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THE NELSON & FORT SHEPPARD LAND GRANT.

of which Mr. Williams, of Vancouver, line of the railway to allow the land subsidy to be given in alternate blocks, sufficed to still the cry of his soul for tion with a view solely to securing the the government supplemented the area aid from the Unseen. in such blocks out of the reserved blocks.

ions referred to in the act.

ment to give a subsidy not to exceed a suppose this proves nothing, except that alternate blocks of a certain area each. It has been contended, and we presume will be argued to-morrow in the house, that the controlling words in this arrangement are those which provide that the blocks shall be alternate; but we do not believe this is the proper mortruction of the language. The important part of the subsidy is the area of land to be given. The provision as to alternate sections is secondary, and cannot be understood in any way to qualify the amount of the subsidy. It will surely not be claimed that the subsidy it saved from being profane. In the locks of a certain area each.

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10,240 acres per mile for the railway.

ing to receive 10,240 acres of land for to get themselves into harmony with Di- atmosphere and things like that into every mile of road built, and money was vine will and in that way fit gold, and lived very high.

act was passed, and it never occurred to and sometimes of unreasoning fear. put along the Alaska coast. This is

than 10,240 per mile, and was to be hardly be truthfully said to be praying. will be conceded:

railway is such that the subsidy of 10,- Toverence, they were inspired by a spirit 240 acres per mile could not be given in which would be likely to prove a formidalternate blocks four miles square,

This being the case it follows: from other land.

four propositions. They deny the fifth.

AN OHIO CHAPLAIN.

The chaplain of the Ohio legislature made a prayer the other day, which was greeted with loud applause. In it he prayed that, if the event of war with Spain "that barbarious and bloodthirsty nation" should be wiped out of existence, the United States would yet bow to the Divine will. The inference seems to be that, having demolished 20 Spain, our neighbors might be disposed to try conclusions with the Almighty. If the chaplain had prayed that in the event of defeat by Spain the United States might be lead to bow submissively to the Divine will, he would have been intelligible, but we doubt if his observation would have elicited much with the "barbarious and bloodthirsty" people on the Western shore of the Atlantic. The prayers of both cannot very well be answered, as those who offer them hope; but we do not suppose this will lessen their number or fervency.

Man is a praying animal. He is con-

stantly seeking for aid from sources outside of himself. We suppose there is no human race on so low a stage of being that it does not expect aid and comfort. from extra-human sources. It is doubtful if the most confirmed atheist has ever been able to shake himself wholly clear from a sense of dependence upon agencies in some way different to and language for a religious paper. where cuts are inserted they must be ALL higher than himself. He may never actually pray in the sense of addressing actually pray, in the sense of addressing a petition to a supreme being, but he probably never escapes a sense of dependence upon the mysterious Unseen, whose existence not even the most extreme materialist can wholly ignore. He may surround himself with what seems to be an impregnible fortress of words, There will be a discussion in the house in the form of elaborate arguments, but to-morrow, probably, on the resolution the influence of the Unseen makes itself felt within the barrier. In one of his has given notice. This is to the effect utterances Colonel Ingersoll uses the exthat the government has exceeded the pression "God knows that I do not so opinion among British Columbia mempowers conferred by "The Nelson and think." No one will accuse Ingersoll of bers of parliament as to the vacant Chief Fort Sheppard Subsidy Act, 1892," in thereby unintentionally admitting his Justiceship. We suggest that in the granting lands to the railway company. belief in the Deity. The expres- matter of judicial appointments the The facts of the case appear to be that sion is little more than a form of wishes of the members of parliament there not being sufficient land along the words, but it implies something more.

