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TALES OF THE TOWN.

*"I must have liberty
Withal, as large a charter as the wind
To blow on whom I please."*

ALD. BELYEA'S motion to insert a clause in all contracts entered into by the corporation of the city of Victoria prohibiting the employment of Chinese in connection with the work or of material in the manufacture of which Chinese are employed, has been adopted by the city council. Quite naturally, the laboring men who have suffered the most by Chinese labor, are jubilant at Ald. Belyea's success in probing the great evil to its source, and if he follows the matter up, he will no doubt earn for himself their everlasting gratitude. Strange, too, that this motion should emanate from a man who makes no pretensions of being in accord with the aspirations of the horny-handed son of toil. He has rather sought to repel any such idea; yet it remains a fact that he has struck the greatest prop from under the Chinese superstructure. While the municipal elections were in progress, Ald. Belyea made no promises as to what he would do for the laboring man; these things he left to Damon Baker and Pythias Bragg, who stood around the corners and execrated the Chinese and exalted the white laborer. That they were elected by the votes of their dupes is strongly in evidence.

But talk is cheap. It did not cost Ald. Baker and Bragg much to promise this, that and the other thing; but when it came down to reducing their professions into plain, every-day practice, the worthy pair concluded to flop. Of course, as Ald. Bragg learnedly remarked, there may be a "unitarian side" to the affair, although what the "Unitarians" have to do with this secular matter at this moment is not apparent. It occurs to many that it was not merely brotherly love for the Chinese that prompted the two aldermen to come forward as the avowed champions of cheap labor. In fact some go so far as to say that some aldermen are interested in the employment of Chinamen. If the talk of those interested in the abolition of the Chinese counts for anything, it is quite certain that Ald. Baker and Bragg will never be permitted to occupy seats at the council board another year. Henceforth they shall be known as the "Chinese champions."

Although not having the honor to occupy the onerous position of fire editor of this great family publication, I may say that it has fallen to my lot to be in the vicinity of several fires lately, and so have had an opportunity of observing the work of the fire department staff. The last fire, up to the time of writing, was that of the Ameri-

can hotel, which occurred at a time when the department could be seen to the best advantage, and it must be said that the boys were a credit to any city. Everything went like well oiled, carefully kept machinery. Orders were given and obeyed in a systematic manner that showed perfect confidence in each other as well as competence on the part of chief and men. A staff that can work so efficiently should be maintained at every reasonable cost, especially such an important branch of the civic service. It is one which the Chief Justice said, in the late Royal Commission, should not be touched with a view to reduction in either number or salaries; the city cannot afford to lessen its efficiency in any respect. But is the city following the sound advice of the learned Chief Justice? It is feared not. In their insane, muddle-headed craze for economy, they are pursuing a course which will be far more expensive to the ratepayers in the end than the ostensible saving of a few paltry dollars just now. Here is an institution which, after perfect sanitation, is what the city most needs in a state of perfect efficiency. How is it kept? Every little improvement that has been added has either been granted grudgingly, or a howl about extravagance has been raised. The chief has begged and begged for them as though they were personal favors; in fact, I do not remember him sending one application for an increase of salary for himself personally, and I have seen dozens of requests from him for improvements that a live committee, which knew its duty, would never let a chief have to ask for. The appliances he has now are the result of steady, persistent begging and nothing more. Perhaps the day may come when the electors will elect business men with business heads instead of chumps with wooden heads, filled with more verbosity and gas than so many old women.

In this connection it might be remarked that other cities have a very commendable custom which is markedly absent here. The heads of the Fire and Police departments are given annual vacations, and a present made them sufficient to take them to some bigger city where they can obtain pointers for the working of their respective departments. Now there is a great convention of fire chiefs to take place in San Francisco, in the course of a couple of months, and I venture to predict that if the chief of our fire staff can manage to attend it, it will be at his own personal expense, whereas the information and education he will obtain at that convention will be worth a considerable sum to the city at large. In fact, the best remedy for this want of enterprise on the part of the council is to do as Mr. Van Horne does occasionally with the city council of

Montreal, and that is, put them in a special car and take them to some big city where the rush and roar of things will brush the cobwebs off their eyes, and put something of life and common sense into their old moss back bodies.

