

DOUBLE FUNERAL

Remains of Mr. and Mrs. Ganner Interred at Nanaimo.

The funeral of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ganner took place at Nanaimo on Thursday, and was very largely attended.

BOY'S DEATH

Hanged Himself to Try How It Felt—Had Aclant to His Rope.

It is not an uncommon thing, perhaps, for lads of inquisitive bent to try all sorts of queer experiments in order to find out results for themselves.

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So far as regards Korea, it is known that the joint effort between Britain, the United States and Japan to open Yalu to foreign commerce at large were on the eve of success when the Russian occupation of the Yalu blocked the plan for the time being.

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as occurred during the war with China." The Daily Mail's Tokyo correspondent reports the suspension of the steamer service from Kobe to Korea owing to the apprehension that hostilities will soon break out.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Mail learns that General Yuan Shih Kai, the commander-in-chief of the Chinese army, has ordered the cruisers now in the Woo Sung river to be prepared for war.

The Chefoo correspondent of the Morning Post says that the event of war, Wei-Hai-Wei (British) will be abandoned as useless, as it is not fortified.

The statement that Russia has made concessions to Japan is not exact. Russia in October made certain concessions which were accepted by Japan, subsequently withdrew them and assumed an attitude which left the Japanese little hope of reaching a satisfactory agreement.

The Japanese government, recognizing Russia's special interests in Manchuria, and wishing to regulate, once for all, all questions in the Far-East, made the following proposals:

Russia and Japan should mutually respect the independence and territorial integrity of China and Korea; to recognize respectively Japan's special interest of Russia in Manchuria, Russia the special interests of Japan in Korea; to engage mutually not to infringe, Japan, the commercial rights and immunities acquired by Russia in Korea, Russia, the commercial rights and immunities acquired by Japan in Manchuria.

Russia declined the Japanese proposals and submitted a counter proposal, providing for the creation of a neutral zone extending from the China-Korea frontier to Wong Tung on the east, and to Ping Yang on the west.

This took from Japan all guarantee of the protection of her rights in Manchuria and sequestered a considerable part of Korea, where, without contradiction, Japan's interests preponderate and which every nation recognizes as being within her legitimate sphere of influence.

The proposal, which was made public opinion. The Japanese could not accept the proposal for these reasons:

Once the definite occupation by Russia of Manchuria was the occupation of Korea to the independence of Korea, which Japan must present at any price, for Korea is an advance post of Japan's empire.

Two-Japan has, as other powers, rights of immunities in Manchuria, by virtue of treaties with China. The rights and immunities cannot be left to the mercy of Russia.

Des Moines, Jan. 6.—Fire gutted the northwest wing of the state capitol yesterday, causing an approximate loss of half a million dollars.

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A detachment of 120 British naval pensioners and naval reserve men and 10 British officers started for Genoa, Italy, to-day, to assist in the navigation of the Japanese war ships Kasuga and Nisim.

Paris, Jan. 6.—A dispatch received by the French foreign office from Seoul says:

The Korean army is seriously affected, chiefly because of pay arrears, and is threatening to engage in an outbreak. As a precaution the American minister asked for a marine guard, which was landed at Chemulpo.

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THE GOLD SPELL IN EASTERN CANADA

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ANOTHER RAILWAY WRECK IN THE STATES

Passenger and Cattle Trains Collide Head-on—Some Bodies Crushed Beyond Recognition.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 6.—The Rock Island, California & Mexico express, which left Chicago on Monday night at 11:30 for the West, collided head-on to-day at Williams, Kansas, fourteen miles west of Topeka, with a cattle train. Twenty persons were killed, and every person in the train was injured.

A relief train that left Topeka for the scene returned to that city at 7:30 this morning with the dead and injured. The train which left Kansas City at 10 o'clock last night was twenty minutes late, and was running at the rate of thirty miles an hour. The train carried many persons for Oklahoma, who had taken advantage of the home-owners' excursion rates. It also contained through sleepers and chair cars for San Francisco and Los Angeles.

The wreck was one of the most serious that has happened on the Rock Island system in years. Between Kansas City and Topeka the Rock Island uses the tracks of the Union Pacific, and as there are no offices of either road in this city, details of the disaster were obtained with difficulty.

Several reporters who boarded the relief train as it left early this morning were put off the train shortly after it started, and the first details of the wreck were sent by persons on the wrecked train, after they had been returned to Topeka.

Occurring at a small station with few facilities for aid, and in the darkness, there was much delay in extricating the dead and injured, and in caring for the latter. The train was composed of a combination baggage and mail car, a regular baggage car, a smoker, a tourist sleeper and a standard sleeper.