The prayer of the Ohio chaplain grates This shortage of area was due in part to rather harshly upon our ears, but it does the location of a portion of the line near not lack for precedents. David was an the international boundary, and in part exceedingly prayerful man; yet we find ern gold fields is now forthcoming. to the fact that the road being necessar- all through his petitions evidence that Nearly everything said in these warnily more or less winding, it was a physi- he considered himself especially marked cal impossibility to get the requisite sub- for divine pleasure and that he expected print them, for every man believes that sidy in alternate blocks, of the dimens- the Almighty to recognize the fact. He The subsidy act authorizes the govern- as the Ohio chaplain has of Spain. We

the amount of the subsidy. It will surely not be claimed that the subsidy act meant that 10,000 acres of land per mile should be given if as much as that could be secured by taking alternate blocks, and that if it could not be eo secured then the subsidy should be reduced by such amount as the available afternate blocks fell short of the whole amount. We think the whole language of the subsidy must be taken together and be construed so as to keep faith with the men, who on the faith of the legislature, put their money in the railway. We think these things will be admitted:

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The Alaska Miner, printed at Juneau, says it is a mistake for any one to start North before April 1st, because it is next to impossible to get over the passes at the head of Lynn Canal, and that those who do get over will be no further and hel 1st. The legislature intended to give viduality. They are giving expression and the distinction is worth rememberto wishes, fears, hopes and opinions. ing. A few years ago a good many Ta-2nd. The Company believed it was go- They are in no sense of the word seeking coma men transmuted earth, water,

invested in the road on the faith of such themselves to be the recepients of Divine assistance. Their prayers are 3rd. The line of the railway had not simply an expression of exuberant enbeen surveyed at the time the subsidy thusiasm, of exaggerated hopefulness steps to have lights, buoys and beacons any one at the time that the subsidy They feel the better for them in the right, and if supplemented by a rigid incould not be got by giving the company same way that any one feels the better spection of steamships would probably alternate blocks of the size mentioned in for a vigorous and unrestrained express result in saving many lives. sion of feeling. Sometimes they catch If these three propositions are admit- the fire of their own enthusiasm, they is a strong believer in reciprocity beted, it follows that the legislature can- see themselves idealized by the very vio- tween the United States and Canada. It not with propriety be held to have in- lence of their feelings, and with the imtended that the expression "alternate petus thus received are able to do and and immense," and supports its view To the Minister of Justice, Ottawa: blocks" was used for the purpose of giv- dare things which they would otherwise by reference to the operation of the reciing notice that the subsidy might be less not think of attempting; but they can procity treaty of 1854. read in connection with the expression And so we dismiss the Ohio chaplain "not exceeding," as limiting the sub- by saying that while his language, the rate of wages, the Comox News exsidy to such area as alternate blocks of burden of his petition and the manner presses the opinion that the former is four miles frontage on the railway would in which it was received by those to regulated by the law of supply and contain. We also think the following whom it was addressed-for it was un-demand, and cannot be increased simply doubtedly intended chiefly for the ears by increasing the wages of miners. This

4th. The necessary location of the of the legislature—shock our ideas of seems to be a reasonable proposition. able incentive to the people of the United States in the event of a foreign Washington has just decided that an 5th. To give effect to the intention of war. We have the habit of smiling at alien may not hold land under lease in the legislature and to keep faith with the claim of superiority made by our the company, the shortage in the alternate blocks had to be made good to be made g factor in determining the policy of the been enough public domain thrown Sault Ste Marie. The funeral is arranged

territory beyond the summit of Chilkoot something. pass, and says the only ground of complaint is that notice was not given to the

Washington authorities that we prodid it become necessary to give notice of an intention to take one's own property, If the United States had been in possession of land across the Divide, a notice
would have been proper enough. But

States citizens now in the Yukon may

Getails of the Dattie show that while the Cubans were outnumbered four to one, for four days they held their position and caused the Spanish troops to retreat, leaving 200 dead men upon the as it was, the only thing to be done was retaliate for any action the Dominion to hoist the flag on the summit. There parliament may take to offset unfriendwas no sense in wasting a lot of time ly legislation by congress.

over so simple a matter. P., asking him to allow himself to be a narrow majority. again put in nomination for the Nanaimo constituency, is being largely signed applause. We suppose there are priests and expresses the hope that he will and other good people in Spain who are accede to the request. We are sure that asking the Divine blessing upon that all who know Mr. Bryden will join with country in case it shall be driven to war us in saying he is an industrious and useful member of the legislature, who will faithfully and ably represent any constituency that may elect him.