From information received from private sources, I conclude that the Chicago World's Fair is not meeting with that high general approval which it was considered it would receive. Its promoters thought it would beat all creation and that the Americans would astonish and open the eyes of visitors from all parts of the world who would be amazed at the wonderful sights which would be seen there. Men of ability and intelligence from Great Britain confess to a disappointment, and do not look upon the Chicago Fair as equal to their expectations, being especially disappointed in the exhibits of the Americans. By some it is regarded as a money-making undertaking, but, judging from the returns for the month of May, those that expected to make money out of it will be equally disappointed with the visitors to whom I have referred above.

A correspondent writes concerning one feature of the Fair: "The oddest thing about the whole exposition is the way the Midway Plaisance is being boomed at the expense of the fair proper. If the thousands of people who pay their good money every day to see the attractions of that fakish street only knew it, they are wasting much valuable time, as well as hard earned coin. With a few notable exceptions, the attractions of the Midway Plaisance are a delusion and a snare. There is a dim suspicion that three-fourths of them never saw the land of any other continent but America, and their purpose in reaching out after the great American dollar is so obvious as to be very funny to all except the fleeced."

Premier Davie, who left Victoria to visit the Kootenay country, according to the reports which come as to his movements, abandoned that idea, much to the disappointment of the people of the great mining section of the province, and went east among the following of President Van Horne of the C. P. R. There would appear to be something mysterious as to his movements, as it is said nothing official or otherwise has been heard regarding him. Is he following the example of Premier Mercier in the way of announcing a visit to one place and then turning up in a wonderful way upon the continent of Europe? I am anxious to know what he is doing, and I doubt not that the same is the general feeling.

It is remarked by an American newspaper that this has been a year when woman, in a very emphatic manner speaks

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for herself. The other day in ~~Winnipeg~~ the W. C. T. U. held a convention and discussed female franchise and other matters tending in the direction of a free woman, and it cannot be denied that the natural effect of the great congresses of women at Chicago, the display of female brains and the dawning possibilities of these brains, will be to stimulate large numbers of that sex, hitherto contented with the traditional place of woman in society and in the world, to reach the ever increasing ranks of lawyers, doctors, divines, artists, sculptors, journalists and what not, and remove themselves from a strictly feminine environment. The conspicuity and glamour of the women who have this season exploited the ambition of women to compete everywhere with man, will draw many a young girl into heroic endeavor after position in the higher order of work open to women. There is hardly a line of employment, affording work which women is physically or mentally supposed to be capable of doing, which is not open to her. In business lines woman is everywhere. She has pushed into the arts and professions, and with the pugnacity and snap of Macmahon in the Malakoff, she says: "J'y suis ; j'y reste."

Soon, if this tendency continues, even domestic service will become abhorrent to all women and she may undertake to make a positively clean sweep of every avenue of employment in the country, except blasting rocks, making nitroglycerine, and working in foundries. She has already entered the blacksmith shop and shoes horses. She pulls teeth with the utmost nonchalance and it is perfectly evident that men are doomed, so far as about 90 per cent. of occupations is concerned. A little more training will put thousands of women in skilled handicrafts and the process will continue just so long as women can be had at lower wages. So soon as woman strikes, she may as well throw up the sponge, so to speak. In the meantime women will continue the displacement of men, regardless of the effect of regular work for which she was not originally equipped physically. Even if her nervous system is wrecked she will go on until the vast supply of the new economic factor will demoralize the labor market and wages will fall to a figure which may only accommodate beings who can live on food sufficient to sustain a rat or a mouse.

