The Colonist.

LATURE.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16. THE MEETING OF THE LEGIS-

The Legislature meets, to-day, under very favorable auspices. The province is prosperous, and its prospects are most cheering. The Lieut.-Governor may congratulate the assembled members on representing the most progressive province of the Dominion. The Government has had a good year, and will, no doubt, have a satisfactory account to render of the state of the provincial finances.

self intelligently and effectively to ad- benefit of our readers. vance the interests of the province. A it to the confidence of the Legislature and the esteem of the people. We do not believe that any preceding Government ever did so much in so short a time to develope the resources of the province.

done what it could to advance the mining interest. It has appointed a commission to examine the mining laws of the province, so that the evils of hasty legislation by inexperienced men may be The Commissioners are gentleavoided. men well acquainted with the mining districts of the province, and the circumstances of the men who are doing their best to develope its mineral wealth. They have, we are quite sure, done their work carefully and conscientiously and we are greatly mistaken if the suggestions they make will be not only practical in their nature, but beneficial in their operation. The wisdom of the course pursued by the Government in this matter must be evident to all thinking men. The work was of such a nature that it required practical miners and men well acquainted with the mining laws to do it properly, and it was placed in the hands of men who possessed these qualifications.

The other administrative work of the Government was done in such a way that the most censorious of its opponents had no fault to find with it worth mentioning. Indeed the weakness of the Opposition has been remarkable. It showed the strongest disposition to injure the Government, but it has for want of "ammumition" being unable to do it the slightest harm.

We have no doubt that the measures which the Government recommend to the legislature will have only one object—the good of the prevince. Mr. Robson's by his own act, threw away the good good of the prevince. Int. Mostar opinion in which he was held by many in the attorney-general, had 'ere this arrived and so had several other officers, still in the public welfare is all that it seeks. Its England, Scotland and Wales. The unhighest ambition evidently is to do all other purpose to serve.

There is much new blood in the present Assembly. Many of the members Kilkenny, the turbulence and the disor first time. There are numerous surmises of what might be expected, if self-govas to what party the independent mem-ernment were extended to Ireland. The bers will join. We see that the organ of the Opposition lectures them in a way Parnellites and the Anti-Parnellites was, that is not exactly as courteous as it they said, an excellent "object lesson in might be. It tells them that they ought Home Rule." This is how the Economis to coalesce with the Opposition, and does improved the occasion: not scruple to say that if they do not do ernment have undertaken to grind a number of private axes." The Times, we taste of its quality. It tells them very plainly that if they act in the way indiworked itself up to the proper pitch of more than their respective constituencies?" This is certainly not a very civil greeting. The welcome which our contemporary gives these strangers to these reproaches and gibes in silence. is the reverse of cordial. Would it not They can say nothing in palliation of the have been more reasonable and in better violence of speech and act of the Kiltaste to have taken for granted that the kenny campaign that could make a favorgentlemen honestly desire to do what is able impression on a British audience. right—that they come to Victoria determined to do their duty to the best of on between Parnell and O'Brien and the their ability, and that they will join other members of the Irish party appear the party and co-operate with the to Englishmen and Scotchmen as lament men who will, in their opinion, do what able exhibitions of indecision and weakselfish and mercenary, determined to done. None of them appear to think the new season, but a fair amount of sorting their own private interests—"grind appear to the cause of Ireland to sorting up orders are being received.

better to give them credit for honest in- be hopelessly disorganized. On the tentions and pure motives and to refrain whole, Parnell appears to have very from railing at them and finding fault much the best of it. He is evidently the with them until they had done something only really strong man among them. worthy of blame. This is the treatment The rest of the party act as if they felt which, whether they join the Government that he is their master and that he holds or the Opposition, or remain independent, their political fate in his hands. The they are entitled to, and it is the treatment way in which he is received in Ireland they ought to receive from the journalists strengthens that impression. Although of both parties.