> THE Richmond Christian Advocate says the clamor for war never comes from the men who will have to do the fighting and bear the loss of property, but from senile retired naval officers. congressional demagogues and men who want contracts, and adds: "The cheap bellowings of these cowards disturb the stomachs of men who have seen the ruin of a country by reason of this same kind of snorting." This is tolerably vigorous

> THE Kaiser is alleged to have declared that, as long as he is Emperor of Germany, the United States shall not have Cuba. We would not be unprepared to hear that this is true, in spite of the statements that the Berlin foreign office has instructed the press to take a friendly attitude towards the United States. The Kaiser has no desire to see the power of any English-speaking country increased.

THERE is said to be a difference of should play a very subordinate part, and services of the most efficient barrister

THE usual crop of warnings to persons contemplating a journey to the Northings is true; but it is waste labor to while his next door neighbor ought not had as poor an opinion of his enemies to think of going, he himself is the very

THE Post-Intelligencer had a sense

THE Oregonian calls on the United

THE New York Journal of Commerce

Speaking of the price of coal and the

THE Seattle papers never weary of complaining of Canada's harshness to foreigners; yet the Supreme court of

The opposition must concele the first nation and in contributing to its success. away on the Stikine route to open a for Tuesday. THE Post-Intelligencer says that Can- dozen routes to the Yukon. The Sun is DAILT COLONIST 20 cts, a week, delivered

We think the country will not agree ada has a good prima facit claim to the simply talking for the sake of saying

THERE seems little doubt that Canada will soon have a railway to James Bay, not the Victoria sheet of water of that Hudson's Bay. Such a line will open an immense and valuable area.

RECOUNTS are in progress in Ontario THE Wellington Enterprise learns that but the prospect seems to be that Mr. a requisition to Mr. John Bryden, M. P. Hardy will be able to retain office with

BY WAY OF VARIETY.

Penelope's Mamma-Have you given him any encouragement?
Penelope—Yes. I have advised him to get a divorce.—Harlem Life,

Willie-Do you suppose I ever will have great wiry beard like yours? Willie's Father-Mebbe, though at present the wires, in your case, are down.-Indianapolis Journal.

Indianapolis Journal.

"It has been proved by half a dozen witnesses," said the police magistrate, "that you are selling bread under weight. Have you any explanation to offer?"

"The flour's so bad these days, your Honor," replied the honest baker, looking the magistrate fearlessly in the eye, "that my conscience won't let me sell it to the people in greater quantities than I can ole in greater quantities than I can b."—Chicago Tribune.

people in greater quantities than I can help."—Chicago Tribune.
"Did you enjoy the opera?"
"No; I didn't hear it."
"Why not."
"Two women sitting in front of me were explaining to each other how they loved the music."—Pick-Me-Up.
"What intensely red hair that young man has!" exclaimed Maud. "I'm surprised that you seem to like him so well."
"Oh," replied Mamie, "I don't like him very well. I never invite him to anything but pink teas."—Washington Star.

but pink teas."—Washington open.

Domesticity.—Mr. Peck—Before we were married you called me your king. Mrs. Peck—I know it, but I always did nave more or less trouble in distinguishing the kings from the jacks.—Chicago News

Lillian—Do you know the new soubrette? John—Yes, she's quite an artist. Lillian— Oh, yes; she paints well, but she can't draw a crowd!—New York World. He-Woman is a delusion! She-Andman is always hugging some delusion of

"Well, little boy, what's your name?" "Who gave you that name?"
"I don't know. But if I find out when gets older they'll be sorry for it."—

LANGLEY NOTES. An Excellent Presentation From "Daniel Horse Buyers Active.

LANGLEY, March 8 .- Mr. Hossack

gardens are awakening.

Beef is now highest in price and seems the fight, he suffered a loss of more than 100 killed and wounded, leaving his dead 100 killed and wounded, leaving his dead to Puerto.

present and all enjoyed themselves very much, and will look back with pleasant memories to the hours spent with 'Daniel." The singers work "Daniel." The singers were photo graphed by flashlight at the close.

THE PROFESSION PROTESTS.

Barristers of British Columbia Do Not Want Chief Justice.

In consequence of the well circulated reports that an Ontario favorite of the federal government was likely to succeed to the Chief Justiceship rendered vacant by the demise of Hon. Theodore Davie, the following telegram of protest was forwarded to Ottawa last evening by the secretary of the Law Society, Mr. P. S.