H. G. Parsons, a regular reporter of the Topeka state journal, who was on the wrecked train, arrived in Topeka at 8 o'clock this morning, after driving overland from the scene of the collision. Parsons escaped with slight injuries, while two persons on the seat in front of him were killed.

Mr. Parsons tells this story, which is copyrighted by the Topeka Daily World: "The wreck occurred at 1:35 this morning, two miles west of Williams, Kas. At least 30 persons were instantly killed, while several others were fatally injured, and a large number of persons were seriously injured. Two cars filled with passengers were demolished, both locomotives were destroyed, and four carloads of stock torn to pieces, and dozens of dead animals strewn over the right of way. Both trains were running at a speed of from 15 to 25 miles an hour, and when the engines met they were when the sudden explosion of one of the boilers by the impact. The engineer and the man on the freight escaped without injury by jumping. The fireman on the passenger train was seriously injured, but the engineer escaped unhurt.

"It was in the third car of the passenger train, the first coach having been preceded by a smoker and baggage car, that the greatest loss of life occurred. The smoker, which was occupied by only two or three men, was overturned and pushed through the car behind it, which was overturned and crushed. The car behind it, which was crowded with passengers, some standing on the aisle.

"The first warning given the passengers in this car was when the sudden settling of the air brakes shut off the lights, leaving all in darkness. A moment later a mass of splintered wood fell on us, and we were crowded down upon them. No one was thrown out of his seat by the blow. Most of those in the forward end of the car were killed instantly.

"Thirty in the rear end of the coach, however, succeeded in escaping from the end of the car, which was still unobstructed. No one in the front half of the car escaped. They were crushed down between the seats by the smokers. "When rescue was finally possible, only three living persons were taken out by the rescuers, who were compelled to chop holes in the side and through the floor and top of the coach to reach them.

"Bonnie Martin, a girl 11 years of age, was plinned down between the two cars, the heavy stove resting on one foot. When she was taken out she addressed a doctor who was bending over her as 'papa.' The physician did not have the heart to tell her that her father and mother had been killed. The child was suffering with a broken ankle, where the stove fell on her, and severe scalp contusions. She was put to sleep by a hypodermic injection to relieve the pain.

"After daylight the work of removing the bodies began. The engine of the wrecking train coupled on to the two cars a sleeper and chair car which were uninjured and started back to Topeka with the victims. At Topeka all the injured were hurried to hospitals. Some of the bodies were so badly crushed as to be unrecognizable. Not a wheel in the entire passenger train seemed to be off the track. The four cars immediately behind the engine of the freight train were crushed into kindling. Dead and dying cattle littered the right of way, while others, uninjured, ran about adding to the confusion."

The wreck, according to the passenger conductor, was caused by the freight crew running off schedule. The passenger train had the right of way, he declares, and the freight train should have waited for it to pass at Maple Hill, six miles west of the scene of the collision. The wreck occurred at a curve.

The identities of the dead, at Kansas City, James Griffin, Clarendon, Mo.; W. S. Martin, Wm. Jackson, Carl Fuller, a young girl, Blocktown, Ia.; Mrs. Henry Kaiser and child, Germany.

The unidentified dead include four girls, three boys, one man and four women.

THE PANAMA QUESTION.

United States Secretary of State Replies To Protest of the Colombian Government.

Washington, Jan. 7.—General Reyes, the Colombian special envoy, has received the answer of the Washington government to his note charging the United States with violation of the treaty of 1848. The answer, which was prepared by Secretary of State Hay, though expressing the wishes of the United States government to deal justly with Colombia, is an emphatic refusal to reopen the Panama question. Prior to the receipt of the reply, General Reyes or the state department requesting that the correspondence be transmitted to the senate for its consideration. Pending an answer to this request, the correspondence will not be published.

When the senate convened to-day Mr. Morgan took the floor to answer the speech of Mr. Lodge made on Tuesday. Mr. Morgan's reply, declaring "that neither the President or the senate has power to declare war against any foreign power without the consent of congress." He said the President was not justified in making facts to give him the right to recognize a government best suited to his purpose.

WARNING TO IMMIGRANTS.

Those Without Means or Prospects of Immediate Work Should Not Go to South Africa.

New York, Jan. 7.—Sir Percy Sanderson, the British consul-general, gave out the following to-day: "Information has been received to the effect that the government of Cape Colony desire, owing to the present condition of trade in the colony and throughout South Africa, to discourage the further immigration of persons without ample means or prospects of immediate employment. Numbers of skilled artisans and others have been thrown out of work, and fresh arrivals increase the difficulty."