CIVIC DUTIES.

the 10th inst. is an excellent article on come to the conclusion that he is the "The Cleansing of Great Cities" by G. only man who can lead them to victory, T. Ferris. The writer in the opening and present indications point to the consentences expatiates on the importance of clusion that there is no man in his party ut has, during the recess, done its floring municipal questions. His observations fit to take his place. There will not, we well, and can meet the representatives of well, and can meet the representatives of the people with a clear conscience and a are so just and so forcibly put that we think, be a revulsion of feeling in Great the people with a clear constance. It has exerted it-

"As the world grows older," says Mr. vance the interests of the province. A stop was put to speculation in wilderness stop was put to speculation in wilderness of new problems which it has to solve, but it becomes more keenly conscious of and the Conservatives do not evince the but it becomes more keenly conscious of least disposition to take him up explore the country, in order to see what parts of it are fit for settlement. The only imperfectly met. Among these are Government's land policy alone entitles questions involved in municipal government in that the objects to which dresses itself are much more direct and ractical. They come home closely to a pan's heart and hearthstone, to his daily health and comfort, and they closely evelope the resources of the province.

During the recess the Government has multiplicity of things in which, after all, his happiness consists. Yet, strange to say, the average American is vastly more interested in the tariff issue or the 'Force Bill' than he permits himself to be, for example, in adequate methods for keeping such cities as New York, Boston and Chicago in a clean and healthy condi-

These remarks apply to British Colnm bians quite as well, as they do to the United States citizens. Although the good or bad government of the city in which he lives affects the daily health and the comfort of himself and his family, the average citizen takes far more interest in Provincial and Dominion politics than he does in civic affairs. This is not wise. Those things nearest home which come closely to his heart and to his hearthattention. Neglect of them is often in general politics. We trust that our in general politics. We trust that our city readers will take what Mr. Ferris 1st January, 1891, I could not go into desays to heart, and make it a point some-tail of the work done by the House of Astime to-day to go to the polls and vote for the most competent candidates.

DISORGANIZED.

It is quite evident that the Irish question is regarded with less interest now in Great Britain than it was three months ago. The Irish members, too, have gone seemly squabbles of the Home Rulers in that a government can do for the ad Ireland gave their enemies the opportunvancement of the province. It has made ity of which they quickly availed themthis so evident by all its acts that even selves. They pointed to the disorderly its opponents must admit that there is meetings, the bitter quarrelling and the not the slightest indication that it has any exhibitions of violence as proofs of what they had been all along asserting, namely, that the Irish are not fit for self-gov ernment. The scenes that took place in FLOUR-Portland roller .. act in the capacity of legislators for the der, were, they declared, but a specimen contest raging in Ireland between th

"By watching the course of events in so, "it will have been because the Gov-largement have undertaken to grind a numors of Great Britain are enabled to form a pretty accurate idea of what would b ber of private axes." The Times, we suppose, by thus condemning these gen-tlemen in advance, expects to deter them themen in advance, expects to deter them from pursuing the course which they tained the opportunity of managing certain purely Irish affairs in their own tain purely Irish affairs in the Ir think best for their constituents and the country. Our contemporary is in great haste to give the Independent members a taste of its quality. It tells them very convince the people of England and Scot land as to the want of any real capacity cated by the name they have adopted, independently, and their action does not the Irish race. Now, however, there are meet with its approbation, it will question their motives, and attribute to them all sorts of bad qualities. "They will to the manner in which Irsh affairs were to the manner in which Irsh affairs were to the manner in which Irsh affairs were seize," it says, "with avidity, every managed, by the purely Celtic and private job that is offered and spoliation will go on apace." And it, after it has attend to the true story of Gratton's Par liament, but the least instructed voter can realise what was the tone and tempe indignation, asks: "Will members ever of the Parliament that sat in Committee Room No. 15, and can draw the necess

Then the negotiations that are goin is best for the province. It seems to us ness. It is evident that they cannot that to take for granted that they are agree among themselves what is to be serve their own-private interests-"grind enough of the cause of Ireland to sacritheir own axes"—at the expense of their fice his personal ambition for its sake. constituents is, besides being exceedingly The Irish Home Rule Party apthere is a slight let up in builders supuncivil, most unjust. Would it not be pear at this present moment to plies.

he is no longer countenanced by the clergy, Parnell appears almost as popular as ever. Time seems to be working in The supplement to Harper's Weekly of his favor. The people have apparently may overlook the wickedness of his private life, but he has offended the

THE FIRST TAX IN VICTORIA.

