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to the Times.) An examination of the following class...

press dispatch received today gives the Government 15.

OR USE IN WAR.

lks, of the British put into operation in most novel instrument...

reconnoitering party made pictures of the whole of the lines...

of combining the telescope has been used for astronomical observations...

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is thin and watery, the stomach and nervous system follow...

ING MARKET. (Contd. Press.) Dec. 8.—Advised re Apia, Samoa, dated by the news of Germany...

Pioneers' Banquet

The Twenty-Ninth Annual Reunion Held at the Dominion Hotel.

A Festive Night of Merriment and Tales of Auld Lang Syne.

The annual banquet of the B. O. Pioneer Society was held last night at the Dominion Hotel...

In response to an invitation to "Hys kloosh nika wa-wa, hysack" two old pioneers, Messrs. J. W. McKay and A. W. Robertson...

Mr. Belyea proposed "The Army, Navy and Volunteers," to which Lieutenant Gregory and Major Williams responded.

Major Williams told of how when the militia were established half a century ago they were sneered at and scoffed...

The vice-president, Mr. McEwen, proposed "The Governor-General," and Mr. J. B. Lovell the health of "The Lieutenant-Governor."

Continuing, the speaker said he told the reporter that his people should be the last people to complain...

OTTAWA SAYS CHARLIE. Ottawa says Charlie, the scout, has been sent to South Africa...

000,000 had been produced in the Canadian Yukon, and \$1,000,000 in Atlin.

When the speaker had closed United States Consul Smith rose to take exception to his remarks in reference to the position of British during the civil war.

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They saw the pack mules vanish. They watched the stampede go; They rooked their sand-filled "Griffens."

A PARALLEL CASE. The Case of R. A. Wade, the Criminal Lawyer of Chicago, Duplicated by that of an Ontario Lady.

Wade's Sight was Restored by Dodd's Kidney Pills—Mrs Geo. Barnes Not Only Short-sighted but Deaf—Part of a Box of Dodd's Kidney Pills Restored Both Sight and Hearing.

Smith's Falls, Dec. 8.—The case of R. A. Wade, the great criminal lawyer of Chicago, is at present exciting considerable attention in the United States.

Two girls took their lives in the Reading fire on Wednesday.

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Local News.

Chinese across the line and James L. Walker and Ed. O'Neil charged with smuggling wool into Whatcom county from British Columbia.

George Jeeves is a possible candidate for the position of alderman in the council of 1900. His candidature is conditional upon W. Marchant running for the same office.

Dr. Hogan, surgeon of the Cariboo Consolidated Co. of Quesnelle, who was on his way to the Coast to join Mrs. Hogan here, reports the winter has been mild to Quesnelle by the news that Manager J. B. Hobson has broken his ankle.

The regular examination of the Law Society commenced this morning in the Fall Court room. There are in all nine candidates, and of those who are writing on the final examination for admission are Messrs. E. S. G. Canadian barristers and solicitors.

Wm. Livingstone, of Savona, B. C., died on Friday last. He was for many years the collector for the provincial government at Clinton, afterwards engaged in sheep raising at Savona. Mr. Livingstone is said to have been a nephew of the African explorer, and came to British Columbia from Ontario.

Exc. A. D. McMillan and Mr. J. B. McKillop have each asked the Times to say they are resigning as aldermen. Mr. McKillop is the city chief of police. Mr. McMillan states that he has no such aspirations and Mr. McKillop's first intention of such an ambition was to-day when he saw himself credited with it in the morning paper.

It is said that now that the Fraser river canners intend organizing a combine and have held several meetings to that end, the fishermen themselves will take a hand in the matter. A meeting was held a couple of evenings ago of representative men from among the fishermen who have been working on the Fraser river for years. It has been suggested that they should form a union, no definite action has yet been taken, that they will double up the price, making it something like 40 cents for the next season, and in that way they expect to get their shares of the good things that they are getting.

