

Gowichan Election.

Duncans, Dec. 18, 1898. C. B. SWORD, Esq., Dear Sir—A vacancy having occurred in the representation of Gowichan district in the legislative assembly by the resignation of W. R. Robertson, Esq., we, the undersigned electors of above constituency, having known you and observed your conduct in the house with entire approbation, would respectfully request you to accept the name of your representative, and we hereby pledge ourselves to use our best endeavors to return you as our member.

Duncans, Dec. 18, 1898. To Thos. A. Wood, Esq., and Others: Gentlemen—I have received with deep gratification your expressions of approval of my course as a member of the last two legislatures, and have much pleasure in according to your request the name of the principles for which we were contending, and I cordially endorse each one of the planks of that platform.

I do not think it necessary to go in detail into the various questions that will come up for solution, I, with other members of the opposition, assisted Mr. Semlin in drafting the statement issued by him in July, 1897, of the principles for which we were contending, and I cordially endorse each one of the planks of that platform. I believe that the electors of Gowichan will by their votes on the 23rd inst. place me in a position to assist the present government in carrying out its policy for the next year, and I will stand with them when in opposition.

Independent of any other reasons, the electors of Gowichan cannot but be proud that they have chosen a former representative of a mainland constituency, who wholly and deservedly failed.

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PROSPECTS IN COWICHAN.

From all sources of information to which we have any access respecting the approaching election in Cowichan, we are led to believe that the current of public opinion is setting strongly in favor of Mr. C. B. Sword. The meetings so far held in the district have been very satisfactory to the friends of the government, who have been much pleased to observe that the electors of Cowichan are by no means impervious to sound argument or reasonable statements.

Throughout the district the matter has resolved itself pretty much into these considerations: What have we to gain by supporting Turnerism, which has not only been defeated and crushed, but has faint hope of ever taking shape again under a leader? That party being now non-existent, dissipated among the rag-tag-and-bobtail of the so-called opposition, is not the allegiance of Cowichan at an end? This great district being in the very flood-tide of its development would it not be wiser to have as a representative a supporter, perhaps a member, of the government?

The Cowichan electors are a sober-thinking, matter-of-fact and highly-intelligent body, and they know perfectly well upon which side their bread is buttered; sentimental considerations go for little with them; they know exactly how much sentimentality is in the cry of the opposition campaigners to "bring to the dear old party that ruled British Columbia so well for fifteen long years." The Semlin government coming to the farmers of Cowichan offering wheat instead of the Turner chaff, and we cannot believe for a moment that any old-wishard regard for Turnerism will stand in the way of the Cowichan people's acceptance of the proper article.

Another phase of the matter, which a correspondent of the Times has pointed out: Cowichan desires to see the railway belt affair squared, if it can be squared at all, in some definite fashion. Under the Turner administration that subject was absolutely taboo; not in a thousand years would Turnerism have stirred so much as the outlying joint of its little finger to mend that matter. Why? Well, that is an awkward question, but we might as well reiterate here that the Turner government could scarcely be expected to turn its own hand against its own self. That was the situation; there were so many of the Turner government "in," up to the neck, in the E. and N. pie that it was simply contrary to human nature to expect them to let go and do their duty. But the E. and N. has no "strings" or "wires" attached to the present government; no corporation, company, syndicate or individual in British Columbia can boast of having any "pull" with the present provincial government of British Columbia. The government stand pledged to look into the question of the E. and N., and where remedy can be applied apply it. Wherefore it is eminently in Cowichan's interests to be with the government in this business. Already a broad hint of what is coming has been uttered by a member of the government; it was practically the death-signal to the status quo in British Columbia, and the herald note of the new things to be henceforth. It will be a pity for Cowichan if, in a strengthening up of provincial affairs and island affairs with which the district is so particularly and intimately connected and concerned, Cowichan commits the blunder of placing itself on the wrong side.

A DELUDED POLITICIAN.