To THE EDITOR:-It seems advisable to put a head to the tale of the first House of Assembly, published in THE COLONIST, Janrelated a story about the imposition of the first tax in Victoria by the Legislative Council. How on this occasion Captain Lawton, who had been discussing politics with the council. 1891. A couple of years ago with "spirit," ran about Wharf street, calling out "no taxation without representa-tion," etc., etc. He created considerable amusement—that's all.

The cause of the levying of this tax was the necessity of providing for local require-ments; there being lots of these compara-tively little things. At this time there were very few officers, and the government was conducted with economy consistent with efficiency. The license law, of course, went to Her acted with economy consistent

Majesty's Government for consent or dis-allowance. I am not aware that they did either, but silence gave consent.

A year or so afterwards, however, the

Governor received instruction to call to-gether a legislature, in accordance with the nstructions contained in his commission, because it was doubtful whether laws could because It was doubt when than by a be made and taxes imposed other than by a legislature composed either entirely or part-ly of members elected by the colonists. It stone should have their proper share of would thus appear that Captain Lawton was right and probably that the tax imattention. Neglect of them is often attended by far more serious consequence than can be caused by a want of interest unusually early formation of the House of

tail of the work done by the House of Assembly, but any one who chooses to examine their proceedings, will find that they discussed most of the subjects that are still being discussed at the present day, and with intelligence and sincerity, certainly equal to the House of the nt and assuredly much more disinter estedly. Later "houses" enjoy the stock plays, scenery and effects left and still used for the annual exhibition of "the legitimate political drama." If the first House had one nothing more, than keeping in safety down wonderfully in the estimation of the people. The Irish agitators have to blame only themselves for this diminished interest and this loss of esteem. Parnell, by his own act, threw away the good Sir Matthew Begbie and G. Hunter Carey,

most assuredly, the account of this House given by Bancroft is an outrageous libel upon all concerned. My historiette only relates to "ways and means" and fights for "a principle." I was just as bad as any, and take my share of praise or blame.

J. S. Helmcken.

VICTORIA MARKET REPORT.

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SCIENTIFIC SUBJECTS.

TEMS OF POPULAR SCIENCE INTER ESTING TO ALL.

The Electric Light Improves the Appetite and Helps Sleep-Electricty as a Motor -Gas by a Slot Machine--Many Uses for

werful element of health the electric light that the general health of those who us it improves, their appetite and their ability to sleep increase and the visits of the doctor pecome less frequent. This is especially apparent in the statistics of the attendance working people in factories and other place In the savings bank in Queen Victoria stre ondon, where 1200 persons are employed the absences from illness have been a duced that the extra labor gained is have paid for the electric light. The influ of artificial light on the eves has also very important sanitary bearing. It ha been asserted that the injury to the eyes, which the growing short-sightedness of the day is but one result, is due to the heat rays and not to the light rays. If that he so, the electric light is less injurious than any other If the eyes are exposed to the strong light of of the arc lamp its ultra-violet rays have a painful effect, but no one has ever complain ed of the influence of a steady glow lamp upon the sight, and it is possible to read and write for many hours by such a light without experiencing the least fatigue,

Gas by a Slot Machine, Gas is the latest addition to the automatic "penny-in-the-slot" system. It is to be tried Birmingham in connection with artisan' dwellings. The meter is the patent of a Manchester firm. The burners will consume cubic feet of gas per hour, and for 1d. a con-sumer can have 25 feet. He will pay 4d. per 100 feet instead of the 3d. an ordinary consumer pays, but he will not be charged for meter and fittings, and he can have a full supply for 9d. It is hoped that the plan will neet the difficulties small consumers feei paying quarterly gas bills, and so the Bir mingham Corporation Gas Department is about to make the experiment It ought to answer in all dwellings on the "flat" system and we may look for extensions of the idea and we may look for extensions of the idea in many directions. Already extra light is supplied to some railway carriages on this principle. Hot water for warning a room electric light on foggy days, and many other things are within the range of penny automatic meters. -Pall Mall Gazette

Petroleum Gas as a Motor. The Secor system of propelling vessels by the explosion of petroleum gas is now practically perfected. A commission of naval experts has examined the first steamer built under this system, the Eureka, at her wharf, foot of Bridge street, Brooklyn, and has re ported favorably on the work. Richard Poll lon, the peteran shipbuilder, is the stockholder, and Theodore N. Vail, is the largest Metropolitan Telephone Company. has lately taken a big interest in the Secor Company.