On Saturday afternoon Serg. Langley of the provincial police force discovered the wreckage of the ship of which J. Alsop of this city was lost on Thursday last. Portions of the little vessel were strewn along the Beacon Hill beach to a distance of half a mile. The existence of Morrison, the man who survived the accident, was a terrible one. He stood in the little craft, which was almost full of water, balancing himself with an oar from one o'clock on Thursday afternoon until Friday night, when he was washed up at Beacon Hill. Had he not been a powerful young fellow he could not have survived. His limbs are badly swollen as a result of his thrilling experience.

The sale of lands for arrears of taxes which has been advertised for some time took place at noon to-day at City Hall, City Treasurer Kent officiating. There was a large attendance and all the lands were disposed of. A sharp competition took place between two prominent gentlemen for one parcel of land, the amount of the taxes, namely \$25.72, being formally satisfied by the sale of one of the four thousand acre lots to one of the bidders. Calculated on this basis an inch of this property would be worth \$102,880, while the lot itself, which is a sixty-foot one, would bring \$6,172,800.

The examination for the entrance scholarship, presented for the fourth year by the Lord Bishop of Columbia, will be held at the Collegiate school, on the first day of the Easter term, January 15th, 1900, at 9:30 a.m. Entrance is open to all boys, irrespective of age, but the names of intending candidates must be received by the head master not later than January 8th. The school scholarship is now being competed for, and the result will be announced by the examiner, Rev. Archdeacon Scriver, at A., at the distribution of prizes on the 14th instant.

St. Savion's church, Victoria West, was well filled upon the occasion of the reopening of the edifice after its recent fire. There were many Spokan and Seattle men are quietly securing options on many of the prospects there, knowing that in a very short time the attention of mining men will be directed to the coast and they will realize handsomely on their investment. Some of the prospects who recently went up with John Braden to look at the iron properties on Barclay Sound, some of which they acquired, stated that in all their experience they had never seen a country so well mineralized or possessing leads of such extent.

The renovation of the church of the Holy Trinity, at the corner of the intersection of the church was performed by the Bishop of Columbia, the rector, Rural Dean Barber, reading the prayers, Canon Beaufort, the lessons, and Archdeacon Scriver preaching. The church was opened by the choir under the leadership of Mr. C. W. Jenkinson. The addition to the church is in the form of a transept and almost doubles the seating accommodation of the church. The cost of the property of the church was \$10,000, and the original contract price is almost raised, although it is only two months since the change was decided upon. The building committee consisted of Rev. W. D. Barber and Messrs. Prince, Finmore and Penwell. The general committee consists of Sir Henry Cresgre, Hon. P. O'Reilly, Capt. Gaudin, Beaumont Boggs, H. Brickman, P. R. Brown, E. J. Eyles, C. W. Jenkinson, H. C. Morrison, T. P. Mitchell, C. T. Forth, R. J. Russell, S. Shore and C. B. Wilson. The contractor for the work was Mr. J. J. Collins, who, together with Mr. Willard, who did the painting, performed his duties in an admirable manner. The architect was Mr. Jas. Finmore.

A free train will leave Hillside station on Wednesday, the 13th, at 7:30 p.m. for those wishing to attend the Agricultural Society ball at Saanichton.

John, Coughlan & Co. of Victoria and New Westminster have been awarded the contract for a new brick and stone hotel at New Westminster to cost \$19,000.

Mr. Turner, who has charge of the Victoria string at the California college show at Oakland, telegraphs that "Cyprian" will read the address at the banquet of the Victoria String, which has taken high honors.

By his will the late Wm. McDonald of this city has bequeathed not only the E. C. Protestant Orphanage, as mentioned a few days ago, but the B. C. Benevolent Society as well. The latter receives \$200.

The membership fee of the Yorkshire Society has been placed at 50 cents. The objects of the society are purely social. All Yorkshiremen are urged to hand in their applications to Canon England, Secretary Outburt, or any member of the committee before the date of the annual banquet in January.

The days of the opium smuggler are not past. Yesterday the Federal court grand jury in session at Seattle returned a true bill against Ah Sing, who was charged with smuggling five pounds of opium from British Columbia on November 2nd. True bills were also found against Charles Dine accused of taking eight

Council of Women

Annual Meeting of the Local Association Being Held To-Day.