The following resolution was passe The following resolution was passed to-day: "Whereas it has been publicly announced that there is a possibility that one who is not a member of the provincial bar may be appointed as judge of the Supreme court of British Columbia; Resolved, that this annual general meeting of the Law Society of British Columbia respectfully protests against the appointment of any barrieter to the bench of this province who is not a member of the bar of the province of British Columbia."

P. S. LAMPMAN,

THERE is sorrow in the family of Richard Coverdale of Tolmie avenue

A FOUR DAYS' BATTLE. Handful of Cubans Hold in Check a

New York, March 10.—The Cuba junta has received by messenger the official report of General Reicios, who commanded the Cuban forces at the battle of Najasa, February 21-24. The details of the battle show that while the

The messenger who brought the official news also brought a copy of a Spanish soldiers, but asserting that the our days' fighting resulted in a victory for Spain. On February 18, General Siminel Cas-

tellanos left the city of Puerto Principe with 4,000 Spanish soldiers. In addition with 4,000 Spanish soldiers. In addition to three squadron of cavalry, the Spaniards had two small Krupp field pieces. Three days previous Castellanos was told that the Cuban stronghold in the hills of Najasa was not well protected and could be taken. Najasa is situated on a plateau less than forty miles from the situ of Puste Principa. It is the the city of Puerto Principe. It is the Cuban base of supplies for Puerto Principe province, and is used as a hospital station and several attempts have been made to take it in the past. Owing to its natural advantages, 1,000 men, it is said, can hold it against ten times that number. The road leading to it is bad and offers ambush and protection in case

On the morning of February 21, while more than ten miles from Najassa, the vanguard of the Spanish army, com-posed of guerrillas, under Lieutenant Perojo, was attacked at a turn in the road. The Cuban cavalry, under Brig-adier-General Branlio Pena, numbered 70 men. The vanguard comprised 50 men. Of the 50, three escaped and 47 were killed. The Cubans lost 14 men. The Spanish cavalry, under Major Copaz, was attacked by the full Cuban cavalry, 500 strong. The loss in the charge by the Cubans was slight. The men under Copaz were defeated without firing a shot, the Cubans charging them from the front and rear. The men were literally cut to pieces. They defended themselves with the butts of their carbines. The Cubans secured 80 cavalry horses with equipments; 100 carbines and ammunition. After the cavalry rout they were forced to retreat, as the Spanish were forced to retreat, as the Spanish army, 4,000 strong, came into action. Retreating for more than a mile, the Cubans made a stand behind rocks and checked the advance of Castellano's troops until nightfall. In the night the Cubans' wounded were sent to the rear and earthworks thrown up that would cash protect helf advant robels. Troops

each protect half a dozen rebels. Troops were moved to higher ground and every-thing possible done to make fortifica-tions. The battle of the second day opened with an attempt by the Spaniard to take a knob of ground holding 20 men.
After several ineffectual attempts one Langley, March 8.—Mr. Hossack of the grist mill who was thrown from a horse some few weeks ago and had two ribe broken, is gradually getting better, though not yet able to resume his full duties, he hopes soon to be as well as ever.

The sickness that commed to griss the terminal point of the small fortifications the Cubans twice caused the piece to be withdrawn out of riflerange. There was no attempt made to advance by the Spaniards on the 22nd. They the sickness that seemed to seize kept up a continuous fire, shooting whole Langley some time ago has released its volleys whenever a Cuban showed his

Twice on the third day General Castel been delightful. Buds are appearing on the trees and the early flowers in the gardens are awakening.

lanos made an attempt to advance. On both occasions his troops were driven back. On the 24th, the fourth day of

announced in Havana and as a great victory by the Weyler organ.

If you once try Carter's Little Liver Pills for sick he-dache, billiousness or constipation you will never be without them. They are purely vegetable, small and easy to take. Don't orget this.

THE funeral of the late Mrs. H. H. McDonald took place yesterday from the family residence on Pandora avenue, Rev. Dr. Campbell officiating there and at the cemetery. There was a large at tendance of sympathizing friends, and a wealth of floral tributes of love and regret. The following friends were the pallbearers: Dr. Lewis Hall, J. P. Bur-gess, William Moore, M. McGregor, H. C. Edwards and M. Baker.