Electricity From Heat. The effort to obtain electricity direct from eat, without the intervention of boilers, eu gines and dynamos, goes on, but withou satisfactory commercial results as yet, son and Berliner did something on pa-lines of investigation several years ago, ial results as yet. Edi as their experiments gave only a small frac-tion of the power that would be obtained in the old way they were not pushed. A Pittsburg inventor, working along a different line, claims to have accomplished more.

Electricity as a Motor.

Nearly 2000 electric cars are running in the United States. Boston alone has ab 100 miles of electrically operated roads. Sev eral systems have been developed to a per-fection that insures smooth and regular serrice. Other systems are still more or less i

An Electrical Tow-Horse. The New York Sun says: "The latest patents of Professor Elihu Thomson cover electrical inventions of great practical value. One of them is for the transmission of power for long distances by means of alternating currents, the potential of current being so high as to materially reduce the cost of wire. Another invention is a kind of electrical tow norse for exerting a large quantity of power for a moment in the starting of cars. When a car is far from a station or on a grade a heavy current is required to move it, and to supply this storage batteries are placed as different points along the line. These bat-teries, though of small capacity, are made capable of quick discharge, the object being an extra supply of current at special

Old Alaska Craters at Work The steamer Arago, which recently returned from St. Paul and Oonalaska, brought information that within the last few a strange reaction of nature has developed l volcanic islands, attended in some instances, with serious results. Until within the past few years the craters distributed out Alaska were thought to be exthroughout Alaska were thought to be ex-tinct. The natives, who seem to have inherit-ed dread of what they call the "fire-god," became sufficiently courageous to establish settlements at the very base of the valcanoes.

When the volcano at Bogoslov commenced to emit smoke some time ago it was thought that that would be the extent of the eruption Later on, as published, lava and cinders were emitted from the crater in alarming quanti-ties. The theory advanced by an officer of the Arago, who has given the matter considerable study, is that the action of the Bogoslov volcano has affected and is affecting all the others.

While the Arago was up North a volcano

located on Aukatan Island, which had been extinct for hundreds of years, alarmed the native village at its base. The top, which was visible became obscured and clouds of su phurous smoke covered the sky. The native they commenced to remove to a more distant part of the small island. Meanwhile huge volumes of smoke poured from the summit of lumes of smoke poured from the summit of snow-covered mountain. At night a beautiful sight was frequently witnessed. Long tongues of flame loomed up out of the crater and danced in the darkness. At other times fine showers of glittering sparks erose. Some of the older Indians prophesy that a terrible eruption of lava will soon come from the Aukatan crater. They are leaving the

island to flee from the danger.

The volcano which recently sprung into action on the island of Unamak still continue to emit dense volumes of black smoke and cinders. In other parts of the country supposedly extinct volcanoes are commeacing to give signs or life, and are expected to become active in a few years.

Water for Hogs.

It is highly important at all times, but especially in warm weather, to give swine an ample supply of pure water for wa lowing in and drinking. To drive them to filthy mud holes is to invite disease. It is not safe, how-ever, to give them access to a running stream for the water may be charged with the germ of hog cholera from infected heads up

THE AMBITIOUS MAID.

Now She Falsified in Order to Elevate the Status of the Family.

Mr. and Mrs. T-, young married people over in Brooklyn, of comfortable but not pro tentious fortunes, recently had occasion to wonder at a new deference that seemed sucdenly to have crept into the bearing of their acquaintance towards them, says the Woman About Town of the New York Evening Sun. lt was a little inexplicable, to be sure, but none the less delightful, and so they went on enjoying it even while they wondered about

Now, a short time ago the young house maid could have anything to do with the new

Sunday afternoon. Your maid came to the door and told us that Mr. T—and yourself had gone out for the day in your new yacht. Mrs T—mused deeply thereat, but decided to say nothing to the maid. A few days later, however, a woman friend calling said "By the way, I have not yet seen you driving in your new carriage, I think.