"BURYING THE HATCHET."

Report That the Duke of Devonshire and Lord Rosebery Will Amalgamate Interests.

London, Jan. 7.—The impending return of the Duke of Devonshire, who on October 5th last resigned the office of lord president of the council, to the Liberal party, is announced by the Pall Mall Gazette. The paper understands that the Duke and Lord Rosebery have agreed to "bury the political hatchet" and amalgamate their interests.

CRUISER'S BOILER EXPLODES.

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THE VANCOUVER MURDER.

Fugitive Jap Located at Seattle, Where He Made Daring Escape.

Vancouver, Jan. 7.—Police Detective Mulhorn to-day returned from Seattle where he went to hunt for Tanaha, the alleged murderer of a Jap here. It turned out that the fugitive is none other than Gondo, a Japanese outlaw, who had been run out of Seattle several times. He was expelled from Japan. Gondo was located in a boarding house, where the police raided, and the Jap got out of the back door, descended the fire escape and disappeared. The police expect to get him later.

VANCOUVER MAYORALTY.

Vancouver, Jan. 7.—Ald. M. Queen, Ald. McGuigan, and J. J. Baughen were nominated to-day for the mayoralty.

Baby Costs Too Much

When the price paid is the mother's health and happiness. The father doesn't realize as he romps with the child what years of worry and suffering must be exacted for his laughing.

Chronic invalidism is a high price to pay for the painful joy of maternity, yet it is at such a cost that many women become mothers. Such a price is too much because it is more than nature asks.

By the use of Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription maternity is made practically painless, and a quick convalescence is assured in every case.

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THEATRE CURTAIN WAS DEFECTIVE

IT FAILED TO WORK DURING PREVIOUS FIRE

The Panic Might Have Been Averted—Warnings Which Were Unheeded by Management.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—As a result of the Iroquois theatre fire and panic, which 500 persons lost their lives, Building Commissioner Williams to-night issued an order closing all the public halls, theatres, and similar places of public assembly until an inspection has shown that they are complying with all provisions of the building ordinance. This leaves Chicago churches and lodge halls alone open for public gatherings.

It was pointed out to the building commissioners to-day as indicating that the Iroquois theatre was opened prematurely, that \$10,000 bonds filed by the Fuller Construction Company to insure the city against damage to the frontage in re-erecting had not yet been redeemed.

The police to-day arrested George M. Dinsberry, chief usher of the theatre, on a charge of manslaughter. He is held to furnish evidence on the statements made by many people in the theatre that the ushers closed the doors and for a time refused to allow people to pass out.

Many belated funerals of victims of the Iroquois theatre fire took place to-day. The public schools were closed as a tribute to the dead teachers, for whom memorial services were held.

Coroner Traeger has received information that more than half of the stage hands were in a saloon near the stage door drinking beer when the fire was discovered. It has been learned that the stage door opened in, and not out, as the city ordinance requires, and that it was torn from its hinges when the stage door of chorus girls occurred. The windows of the theatre, through which many people might have escaped, were closed and covered with heavy boiler sheet iron doors.

The closing down of the Chicago theatres, by order of Mayor Harrison, has a basis in a paralytic of horror among the theatres. Miss Owens was a teacher in the Curtis public school.

The Locked Doors. Chicago, Jan. 6.—"Make every possible effort to establish the identity of some persons who died in this corner," State Coroner Traeger said to-night, after the coroner's jury stood at the end of the blind gallery passage, where before a "locked exit" more than thirty bodies were found. In this request, repeated at every point where bodies were found, State Attorney Deneen gave the key to one of the gravest questions that will confront the coroner in his report on the responsibility for deaths. It will not be sufficient for the purpose of a criminal prosecution for the coroner to show that the locked exit was responsible for the deaths, even if the responsibility for the locked door is fixed. In order to sustain a prosecution for manslaughter, it will be necessary to show that the identity of one or more of the individuals whose deaths the door caused.

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Delivered Reply Yesterday. St. Petersburg, Jan. 7.—The office received a dispatch from Tokyo yesterday that Baron de Rosen, the Russian minister, returned Russia's reply to Japanese minister yesterday.

On the Wane. St. Petersburg, Jan. 7.—The announcement of the departure of M. Bezobrazoff has been classed as the power being at the scenes in the Russo-Japanese negotiations for Switzerland may be used as an indication that the influence of the Russian war party is waning.

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CONDITIONS IN AUSTRALIA.

Referential Trade the Most Important Question Before the People. Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 7.—Mr. D. H. St. Louis, Canada's commercial agent, writes from Melbourne, Australia, says the air of imperial feeling is indeed strong.

