The Outario Legislature was formally prorogued Wednesday evening, the con-stables' bill being passed after a spirited

debate.

A construction train on the Washington County road completed track laying on the Eastport branch Wednesday and by so doing the city is connected with Calais and the Canadian Pacific. The main line will be completed within a few weeks.

During a heavy thunder storm at Pittsburg, Pa., Wednesday, lightning struck a summer car on the traction line and as a result one passenger is dead, another will probably die and four others are badly hurt.

The London Graphic expresses the fear that even if the Quebec conference arrives at an agreement on the difficult problems before it the American Senate will upset its work unless American public opinion asserts itself.

Candidates nominated Wednesday for Candidates nominated wednesday for the by-election in the first district of West Queens, P. E. Island, to fill the vacancy caused by the elevation of Pre-mier Warburton to the bench, are Hon. Wm. Campbell, Tory, and Dr. Robertson, Liberal.

Spanish newspapers and the general public display considerable disgust at the hasty surrender of Santiago de Cuba, since hearing the stories with regard to the adequate defensive conditions prevailing there told by the repatriated soldiers who strived yesterday at Corruna by the Spanish steamer Alicante.

A London despatch says: All the papers agree that Lord Skelmersdale's defeat is an expression of the electors' dissatisfaction with Lord Salisbury's Chinese policy. The Daily Chronicle and the Daily News declare that it sounds the knell of the Conservative government.

The Brunswick has arrived at San Francisco, thirteen days out from St. Michaels via Dutch Harbor, with 2,500 pounds of whalebone and 26 passengers from Dawson. Those coming from the Klondyke are reticent regarding the amount of treasure brought down, but the total is not believed to be large.

Two privates of the 71st New York Regiment, Morris D. Kane and Christopher Jurgenson, were killed while skylarking near Westbury, L. I., Wedneaday. The two men were on the baggage car and one tried to take possession of a piece of mutton held by the other. In a friendly scuffle both fell from the car and were cut to nieces.

Rear Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, who was recently commissioned by the Associated Chambers of Commerce on a special mission to China, started on his eastern journey Wednesday. Lord Beresford goes to investigate the prospects of commerce and to report particularly as to the extent to which the Chinese government will guarantee the safety of British capital already investments.

There is a remarkable difference between the New York tax rate and that of Boston. New York pays over\$20 on \$1,000 valuation, while the Boston rate, although 60 cents more than last year, is only \$13,60 per \$1,000. Boston's total valuation of taxable property is \$1,036.053,094, of which \$80,-194,000 is real and \$250,868,194 is personal. The increase in real this year is \$26,334,-350. There is a net decrease in personal of \$28,535,465. 350. There is of \$28,555,465.

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Spanish will be added to the list of studies taught in the Chicago schools if Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews, the new superintendent, has his way. Dr. Andrews asys that when Cuba. Porto Rico and the Philippines come under the control of this government rich new fields for business enterprise will be opened to the young men of Chicago. For that reason he considers it fully as essential now to teach the Spanish language as German and French. Considerable excitement has been cree

Spanish language as German and Prench.

Considerable excitement has been created at Victoria, B. C., by the publication of the fact that Captain Edward Collister, inspector of British naval stations in the Pacific, paid a hurried visit Tuesday to Esquimalt dockyards. The object of his visit was in regard to the projected improvements at Esquimalt, which will more than double the present capacity. Collister has also said that an island in the Pacific near Honolulu is to be seized by Great Britain for a coaling station.

A despatch to the London Standard from Madrid says: A very unfavorable impression has been caused in Madrid by telegrams attributing to President McKinley the intention of instructing the peace commissioners to insist upon the cession of Luzon, that American ocean commerce should have the same footing as Spanish in the Philippines, and that Spain should pledge itself that none of the Spanish colonies should be ceded to European powers. If such are the intentions of the United States government the negotiations

are sure to be laborious even if an under-standing is ever arrived at.

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The Orange Free State Volksraad was recently discussing a vote of £6,000 for new barracks for the artillery when an honorable member named Fauchee remarked that he "did not like the idea of pampering the artillerists by giving them large airy buildings. When I was a young man I slept in the open and wore no shirt and no socks and was never ill. When I got on in life I indulged in those luxuries and now I find I am never well." The item was rejected.