Election of Officers—Encouraging Reports From Departments of Work.

The fifth annual meeting of the Local Council of Women opened this morning in the City Hall with a large attendance of members. In the absence of Miss Ferrin, the president in England, the chair was ably filled by Mrs. Gordon Grant.

After opening ceremonies a lengthy discussion took place in regard to the programme. Mrs. Grant, who presided, was all the while so full of good pleasure and gratitude. She herself admitted her example, and urged that before long I may have the opportunity of meeting Mrs. Baker, when a "council talk" will most certainly form an important part of the programme.

The president's report was submitted to the President, Officers and Members of the Executive of the Local Council of Women of Victoria and Vancouver, and of Delegates of the Affiliated Societies.

Ladies—Owing to my unavoidable absence from your annual meeting this year, money and possessions in full in giving dress, and, indeed, I feel to be relieved of the responsibility, remembering, as I do, the very high standard of presidents' addresses to which this council has been accustomed, and to which it would be impossible for me to do justice.

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Along the Waterfront.

Langley, Logan & Co., a lately organized shipping firm, have removed their offices from the Junction below to 46 Yates street, a short distance below government street.

The steamer Boscowitz arrived this morning from Kidegate and has a number of passengers, but most of them left for New Westminster and Vancouver, at which ports she called on Saturday.

Capt. Wallace Langley went out with the tug Lorne on Saturday, and after some hours work succeeded in raising the anchor of the ship Albatross, which had been dropped as told on Saturday in 55 fathoms of water.

Steamer Queen sailed last night for San Francisco. Among those who took passage on her from here, were Captain W. Heathorn, M.P.P., Joseph Wilson, W. Heathorn, S. G. Russell, Mr. McKay and Mrs. R. Ferguson.

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The names of the British killed and wounded at a battle are ascertained by means of the identification cards, which all soldiers carry sewn up in the left hand corner of their khaki tunics.

There is still no word of the long overdue schooner American Girl, which is now 64 days out from San Francisco for Port Hadlock.

Before, while at the islands, she ran on a reef and was only temporarily repaired before leaving for this port, it being the intention to repair her here.

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Italian bark Cavour sailed into the Royal Roads this morning 37 days from Shanghai. There was some excitement on the waterfront when she was seen in the Roads, for she is very much like the long overdue bark Colina in appearance, and it was thought that she had at first made port after all.

Who are so strong and young, And brave and wise, And on the dark are hung With darkened eyes.

Who roystered and caroused, And leave an'wise, And now are dumbly housed In stranger city.

Who valiantly led, Who followed valiantly, Who knew no touch of dread, Of that which was to be.

Children that were as naught Ere ye were tried, How have ye dared and fought, Triumphant and died!

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wreck with the idea in view to Cape Nome as she stood the lumber cargo at the high galling there. Other bidders...

At the Bottom of the Sea

Mysteries of the Ocean's Great Depths-Where Darkness Reigns.

Fish That Have Lanterns on Their Heads Fight on the Floors.

Deep sea exploration has the call upon extensive scientific enterprises. At the moment, besides the great expedition of the United States Fish Commission...

degrees. The temperature of the floor of the Indian ocean is below 35 degrees. A similarly low temperature occurs over a large part of the South Atlantic and parts of the Pacific.

The low temperatures of the deep sea are believed to have been discovered at the surface in polar regions, chiefly within the cold latitudes of the Southern Hemisphere around the South Pole, where the cooled surface water sinks by its superior weight and spreads slowly over the bottom into equatorial regions.

Blackness of Night. Total darkness as well as freezing cold reigns in these deep-sea regions, for the rays of the sun are absorbed in passing through the upper layers of water.

THE BOER RIFLEMAN'S SONG.

An unknown poet, or, at least, one who is known only by the initials, "L. O. R.," has written what may be called justly the best poem that the war in South Africa has inspired yet.