NITRO-GLYCERINE EXPLODES.

Four Men Instantly Killed and Several Injured. Penzance, Eng., Jan. 6.—Four men were killed and several were injured by explosion at the nitro-glycerine department of the National Explosive works, eight miles from here.

ALLEGED FORGERY.

Bank Taken Into Custody, and Bank Has Closed Its Doors. St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 7.—Cashier J. E. Arnold, of the Bank of Highlands, Kan., charged with forgery, was arrested last night. The bank's doors were closed, Arnold has been a speculator on the Chicago Board of Trade.

MEET NEXT MONTH.

San Francisco, Jan. 7.—Wm. Rothell ("Young Corbett") and James E. McLaughlin have agreed to fight in this city next February. They will weigh in at 160 pounds. The fight will probably be under the auspices of the Yosemite Club.

INDIRECT ANSWER.

Seren—"Do you believe that suicide is a crime?"—"Well, in your case I think would be permissible."

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RD—On the 4th inst, at 24 Henry street, the wife of A. H. A. Bird, of a son.

MARRIED IN VANCOUVER.

Mr. S. D. Schultz, of This City, Takes Into Himself a Bride. A well known Victorian became a benedict in Vancouver on Tuesday last, when Mr. S. D. Schultz was married to Miss M. Squireberry, for some time past a nurse in Burrard Sanitarium.

MEMBER FOR NELSON.

Downs Hon. R. F. Green. The Candidate of the Provincial Government Defeated in the Conservative Convention.

(Special to the Times.) Nelson, B. C., Jan. 7.—The Conservative convention to nominate a candidate to contest the Dominion electoral district of Kootenay was held here yesterday.

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Opening of the Manitoba Legislature. Speech from the Throne—The New Speaker—Sudden Death of Winnipeg.

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THE FIRST SCALER SAILS THURSDAY

Triumph and Casco Leave This Week. Pelorus Arrived This Morning With a General Freight for Victoria and Esquimalt.

At the Victoria Sealing Company's wharf, the upper harbor, there is more activity these days than can be seen elsewhere on the water front.

War Probably Ended. Flour and wheat rates from North Pacific coast points, which have been fixed by monthly agreements at \$8 per ton, will probably be advanced at the end of the present month to \$4 per ton.

Oliverbank's Detention. Sundry's San Francisco Chronicle says: "After more than a week's detention in quarantine, the British ship Oliverbank will probably be released the first of the week."

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OPINION IN THE WEST.

We are pleased to observe that the Colonist has seen the error of its ways and is now a strong supporter of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway scheme.

The lamp is still burning, and perhaps in course of time the Mall and Empire will also come under the majority. Then Mr. Borden may in time be convinced that his scheme for the extension of the domain of the C. P. R. as an alternative proposal has its weak points.

It will be a curious thing to find the political parties in the Dominion in harmony on the two great questions of the day, preferential trade and the development of another transcontinental railway.

But while Liberals contentedly view the confusion of argument that is proceeding from various parts of Canada, there are patriotic Conservatives who have their doubts as to the sincerity of their leader's professions.

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As to transportation, I have been advocating increased facilities to the best of my humble power for many years. When the Liberal party evolves a bold and statesmanlike scheme like the G. T. P., which it purposes to throw another railroad clear across the continent to practically double the habitable area of Canada, to give the West a thousand miles of new roads and probably with spurs and branches double that mileage—when it purposes to do this without calling for one specific dollar of money or of one acre of land from the West, I cannot stultify the utterances of half a generation by refusing it because it comes from Liberal hands.

Exception will be taken to the statement that not an acre of Western land will be called for. I have read Mr. Sifton's speech, and am satisfied that not an acre of our land or the proceeds of an acre of our land will be confiscated or appropriated for the purpose of building the G. T. P. I have expressed myself somewhat fully on this matter in a letter printed some time ago, and need not

go into it further here. I will only add that we should be foolish to reject it and to wait for the possible materializing of the Borden scheme, which has, among others, the fatal objection that it would rive the yoke of the C. P. R. upon our necks for the next twenty years. I prefer a scheme which, if it does not remove that yoke entirely, will lighten it very appreciably."

GREEN'S FINE WORK.

Hon. R. F. Green, Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, seems to have curious ideas about his duties as a member of the McBride government. Former commissioners may not have been perfect in their administration, but they made a show of attending to business.

Mr. Green is very liberal, not to say latitudinarian, in his conceptions of duty. He is in Kootenay organizing the district for the Dominion elections. No doubt he will charge his travelling expenses to the provincial treasury.