"But I haven't any new carriage," replied
Mrs. T— in amaze. "What do you mean?"
"Why," answered her visitor, "a short time ago when I called your maid told me that you had gone out driving to try you

new horses."

A sudden light broke upon Mrs. T mind. On the instant of her guest's departure she sought out her faithful servant. "Mary," she said, "did you tell Mr. and Mrs. M—not long ago that we had gone out in our new yacht?" "Yes'm," said Mary.

"And did you tell Mrs. C- that I had gone out to try my new horses?"
"Yes'm," again said Mary.

"And have you told any other things like that to other people?"

"Yes'm." And then it came out that not only was Mary perfectly devoted to the family unes, but was more ambitious for the elevation thereof then the family itself and that upon ever possible occasion she had given like information to their friends. To one visitor she had said that they had gone out to refurnish their country home, to another that they had gone coaching with a party of o refurnish their country hor friends and to still another who had called n the evening that they were giving a dinner at Delmonico's on that particular night. "Oh. Mary, how could you?" moaned the Don't you see what trouble you have brought upon us?"

"I ain't seen none yet," responded the as it a little unjust that Mary's devotions should have been rewarded by a prompt dis-

CHURCH ETIQUETTE.

Bnrdette Gives Some Points for Universal Use. Some one asked "Bob" Burdette for "a few points on church etiquette." He suggests the following, among others, as tacitly in vogue in the Church of St. Indolence, New orkadelphia:

the aisle.

Stay there.

Do not sit erect, but lop. Rest one elbow on the arm of the pew, and support the side of the face with the outspread hand. If the cheek can be pushed up in folds and wrinkles, so as to wholly or partially close one eye, all intelligent expression will be de-stroyed, and the attitude of utter and disrespectful laziness will be hightened by the charm of acquired imbecility of natural stupidity.

Do not rise during the singing of the hyr

The fact that you play tennis or base be Saturday afternoon, or walked four or five a miles around a billiard table Saturday night, This is a day of rest, and you are no Sabbath-breaker.

Take advantage of the long prayer, when

other people should have their eyes closed and their heads bowed, to adjust yourself into a position of limp and lounging listless-ness that you can endure comfortably through Extend your legs as far under the new in

front of you as you can make them reach without sliding off your seat. Gracefully and politely cover your mouth with your hand while yawning during the sermon. If the minister is looking at you, cover the mouth with both hands, and at the close of the yawn bring the jaws together

After looking at your watch always turn your head and gaze longingly and earnestly

Two Hours Wasted. Amy-Mr. Goslin is such a procrast

Mabel—Is that so? Amy—Yes: he staid last night until twelve, when he might have left at ten. - Puck. An Unpleasant Subject.

Miss Summit—The West must be such a glorious country, Mr. Dashaway! I have a riend who went out there a year ago and settled, and he is doing so well!

Dashaway (gloomily)—I had a friend who went out there a year ago, but he didn't settle.-Clothier and Furnisher.

Undoubtedly. Amy-A lover is like a private secretary isn't he?

Mabel—Not that I know of. Amy-Oh, yes; he's a man you win, sis.

Not Aristocratic. Lord Noddy-Owah family is vewy old, I assuah you. You may look it up in the peerage.
Mrs. Bargainer (who has a marriageable

daughter)—That may be, but none of your folks have the gout.—Judge. Sober and Tight. Jawkins-Wonder what makes Cashly

broker look so soher?

Hegg—Clear case of reverses—mone y sight!—Munsey's Weekly. He Died Summarily.

McCusick-I hear poor Jinks is dead. must have died very summarily. Reed—Very summarily indeed. He toff his flannels too soon.

FITZSIMMONS WON

The Great Glove Contest at New Orleans for the Championship of the World.

