## aut ops, B. C.

in Victoria, then a beehive ergy, and was soon off to er diggings. Here he did ar till Williams Creek and eek in far away Cariboo s pack train in '62 along trail from Yale on the o trail from Yale on the ong weary length of road erville stands today. been through the mining the to learn a few practi-noney-making, so that af-minary skirmishing about placer claims he decided turn saloon-keeper and which he did with suc-mrs. He kept his head, oon, during the Cassiar shes, but in the early e news of the richness

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spring freshet, Bill was



of The Colonist, Wharf Street, 1858.

e expected of such an old chimney built up from the char-thinney built up from the He lived alone. He was pe, his dog and a few old His ranch, a fine stretch be beautiful valley of the was about as nature had a or four agreement. four acres had been

the gold hunt was still a passionate fervor. But, I, he was not as young as and he had better stay

the himself as an ex-tended and on the At-ten he was a "che-st in the "fifties." would often revert aind would often revert the old home in the East. he lay in camp he fan-near again the song of the bled and beat upon his ative shores. How often that he loved so well, keep ling to him to return, like

ng voice. crossed the Rockies now again, when the

rts ever young ts, the flotsam and jetsam

Bill Ashfield, after his career, is nearing the He realizes that he must nt majority. The first have fallen in the val-the mountain sides the peaks of the hills have owy white nightcaps for

or, two miles down the onlight is streaming

all-embracing like the charity. His flushed will not now complain. aken the rough with the not shirk his part now. night, by a sudden change driving fury. The pine ng his cabin groan and rm. As the old man nusic of the tempest the deep diapason the deep diapason cathedral organ, he solitude, like fellow ing in sympathy with

hrough the pine tops or the cabin and find ace of the old Argon-in peaceful sleep, but sail on that shadowy meeasing without fret inknown sea. Let us length in that Eternal

Leave the hard heart of the city with its poverty of pity, Leave the folly and the fashion wearing out the faith of men, Breathe the breath of life blown over upland meadows white with clover, And with childhood's clearer vision see the face of God again!

Herbert Bashford, Former Librarian of State of Washington in October Cosmopolitan.

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international exhibition, which

George A. Coldwell, president of the

small beginning has been made within

the past few years in Great Britain.

Victoria has secured the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress convention for next year.

The British Post Office Total Abstinence Society has a membership of over 3,000.

Amongst other trades taken up by women there are 126 female plumbers in the United States.

Canada has 1,000 post office savings banks and almost 250,000 depositors. Many of the women in England are the trades unionists of Canada.

made in New York recently, one affect A child labor law was passed by the Florida State Legislature at the last session.

Many Los Angeles contractors have signed the eight-hour agreement and the movement is a success.

Agricultural laborers have a union Spain with 3,317 members, although this country they have never been able to organize.

The annual report of the Union Printers' Home, just issued, shows that during the year ending May 31, the expenditures were \$60,732. The receipts for the year were \$69,202, of which \$56,-There are 6,780 local farmers' unions in the state of Texas, with an average of 16 unions organized daily and gain in membership of 600 daily.

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An international exhibition, which will be devoted to the life of the working classes, is being organized and will be held in Paris in 1909.

The first convention of the Associated Labor Press was held in the office of the Pittsburg Labor Herald, January 10, 1885, twelve labor papers being represented.

Canon Harry Drew, rector of Hawarden, Eng., (who is son-in-law of the late Mr. W. E. Gladstone, has made a generous offer to the parish. He announces his intention of doing his work without personal remuneration, so long as he may be vouchsafed good health, and of devoting the net revenues of the benefice to the maintenance of day schools.

Trades and Labor Council, has been appointed vice-president of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress for British Columbia.

The pipe of peace. The following notice is exhibited in the window of a Japanese tobacco merchants' shop in Frith street, Soho, London: "Russians can now be served at this establishment."

Boston (Mass.) Typographical union has appointed a special committee to promote a feeling of amity between clergymen and trade unions. The members believe that the time is ripe for a closer connection between the representatives of the churches and the trade unionists, both of which are working along lines for the common good.

Members of the Brotherhood of Carpenters are voting on a proposition to increase the dues of the organization in order that the sick, accident and death benefits may be kept up.

The American Co-operative Association has been formed in Elgin, Ill. It will handle only union goods and is composed of only union men, all of whom are active in the interests of labor.

In England the per capita tax on trade union members is higher than in any other country, being approximate-ly \$9 a pear. British trade unions have large benefit features, however, which constitute 42 per cent of their total expenditures. Thus nearly one-half of the high dues of British trades unions goes back to the members as sick or burial benefits and in life insurance policies.

