Our correspondent does not say if in the event of a suit being instituted against THE HOME JOURNAL for libel he would be willing to pay the damages and costs of same. He simply wants this great moulder and interpreter of public opinion to undertake what he himself is too cowardly to do. THE HOME JOURNAL is not desirous of precipitating a fight with the tramway company; everything considered, it can say but very little to the disadvantage of the management, and yet we have been requested on more than one occasion to interfere in matters which do not concern us in any way. If our correspondent has a grievance, why not complain to the proper quarter, and not ask other people to do what he himself is too great a sneak and a coward to undertake.

A teacher in a Sunday school wished to impress on his school the necessity of faith.

"Why did Moses lift up the serpent in the wilderness?"

None of the boys knew except one. He said:

"Moses lifted up the snake because he knew it could not bite."

This was the same youth who said the Jews made a golden calf because

they did not have gold enough to make a whole cow.

THERE are said to be some five proposed sites for cities in Alberni Valley and two on Barclay Sound, and there is land enough left to give every man, woman and child in the city of Victoria a townsite.

THE rumor that Deputy-Sheriff Siddall would vacate his pew in the Methodist Church and take charge of certain Victoria amusement house, lacks confirmation.

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