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HIGH COST OF LIVING AND ITS CURE.

It is all very well to protest against the increasing cost of living, but it is easier to kick against the pricks than to suggest an effective remedy. There are protestants in all parts of the world, we gather from observation of newspapers. The Germans are trying to meet the situation by substituting horse flesh for the animal food authorized by custom. The French are going even further than the Germans in their departures from the customs in vogue. At least in English-speaking countries. Parisians are reported to be eating dogs, and various kinds of animals we regard as common and unclean. And the diet is pronounced fine, if we are to accept as authentic reports, unofficially issued. There is only one cure for the evil, if it be accepted as altogether an evil. That is for all who complain of the burden to practice the virtue of self-denial. Most of us eat too much anyhow, especially of the things that are not most nourishing and beneficial, and a year's abstinence would do us good. As an example of how the matter is regarded in other parts of the world, read and digest the following from the New York Times:

It is easy enough to sympathize with the purpose of the little group of people in Washington who have determined to "do something" to bring down the cost of living, but when it comes to expecting success to follow the execution of their announced plans—that is quite a different matter. They expect, it seems, to organize 1,000,000 American citizens into determined boycotters of everything made or handled by a trust or combination. It is a late day for the adoption of that device, and these well-intentioned protesters seem to realize some of the difficulties of the situation that confronts them, for it is rather a going without than a real boycott that they propose.

As regards meat, for instance, they do not regard that purchase be made only of "independents," which would obviously be impracticable, but that no meat at all be bought till the purveyors thereof see the error of their ways and consent to accept reasonable prices. That scheme would undoubtedly be effective if enough people would go into it, but for most of us, fortunately, vegetarianism is a sorry alternative, even for butcher bills higher than we can afford to pay, and while we might be willing to transfer our trade to shops not in or under the vague and indefinite co-ordination of interests called the meat trust, we do not know where such shops are to be found.

It is much the same with most of the other necessities of life. They are all "trusted," more or less, or combined, more or less, and this seems to have been a natural and inevitable result of living in modern conditions. The vast majority of us simply cannot deal directly with individual producers or manufacturers, and while that remains the case the million American citizens will probably think a good many times before they agree not to use anything on which two or three profits have been made.

But the Washington idea is to take up one thing at a time and to conquer the enemy in detail. The trouble with the idea is that it would have to be carried out by so many people who, while suffering from one form of exploitation, are themselves profiting from another, and efforts at reform are rarely carried to the extent of emptying one's own pocket. That methods both of production and of distribution can be improved is doubtless true, but the forces at work in bringing about the present high cost of living are too large to be counteracted by an artificial diminution of demand. If we do not eat meat, we must eat something else, and again the law of supply and demand would get to work on us in the old way.

PRESS CENSOR AND CONFESSOR

His Lordship the Bishop of Columbia, we are told, has asked the Colonist to state that "the paragraph in the Times last evening with regard to the appointment of a rector for Christ Church Cathedral was wholly unauthorized." The editor, his Lordship the Bishop further confides to the Colonist, telephoned him (His Lordship the Bishop) that he (the editor) had received a telegram from Montreal to the effect that Rev. A. J. Doull had accepted the position of rector, and the Bishop replied that this was not the case, and begged the editor not to publish the information. A similar request was made to the editor of the Colonist.

The foregoing, we believe, His Lordship will admit, is a correct statement of the facts bearing upon this latest

ecclesiastical controversy, with the Times. The affair is trivial, to be sure, but it is of some public interest nevertheless, inasmuch as it proves once again that in the heart of the good Bishop there is no guile, guffing, wifery, in that respect from the cardiac organs of mere worldly-minded editors and others connected with newspapers.

It is the business of the Times to gather news and make wordly profit out of the circulation of news. In the prosecution of its business the Times has representatives in all important parts of the world, and particularly in all the great news centres of Canada and of Great Britain. Our representative in Montreal received information to the effect that the rectorship of Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, B. C., was vacant and that a widely-known divine of that eastern city had been offered and had accepted the appointment. This intelligence we might have published without reference to the feelings or the wishes of the ecclesiastical head of the diocese, knowing that it came either directly or indirectly from one of the parties chiefly interested. But it was, partly as a matter of ordinary courtesy and partly with the view of receiving confirmation from the highest source, not with any idea of "authoritative" or censorship, submitted to Bishop Perrin. And then the very thing occurred which, knowing Bishop Perrin and the simplicity of his unworshipful heart, we anticipated. His Lordship rung up the Colonist and imparted to it the news which the Times paid its correspondent and the telegraph companies to communicate to it exclusively.