Lay my rifle here beside me, set my Bible on my breast, For a moment let the waiting bugles cease. As the country is closing, I am going to my rest, Lord, lettest Thou Thy servant go in peace.

Another interesting fact shown by late researches is that the sea floor along the main continental slopes descends rapidly at comparatively short distances from the land surfaces, in numberless instances descending downward over perpendicular cliffs.

BRITAIN'S WAR FACTORY.

225 Worth of War-Material is Made Every Hour.

Woolwich Arsenal is a busy place always (although it is said that a few months ago a fire-eating official of this gigantic arm-factory was yearning for a "big bang" to stimulate "trade").

STEEL PALACE FOR JAPAN.

The Mikado's Son Will Test the Construction.

The son of the Mikado is to have a modern American steel palace, says the New York Herald, which will be built in Tokyo immediately and will cost 4,000,000 yen.

Site of a Large Farm.

It is one imagines from ten to twenty thousand skilled artisans working all the year round upon a space of six hundred acres-somewhat the numbers of the men seem more impressive when they are thought of as needing this gigantic expedition for their work-one begins to realize in some small degree, the strain upon the navy if it is to even keep the army and navy upon their peace as well as war strength in armaments.

Great Battleships.

The depths of the sea are great battlefields, just as the shallower depths are, and a remorseless struggle for existence, where "fish eats fish" goes on in the dark, cold abyss, pretty much as in the lighter and warmer upper strata of the sea water.

GAINING A WIDE REPUTATION.

As a cure for rheumatism Chamberlain's Pain Balm is gaining a wide reputation. D. B. Johnston of Richmond, Ind., has been troubled with that ailment since 1862.

TELEGRAPH IN WAR.

How the Wires Are Laid and Who Lays Them-Put to Practical Test.

Besides performing their regular duties, the Royal Engineers construct and work the military telegraphs. This duty falls to the Telegraph Battalion, which is divided into two divisions. In peacetime the first of these divisions is stationed at Aldershot, and is employed for purely military telegraph work.

A Volunteer Battalion.

The 24th Middlesex Rifle Volunteers is entirely composed of employees of the general post office, and the men are telegraph reservists. The regiment, which numbers some 1,100 men, has an interesting history.

Practical Test.

It would be impossible to notice all the occasions on which our military telegraph service has proved its efficiency, and we can only glance at a few, in which special commendation has been given to the Telegraph Battalion.

Line to Omdurman.

In the Dongola expedition of 1896 the laying of the telegraph was under the direction of Lieut. Mansfield, R. E. Throughout the campaign he generally managed to have his line laid to a place by the time the troops had established themselves in it.

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The Chicago Tribune says: "William J. Conners, of Buffalo, has been in consultation with some of the largest grain shippers of Chicago regarding an alternative route for grain to the seaboard. Montreal is to be the seaboard terminal of the route. Mr. Conners expressed the opinion that the project would be in operation by July, 1900."

ARTILLERY FOR AFRICA.

The Siege Train for Pretoria and New Field Batteries.

With his thoughts full of armored trains of this, that and the other variety, it is not surprising that the man in the street associates a siege train with something that travels on a railway track and is propelled by a locomotive.

Practical Test.

As for physique, the 1,100 men who will staff the train are comparable even to the Horse Guards. A young recruit for the garrison artillery is nothing if he is not 5 feet 8 inches or 5 feet 9 inches when he enlists, and as he is generally still growing then, he develops into a fine soldier.

Practical Test.

Already the six-mile-an-hour trotters are taking to themselves the aspect of army horses in a marvelous way, and soon they will be quite military except for their dotted tails, which are a happy exception among army cattle.

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So military men are skeptical whether the train will ever get real "siege" action, but, at all events, it will be useful to demolish the Boer positions on the way up country-if they have not previously been reduced by other artillery. Our chief want for the next few weeks will be heavy guns with an abundance of ammunition.-London Morning Leader.

DOITING 'S AND CROSSING 'S.

Mr. W. L. Alden has some amusing words to say concerning the practice of dotting 's and crossing 's in his witty notes on "Life's Little Mysteries" in Pearson's Magazine.