Mr. John Herbert Turner, M.P.P., is hurrying, or is about to hurry, back from England, that he may be present from the first hour of the opening of the session. So an admirer of the ex-premier has informed us. Mr. Turner, we are further informed upon the same acceptable authority, is returning full of confidence that by the end of January he will once again be premier of this province—that is virtually premier, for it takes a little time, even in these rapid days; to put out one government and elect another—that is not Chile or Costa Rica. Mr. Turner actually believes the present government will melt, and vanish like snow off a dyke when he reappears upon the scene of his former triumphs and cries to the Old Guard as Bonaparte did to the grenadiers sent by Louis XVIII. to seize him at Frejus: "Viens camarade, viens votre general; c'est encore votre general—a moi, a moi mes enfants!" And the grenadiers crowd round the little Corporal, with one voice shouting: "Vive l'empereur!" and France was won a second time for the Corsican.

Some such vision is permeating the mental picture galleries of the returning politician's imagination, but it will never step thereout into touchable daylight fact. Poor man, he would be more fully employed reciting Poe's "Reason" with particular stress and emphasis upon the lugubrious refrain: "Overcome! A stern awakening will be Mr. Turner's when he reaches the legislature and finds a government there solidly entrenched, founded upon the esteem of the people, with more good works to their credit since July, 1898, than the Turner government can show to theirs during their fifteen-years' abuse of public confidence. He will find the government sustained by a fast-working majority; he will find the cream of the debating talent on the government benches and on the government side.

Mr. Turner will find his dismay an opposition like a blue-jacket's scran-bag for variety of view and contrasted opinion; an opposition that affords the finest example in modern times in these parts of the truth of the scriptural adage: "A house divided against itself cannot stand." Such an opposition will be as ineffectual and unsatisfactory as a painting of a cascade to a man dying of thirst in the middle of the Sahara; it will indubitably make a fool of itself. A roaring farce of an opposition that; the weakest ever seen in British Columbia. Many a joke we shall have off it, too. Then poor Mr. Turner will find his prestige gone; he will have to listen to the severest arraignment of his policy any minister ever had to listen to; he will find himself the mark for scathing criticism and burning reproaches from the men who have had the opportunity to examine into his public affairs, have found them worse than bad, and who will probably not hesitate to tell the legislature about them when the proper time comes.

Some people are going about saying the present government is weak and is doing things that will not meet with general approval. Those people are in the same predicament as Mr. Turner—they don't know what they are talking about and he does not know what he is coming to. Both will have a smart eye-opening before 1899 is many days old.

PERSONATION AT ALBERNI.

From Alberni, where Mr. Neill lately made a gallant and successful fight, it is reported that the opposition party voted several men who were either dead or have left the country. Two men who reside in Seattle and have not been at Alberni since the general election voted at Euculet, or at least their illicit proxies did. Another man, who is said to be at Manila, a private in the U. S. army, was personated at the same polling division. The passages and expenses of a number of voters were paid from Victoria to Alberni and back again in consideration of a pledge to vote for Mr. Ward. The agents who made the promises to pay passages and expenses and the men who employed the personators are known. The penalty is a heavy fine, a long term of imprisonment and disfranchisement. The lesson administered at Esquimalt would seem to have been thrown away on the party of corruption.

STILL ANOTHER.

We understand Mr. D. A. Stoddart, the defeated opposition candidate in East Lillooet, is in the predicament in which Mr. R. Hall, of Victoria, has been inadvertently placed. Mr. Stoddart has protested the election of Mr. Prentice and expected to be declared the sitting member. But Mr. Stoddart is found to have had large dealings with the government as a merchant subsequent to the general election, and is disqualified. If, therefore, the election petition should be unfavorable to Mr. Prentice Mr. Stoddart could not get the seat without another election. Certainly it was time for a change.

THE RIGHT POLICY.

At Fernie, B.C., the other day, Mr. Robert Jaffray, a director of the Crow's Nest Coal Co., in speaking to the excursionists from Kootenay, said: "I speak emphatically on one point and wish my remarks to be noted. Our company proposes to supply the interior of British Columbia with coal and coke. If at present the demand is not very large we propose to assist in doing what is necessary to make it larger. We are not posing as philanthropists; we expect ultimately to obtain a fair return on our investment. It is a dangerous position with us. We wish the boards of trade and the commercial and mining men generally to be in a position to count our company as with them in the coal business."

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RAILWAY SOLD.