In the present heyday of women's ambition to occupy the professional and non-professional in labor fields, it is useless to argue with them. Men may as well prepare for the change. It may be that a good scheme would be to marry and let them support the family outfit. Men have generally performed this function for a good many centuries. They might take a little innocent advantage of woman's passion for work and enjoy a well-earned rest until the lovely creatures get tired of the strain upon mind and body. But the drift is ominously to the complete domination of the situation by woman. It may not occur, however, until a half century rolls by. The present

generation of men are comparatively secure. Only comparatively, however.

Something ought to be done to put a stop to the publication of unauthorized and unwarranted rumors affecting the credit of business houses and individuals. Scarcely a day passes that some idle rumor does not find its way into circulation which does cruel wrong to perfectly solvent concerns and seriously disturbs business confidence. In one case recently, some one started the report that a well known business man of this city was about to assign. The gentleman referred to is perfectly solvent, and can pay one hundred cents on the dollar, but the rumor may have injured his credit to an alarming extent. Of course, inquiries revealed the fact that the rumor was absolutely without foundation, and had evidently been given currency in a spirit of recklessness calling for the very severest condemnation. The injured firm, after running the rumor to its source, should have made an example of the persons who set it afloat. It is to be hoped that this course may be pursued in all similar cases, to the end that the manufacturers of rumors of this sort may find the business too dangerous to be prosecuted hereafter.

The British Columbia courts have decided that "Rev." A. R. Reams shall return to California and there stand his trial for the abduction of Lucy Rucker. Thus ends the first chapter, and Parson Reams will have a couple of weeks in which to prepare to face the reality of his little romance. The evidence adduced at the trial proved the Parson to be a far greater scoundrel than any one imagined a human being could be in these days of civilization. Usually the sympathies of the loiterers around the court room are with the prisoner, but, in this instance, all united in pronouncing him a rascal without a redeeming trait in his character. Lucy Rucker returns to Merced with her heart-broken father, which happy result has, no doubt, been brought about by the influence of the good women who have looked after her since the arrest of the sanctimonious villain who brought her to Victoria. She may yet become a useful member of society, and the lesson she has learned may prove a blessing in disguise. Others who are disposed to place too much confidence in men of the Reams stamp will benefit by the experience gained by the young girl, who has been like a brand plucked from the burning.

It may interest Victorians to learn that the Princess Eulalia, in departing from Chicago, did not leave unalloyed complacency behind her. In fact, she left not a few sore hearts; not grieved over her exit, however, but indignant at certain snubbings, alleged to have been administered by the princess. She capriciously declined to be present at an aristocratic musical entertainment at the Auditorium, where the 400 assembled to air their royal dignities and diamonds, and where Mrs. Potter Palmer had surrendered her own private box for the Spanish lady's delectation. In other ways, Eulalia is now charged with having sinned against the 400. Adulation is now turned into execration, and a good many of the gilded and perfumed sycophants now wish they hadn't groveled so before her royal highness. Mrs. Palmer doubtless regrets that she went to the trouble of having a throne constructed in her house for Eulalia, since it was from that throne that Eulalia administered the severest snub Chicago society has yet received and one which made even the bland Hobart Chatfield Chatfield-Taylor use some language which is said to have sounded very much like that used by Shimei to King David, once upon a time.

The trouble with the Chicagoans is just this: They overdid the thing. They overdid it with the Duke of Veragua, who at the last was so limp from being dragged about and lionized that he was too weak to protest or act independently. The Princess, too became exceedingly tired of the perpetual pulling. She wearied of Carter Harrison's silk hat. She positively detested Commander Davis, whose snobbery made even Chicago snobs sick. So Eulalia broke loose. She insulted the worshipping throng at Mrs. Palmer's reception. She mocked the managers of the Auditorium entertainment. She asserted her own royal dignity. And who can blame her? The laugh is on the Chicago snobs. If they don't want to be hurt it will be well for them to restrain their sycophantic proclivities and their royalty-worshipping spirit, when they receive the next royal personage. In this connection I might remark that H. R. H. Samuel Perry Mills will visit Chicago before the great Fair is over.