There has been received everywhere "there with tremendous enthusiasm and great ovations." The cost of firing up that enthusiasm will also fall upon the provincial taxpayers, and, if the new Assessment Act does not bring in the necessary change, the act can be altered.

If the people have entertained the erroneous idea that the object for which the McBride government was called into power was to administer the affairs of the province economically, it is time for them to remove the impression from their minds. Primarily and principally, the aim of McBride seems to be to win the province for Mr. Borden. That is evidently the compact. Green is the Tory organizer, and he will charge the province with the expense. It will take all the money that can be raised in the East from manufacturers and others who desire a special graft to work the provinces which are afflicted with Grit governments.

REFORMS NEEDED.

A correspondent would like to know why Victoria is denied complete self-government in local affairs. He alludes to the appointment of a police commissioner by the government which sits in dignity across what remains of the waters of James Bay. That is one of the matters no fellow can understand.

Reforms are only effected by agitation. The evolution of the state machinery from the simple (when the provincial government kept its skillful guiding hand upon all the levers) to the complex, under which there is an illogical division of power and authority, has been slow. The ancient simplicity must be restored in time by conferring upon organized municipalities complete jurisdiction over matters which concern the ratepayers alone.

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THE MAKERS OF CANADA.

For the patriotic Canadians there should be no course of reading of greater interest than the history of their country as depicted in the lives of the great men who have gone before. The Canadian people have within the last half dozen years had brought home to their minds in striking fashion the fact that for no country in the world is there a greater future than for this Dominion. No doubt the makers of the country foresaw the possibilities. To some of them the future probably did not stand out as clearly in the foreground of the national panorama as it did to others.

steps did not appreciate the potentialities of the young communities divided as they were in sentiment and separated into, at that time, necessary political divisions. The fathers of Confederation, however, were men of faith, and they exemplified that faith in their words. Differences of a racial character, even the religious prejudices of a period when such antipathies were strong and deeply rooted, were forgotten in the great work of laying the foundations of the Dominion. If such had not been the case the East and the West, in the restricted sense of more than three decades ago, could not have been united, and the greater union of later years must inevitably have been postponed, involving the possibility of permanent disunion.

George N. Morang & Co., the Toronto publishers, some weeks ago issued the first of a series of books on "The Makers of Canada." The first statement whose life and work in Canada are dealt with is Lord Elgin. It was written by the late Sir John Bourinot, known to Canadians as the great constitutional authority of his time. There is no question as to his qualifications for the task. The book is of exceptional interest, the style being simple and direct, conveying to the reader in masterly fashion the facts of the life of the subject in Canada and the lessons to be drawn therefrom.

The series of the "Makers of Canada" will be completed in twenty volumes, all by well-known writers, and will constitute a comprehensive history of Canada covering three centuries.

THE DOGS OF WAR.

Japan and Russia are slowly but surely closing upon each other. The world affects to regard the ominous preparations with anxiety and deep concern. If it were to drop conventional phrases and speak its real sentiments, we fear there would be found in every national heart not actually or prospectively interested a feeling of deep curiosity to observe the effect upon poor human atoms of the missiles projected by modern deadly engines of war and to note the manner in which the new aspirant for national fellowship would comport herself in a conflict with one of the greatest, most aggressive and most unscrupulous of world powers.

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Russian statesmen seem determined to establish the kingdom of the Czar upon the shores of the Pacific. The greatest of the oceans, those masters of strategy recognize, will before many years be the broadest arena of the world's commerce. They believe that now is the time to move if they ever hope to attain an advantageous position upon the world's great chess board. They will scarcely admit a checkmate by Japan. They may manoeuvre in order to secure stronger ground, but they will hardly retreat. The plan of campaign is elaborate too well thought out, and is too elaborate to admit of any radical departure from the original draft.

There is reason to believe that in the present crisis the Japanese will demand stronger evidence of good faith than mere words or meaningless statements. Her statesmen are undergoing the preliminary trial, and they are dealing with people whom they distrust. Her armies and navies may later on be called into action. They will, to all appearances, go forth against the enemy without fear and confident as to the result, and with the major part of the world wishing them success.

JOHN HODSTON, M. P.