New York, Dec. 21.—It is announced on Wall street that the Chicago and Alton R.R. Co. has been sold to the Union Pacific, Missouri Pacific and Baltimore & Ohio interests. The first offer was for \$10,000,000. It is said the sale was made at 100 cents on the dollar.

GREENWOOD.

A most successful meeting was held in the hall of the Commercial and Public Buildings on Wednesday evening, when the Mining and Commercial Association was reorganized. There was a large attendance and many new members were enrolled. As other towns

in the district are growing rapidly and have associations of their own, it was decided to call the association the Greenwood Mining and Commercial Association. The meeting was opened by the appointment of E. C. Gibson as chairman and Duncan Ross secretary. After several of those present had spoken, pointing out the necessity of an association to discuss and promote matters of public interest, J. Anderson, manager of the Bank of British North America, was appointed president and W. S. Keith secretary. The election of other officers was deferred until the next meeting.

A large attendance meeting was held on Tuesday evening at the office of the Commercial and Public Buildings for the purpose of discussing the advisability of forming a committee to secure the signatures of these desirous of joining. The committee met with every encouragement; over fifty signatures having been secured. Arrangements are being made to fit up the second floor of the Barrett block, which can easily be converted into comfortable club rooms.—Boundary Creek Times.

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William Peeney, sometimes known as "Canada Bill," and Charles Marshall are in the front ranks of the men who own a number of mining claims. In May of last year they bonded the Armstrong group of three claims to Mr. Davis, a London broker, who was at that time sojourning in Rossland. These claims are located a mile and a half from Erie. Mr. Davis did not take up the bond at the time it fell due, but obtained an extension at a higher figure than that which he first contracted to pay. Yesterday a large portion of the purchase price was paid. The vendors were received as to the price which the property brought, but it is said to be between \$20,000 and \$40,000.

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Provincial News.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Good news for Westminster is contained in the report that Mr. T. Tompkins, manager of the new Canadian Pacific railway depot, will commence work on same at once. It is estimated that the building will cost about \$250,000. The building is now being erected on the site of the old depot, and will be completed in about six months. The new depot will be a fine structure, and will be a great improvement on the old one. The building will be a fine structure, and will be a great improvement on the old one.

The Castella fish-freezing establishment has commenced work on the wharf on the old site of the Sinclair cannery. The building has been erected on the old site, and will be a fine structure, and will be a great improvement on the old one. The building will be a fine structure, and will be a great improvement on the old one.

THAT GALIANO ROAD.

To the Editor: Great truths cannot be repeated too often, but the production of every creature is a result of the influence of its operations is more widely extended. In the matter of the Galiano road, the contractors for the issue of last week relating to the road question on Galiano Island, misrepresentations were entertained and your two correspondents were misled. The contractors for the issue of last week relating to the road question on Galiano Island, misrepresentations were entertained and your two correspondents were misled. The contractors for the issue of last week relating to the road question on Galiano Island, misrepresentations were entertained and your two correspondents were misled.

CONVICTS.

Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 20.—The C.P.R. station will be completed by March. Contractor Tompkins is about to commence the construction of a new station at New Westminster, the Hotel Vancouver addition, and the new station at Slocan. The home mission board of the Baptist convention met here on Saturday last. The meeting was held at the Hotel Vancouver, and was attended by Rev. J. C. Coombs to act as permanent superintendent of missions for the province. At the council meeting last night the Hastings board of the Baptist convention were going to rebuild, and asked the council to grant exemption from taxation and free water. The application will be considered.

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FREEDOM OF SPEECH.

Rockland Case Settled at Last—Three of the Accused Plead Guilty.

Rockland, Ont., Dec. 15.—Free speech has been vindicated in this district by the finding of Joseph Trotter, Joseph Larue and Beaudry, three of the notorious Rockland rioters, under a suspended sentence on Tuesday at Erie. The case was heard by Judge O'Brien, a third hearing and five other witnesses deciding not to appear against them. The case will be remembered by the members of the Baptist church of Rockland. The case was heard by Judge O'Brien, a third hearing and five other witnesses deciding not to appear against them. The case will be remembered by the members of the Baptist church of Rockland.

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CABLE NEWS.

