

Ergo, the best things of your true newspaper man rarely see the light in cold print, but are laughed and talked over among his office confreres. The humorous man of the staff has quips and quirks for all occasions of humorous of routine work, but they spring themselves on him as on his auditors, and when, as sometimes chances, he seeks to set them down with pen or pencil he grows too critical or too discursive, the atmosphere which made the remark or the gibe so apt has evanesced, and his mind declines to give the funny nothing a printed habitation or a fame. This, however, must not be considered in the light of an invitation to the general public to drop into the newspaper offices and catch the brimming joke on the wing.

That same general public should not feel kindly to the telephone fiend who insists upon knowing without delay, from the city editor, "Was John Smith a passenger by the Islander?" To answer a telephone message of importance is often a trial when in the midst of work, and to be called on to answer the "hello" of a curious outsider a dozen times in an evening is exasperating, aside from the fact that the great mass of readers—whose curiosity is as great, but whose courtesy is greater than the querist—have a right as an aggregate to the newspaper man's time and to his best endeavors to prepare the news for them in succinct and comprehensible fashion.

I am pleased to observe that Mr. George W. Childs, the patron saint of the union printers, and millionaire publisher of the Philadelphia Public Ledger, will visit Victoria June 26th of the present year. Mr. Childs is noted the world over for his generosity to his employees, but the climax of his philanthropic nature was reached when he, in company with Hon. A. J. Drexel, the Philadelphia banker, donated \$10,000 (I believe that was the sum) towards the establishment of a home for old and disabled printers. This home will be dedicated at Colorado Springs, by Messrs. Child and Drexel, next Wednesday. The story of the Stratford-Upon-Avon Memorial Fountain is too well known to require reference. Before Mr. Child's arrival in this city I may take occasion to write at greater length of his many noble deeds of charity. In the meantime, I

trust Victoria union printers will arrange a reception worthy the great man who will be within our gates.

PERE, GRINATOR.

VICTORIA BUSINESS INDEX.

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TWO LOTS—Victoria West, with two houses 120 feet x 130, corner, all fenced, \$4000.

MONTREAL ST., James Bay—Lot on front, 104 feet, good house, \$2600.

CRAIGFLOWER ROAD—Lot 120x80, small, new house, \$700, corner lot.

SOOKE DISTRICT—117 acres on the water front, close to railway terminus, \$1,200.

CHATHAM ST.—One lot and 7-room house, \$1700. \$500 or \$750 cash, balance in 2 years.

SOUTH TURNER ST., James Bay, next street to one to water, \$1,300.

FRONT ST., Esquimalt Road—12 to 14 trees, \$500.

ESQUIMALT ROAD—Lot 20, by switch of Tram Co's Line, \$700.

JAMES BAY—Lot and two houses, renting at \$25 per month, \$2,800.

One 13-room house, 2 acres of land, all fenced and cultivated, highest part of the city and overlooking everybody, \$13,000.

OAK BAY, on the water side—7-room house and beautifully situated for bathing facilities, this is an absolute bargain, \$1,650.

Four and a half acres in Saanich District for \$13 per month without interest; also farm of 76 acres on Saanich Road.

ROCK BAY—Two beautiful lots, very suitable for a garden.

EDMONTON ROAD—Lot 18, Block 70, good garden soil, \$425.

Hotel to lease, doing a good business, with four acres of land, \$1,700.

Eighty acres of land, all of first-class quality, Saanich, 30 acres absolutely clear and 30 acres nearly so, facing salt water, \$6,500.

EARL STREET—Two 4-acre lots, \$300 each, partly fenced, well situated. Also one acre of land with house and improvements—\$3,200. Terms easy.

BELMOT AVENUE—One lot, beautifully situated, \$600; also one lot, \$550.

FERNWOOD ROAD and Johnson Street—A fine 3-story dwelling containing 8 rooms, closets, hot and cold water, \$3,600.

VICTORIA WEST—A new 5-roomed house on Front street, fine, airy situation, \$1,200.

FAIRFIELD ESTATE—Dwelling house, seven rooms, rented at \$14 per month, \$1,300.

LAKE DISTRICT—6 acres partly cleared, situated near tram line, \$2,100.

CONSTANCE COVE—About one acre of land fronting on salt water, \$2,500. \$500 cash.

BEACON HILL—Beautiful house and lot, every convenience, 8 rooms, \$4,200.

PINE ST., Victoria West—Very good lot cleared, \$525.

ALBERNI, B. C.—152 acres of beautiful land, barn, stables and everything complete, capable of being made into a first class home for right party, \$3,200.

POWDERLEY AVENUE—Lot 21 113x119x120, \$525.

VICTORIA WEST—One house to sell, 5-rooms, bath and pantry, hot and cold water laid on all over the house, \$1,500 very easy terms. Two houses to let, \$12 and \$16 per month, respectively.

PINE ST., Victoria West.—Lot 60x150, fenced, cleared, small house (new), water laid on, \$1,200. Very easy terms.

OAK BAY AVENUE—2 lots 60x120, \$500 each.

ALFRED STREET—One lot, 30x175, \$175.

OAK BAY, Water Front—Large lot, 60 feet front on road and about 120 feet on water, \$1,000.

CADBORO BAY ROAD—Lot, 40x120, \$450.

CADBORO BAY ROAD—Two 7-room houses, very easy terms, \$4,200.

CHAMBERS ST., cor. North Park St.—3 lots, \$2,650.

CHATHAM ST., cor. Stanley Avenue—Two beautiful lots, 108x120, \$2,000.

VICTORIA WEST, Powderly Avenue—A fine lot, 60x120, \$325. \$75 cash.

ESQUIMALT DISTRICT—100 acres excellent timber, all good land, no rock, adjoining Public School, \$3,000.

METCHOSIN DISTRICT—102 acres land, 4 acres cleared, 40 acres slashed, two log houses, two rooms each, \$30 per acre.

House of 5 rooms, bath and pantry, \$1,400. \$18 per month.

No WILD CAT schemes, but solid bargains.