The preparations for the monster picnic to be held Dominion Day under the auspices of the Sons of Erin, are well under way, and, at the present time, it looks as if the event would be one of unalloyed pleasure. The committee, in addition to a long programme of sports, have made arrangements to secure the band of H.M.S. Royal Arthur, which will furnish music during the afternoon and for the Terpsichorean exercises at night. The proceeds over and above the expenses will be devoted to that worthy charitable institution—the British Columbia Benevolent Society.

I read an admirable little treatise, the other day, relative to that brutal imposition of man on the horse, the check rein, and the good common sense contained in the article should appeal to every man's sense of fair play and humanity. The terrible torture inflicted on the poor horse by the abomination called the check rein cannot be too strongly condemned; it is apparent on every side, and is a crying disgrace to mankind; a disgrace, too, that increases daily. The matter has been threshed out fully by many able writers on the horse, but it seems to me it is one that should be remedied by legislation. There should certainly be either a penalty or some restriction placed upon those human brutes who string a horse's head up most unconscionably, and add insult to injury by whipping the animal when he stumbles. How is the beast (I mean the horse, this time) to see the road, when the bipedal beast behind him has strung his head so high that the sun and wind beat into the poor animal's eyes. I shall be glad to see a step taken to remedy this evil, and am

of the opinion that a little of the money spent in evangelizing the Chinamen would be placed to far better advantage in emancipating this noble animal from a cruel bondage that is both an insult to its faithful nature and our own sense of what we owe to the dumb creation.

Our boys will be numerically well represented at Vancouver on the Dominion's birthday anniversary, and I hope, as I believe, they will be a credit to us. Of the lacrosse team little need be said: they are a set of boys that we may well be proud of, and we can trust them to take care of the Queen City's honor on the field. To be sure, a bad weed springs up among the crop now and then, but the promptness with which he is picked out shows that he has no chance of spoiling the harvest. As to the other branch, the military, that will be at Vancouver on the first, there is also no reason for apprehension. In this connection a complaint was published recently that the boys did not turn out to drill as regularly as they should, and punishment was threatened for the defaulters. Now I have been quietly going the rounds of the boys in this regard, and I find it is not by any means a one-sided story. It will be remembered that sometime ago, considerable censure was passed on an officer for swearing his orders at the men, and I understand that one of the men left the ranks in consequence of this officer's profanity. This should have been sufficient rebuke to any gentleman, but I am given to understand such is not the case, that the practice not only goes on but has increased if anything, and a number of the boys are contemplating either a little picnic some evening at drill, or leaving the ranks in a body. I should recommend the latter as the more dignified and manly procedure. Swearing is unbecoming an officer, especially in militia, where as a rule many men in the ranks are vastly the superiors socially of the men in charge.

It is universally admitted that a city of the pretensions of Victoria should do something to have the hacks removed from Government street. Apart from the rural aspect of the matter, there are other good reasons for their removal. A few evenings ago, a gentleman was crossing from the post office to the opposite side of Government street. Hacks were stationed on both sides of the crossing, which obscured a rapidly approaching tramcar. Had it not been that the motorneer observed the pedestrian and stopped the car, a serious accident would have resulted. This is only one of numerous instances of the kind that have come under my observation. Then, again, I can well imagine the disgust of tourists when they behold the principal street of our city turned into a stable. Filth has accumulated so much that it is positively offensive. The overflow finds its way to the wood drain along the street, and a medical friend of mine who has made a study of sanitary matters, informs me that if something is not done, and that soon, to abate this nuisance, we will have a cholera epidemic on our own account. It is to the interests also of Government street

merchants to have the hackstand removed. I have heard of one or two instances where ladies have refused to shop along that thoroughfare because their olfactory nerves cannot repel the horrible stench.