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Mr. J. E. Moran, who is stopping at the Dominion hotel, is a recent arrival from Atlin City, having left there about November 20th. Interviewed this morning, he expressed his opinion of the Atlin country to a Times reporter.

"I am very favorably impressed with the new goldfields and have no hesitation in declaring my belief that this district will equal, if not surpass, any placer mining camp of the century. There are so many advantages. The entire district is covered by dozens of small streams, almost every one of which has been found to be gold bearing; it is easy of access, requiring only about five days from Skagway, and the summer route about three; the creeks are small and easily handled, bedrock is in general near the surface, and is plentiful; the working season fairly long; the country not difficult to travel or prospect, and the climate perfect. It is, moreover, an excellent grazing country. The only drawbacks which I can foresee is expensive fuel, and even this is certain to be remedied by the opening of the winter trail which will be in good condition as soon as the larger lakes, Taku and Atlin, have frozen over.

He reached Atlin on the morning of the 10th and so was there with the first rush. For a time the excitement was intense, but soon a suspicion arose that the country was not what had been reported. It was thought by some that the transportation companies were responsible for the boom. A combination of unfortunate circumstances caused this suspicion to gain ground and very soon, without investigating for themselves, a great many stamped out with great haste, and they had stamped in, telling their suspicions freely in the coast towns of Dyea and Skagway. I have no doubt that this is the main reason why the new goldfields are under-estimated, as I find is the case in this city and Seattle.

"Probably not more than forty claims were made in the Atlin district this year. Most of the gold seekers spent the season prospecting, anxious to secure as much good ground as possible. I should estimate the amount of gold taken out this season at not more than \$150,000 or \$200,000, but it must be remembered that, with the exception of a very few claims, work was not going on longer than about thirty or forty days and, moreover, the facilities for work in many cases were anything but good.

"The latest strike reported in Atlin was an O'Donnell strike, which empties into Lake Atlin. It was discovered by Dr. H. D. O'Donnell, who has discovered claim and the creek promises to equal anything in that district.

"If half the claims already staked in this district are opened next summer there will be work for 30,000 men. Or those which have already been worked, I have not heard of a very few being unprofitable. Pine and Spruce creeks have turned out remarkably well. Wright creek in Atlin is famous, though discovery claim alone has been developed and the same may be fairly said of Otter, Boulder, Birch, McKee and many others, on each of which but one or two claims have been opened.

"The winter trail from Atlin City to Log Cabin is through very level country, and the distance is about seventy-five miles, and there is no reason why it could not be easily made.

"I expect to return about the last of March. There is no mining in the winter. About three hundred people are wintering in Atlin. All are confident that next season this will be a prosperous camp. Everyone is busy building buildings and preparing for next year's work. Provisions are rather dear; bacon, 40 cents per pound; sugar, 40 cents; rice, 40 cents; beans, 35, and other staples in proportion."

GOLD FOR WORKERS. Two Favorable Opinions of the Atlin District. Two arrivals from the Atlin district, present in this city, have very favorable opinions of the new diggings, says the Province. Both are of the opinion that thousands of people will go into the new district next year.

William McDougall, who is staying at the Oriental hotel, went north early this year. For several years he had been mining in the Kootenai region. He was in the vicinity of Deslin lake when he heard of the Atlin gold diggings.

district. He is on his way east to get people to take these locations in the spring. He will, he says, place people on good paying creeks and all he wants is one-eighth of the proceeds from the miners for the first year. The mines fall to yield anything he will not expect anything."

AN OFFICER LOST. One of the Leander's Lieutenants Lost While Hunting at Comox.

H. M. ships Icarus and Phoebe returned this morning from the Comox. The torpedo destroyer Sparrowhawk yesterday. They bring the news that somewhere in the dense wilderness at the back of Deep Bay, near Comox, Lieutenant Rickard, clerk of H. M. S. Leander, is probably wandering around and around, lost and in sore straits, for he is without food unless he has managed to kill some of the game he went out to shoot when the forests engulfed him.

Lieutenant Rickard, together with two fellow officers of the Leander, which had just completed her target practice, left early on Sunday morning on the Sparrowhawk. They had gone well into the woods when Rickard became separated from his two companions, and nothing has since been heard of him. His companions scoured the woods in search of him, shouting at the top of their voices in the hope that he would hear, but no answer save the echoes of their own voices. They returned to the Leander and reported Rickard's disappearance, and a search party was immediately put ashore. This party has been searching for two days without success when the just returned warship left the ranges.