Dempsey, the Nonpareil, Knocked Out in the Eleventh Round.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 14.—Bob Fitzsin

mons. the Australian wonder, won the maid. a middle-weight championship of the world wife had engaged a demure-looking maid, a very jewel of a servant, and wholly devoted and \$16,000 in money to-night by fairly derery jewel of a servant, and wholly devoted and \$16,000 in money to night by fairly decomposition of the interest of the family, but that this feating Jack Dempsey in a fiercely contested hundreds of children are obliged to remain fight, which was ended by a knock-out in away from school because they are absolutely on one of the recent warm days Mrs. T— fight, which was ended by a knock-out in the llth round. Dempsey was clearly outmet a friend on the street and paused for a fought, Fitzsinimons' wonderful reach enoment greeting.
"How very fortunate you are to have the luxury of yachting whenever you wish. this dreadful weather!" congratulated her friend.
"Yachting whenever we wish!" echoed Mrs.
T—"Ido not understand you." "Haven't you a yacht of your own this summer?" asked her friends.
"Neither this summer nor any other summer," said Mrs. T—positively.
"Why," answerel the friend, "a fortnight igo my husband and I called at your how." Dempsey was bleeding from numerous cuts on the face, and was completely exhausted, while Fitzsimmons was without a mark on his face, and was apparently as fresh as when the fight began.

Cultural districts. John O'Connor, Parnell's editor, says that the heart of Ireland is with Parnell, and that no influence can prevent it from throbbing in response to his appeal.

THE FIGHT. First round—Both men exchanged several

ons was active on his feet. trong ; Fitzsimn s," replied ou mean?"

"a short dt old me

serving; Fitzsimmons was active on his feet.

No advantage to either men.

Second round—Same as the first. Both men exchanged body and face blows; Dempated to the days active on his feet.

ustralian.
Third round—Fitzsimmons sent Dempsey o grass with a breast blow: followed his

over the ring, punching him severely.

Dempsey groggy and evading punishment.

Fourth round—General exchange of blows. Dempsey's wind short. Honors even.
Fifth round—Dempsey sent to his knees.
He received the worst of the punishment Fitzsimmons easier.
Sixth round—Heavy exchange of blows

Dempsey avoiding punishment. mons had the best of the round. Seventh round—Both men fought like ti-

Eighth round-Same as last. Ninth round—Dempsey sent to the ropes. Tenth round—Dempsey twice sent to

arth.
Eleventh round—Fitzsimmons left his corner determined to do his man up quick ly. Dempsey was very weak. He wa sent to the ground by a right-hhnd swing, and came up only to be downed again by a swinging upper cut. This ended the fight, as Dempsey failed to come to time in the 12th round, and the fight was awarded to the Australian.

Before the contest commenced, betting

was even, and Dempsey money was covered as fast as it was put up. A New York syndi cate of sports against a similar syndi goes away and comes back quick again, an' New Orleans men made a bet of \$10,000 to shure isn't that what ye like?" And wasn't \$8,000 on Dempsey. The referee was Alex it a little unjust that Mary's devotions ander Brewster, and the hall where the figh took place was packed with a good-natured crowd. Both men were apparently in splendid condition, Fitzsimmons weighing 1544 and Dempsey 154. Just before they stripped Dempsey offered to bet a big roll of greenbacks on the result, but his offer was refused.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

Fall or slide into the end of the pew nearest | The First Train Over the Westminster Southern Will Start on Rehenary 1st.

> Ministerial Association Formed-Grand Orange Lodge of British Columbia in Session.

(From Our Own Correspondent). NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., Jan. 14 .-The clergymen of Westminster have formed transit, and only five or six Europeans, ministerial association, and will hold when met by 25 pirates, who asked to be

February 1. Arrangements have been made with the government for carrying the mails between Westm daily by the new route. Westminster and

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

The Oregon Improvement Co. San Francisco, Jan. 14.-This morning it was ascertained that the property of the with a cheerful snap.

It is a mark of the highest culture and Oregon Improvement Co., had been released best breeding in refined society to look at spour watch frequently during the service. perform, and had again turned over the affairs to the representatives of the company. A syndicate of New York capitalists is said to have assisted in effecting the release of the property, and the work of the booty was placed. When all was ready pany. A syndicate of New York capitalists is said to have assisted in effecting the release of the property, and the work of as soon as possible. At the time of the trouble and the seizure of the company's effects, the corporation was engaged in extending the Seattle Northern railroad to Hamilton, in Grant county, Oregon, and were finishing the completion of the Port Townsend and Southern railroad, 25 miles of which remained in an uncompleted state. The news will be received with general satisfaction by the residents of this city and the North-West, especially the latter, as all of the discharged will again be placed at work. All the company's steamers will again commence running.