There seems to be something radically wrong in the management of the Victoria post office. During the last three or four weeks complaints have been numerous as to the neglectful manner in which the mail is handled. Many of the subscribers to THE HOME JOURNAL did not receive their papers last week until Monday, although the paper had been posted at its usual hour. I have not heard yet who is to blame for this neglect, but I shall make inquiries with the hope of tracing the matter to its fountain head.

PERE GRINATOR.

FROM THE POLAR GAZETTE.

NORTH POLE, June 22.—There are only 22 feet of ice on the ground now, and summer has started in with a rush. The firm of Esquimaux & Polarbear has started an ice cream saloon. John Jones laid a walrus on our desk this morning that weighed a ton. Call again John. The ice crop has been a success this year. The pole is now the largest primary ice market in the world, notwithstanding the bombastic claims of our loathed contemporary, the *Antarctic Hooter*. While fishing through a hole in the ice yesterday in the Arctic basin, Frank Smith, aged 7, hooked a seal weighing 123 pounds. Call at Eskimo's Blubber Delicatessen for some of the finest blubber in the North.—(f) We understand that Lieut. Peary and Col. Nansen are coming this way next season. Peter X. was executed yesterday for old age. The pole has been given a fresh coat of paint, and locks very neat and shiny this summer. Furs are getting to be a burden. We boast the finest climate in the world. Moss and lichens will be ripe by July 1 this year.

FROM THE ANTARTIC HOOTER.

SOUTH POLE, June, 23.—Our blubber-witted contemporary, the *Polar Gazette*, attempts in his weak way to slander the climate of the Antarctic region. We have a climate here that speaks for itself. Winter sets in here fully two weeks earlier than it does up north. The ice here is now 42 feet thick and it is mid summer. We see by the columns of our low contemporary that the North Pole is being painted! Think of that! Painted!! The Antarctic parliament has ordered the South Pole gilded!—The price of blubber has fallen two sealskins a ton, due to the financial stringency. Icebergs are quoted cheaper; the market is flooded with improperly frozen bergs, many of which are condemned and sent to the dump.—Martin Mafferty, of Australia, visited us this week via the South Pole Cold Air Line. He considers that the man who sold him the lot backing up on Polar alley with 40 feet of ice on it rang in a cold deck on him. The board of trade has ordered the alley cleaned out to avoid cholera, yellow fever and other hot weather diseases. Walrus are flying high this year. Look out for winter by July 31 or Aug. 3 at the latest.

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SOUNDS AND ECHOES.

In all this broad land she is found
Of every place a feature;
On her vacation now she's bound
Sing, hey, the sweet school teacher.

THE president of the St. Paul Cordage Company suicided by jumping into the river. Those who put their trust in combines and monopolies come to horrible endings occasionally.

A CHICAGO man first shaved himself and then cut his throat. He probably accepted as true the axiom that cleanliness is next to godliness, and made what preparation lay in his power for a favorable reception in the Kingdom of glory.

THOSE who read a pleasant despatch to American papers, stating that "the names of royalty were hissed" at certain "citizens" meetings in England, will appreciate the kind and unceasing efforts of American correspondents to find discontent in Great Britain. Very occasionally they succeed, and in order to be interesting they color it to suit their delighted readers in the Republic.

BRITISH papers to hand make great fun of Andrew Carnegie's recently published scheme of annexing England to the United States. The Scotsman refers sarcastically to the "Prophecies of Carnegie," and contemptuously to the bloated monopolist who asks Great Britain to give up its institutions and history in order to share in that "Triumphant Democracy" in which such men as he are the chief hindrances to success and respect.

EX-PRESIDENT HARRISON received comparatively little attention from the public upon his visit to Jackson park. Had the visit to Chicago been made five months ago the public would have tumbled over each other to see him as they did when Cleveland was there last month. The American people, while entertaining the deepest respect for ex presidents, do not become enthusiastic over them. Their vast power is gone. That which represents great power is always attractive to the average American. He will run a square to look at a president. He wouldn't go round the corner to gaze upon an ex-president unless he is a military hero like Gen. Grant. The military glamor lingers upon such.