Rickard is a young man and was well liked by the crew of the Leander. He was an experienced hunter and a novice as a woodsman.

While the Icarus was at Comox she lost Atlin of her Lieutenant, a man named Bolden, who fell from the side of the vessel and sunk from sight before relief could reach him.

The Sparrowhawk had a rough trip down, and while passing through the narrows lost one of the flanges of a propeller in an encounter with a drifting log.

A REFRACTORY SAILOR. A Seaman of the Walter H. Wilson Tried a Second Time for Refusing Duty.

The term of imprisonment of the men of the Walter H. Wilson, who were sentenced for refusing duty before Magistrate Hall a few weeks ago, expired today, and all are now at work on the vessel, excepting one man, named Hendrickson, and he stays ashore from choice and the direction of the magistrate.

When the boat load of four were taken out this morning by the police officers, they were ordered to turn to, but they refused to do so. The captain, however, reasoned with the men and they were allowed to go ashore so forcibly that they all, with the exception of the seaman named, returned to duty. Hendrickson, however, stoutly refused to do so, and was brought ashore, and this afternoon brought up for the second time on the charge of refusing duty.

Although he pleaded not guilty, he announced to the magistrate that he would never again do duty on the ship, and that if the police attempted to take him to the vessel he would capsize the boat and drown all aboard. He also said that anyone who attempted to put him in the boat would be held responsible for the consequences. The court gave him the extreme penalty, namely, twelve months imprisonment, and to do with it as the court sees fit.

LAW INTELLIGENCE. The Iron Mask v. Centre Star case was continued before the full court today. Mr. Davis finished his part of the argument for the Centre Star and was followed by Mr. Duff on the same side.

Mines and Mining.

Roseland, Dec. 16.—A strike of considerable interest has just been made in the Number One mine, where the vein has been crossed at the 200-foot level in the shaft. The ore body thus far proved to be two feet wide, and is of excellent grade. The lowest assay received gave gold and copper values of \$2. The rock is the finest grained copper per parties, associated slightly with quartz.

The strike was made in the 200-foot crosscut from the vertical shaft, and was started several months ago to open the ledge. The dip of the vein proved to be somewhat more nearly vertical than was expected, and the ledge is being sequentially continued for some distance in order to intersect it.

Sinking in the shaft will be resumed on Monday, and the ore body is being driven on the same vein as the shaft, the face of the working is showing some fine ore which, in past accounts was about two feet wide.

Development of the property is to be pushed as rapidly as possible, and a new cover is being supplied for that purpose.

The management of the British America Corporation is much pleased with the find.

The Roseland Stock Market. Iron Masks continue to be in fair demand and are selling as high as 85 cents. The inquiries continue to come in for Jumbos. There is a fair demand for the control and the good showing of the property has stimulated the demand, and interest in the property is increasing. They were selling yesterday at 52 cents.

Deer Parks are in demand at 194 cents. It is expected that the Deer Park Mining Company will commence shipping within a short time, and this expectation has caused an increase in the price for the shares. It is claimed that there is one of a shipping grade in the 100 and the 150-foot levels.

White Bears are firm at 7 cents. It is noticeable that the prices of silver are not as lively as they have been. There is considerable interest in the silver market, and it is expected that the price will advance a little. Yesterday they were selling from 4 to 4 1/2 cents.

Mines Near New Denver. New Denver, B.C., Dec. 16.—The prospecting and development of the mines, are making great progress since the winter forces were put on. The Roseland, on two carloads of ore, has been shipped. This makes 407 tons that have been shipped from this property since work was started on it a short time ago.