As the Times acknowledges no father confessor, other than the public at large, to whom it is under obligations to acknowledge its transgressions when it goes astray, as the most carefully edited newspapers are prone to do on occasion, it published the facts relating to the rectorship of the Anglican cathedral of this city. It will continue to prosecute its business of gathering news and circulating the same without asking for the "authorization" of any extraneous authority. Perhaps it might be as well for the high and holy cause with which Bishop Perrin is identified if he would follow in the domain of spirituality this example we honestly strive to set in our less exalted sphere.

Yes; General Booth is also numbered among the prophets. Yet we doubt whether even the rank and file of the Army which is his creation and will be his monument will accept unambiguously his prediction that the end of the world by fire is at hand and make preparations accordingly.

Ward V. pleads with the Mayor and Alderman Henderson to give the public the truth in regard to the financial standing of the exhibition. We fear our correspondent will plead in vain. It has not of late years been the policy of the municipal powers that be to tell the people who have to meet all civic financial obligations precisely the nature and extent of such obligations. There are other matters than the fall fair which might properly be the subject of an independent investigation, seeing that from the elected representatives of the people authentic information cannot be obtained.

The Canadian Mail, another newspaper devoted to the interests of Canada in Great Britain, has commenced what promises to be a successful career in London. The Mail is evidently a keen observer of things Canadian, as it says in the thirty-third number of its first volume: "The Victoria Post, the evening edition of the Colonist of the British Columbia capital, has suspended publication. The wonder is that, despite its journalistic excellence, it could have lived so long. The Victoria Times covers the news field thoroughly, and while Liberal in politics, is not an objectionably partisan paper, even to Conservative readers."

The Nelson Daily News has issued a thirty-two page number dealing principally with the mineral progress of British Columbia during the year just past. The mining review was prepared by Mr. E. Jacobs, a gentleman who is well informed upon the subject, besides being eminently safe and conservative in his opinion. Consequently when the News predicts a very bright prospect for our leading industry during the year 1910, the statement may be accepted as based upon facts carefully considered and painstakingly verified. But lumbering and fruit-growing are also important industries in British Columbia, and this year the News has extended its investigations beyond the single field of mining. It reports the prospects of fruit-growers and lumbermen also to be bright beyond the ordinary, with every indication of a good year for them and a consequent stimulus to business in all lines. The annual review of the News is a production of great value to the business men of all sections of the province.

That Canada made public lotations in London in 1909, of \$200,000,000, that it sold within its borders \$30,000,000 worth of municipal bonds, that its fire losses were more than a quarter of a million a week, that the dividends paid by Colbalt companies during four years were \$13,000,000, are a few of the facts and

figures appearing in the second annual statistical review and outlook number of the Monetary Times published on January 8th. This issue, which is enlarged to 120 pages, contains a mine of valuable statistical data supplemented by interesting articles. There are especially contributed stories on the trend of Canadian banking, the industrial mergers of 1909, the insurance retrospect and prospect, the Bank of England rate, and government loans. An especially attractive feature is a long story entitled "A Trip Through the Provinces," embracing the views of business men throughout the country as to the outlook for the coming year. Those interested in stocks and bonds will find an eight-page stock exchange record, a table of new listings and dividend changes, a summary of municipal bond sales and the views of experts on the industrial and municipal bond market. Crop estimates are dealt with in a well written story and an exhaustive review of the wheat and grain markets is given. The issue is the best ever put out by the Monetary Times, which has now completed forty-three years of its existence, and contains something for everybody.