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PRINCESS MAY'S TROUSSEAU.

From some of the manufacturers, a correspondent has secured an account of a part of the trousseau of Princess May. Orders have been placed with nearly all the larger houses in various parts of the country so as to please as wide a section as possible.

From the silk works at Spitalfields, comes the dinner dress, the color-ground of which is fleur de peche. The damask is composed of rosebuds, jasmine and maiden-hair, each bouquet connected with a silver metal tie.

From Spitalfields, comes also the material for an evening costume of pale blue and gold.

The work of the Manchester makers commands admiration for a simple home dinner dress. The color selected is pale green, ornamented with spots, stripes and daisies.

A charming morning robe, composed of thin summer silk, bears testimony to the high standard of the Lceek industry in printed silks. The ground of this dress is myrtle green, with violets adorning the design, which is of perfect workmanship.

The going-away dress is to be of Irish poplin of a particularly pretty shade of ivory white, with relief of gold.

After marriage the young couple will ride in state through the city. Arrangements at St. James's palace are finished and seats for about one hundred and sixty people altogether have been planned.

COMING STYLES IN LADIES' WEAR.

Black lace skirtings in web effects, stripes, satin combinations, floral designs with dots, sprays, etc.

Serges and Italian cloths in all colors and grades, beavers, silk mixtures, union cashmeres and suitings.

Velveteen bindings in various widths and qualities; silk finish linings and checks, buckram crinoline and haircloth in black, white, gray and brown.

Surah serges, millinery silks, brocades, black and colored faille Francaise, figured gauzes to be worn over satin; plaid, stripe or changeable silks for blouse waists, doubled faced satin ribbon, satin ribbon backed with velvet, and handsome moire ribbons, for fashioning the large bows, now so popular for both hats and bonnets; new brocade ribbons in tinsel effect, very popular for trimmings.

Dress goods: fine French broadcloths; French serges 46 inches wide, French drap d'Etis, all colors; English printed mohairs; black albatrosses; velvet striped crapes; 42-inch gingham, French sateens, organdies and jaconets.

Silks: 22-inch Japanese punjums in black, white, cream and all shades, genuine Shanghai silks in all shades, and Kai Kai changeable striped skirting silks; changeable novelty silks small figures, moleskin velutina in all the leading shades for capes; finest pure silk velvet; black satins and crystal bengalines in the finest qualities, 24-inch surah and extra fine Japanese silks.

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Ample accommodation will be provided for recreative amusements such as lawn tennis courts, archery, lacrosse and cricket fields, and other kindred games.

A steam launch will be provided for the use of picnic and sporting parties to all points of interest and sport.

Another very important and desirable feature will be warm sheltered sea baths for invalids and those who from delicate health are unable to endure the exposure of bathing in the open air.

It may also be mentioned that on the property is a mineral spring, the water of which contains a large percentage of iron constituting a natural tonic especially beneficial to the system requiring toning or invigorating.

Warm Sea Water baths, Fresh and Salt Water Baths (hot and cold) will be found in the hotel.

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All the latest desirable trimming laces including Bourdon in black and colors, Bruges in white, tan and the new butter shade, real Venice in black and beige and colored Russian laces, especially effective for millinery.

Tea gowns and wrappers in plain and fancy flannel, cashmere, percales, gingham, calico, white and colored lawns, and many novelties in cotton and worsted materials. White and colored wash suits; serge costumes in a variety of beautiful shades; children's Gretchens and reefers; ladies' waists in silks, sateens, Madras chambray; boys' blouses and waists in all the newest styles.

Millinery: Ostrich and fancy feathers; fine artificial flowers, novelties in beads and ornaments, straw ribbons and artificial grasses; straw and felt hats in the newest shapes, either trimmed or untrimmed.

Very durable and pretty shirt waists are made of cotton chevots, which are produced in dainty colors much resembling wool basket cloth in appearance.