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Noticing a number of men trying to extinguish a burning truck of hay at Crediton Station, Devomshire, Sir John Shelley, Bart., promptly motored to their assistance, and worked hard with them to prevent the flames spreading.

"He never does any work, except going out with a tin whistle with an 'unemployed' procession," said Mrs. Blane, accused at North London, Eng., of assaulting her husband She was bound over, the chairman remarking that she could leave her husband if she desired to do so.

The Steam Engineers' Convention, which opened at the Labor Temple, Toronto, last Monday, was an interesting gathering, though chiefly so from a strictly educational point of view, rather than from a trade union standpoint. There were many questions affecting the welfare of engineers apart from a scientific knowledge of how to control steam valves. The organization of steam valves. The organization of steam valves and welfare of, the community, as well as advancing the interests of the engineers themselves.

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India has three and one-third times as much foreign trade as Japan; three times as much as China, easily beating Italy and Austria, also Belgium, and surpassing the Russian Empire by 25 per cent

Two hundred and twenty-four unions of the International Typographical Union are now working on an eighthour basis or have arranged to do so not later than January 1st, 1906.

A recent official report by the English war office declares that no extra expense has been incurred by the nublic on account of the reduction of hours of labor to 48 per week in the ord-nance, small arms and clothing departments of the army, nor has-the output of work been diminished, or the average weekly earnings on piece work been sensibly changed, though there have been no alterations in the price paid. The admiralty departments present a report very much to the same effect.

Son the World of Sabor

The work of the property of the proper have eliminated much of the fiction, romance and poetry which cast a glamor over many of the happenings of the old days, and, if restrictions were placed on the operations of historical romancers, literature might suffer; but from now on history and romance must travel separate paths. With the modern newspaper giving the people minute details of a battle that is being fought 10,000 miles away, and getting it before them while the conflict is still raging, the facilities for recording history are certainly perfected to a stage where our descendants will not be bothered by any questionable points produced by mixing uestionable points produced by mixing istorical history with romantic ro-

## HANK COMES HOME.

C. F. Raymond, in Toronto Star.

He had left home many years ago and had knocked much about the world, and now here he was homeward bound with a through ticket in his pocket.

would say, if they would be glad to see him, and if his old girl, his best one, was still there. He would like to visit the old home and the corner store, the post office where he used to meet his school chums at night when the mail came in.

So as the train sped on his mind hurried forward to the scene of his

Was Cy driving the old bus now? Cy would be glad to see him.
Dreaming, he fell asleep and saw them all again.

He was roused by the brakeman calling the name of his station.

"This ain't my place," he said to a fellow-passenger. "This ain't——"

"Yes it is," was the reply.

There was a new station in the old

"Where's Cy?" he asked of the first

"Who's Cy?"
"Why, Cy the old bus driver."
"Aw, he's dead near five years, I

The old lamp-posts had disappeared. the wires overhead and the arc lights at the corners bespoke the march of progress. The board sidewalks with the nails that he had so often stubbed his toes against when a boy, why, they were gone, too, and here was the un-yielding granolithic, cold, hard, and

So on the old boy walked. The scene seemed strange. The kids stared scene seemed strange. The kids stared at him. The grown-ups passed him unconcernedly. They didn't know Hank like they used to. Well, here was the hotel. He would, at least, know the proprietor, for he used to gad about with one of his girls. But even here he was disappointed for the even here he was disappointed, for the proprietor had sold out and moved West.

"Stranger," he said to the man behind the counter, "you don't remember Hank Hawkins?" "No," said the land-lord. "I can't say that I do, but that lord. "I can't say that I do, but that fellow over there in that there barber shop he's been here nigh on fifty years, shop he's been here nign on nity years, I reckon he knows everyone in these parts. Will you have somethin'?" Then under the influence of "somethin'" Hank explained that he was the man in question, and that it had been many. years since he had visited the old to

"Do you know anyone around here named Hawkins, Hank Hawkins?" he ked, without revealing his identity.
"Hank Hawkins," was the reply, "Oh, he's away from here; let's see, now, he's away from here well nigh on twenty years; yes; I guess twenty-five years."

Then Hank spoke up and said: "I'm Hank."
"Well, well. I'm blamed if I didn't think so all the time. How be you?"
Hank and Grandad, for that's what
the boys called the knight of the razor,
had a long talk.
Nearly all the old bunch were dead,