The 'Frisco-Tahiti Line of Steamers. San Francisco, Jan. 14.—The scheme to

run a line of steamers between this city and Tahiti, via Honolulu, has long been a subject for consideration by the mercantile community of the city, but sufficient inducements were never made to persons to undertake the work. It was a general sur-prise, therefore, a few months ago, to learn hat the Oceanic Steamship Co. would put on a line of steamers, provided sufficient subsidies were offered by the French and Hawaiian governments. After a long de-bate on the matter it was stated that the French government would give a subsidy of \$7,500, while the Hawaiian government would add \$3,000. This amount was not would add \$3,000. This amount was not considered large enough from the start, as the Oceanic Steamship Co. desired at least \$15,000 from the two governments. With this amount, and the belief existing that the subsidy bill now before congress would pass, the plan looked as if it would be carried theorem. ried through, but information was received to-day that the action taken by congress as looked forward.

to the subsidy bill had not improved mat. ters any, and the proposition to pla of steamers between this city and Tahiti had been abandoned. In confirmation this report, John D. Speckels, of the steam ship company, this afternoon, was spoken to about the matter, and he said that the statement was correct, and no intention now existed of carrying the matter further

BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

More Reports of Irish Distress

London, Jan. 14.—A visitor to Galway paints an appalling picture of the destitution in some of the more remote districts. without any clothing, even a single gar ment, much less caps, shoes or coats. The remain in the cabins hungry and crouching over a wretched fire.

Parnell Gaining Ground.

London, Jan. 14.—Dublin advices state that Parnell is gaining ground everywhere throughout Ireland, especially in the agri-cultural districts. John O'Connor, Par-

Sexton Financially Embarrassed DUBLIN, Jan. 14 .- It is reported that the well known member of the House of Commons for the western district of Belfast, Thomas Sexton, is financially embarras He will not, however, it is said, resign hi seat as the election of an anti-Parnellit successor is doubtful.

General Strike Threatened

GLASGOW, Jan. 13 .- On Saturday next, representatives of the Scotch miners are to nfer with delegations from the Dock Laborers and Carter's unions and with representatives from other carrying trades unions. The purpose is to effect plans for the inauguration of a general strike of all the carrying trades with a view to aiding the railroad men in their contest with the mpanies.

Parnell-O'Shea Developments. Dublin, Jan. 14.—The assertion is again

made that Mr. Parnell is to be summoned as a witness in the approaching O'Shea prote proceedings and that as a consequence e disclosure is rendered certain of the full details of certain events which were ealously guarded during the progress of the livorce suit in London.

Bound for the Wild West LONDON, Jan. 13.-Two boys, named David and Absalom, sailed on the Gallia, ound for the wild west. They carry a comlete arsenal, bowie knives and struments of warfare. Their parents are wealthy people, who, after useless entreaty, have concluded to let their boys go on their dventurous tour.

ATTACKED BY PIRATES

British Steamer Boarded Near Hong Kong and the Crew Overpowered by Stink Pots.

The Captain and a Passenger Killed and the Vessel Looted-The Pirates Escape.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 14.-The steamer

Ceanic which arrived from Hong Kong

and Yokohama, this afternoon, brings news

that the British steamer Namoa was attacked by pirates, December 8th. The daring of the pirates can be easily conceived when it is known that they made the attack only about 43 miles from Hong Kong. The vessel had aboard 245 Chinese, in taken aboard as passengers. At 11.15 p.m., The Grand Orange Lodge of British Columbia is in session here, with delegates from all parts of the country.

The first regular train on the Westminster Southern railway will be run on the February 1 Avenuements have been been some start of the country.

Avenuements have been been started as passengers. At 11.10 p.m., while the officers were at lunch, the pirates divided into four bands, and attacked the bridge, saloon, the forward house, occupied by the petit officers, and filled the cabins with stink-pots. A light-house keeper, with stink-pots. A light-house keeper, named Patterson, who was eating on deck, was instantly killed. The quartermaster forward was shot and thrown overboard They shot at the engineer, hitting him in the wrist. He, however, succeeded in getting away to the engine room for his revolver, and afterwards killed two pirates. The captain, who was in the saloon, was told that if he would submit to the ship's being looted no harm would be done him or the passengers, but he no sooner stepped out than he was shot dead. After getting about \$30,000 from the officers, passengers and crew they smashed every passengers and crew, they smashed every boat the steamer had, and then turned her

Proposal to Fix a Standard for Electric Lighting-Dakota Indians Prevented Crossing the Border.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 14.—The post office department has been notified from Washington that any Canadian newspapers containing advertisements of lotteries will not be earried in the U.S. mails.