Among the furs which will be fashionable for trimming the fall wraps are seal, mink, skunk and opossum, angora and thibet will also be seen in abundance.

Brocade waist-coats worn in conjunction with plain face cloth gowns are coming to the fore. They are made with large flap lapels, have the latter made to fall over the coat revers.

Some of the new toques are seen with jeweled effects forming an incrustation on net or gauze. Such a capote has a brim in

gold braid or jet and tip over the front somewhat drooping.

The long blazer jacket has a formidable rival in the smart little Zouave jacket of black velvet made stiff with beads and gold embroidery which promises to eclipse all other wraps for summer outing.

Other toques have the oddest look imaginable. Wings of silk passementerie or gauze are perched up above the brow and held in place by stick pins with dragons' heads and great goggle eyes.

Peau-de-cygne has largely superseded China silk; this material is far softer and quite as cool; it has a satiny luster and shows beautiful color schemes in the ground and unites the same hues in the designs. Small clover leaves, floral wreaths and fanciful rings are among the favored designs.

Blazer suits of pique or duck are greatly improved by shirt waists or blouses of wash or surah silks. These silks show a great diversity of patterns; they are pin-checked, striped and dotted in red, blue and many other bright colors, and are being sold in great quantities.

The sailor this season has scored a greater triumph than ever before. It is shown in all kinds of straw and in the glazed material known as tarpaulin. The tarpaulin, which will be worn both for walking, yachting and lawn tennis, is now trimmed with flowers and ribbon in profusion. Violets are much in demand for trimming these hats and so are the mottled or black quills which, thrust vertically through the velvet bow at the back, lends a jaunty air to the hat.

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WHAT THEY SAY AT THE CLUB.

That often some of the worst habits are found in the best society.

That the walk of the city swells is as ridiculous as that of the Kangaroo.

That notoriety seems essential to everything these days except religion.

That fashionable people never read a lesson from the mighty who are fallen.

That red hair is the prevailing color on Government street.

That S. Perry Mills will be knighted on the occasion of the marriage of the Duke of York.

That Ald. Belyea said he did not employ Chinese servants.

That the Point Comfort Hotel will be a most popular summer resort.

That a good education is of more benefit to a girl than a newspaper puffery.

That there seems to be rivalry among the women in the matter of outre costumes.

That the loudest arriens in church never come from those occupying back seats.

That some people at theatres strive to be as conspicuous as the actors on the stage.

That the electric light service fails to "lighten our darkness."

That the telephone poles have become an "eyesore" to at least one prominent Victoria gentleman.

That with W. H. Ellis as president, Victoria lacrosse club will beat the world.

That there are some churches in town where strangers are not "cordially invited."

That plenty of people these days suspect their neighbors of being "dangerous cranks."

That buying one's way into society is often far more expensive than agreeable and pleasant.

That there are ways of keeping one's self before the public without any personal expense.

That purchasers of pickles should see to it that the vegetables are not grown by Chinese.

That Pennock mounts diamonds in the most approved style.

That nowadays no man in society seems too old to continue playing the fool.

That fashionable people believe a haughty air indicates some social superiority.

That men who drink too much wine at dinner ought never be asked to the same house twice.

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PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Hon. Justice Crease is back from the Mainland.

Dr. Morris and A. Andrews, of Pembroke, are at the Driard.

Mr. O. T. Page arrived, Thursday evening, from England, on a visit to his brother, Mr. C. M. Page.

Col. and Mrs. A. J. Kane went over to Olympia Thursday evening, the former on business in connection with the National Guard.

The banquet to the M. W. Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M., of British Columbia, at Mount Baker Hotel, last evening, was a most delightful event.

Rev. Solomon Cleaver, B. A., the new pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist Church, arrived from the East, Thursday evening, with Mrs. Cleaver and family.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Mr. David Phillips and Miss Sarah Levy, which will take place at the Hebrew Ladies' Association Hall, next Wednesday.