John Hodston, representative of Nelson in the provincial legislature, has announced that at the end of the session which will resume on Monday next he will take his departure from the province and pitch his tents in one of the rising towns of the Northwest, Edmonton. Mr. Hodston is one of the pioneers of British Columbia. Through good and evil report, through lively times and dull, he stuck to Nelson. From the days when she was but a mining camp until she became the commercial centre of the Kootenays, with all the modern improvements and conveniences of a large city, John Hodston was her doughty champion in his newspapers and on her public platforms. Now, whether it is that the child whose welfare he guarded to the best of his ability, and in accordance with the light vouchsafed him, in whose behalf all the money he earned in the most precarious of businesses, that of newspaper printing, was spent—whether it is that Nelson has grown away from John or John has drifted behind the times, all who entertain in their hearts a sense of the decent and fitting will regret to hear that the pioneer feels it incumbent upon himself to pack up and seek new fields.

CHICAGO FIRE.

To the Editor—Frequent mention is made of gas in the accounts of the terrible theatre fire in Chicago. Can you tell me if this was coal gas, and why it was in tanks on the premises? I have asked several people. None of them seem to know. There appears to be little doubt that the origin of the fire was a fault in the electric wiring similar to that which set fire to Sundringham Palace just over our Queen's bedroom. I am the more anxious to know about this because there is a "penney a liner" who now and then supplies a paper here with a string of four or five accidents caused by coal gas. These are generally in miserable small lodging houses, and the victims are often men or women who

upon the advice given by Lord Chesterfield to his son. The atmosphere of the printing office is not calculated to produce graceful diction or polished style. Mr. Houston has been described by some as uncouth in manner and brusque of speech. About all he was a sound Tory in politics, notwithstanding the fact that he has been read out of the party by men who in point of ability, loyalty to friends, and contempt for meanness and treachery, are not worthy of the honor of blacking his shoes. Houston's politics were not in harmony with the character of the man. Perhaps the knowledge of this fact conditioned his disposition. However that may be, the Times has had some rather lively discussions with John, but the recollection of these cannot blind us to some facts: The good in the man largely preponderated over the evil or he would not have held the confidence of the people of Nelson through his whole career; he has accomplished a good work for the province of British Columbia, and many people there who will be sorry to hear that he is going away.

The Colonist's Ottawa correspondent has given us just four days to prepare for a Dominion general election. It is scarcely credible that the government would hold an election without going through the formality of nominating candidates. But one never can tell. Grits are capable of anything, if the veracious correspondent is reliable, which we fear very much he is not. Judging from the marvels of imagination he is sending out and asking innocent readers to believe. We sincerely hope the air is so dry in the East that the cold wave is not causing serious inconvenience to flesh and blood. We confess we have our doubts. When the mercury drops below zero the atmosphere must be cold, whatever the amount of moisture carried. And is it not a fact that dryness of atmosphere is a result of intense cold? If it is not a fact, it is a fact that drouth in the atmosphere and low temperatures usually travel together. The Lord tempests the conditions to shivering mortals. While we should like to see the youth of the city and environs having a gay time, we hope the cold wave will devote itself exclusively to the East, where they are used to such conditions. We do not want zero weather here, whether the atmosphere be heavily or lightly charged with moisture.

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appear never to have seen a gas tap or a water tap. There are such people in our vast country. When and where the accidents happened the writer does not always say.

I see in a paper just received that Manchester, England, is applying for leave to borrow two million seven hundred thousand pounds sterling (thirteen and a half million dollars) for the extension of their enormous gas works. The city owns these works, and the profits, which are very large, go to reduce the city rates. Gas light is much cheaper than electric light. Manchester has a fine electric light plant, but it does not pay. These conditions are very much the same all over England. Gas is much more used for lighting than electricity. And yet the "penney a liner" would find there but few cases of his favorite accidents to report.

This awfully sad accident in Chicago might serve him for years if he took to electricity accidents. A. F. January 4th, 1904.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS. To the Editor—Now that the civic contest will soon be on, I think it is necessary to draw the public attention to some of the actions of the council, notably to the vote of the council on the matter of the eight hour by-law, which at the last election was decided by a vote of 2,083 to 600 that eight hours should be the standard work day for all corporation works. At the council meeting on January 27th, Ald. Yates moved that eight hours be the standard work day for all corporation works, either day labor or contract. The amendment to administer a varying distinction: For—Ald. Graham, Stewart, Cameron and the Mayor. Against—Ald. Barnard, Vincent, Kinsman, Dinsdale, Yates, Goss. It is now up to the voters to know who are their friends and act accordingly. WORKINGMAN.

LECTURED ABOUT THE CORNISH FOLK ENJOYABLE ADDRESS BY REV. MR. PEARSE Delighted Large Audience for More Than an Hour—Many Humorous Anecdotes.