Porto Rico and Blackcock. Ymir, B.C., Dec. 14.—Ymir can now boast of having two full fledged shipping mines in the Porto Rico and Blackcock. The Ymir mill was shipped from eight to ten tons of ore per day. The first clean up on the Porto Rico mill was made yesterday, and the output was 200 pounds of concentrates. It did not include the concentrates. Old and experienced miners claim that the Porto Rico is one of the richest mines in British Columbia, although the body of ore is not as large as that of the Ymir and Blackcock.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—The election of 1898 resulted in the return of Mayor Adams by about 500 majority over Capt. G. T. Carruthers. The aldermen elect are: Ward 1, D. A. Ross; Ward 2, Thomas Cowan; Ward 3, D. J. Dyson; Ward 4, J. H. Harvey; Ward 5, J. T. Speirs; Ward 6, J. F. Mitchell. Many of the elections at outside points were by acclamation.

Plunged to His Death. Insidious Disease Lurks Everywhere. A bright young man in Grey county, Ont., thoughtlessly plunged into the lake at a summer resort when the blood was above the normal heat. The shock stopped his breathing, and he was drowned. It is a warning to all who go to the lakes in the summer months. The water is often very shallow, and the rocks are often very slippery.

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Another Disaster on the Chilkoat Pass—Six People Lose Their Lives in an Avalanche. A Report Reaches Wrangell of the Loss of a Sloop in Which Twelve Miners Were Bound North.

Two New Gold-Bearing Creeks Found in the Atlin District—More Miners Badly Frozen. After five days' buffeting in the storm-tossed northern seas, steamer Rosalie reached here about midnight last night.

SHIP BERLIN ASHORE. Dec. 22.—Ship Berlin, Capt. ... for Amoy, China, is reported there at Hotei bay, near the port, from which assistance was rendered.

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Parties which have followed the Chilkoat route to the lakes have been accustomed to find the trail very rough and painful, and send them sliding down the hill ahead, while they followed in much the same manner.

The altitude of Chilkoat summit is 3,373 feet, of Crater lake 3,038 feet, and for the eight miles on to Lake Linderman there is a declivity of 389 feet.

The bodies of five of the victims were found on Sunday, December 11th, and were on their way to Skagway, where Rosalie left that night. They were found by a searching party, a member of which arrived by the Rosalie. He says the scene was one of horror.

Mr. V. L. Loy, an old-time assayer and miner, in an interview given to the Daily Alaskan, says: "As to quartz in the Atlin district I have not much to say, but the results obtained I look for it to develop into a very extensive quartz field."

Mr. John, of Juneau, was but 18 years of age, but with the modern machinery the dangerous trip does not appear. He was a friend of the Darling boys.

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Current Quotations on the Local Produce Exchange. The holiday Christmas is evident in the holiday appearance which all the stores, especially the butchers' stalls, have assumed during the week.

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ent day the old Romany tongue is nearly forgotten, but some of the older men and women can "talk Romany" as well as was done by old Mrs. Hearn and George Borrow himself. Fifty years ago the "griengroes" often employed the strange and curious people when engaged in horse-dealing transactions, finding it useful when they had matters to discuss that were not meant for the ears of the despised "gorgio."

In no other land has so much of the mediæval ideal survived as in Russia. There is a spirit that animated the Crusaders is still a living force. A pilgrim to the Holy Land is the belief of the vast majority of Russians, the supreme act of the national faith. While France was endeavoring to extend her influence to the Orient, the Orthodox Oriental Catholic schools, Russia proclaimed the vastness of her power in the most impressive way by the horde of pilgrims which she sent yearly to the Holy Land. Russia, no less than France, fully realizes the immense political importance that Syria and Palestine must possess in the future.

More energetic than any other sharks are the sawfish, whose snouts are prolonged into a broad blade of cartilage, and are used for cutting through the water in a normal position, and has both its edges set with slightly curved teeth about an inch apart. The end of this formidable-looking weapon is blunt and comparatively soft, so that it is quite incapable of the feats popularly attributed to it, piercing whale's blubber, ships' timbers, etc. It attacks other fish by a swift lateral thrust of the saw beneath them. Then it feeds upon the soft entrails, which are apparently the only food it can eat from the peculiar shape of its mouth.

Mishawaka, Ind., Dec. 21.—Frederick Von Hartmann, son of Baron Von Hartmann, Colonel German, has been sentenced to five years in the state prison, for burglary.

The University of North Carolina will undertake the education of one student from each of the Southern States. Playwright—My new comedy does not seem to have pleased you specially. Friend—How so? Didn't I laugh every time I saw you looking at me?

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