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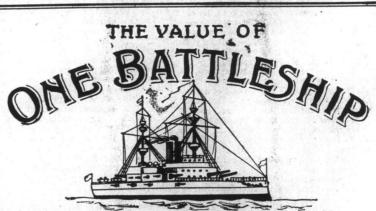
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[From dur Own Correspon OTTAWA, March 12.—In the ment with the Bank of Con-garding the branch at Da government does not assume sibility. The bank's officers under police protection in a less than three times a year cort will be furnished for g tances of not less than a tho cases where full royalty is pai will handle the gold dust drafts therefor, which will be par at any bank in Canada, York, San Francisco or Chicas Mr. Dupont, M.P. for Bagot terday at his home. His death

regretted, as he was universall Robert Cassidy, Victoria, gi in to-day's Canada Gazette of plications to parliament to ope tric plant in Dawson, to buil graph line from Victoria to Date astablish a bank to establish a bank.

to establish a bank.

Messrs. Costigan, Hale a chard, who voted against Mr. amendment, say they did so they don't believe any money a spent building a railway to luntil the possibilities of the di (From Our Own Corresponder

OTTAWA, March 14.—(Delayed mission)—The name of Mr. Ne deputy minister of instruction mentioned for the vacant Supre judgeship for British Columbia D. C. Fraser, M.P., mention aspirant, has been asked by M Martin to join him in a law par in British Columbia, and will li

Feeling references were mad Feeling references were mad Commons to-day by Sir Charles Premier Laurier and Adolphe to the death of Mr. Dupont.

Speaker Edgar announced the received a letter from Mr. Brun before he opened it on Friday Mr. Bruneau came and recalled Speaker did not know, officially, tents, but everybody understan be his resignation, which Mr. Was induced to withdraw.

Mr. Sifton stated to-day tha not know whether Judge McGuremain permanently at Dawso

remain permanently at Dawson not the intention of the govern extend homestead laws to the

Maj r Waish is not authorized to of timber in the Yukon district.

Mr. Blair announced that the ment had under consideration bring ing down of a bill next seement high a significant seement high an interpretability and propriets and the seement high a significant seement high a significant seement high a significant seement high a significant seement seeme establish a railway commission. the whole day was taken up d

the question. Mr. Bostock moved for paper nection with the case of the against I. B. Cameron for lib Bostock read a statement setti Bostock read a statement setti
the manner in which Cameron h
taken from Boundary Creek,
Montreal at a few minutes' not
private detective. The case, he
ered, was one of great injustice
H. Tupper objected to parliame
made a court of appeal in a l
Solicitor-General Fitzpatrick sai
injustice had been done by read
defect in the law, Mr. Bostock w
justified in calling the attentio
house to it.

house to it. Hon. David Mills informed Macdonald that the attention of ernment has been called to the n of the board of trade of Vancon reference to the importation timber and shingles free of duty Manager Mills, of the Dawso of the Bank of Commerce, is says he and his staff leave for

May 1.

Mr. Fisher has introduced protect Canada from the ravage San Jose scale.

(From Our Own Correspon OTTAWA, March 16.-The vaca ish Columbia judgeship is greatling the government. The Brit lumbia contingent are at issue subject. Messrs Maxwell and favor D. C. Fraser, the Nova P., but Messrs. Bostock and want a home man and strong against the appointment of an Mr. Morrison wants one of the judges promoted and a local man ted puisne judge in his place.
Mr. Bodwell nor Mr. Davis wou
the position. The name of Judg
of Manitoba, is now mentioned. The Yukon railway bill has ; third reading. Yesterday a

was inserted that the company bound to operate the railway bound to operate the railway years, the government retain fifth of the land grant for the No member of parliament may the enterprise. The majority board of directors must be Brijects. Mr. Quinn wanted the stock placed at \$10,000,000, in open to the Canadian people scribe, but this amendment jected.

The government bill to pro

The government bill to pro importation of nursery stock States, Japan and Hawaii du prevalence of the San Jose so passed the Commons at one j becomes law to-morrow.

Mr. Sifton told Mr. Foster
government has no official inf