General Booth, the revered head of the Salvation Army, predicts that the end of the world, the end of the line of the earth, is at hand. The General says the element which will accomplish the end of all flesh will be fire, not water. We suppose the prophet of these latter days accepts the "bow set in the heavens" as a guarantee that the promise connected with it will be kept, although the temptation to break that pledge because of the world's wickedness must be great. And yet we doubt very much whether the ominous prediction of General Booth will have any appreciable effect upon the sinners. They will go on as usual feasting and making merry, marrying and giving in marriage, until the rains of fire and the floods of flame descend. There were sceptics in Noah's day, and they are with us yet. Besides the General does not claim that he has received authorization from any particular source to issue this warning to a sinful and perverse generation. He probably reasons from his experience of human depravity that the end must be at hand, and he has Scriptural authority respecting the agency by which the work of destruction will be brought about. And if we had General Booth's ear we might be permitted to whisper into it that the field in which the Salvation Army operates does not represent the best there is in the world; that there may be saving remnants in the human race outside of the slums of great cities whose lives are not altogether out of harmony with the divinity that once reigned in the heart of man. For the sake of these righteous ones it may be that Omnipotence may be inclined to give the world a chance to reform.

NOMINATIONS AT NANAIMO.

(Special to the Times.) Nanaimo, Jan. 10.—Nominations here to follow. For mayor—Thos. Hodgson, A. E. Planta. For aldermen, three to be elected in each ward—North Ward, D. G. Daley, Alex. Forrester, C. H. Leicester, John Sampson, Jno. Shaw, Middle Ward, W. W. A. Bueby, Joe. Robinson, Ed. Shakespeare, South Ward, E. G. Cavallsky, Henry McRae, L. Ross, T. J. Shenton, Jas. Watson, Jas. Young. School trustees—Alex. Forrester and A. E. Malnwaring (acclamation).

THREE BY-LAWS ARE IMPORTANT

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In respect to the theatre by-law, much opposition has developed to that measure, and while it has warm advocates who have organized to endeavor to secure its passage, it is considered doubtful if it will carry. Those opposed say the land—which is situated on the corner of Douglas and Belleville streets—can be devoted to much better purpose; that it is unwise for Victoria to embark in the theatrical business by taking stock in the company, and that as the project is one of a private character the granting of a site free of taxation is unwarrantable. The supporters of the measure on the other hand, contend that Victoria, which is now attracting people of wealth and leisure in large numbers, is suffering discredit in not being in a position to offer the better class of theatrical attractions owing to inadequate theatre accommodation; that while such a theatre would prove a real asset to the city for that reason, no private company will undertake the erection of a building, as the business offering will be unprofitable for a number of years; that no better use can be made of the land and that instead of the concession asked being a burdensome one, the city is getting off very lightly compared with what has been the experience of some cities in the west, which have, initiated similar enterprises.

The by-law empowering the corporation to raise a loan of \$184,000 for school purposes will in all probability carry by a large majority. Everyone is agreed that it is absolutely necessary that more school accommodation should be provided at the earliest possible date. With the city growing in all directions, and with population pouring in at a very rapid rate, few can be found who are opposed to providing additional educational facilities to meet the situation. Therefore it may be assumed with some confidence that the school by-law will carry. The school by-law will be voted on at Monday's meeting of the city council. In July, 1907, plaintiff owned what was then a field on Cook street, near Beacon Hill park, which he had fenced in and surveyed into lots marked by

Another New Lot of Costumes Offered For Sale on Monday

Women's Costumes \$18.90. Reg. \$35 to \$45 and \$50, MONDAY'S SALE PRICE. This lot includes ALL of our High Class Tailored Costumes in French and American Models. Coats are satin-lined throughout, in semi-fitting styles, very smartly finished with stitching and silk braid. Skirts in new pleated effect, in all colors—taupe, black, blue, wine, wisteria and grey. Monday's sale \$18.90. Women's Costumes \$6.90. Regular Value \$14.50, for \$6.90. This lot includes all of our Costumes, also Jumper Suits. Regular values \$14.50. Colors are blue, brown and black. Long coats, semi-fitting and mercerized lining. Special Monday at \$6.90. Women's Costumes \$12.90. Regular Value \$25 to \$30, Monday \$12.90. In this lot we have nearly all the leading shades. Coats are three-quarter length and very smartly tailored in semi-fitting effects. Skirts are pleated in deep yoke effects. Monday's sale \$12.90.