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O'ders have been issued from Washington directing Gen. Miles to send home from Porto Rico all troops not actually needed for service there. No point has been designated as yet for their disembarkation in the United States, but an examination of several sites is in progress. It is desired to secure a healthful camp and at the same time one where disembarkation can take place at once without any delay such as has occurred at Montauk. It is expected that some of the troops to be sent home from Porto Rico will sail to-day or to-morrow. The first arrivals will be landed at New York city.

Probably the greatest change ever wrought by a turn of fortune's wheel is that of a maid-of-all-work slaving in a Vienna tradesman's shop at 50 cents a day. She has suddenly fallen heiress to \$10,000,000. Her father, Ferdinand Linke, whom she supposed to be poor, has just died. He was the king of Austrian usurers, and a conspicuous figure in Viennese life. After his death two or three million dollars in bank notes and gold were found under the floor, in a hole in the wall and in other curious places. He has imposed on the heiress one characteristic condition—no portion of the inheritance is at any time to be devoted to charitable purposes.

松 ★ ☆ The Mellowing of Character.

BY JAMES BUCKHAM.

It takes time to ripen character. You cannot force it any more than you can force the ripening of an apple. There must be a season of growth, and then a season of mellowing—first the soft spring and summer sun and dews and rain, then the dry autumn heat and the nights of

It is life, and life only, that ripens character; and it takes all of life to do it, too—the bitter and the sweet, the hard and the easy. Let us not be afraid, then, to live, however intensely! The moral cow-ard—the man who is afraid of life, afraid of its depths and its heights, its valleys of humiliation and its peaks of vision, its significant experiences of whatever kind-is nincant experiences of whatever kind—is capable of developing character. All these are the ripening experiences of the soul. We must expect them, as the apple expects the noonday blaze and the midnight frost. It is childish to shrink from the intensities of life. Why do we live, if not to meet life's requirements and bear its fruits?

It is always a sad thing to see a soul yielding and breaking under the stress of life; a soul that complains perpetually because it is afflicted; a soul that groans night and day beneath its burden; a soul that holds up despairing hands to God, and cries out that it is forspent and crushed to earth, and can strive no more. Souls are not made of such stuff as this. Souls are made to endure. Life's stress and strain are not to break them, but to strengthen them. There is not one of us who cannot endure the discipline of life no matter how hard, if he understand what it is for, and seeks the divine aid in bearing it. It is simply because we so often misinterpret the meaning of trial that we are so weak to bear it. Looked upon as mere, aimless torment, of course there is no grace in suffering. No wonder we sink beneath the burden if we fail to see the hand that placed it, and feel only as we think, the grievous, purposely weight as we think, the grievous, purposely weight crushing us to earth. Everything depends upon the why—the why of pain, the why of struggle, the why of weeping. If we could see, day by day, the mellowing process going on in our souls, how differently we should feel about these intense experiences of life! But so many of us seem to have no conception of the real meaning of life. These vital experiences, that are meant to cut our souls so clear and fine, like the delicate tools of the sculptor, are to us but sharp misfortune. We would fain escape them: they hurt us, and we hate them. Ah! what a sad misinterpretation of the will and purpose of our heavenly Father! We say he is hurting us, and that is all the meaning we get

out of the marvellous process of soulrefining

Bravery, moral bravery, courage under the stress of life—how sorely we all need Our childishness clings to us too lo with its shrinking from all that is hard and unpleasant, its petulance, its short-sightedness, its complaining. When we become men and women are we not to put away childish things? Let us try to understand, let us try to bear, let us try to co-operate! Note the sweetness and richness and beauty of those characters that have always resigned themselves cheerfully and trustingly to God's will, and have gone on mellowing and perfecting in holiness unto the end. Such souls afford some adequate explanation of what life means, or may mean, to a true child of God. They are revelations of ourselves to ourselves; for the image into whose likeness they have grown is a possible ideal to every one of us. -Christian Register.

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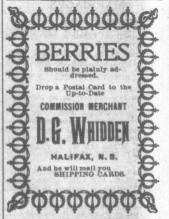
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