An address full of wit, humor and pathos also was delivered on Monday by Rev. Mark Guy Pearse at the Metropolitan Methodist church. After an hour's talk on the subject, "The Old Folks at Home," Rev. Pearse was about to take his seat when the enthusiastic applause and cries of "more!" induced him to reconsider his decision. He explained that he had made the regulations of an hour, and if it was the desire of the audience that he continue it was only right some return should be made. Skilled labor was always paid extra for overtime, and therefore if he told another story, or two, there should be no objection to a collection being taken up afterwards. This proposition was agreed to amid considerable laughter.

The church auditorium and galleries were crowded some time before the hour announced for the commencement of the lecture. Provision, however, had been made for a large number, and there were few who attended who did not secure seats. When Rev. Mr. Pearse ascended the platform he was tendered a hearty welcome. Rev. Elliott S. Rowe, D. D., who was also present, then announced the hymn, "Our Native Land," after which, with a few appropriate remarks, he introduced the speaker of the evening.

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He intended to take the audience in imagination down among the Cornishmen of old England. Some sweet association with the old folks at home would do many good. Going back fifty years he described graphically the calm serene character of the people and the "old world quiet" which then pervaded the parishes of that district. To mention a trip to London in those days was equivalent to opening the front door and letting in a draught of chill winter air. Anyone deciding upon such a venture was made the subject of prayers for three weeks before leaving, and when returning it was considered necessary to offer up thanksgiving for an equal period.

Coming down to a later period he described in a humorous way the first railways constructed through that part of England. He said "they came from nowhere in particular and went there." There was no regular scheduled time of leaving or of arriving by train, or if there was it was never adhered to. In this connection he told of a train that had been waiting at a Cornish station with about six passengers. Half an hour had passed and still there were no preparations for a start. At last someone had the temerity to enquire of the official as to what was causing the delay. The reply was: "Oh! Farmer A." has gone

Are You Studying? No use making a serious difficulty out of a reasonable proposition. You might as well understand at once the worth of getting the right things and not paying too much for them. We will give you lessons in the economy of life if you give us a chance. Oglvie's Hungarian Flour, Sack \$1.35 Dixi Brand Pastry Flour, Sack \$1.25 B. C. Granulated Sugar, 20 lbs. \$1.00 Fancy Creamery Butter, lb. 25c.

Dixie H. Ross & Co., CASH GROCERS. The only Grocers not in the Combine. These are the Goods People Are Looking for After the Holidays. Seville Oranges, per box 75c. The only oranges suitable for Marmalade. Finest Manitoba Jersey Creamery Butter, 1 pound blocks 25c.

The Saunders' Grocery Co., Ltd. The "West End" Grocery Co., Ltd. To town to pay a bill, and will be back in fifteen minutes or so. Rev. Mr. Pearse also spoke of the huge bonnets which were worn by the ladies in those days, remarking on the side to the ladies that "there was protection to those bonnets." The remarkable large shades to these bonnets were given much admiration by our grandmothers. There were times, however, when they were an inconvenience. On one occasion this was particularly the case. An elderly gentleman was bidding good-bye to his wife—who wore one of the bonnets referred to—and was seen to make frantic endeavors to administer a varying salute just as the train was about to move away. "It is a fact," said the speaker, "that the poor man had to drive these distinct times before he was successful."

These little anecdotes were told in Rev. Mr. Pearse's own inimitable manner, and caused unrestrained merriment. Continuing, he said that the advances in the civilization of the world was having its effect on the old Cornish parishes. "No old fashion" bonnets, cloaks, etc., can now be found. "Everything is according to the latest style, precisely as you have in Victoria." The dear old dialects were also gradually becoming extinct. Formerly the Yorkshireman could be distinguished from the Lancashire man, but now all were beginning to talk like Londoners. Here he told of a Londoner's opinion of the Dominion and Canadians. "Really they are remarkably ungrammatical in Canada. Instead of saying 'hoats' they say 'oats'."

In talking of the old days, there was always one character he took pride in referring to, and that was "Old Rosie," who was responsible "for my becoming a minister." He described in glowing language the perfection of this good old Christian lady, and how she had prayed that he might become a preacher. In simple but eloquent words he pictured her home and told of her death, just when she was about to be taken to the workhouse. He then went on to mention some of the horrors of the latter institution, pointing out in this connection that Canadians didn't know what poverty meant. "If on my return to England I am asked to describe Canada I shall say 'Canada is a tract of country as big as Europe without a workhouse.'"

This completed the first portion of the address, and he asked all to join in singing "Rock of Ages." For the next half hour he told of experiences among the Cornish fishermen. He first of all described the surroundings of these simple people—the enormous white cliffs and the majestic appearance of the great Atlantic, whether in calm repose or lashed into fury by a storm. "We Cornish people," the speaker said, "believe that there is no such grand scenery to be found anywhere in the world."