Special Reductions in Silk Underskirts. MONDAY offers every lady a special bargain in Fine Skirts. These are of fine silk, beautifully made, and in a number of fascinating styles, in colors of pale blue, navy, black, pink, mauve—in fact all the new shades. This lot includes the very dressy skirt for evening wear, as well as the plain tailored effect for street wear. Monday \$5.00.

Boys' Clothing Greatly Reduced. Just received a large shipment of Boys' Two-piece Suits in double-breasted and Norfolk styles. These are made of good blue serges and tweeds. The regular values of these suits was \$3.75 and \$4.50. Having arrived too late for our regular trade, we will place them on sale to-day at \$2.75. Also special in Boys' Two Piece Norfolk suits in tweeds and mixed colors. As the values of these suits range from \$2.75 to \$3.75, go on sale to-day at \$1.75. BOYS' NORFOLKS, of high-grade materials, in fancy worsteds and tweeds. Regular \$7.50 to \$8.10. Sale \$5.75. BOYS' REEFERS. These are made of good blue serges and chinchillas. Regular \$2.50 to \$2.75. Sale price \$1.50. BOYS' THREE-PIECE SUITS, in fancy tweeds, in single-breast. Regular \$4.50. Tuesday \$2.75. BOYS' FANCY OVERCOATS. Our entire stock of fancy overcoats, in blues, greys, fawns, greens and brown mixtures. Values ranging from \$6.75 to \$8.50. Tuesday \$4.75.

Prices of Special Importance on Men's Suits. In all our high-grade tailor-made garments. We will sell the balance of our stock of fine finished worsteds in all the new shades and patterns. As the lines are mostly all broken, we will sell the \$25 to \$30 at our January Sale Price of \$17.75. MEN'S FIT-RITES, in double and single breasted, in fancy worsteds and tweeds. These goods are well known for their superior qualities. Regular \$18 to \$20, at \$11.75. MEN'S PANTS, in fancy worsteds, in neat patterns. Regular \$3.50 to \$3.75. \$2.25.

David Spencer, Ltd. 40c. Nothing more tasteful than our chocolates at 60c.

NOMINATIONS IN OAK BAY

CANDIDATES WHO SEEK SUFFRAGES. List of Those Who Aspire to Office in Municipality. (From Monday's Daily.) Oak Bay came very near not having a poll this year. The receive and councillors in north and south wards were elected by acclamation, as also were the trustees. For centre wards the election will take place on Saturday. On the same day two by-laws will be voted upon. Four trustees were elected to-day in consequence of Trustee Wollaston resigning. The following is the complete list: Reeve, William Henderson by acclamation. Councilors, North Ward—J. C. Sproule and J. H. Hargraves elected by acclamation. Centre Ward—W. Noble, J. Herrick, McGregor and H. T. Lott. South Ward—F. B. Pemberton and S. R. Newton by acclamation. School Trustees, Four trustees elected by acclamation, viz., Edwin G. Henshaw, Thos. Ashe, J. L. Colbert and Henry F. Pullen.

THREE-YEAR-OLD CROP.

Defendant Took Hay Off Land Without Leave and Pays Damage. Taking a neighbor's crop of hay was responsible for prolonged litigation which has finally ended in a judgment just handed down by Judge Lammiman in Olliphant vs. Fisher. In July, 1907, plaintiff owned what was then a field on Cook street, near Beacon Hill park, which he had fenced in and surveyed into lots marked by

AVIATION MEET.

Flight of Balloons Marks Opening of Contests at Los Angeles. Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 10.—The Los Angeles aviation meet officially began to-day at noon when the balloon New York, piloted by Clifford Harmon, the New York millionaire, shot up from her moorings at Huntington park while thousands of spectators cheered. Besides Harmon the basket was occupied by Mrs. Dick Ferris, wife of the general manager of the aviation meet; John Off and Mrs. Off, George Dreussler and George B. Harrison. A few seconds after the New York had been loosed the Peoria, piloted by F. J. Kanne, of Peoria, Ill., followed. Harmon announced previously that he intended to remain aloft until about 4 o'clock. Kanne likewise will remain in flight until late this afternoon. The Frenchman Paulhan, Mascarel and Massina may not fly to-day owing to the fact that the monoplane is not set up and the Farman biplane is to be assembled.

