

The Colonist.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16.

THE MEETING OF THE LEGISLATURE.

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.

It has, during the recess, done its work well, and can meet the representatives of the people with a clear conscience and a cheerful countenance. It has exerted itself intelligently and effectively to advance the interests of the province.

During the recess the Government has 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 avoided.

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.

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better to give them credit for honest intentions and pure motives and to refrain from railing at them and finding fault with them until they had done something worthy of blame.

CIVIC DUTIES.

The supplement to Harper's Weekly of the 10th inst. is an excellent article on "The Cleansing of Great Cities" by G. T. Ferris. The writer in the opening sentences expatiates on the importance of municipal questions.

These remarks apply to British Colonists 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.

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be hopelessly disorganized. On the whole, Parnell appears to have very much the best of it. He is evidently the only really strong man among them. The rest of the party act as if they felt that he is their master and that he holds their political fate in his hands.

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, January 1st, 1891. A couple of years ago I related a story in the Victoria Standard, and it has since been repeated in various papers.

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VICTORIA MARKET REPORT.

Table listing market prices for various goods including Flour, Wheat, Corn, and other commodities. Columns include item names and prices per unit.

SCIENTIFIC SUBJECTS.

ITEMS OF POPULAR SCIENCE INTERESTING TO ALL.

The Electric Light Improves the Appetite and Helps Sleep—Electricity as a Motor—Gas by a Slot Machine—Many Uses for Electricity.

It has been remarked as showing what a powerful element of health the electric light is, that the general health of those who use it improves, their appetites and their ability to sleep increase and the visits of the doctor become less frequent.

Gas by a Slot Machine. The gas is the latest addition to the automatic "penny-in-the-slot" system.

The poor 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 Bureka, at her wharf, foot of Bridge street, Brooklyn, and has reported favorably on the work.

Electricity From Heat. The effort to get electricity direct from heat, without the intervention of boilers, steam and dynamos, goes on, but without satisfactory commercial results as yet.

Newly discovered elements are running in the United States. Boston alone has about 100 miles of electrically operated roads. Several systems have been developed to a perfection that insures smooth and regular service.

The New York Sun writes: "The latest patent of Professor Elith Thomson covers electrical inventions of great practical value. One of them is for the transmission of power for long distances by means of alternating currents."

Old Alaska Craters at Work. The steamer Arago, which recently returned from St. Paul and Unalaska, has information that within the last few months a strange reaction of nature has developed on several volcanic islands, attended in some instances, with serious results.

While the Arago was up North a volcano located on Aukland Island, which had been extinct for hundreds of years, alarmed the natives by its activity at its base.

Water for Hogs. It is highly important at all times, but especially so in winter, to give hogs an ample supply of pure water for drinking and drinking.

Dry goods have scarcely entered upon the new season, but a fair amount of sorting up orders are being received.

In hardware canny supplies are being much more extensively requested, but there is a slight let up in builders supplies.

THE AMBITIOUS MAID.

How She Failed in Order to Elevate the Status of the Family.

Mr. and Mrs. T., a young married couple over in Brooklyn, or comfortable but not prosperous fortunes, recently had occasion to wonder at a new device that seemed suddenly to have crept into the bearing of their acquaintances to ward them, says the Woman About Town of the New York Evening Sun.

Now, a short time ago the young housewife had engaged a demure-looking maid, a very jewel of a servant, and wholly devoted to the interest of the family, but that this maid could have anything to do with the new "device" had not yet occurred to them.

On one of the recent warm days Mrs. T. met a friend on the street and passed for a moment greeting.

After looking at her for a moment Mrs. T. said: "You are looking very well, but I don't see you wearing any of those new fashions."

Some one asked "Bibi" Burdette for "a few points on church etiquette." He suggests the following, among others, as tactics in vogue in the Church of St. Indolence, New City.

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.

Extend your legs as far under the pew in front of you as you can make them reach without sliding off your seat.

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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 Fitzsimmons, the Australian world, won the middle-weight championship of the world and \$16,000 in money to-night by fairly defeating Jack Dempsey in a fiercely contested fight, which was ended by a knock-out in the 11th round.

First round.—Both men exchanged several body blows; Dempsey's under blows were strong; Fitzsimmons was active on his feet.

Second round.—Fitzsimmons was the first. Both men exchanged body and face blows; Dempsey more wary; the advantage with the Australian.

Third round.—Fitzsimmons sent Dempsey to grass with a breast blow; followed him over the ring, punching him severely.

Fourth round.—General exchange of blows. Dempsey's wind set. 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 avoided punishment. Fitzsimmons had the best of the round.

Seventh round.—Both men fought like tigers. Fitzsimmons struck him while clinching.

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

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. In Carrarae and other places many hundreds of children are obliged to remain away from school because they are absolutely without any clothing, even a single garment, much less caps, shoes or coats.

Parnell Gaining Ground.

LONDON, Jan. 14.—Dublin advices state that Parnell is gaining ground everywhere throughout Ireland, especially in the agricultural districts.

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, Theobald Sexton, is financially embarrassed.

General Strike Threatened.

GLASGOW, Jan. 13.—On Saturday next, representatives of the Scotch miners are to confer with delegations from the Dock Laborers and Carter's unions and with representatives from other carrying trades unions.

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 probate proceedings and that as a consequence the disclosure is rendered certain of the full details of certain events which were the subject of war during the progress of the divorce suit in London.

Bound for the Wild West.

LONDON, Jan. 13.—Two boys, named David and Abasalom, sailed on the Gallia, bound for the wild west. They carry a complete arsenal, bowie knives and other instruments of warfare.

IT WAS FAIR.

A New Year's Episode in saw.

It was New Year's eve, and the heavens were weeping a deluge rain for the old one now in throes. It was too wet to work, so the men had to ride to the post-office letter that never came. A dog sat on the counter, its open mouth; behind this was Dr. sorting the mail.

"Gentlemen," he said, in a voice seemed to come from under the door. "What is it, Doc?" asked Brag, a knock-kneed, weak-eyed youth who stood on the inside of the door that the heat might assist the in the warming process.

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