A pleasant social dance was given by Mrs. Davis at the Victoria Gardens, Thursday evening. This was the first of a series of dances to be given during the summer, and they are sure to become popular.

The annual summer field sports of the James Bay Athletic Association will attract a large number to the Driving Park this afternoon. The band of H.M.S. Royal Arthur will make its first appearance in this city, and will be a great attraction.

The corner stone of the new Protestant Orphans' Home will be laid this afternoon by the officers of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia A. F. and A. M. His Lordship Bishop Perrin, Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge, Rev. Dr. Campbell and Rev. S. Cleaver will take part in the introductory services. "C" Battery band will also be in attendance.

Mr. Edwin Arrowsmith is expected to arrive from the east on Tuesday, and, while in the city, will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Pemberton at Gonzales. Mr. Arrowsmith will conduct a series of evangelical meetings in the Y. M. C. A. Hall. He is a retired English gentleman, and comes here highly recommended. During his stay in Toronto, he was the guest of the Hon. S. H. Blake.

Mr. Thomas Corsan was united in marriage to Miss Maude Higgins by Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge at the Reformed Episcopal Church, last Wednesday afternoon. The young couple are well known in this city, and were the recipients of many valuable presents in testimony of their popularity. Mr. and Mrs. Corsan will spend their honeymoon at Banff, after which they will take a suite of rooms at the Mount Baker Hotel.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

Mark Murphy, in O'Dowd's Neighbors, will be seen here for the first time on the evening of July 26.

Maud Granger, the great emotional actress has been booked for the evening of July 4, at The Victoria.

Two Old Crónicas, which comes to Victoria on

the evening of June 28, is said to be an irrepressibly funny comedy.

Mr. French's company will return in two weeks to The Victoria. The play will probably be the Banker's Daughter.

The Black Flag, by Mr. French's company at The Victoria, last Thursday night was a triumph of dramatic art. The company is well balanced and capable of producing the best plays in the most artistic manner. Mr. French, as Harry Glyndon, displayed real dramatic talent as did Lorimer Johnstone in the role of Jack Glyndon. Sam Morris was a source of amusement as Lazarus, the Jew. Of the women the honors were equally divided between Miss Lieb and Miss Marshall. The latter is a favorite in Victoria and is always well received. The other members of the company were well up in their parts.

Mrs. Zippora Monteith-Fischel, who is to sing for Mr. Jamieson at his sacred concert on Sunday evening, won golden opinions during her sojourn in England, and the press was loud in its praise of her beautiful rendering of the familiar solos, "Hear Ye, Israel," "Rejoice Greatly," "Come Unto Me," "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth," "We Now Are Sorrowful," and many others that they had the pleasure of hearing her sing. She will be ably seconded here by the well-known piano soloist; Miss Agnes Dawson; Mr. F. Victor Austin, violinist, and an efficient orchestra under Prof. Pferdner. The Sunday evening sacred concerts should be well patronized.

A story of Louis James was told on the Rialto recently that seemed to afford unlimited delight to those who heard it. The well-known actor has the reputation of being one of the most audacious "guys" on the stage. He once disconcerted Fanny Davenport so seriously by his sotto voice remarks that she refused to play with him. His latest exploit in this direction ruined a performance of "Othello." It was in one of Ohio's towns recently. James was the Othello, and Frederick Warde the Iago. In the death scene, after Mr. James had conscientiously smothered poor, trusting Desdemona, he carefully removed some walnut colored paint from his face with his right forefinger, and, stooping over Desdemona's body, he painted a lovely moustache and imperial upon the face of the helpless actress. The audience was, of course ignorant of what he had done, but when Emilia made her entrance, and glanced at the startling corpse, she was so convulsed with laughter that she broke down. So did Montano, Ludovico and Gratiano. In turn. When Frederick Warde beheld the decorations he nearly choked with suppressed mirth. The scene was completely spoiled. The moustache and imperial cost Mr. James exactly \$50, the fine exacted by the stage manager.

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