FOUND DROWNED.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 10.—The police to-day are trying to solve the mystery around the death of a man, whose badly decomposed body was found floating in San Francisco Bay. The body was clothed in a well made, fashionably cut suit, and in his pocket were two \$20 gold pieces. On the fingers were valuable rings. The body apparently had been in the water several days before it was discovered late yesterday.

EX-CONGRESSMAN ON TRIAL.

Is Accused of Conspiracy to Defraud Government of Public Lands. Portland, Ore., Jan. 10.—Singer Harman, ex-representative in congress and former commissioner of the land office, faced the opening of his trial on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the government of public lands, in the United States, before Judge Wolverton this morning. This afternoon at 2 o'clock the work of selecting the trial jury was begun, and it is expected that a day or more will be occupied in this work.

HON. L. P. BRODEUR ILL.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Jan. 10.—Hon. L. P. Brodeur is rather seriously ill at his home here with intestinal trouble. He has been ill for a week or so, and came back to office on Saturday but had a relapse yesterday. His illness may possibly delay the presentation of the naval bill to parliament on Wednesday next.

STANLEY CUP MATCHES.

(Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, Jan. 10.—The Edmonton hockey team arrived here this morning and had a try-out at the Winnipeg skating rink. They played fast hockey and their combination was much admired by the large number of spectators present. Hugo Ross was elected captain. The team will leave for Ottawa to-day, where they play for the Stanley Cup.

SUDDEN DEATH.

(Special to the Times.) Sherbrooke, Que., Jan. 10.—Andrew St. John, general superintendent of the Quebec Central railway since 1876, died suddenly in his office to-day from acute indigestion. He was 65 years old.

Worn, Worried.

Much of the every mother of us undergoes wear the mother keeps the Tablets are casual doses was fretful, cry Nearly all the a hood can be trauch, bowels or these troubles equal Baby's Own the mother has a government the Tablets are Mrs. Ed. Sudd Que. says: Baby's Own home for a long ways with the do not know along without Sold by medicall at 25 cents Dr. Williams' Brockville, Ont.

CANDID ARE FORMAL PH W. W. Nor Paper N (From Returning received nomi ral elections u noon, the resu mayor and in for the city. In inations there tiring trustees who enters the f There are the fou for mayor, and for in Ward 1 for, wa three candidates, w in Ward 4 and five The nominations of various candidates nominations between time. There were no The nominations w For MA Antom Henderson, f nominated by W. J. Dean. Alfred J. Morley, 8 ue; nominated by S. Joseph Renouf. William Edgar O nominated by C. F. Bone. John A. Turner, 1 nominated by Chas. F. Goodacre. FOR ALDRE Ward William Birnie, 321 nominated by S. M. Tolpuit. Angus McK. Ross, nominated by J. L. Kinson. William J. Mable, 2 nominated by Lewis D. Beattie. William Montleth, c inated by F. Morris ter. Ward Harry F. Bishop, 5 nominated by L. Good der Stewart. David McIntosh, 23 nue; nominated by L. Hall. William Henry I Gorge road; nominate J. E. Wilson. Ward William F. Fungo street; nominated by J. L. Taylor. George J. Jones, street; nominated by art and John Sheppa Alexander McL. Chambers street, nom Ker and Thomas H. Edward F. Geiger, rue; nominated by L. Jackson. Richard McDowell, nominated by J. R. C ham Duck. Ward Angus McKewon, 1 nominated by L. G. Mowat. Percy A. Raymond, nominated by W. T. Williams. A. A. Humber, R nominated by D. E. G. Morris. Ward William H. Lane nominated by C. E. H. G. Milne. Johnathan Richar nominated by W. T. Williams. Dallas road; nomin and A. M. Attkin. W. H. Smith, Fair ated by H. Keith at A. G. Sargison, Me inated by J. Arbuthot fern. SCHOOL, T Peter J. Riddell, r nominated by E. J. James Forman. Gilbert D. Christ nominated by Thomas Shottbol. Margaret Jenkins road; nominated by L. Drury. Angus E. McNeill, nominated by F. B. W. Currie. William H. P. Sw street; nominated by R. A. C. Grant.