Hon. Mr. Costigan contemplates intronon. Mr. Costigan contemplates intro-ducing a bill next session to fix a standard for electric lighting.

The mounted police to-day drove back 36 Dakota Indians from crossing the line into

Canadian territory.

The date for the meeting of parliament has not yet been receive

Owing to the mildness of the winter the accu tomed advance in feed has not taken place so far, and dealers scarcely expect to make the profits to which they had

II WAS PAIE. A New Year's Episode in

There

picion wate the sai of phys bottles ently labeled. But people di liquor in perfect confidence,

his nostrums for the many i dissipations produced. He and hump-shouldered, wore and nump-snoundered, wore black beard on a long face, an at the world from a pair of bla set eyes. The moaning of t might have made him melancho lonesome life may have caused be habitually sad—for he live and his nights were passed on a back room of his store, who looked out at the wildern brought to his ear the roar of the hoot of the owl and the bar wolf; but, whatever the cause, Beside the office of store-ke

Pantop also held that of pos Men who never wrote and never a letter, came every day an "Waal, Doc, is thar nuthin" fur And being met with perennial a would fling a quarter on the with a perennial remark: "G pint uv your bes' bourbon,-t call it squar."

It was New Year's eve, heavens were weeping a deluge rain for the old one now in throes. It was too wet to work too wet to ride to the post-office letter that never came. A d box sat on the counter, its ope the wall; behind this was Dr. sorting the mail. "Gentlemen," he said, in a ve seemed to come from under the "What is it, Doc?" asked Bra

a knock-kneed, weak-eyed you who stood on the inside of th that the heat might assist the in the warming process.
"It's very strange," spoke the coming out from his retreat and ing medicine bottles on a shelf "What's very strange?" de Fate Kimp, who was carrying to

a glassful of whisky.
"It's very strange," the doc on, not seeming to recognize one but himself had spoken. all of you ask for letters and one. Now, I've got a letter he man who never asks for one." All looked at Fate. He had d

liquor. He was a man of mid old enough to have a beard; bu one of those faces on which ha regetate but sparsely, and ne



"I'VE GOT A LETTER HERI

more than half an inch in leng complexion was fiery red, a nat or whose effect was heightened holic drink.

"Can you guess?" asked the still busying himself with the

"No; course its mine," said F
"Of course it is," replied the handing it to him.

Fate's hand trembled when h and he turned pale. "If gittin' er letter sarves

that erway, I don't want non Brag Blunt. "Is bad news in or did you swaller er spider in dram? Sumpin' knocked ; shore, fur you're all in er trit snore, fur you're all in er triu
your face is ez white ez cotton."
"Say, boys," replied Fate, wh
ly recovered his color and col
"Brag's er good dog,' they l
that feller behin' you had two l
be wuth er barrel uv whisky at
"Come, boys—" spoke several
"O, I hain't meanin' ter insul
said Brag "Gittin' letters is

said Brag. "Gittin' letters is common ermungst us that it natcherly upset er feller ter

poked at him."

"Move erside, boys!" said Fa
blamed ef I hain't col'. I th
muster put er'extra gallon uv
that barrel this mornin', for
drunk seems ter freeze enstead

"I tell you whut, gentleman Brag, who had moved from the was leaning against the counte bows on the top, "I've got e sishun ter make. Ez this is letter uv the season and night uv the year, I'll treat to if Fate will give that letter to let him read it to the crowd." The doctor looked over his s

The doctor looked over his she he was still among the bottles—
The fellow grew slightly pal
thrust the letter in his pocket,
up his coat, pulled his hat down
out, got on his horse and rode a
"You insulted him, Brag," sa
"He didn't fergit ter put his
his probet of he left."

his pocket afore he left," another, who had witnessed