Continuing, he told of preaching among these fishermen; how he had spoken on one occasion for fully an hour and a half, and was about to close when his congregation cried for more. Accordingly he spoke for another ten minutes, and still was required to keep going. Somebody then stopped the clock, and he talked for fifteen minutes longer before he found out that something was wrong. "Fancy," he added, "people with such an appetite for sermons."

A number of characters among the Cornish fishermen were next described. Principal among these was Moses Dawk, a true, sturdy Christian in every sense of the term. He told of his first meeting Moses through the name the latter had given his smack. The Sir Wilfrid after Sir Wilfrid Lawson, leader of the

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A Number of Witnesses Were Examined But Their Testimony Afforded No Clue.

An investigation into the recent fire at the Army & Navy clothing store held Monday afternoon in the court before Magistrate Hall, consisting of W. R. Ross and F. J. Barnsley, G. H. Ross and F. J. Barnsley, sought to ascertain the origin of the fire. The evidence adduced, but an examination of a number of witnesses were unable to arrive at the cause of the fire, although the writers, and Frank Higgins, J. Cohen, and after some discussion, withdrew and magistrate regarded the evidence of witnesses, which special interest to readers of the "Examiner" is in the upper part of the evidence adduced, but an examination of a number of witnesses were unable to arrive at the cause of the fire, although the writers, and Frank Higgins, J. 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thought that the sum paid was excessive. Alex. Dunsmuir did not seem to offer any objection to the sum.

Witness could not say that it was characteristic of Alex. Dunsmuir to make a show of being reckless with regard to money, or that he wished to be classified as among the successful men of the world.

When Alex. Dunsmuir was going about ordinarily, witness learned that he was talking about half a bottle a day. He was about to begin to take about a bottle a day, which would result in a spec.

Witness gave the visits which he made to Mrs. Alex. Dunsmuir from June, 1900, to June, 1901, when she died. He attended every month from one to eleven times, making a total of 40 visits.

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Local News. An increase in the price of Canadian flour was reported Tuesday, the retail price being affected to the extent of 20 cents a barrel.

Look Don, who is charged with stealing electric light from the B. C. Electric Railway Company, appeared again in the city police court Wednesday, and his case was remanded until Monday.

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Mr. Rutherford Durham Noble, of Edinburgh, Scotland, and Miss Mary Fowler Withers, of Reading, Berkshire, England, were united in matrimony on New Year's Eve by Rev. Rowe. The happy couple have taken up their residence on San Juan avenue.

The young ladies' basketball team are putting in some hard practice for their game with the Victoria ladies' team at the drill hall next Saturday evening. At their practice last night they played excellent combination and clever shooting. The game will be played in the second part of the programme, and will commence at 9.30 o'clock.

Messrs. Hobson, Higgins, MacIn and Lamb, representing the Provincial Mining Association, had a satisfactory interview with Premier McBride Monday morning. The Premier expressed his adoption of remedial legislation for advancement of the mining industry, and were informed that the matter was engaging the attention of the executive.

The opening of St. Ann's Academy for the spring and summer session took place Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Christmas vacation the pupils will take up their studies with new energy. Besides the usual classes the department for shorthand and typewriting will be continued this term, as the usual during the past several years have been most satisfactory.

On Wednesday at the K. of P. hall a meeting of the Juvenile Foresters was held, when officers were installed for the ensuing term as follows: J. G. R. D., W. H. Webster; chief ranger, J. W. Wood; vice chief ranger, N. L. Croghan; senior woodward, R. L. Foster; junior woodward, W. J. Ehrhardt; senior beadle, R. S. Redford; junior beadle, Reg. Sargent. The ceremony was conducted by I. C. R. W. Wrightwood and A. P. Mansell, of Court Vancouver. After the transaction of business those present adjourned to the dining room where a pleasant social evening was spent.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Ada Harrington, widow of the late Rev. Edward Templer Harrington, of Devon, Eng., took place on Tuesday from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. J. G. Tarkenton, 614 Bay avenue, at 11 o'clock. The Right Rev. Bishop Perrin, assisted by Rev. E. Esnor Sharp, conducted appropriate services. Mr. Tarkenton presided at the organ. Rev. E. E. Shurtliff officiated at the graveside. Beautiful floral emblems were presented and the following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. D. M. Ebers, J. Shanon, C. R. J. Wood, L. Solomon, A. S. Dumbleton, W. Ridge-way Wilson and J. H. Poff.

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