Practical Test.

"The other day some one found fault with me for having written a letter without dotting a single 't or crossing a single 's. When I asked why I should be required to dot and cross those troublesome letters I was told that it was the custom so to do. Absurd as the answer was, considered as an argument, it was the only position I could take down, and 'forty times' of the existing title were renewed."

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Michael Davitt, during his day in parliament, did more literary work in the house writing room, where silence is enforced, sitting invariably in the same seat.

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### Cottage In Port

A Rough Passage Across Queen Charlotte Sound—The Bird Murder Trial.

Indictments Brought Against Prominent Seattle Men for Taking the Totem.

Steamer Cottage City arrived this morning from Alaskan mail ports after one of the roughest trips she has made since she came around from the Atlantic to run on this coast.

There were about eighty passengers on the steamer, nearly all from coast points. Among the passengers was Col. Linton, surveyor general for Alaska, with headquarters at Sitka.

Arrivals from Japan, all of the trial of J. Homer Bird, who is accused of the murder of three companions on the Yukon this spring.

From Skagway comes news that a stream of laborers have been pouring through that city for some time past from British Columbia and the Sound to the interior to work on the extension being built by the W. F. & Y. R.R.

A marvelous invention, by which it is possible to send colored pictures of moving objects over wires, like telephone messages, is described by Mr. Cleveland Moffett in Pearson's Magazine.

"When will the distance-see be first shown to the public?" Szecepanik was asked by the writer.

screen? "None whatever; it will be as simple as working an ordinary magic lantern. Whatever comes over the wires will be projected plainly for everyone to look at—olors, movements and all, just as in life.

### Mayor Seeks Re-election

His Worship Will Oppose Ald. Chas. Hayward For Chief Magistrate.

Long-Pending Bridge Suits Rapidly Approaching a Satisfactory Settlement.

The Times has it on the authority of the gentlemen whose names are mentioned, Messrs. Charles E. Redfern and Charles Hayward, that they will contest for the majority of Victoria at the next municipal election.

The candidature of Mr. Hayward was announced a few days ago, but at that time the mayor was not disposed to give a decisive reply in regard to his intentions.

"Oh, none whatever," was his reply. "Ald. Hayward has set in the city council for one term, and he and the presiding officer have seldom differed on matters of public policy."

Another marvellous escape from death by cancer is reported this week without using knife or plaster. Write for full particulars STOTT & JURY, Box 9, Howmanville, Ont.

A dispatch from Berlin says that Count Tolstoi has been seriously ill. For two days he was unconscious, but now is slightly better, although great anxiety is still manifested in Moscow regarding him.

### The Vacant Chiefship

Capt. Raat, Late of the 12th Royal Lancers, an Applicant.

List of Those Seeking the Position and Their Records

In the course of two weeks and a half the board of city commissioners of the city will undertake the selection of a chief of police to succeed Henry W. Sheppard.

Those whose names are mentioned in the first connection are: Sgt. John Hayward, senior sergeant of the force, and Detective Thos. Palmer, who joined the local force in 1882.

Mr. Whitehead, who has resided in the city for seven years, five of which were spent in the customs service.

### Swept to Death

J. Allsop, of This City Drowned From a Sloop Off Discovery Island.

His Companion Clings to the Wrecked vessel for 36 Hours.

Peter Morrison, residing in Seattle, was washed up on the beach at the foot of Menzie street, on Dallas Road, about 1 last night, with the wreckage from a sloop.

"When about six miles off Discovery Island," said Morrison, "on Thursday at 1 p.m., the wind had been blowing heavily from the southeast, and towards noon it hauled round to the southwest, and became squally.

### Provincial News.

SANDON. Sleights were running in Sandon last week.

NEW DENVER. Martin Molde, for years nurse and steward in the Slocan hospital, is on his way to Norway, where he will marry the girl that he left behind him nine years ago.

Complaints have been made of late of petty stealing among the men at the mines, and one day last week one of the workmen lost a valuable watch and chain.

Besides keeping their positions for Messrs. Wikie and Lohman, of the asylum staff, until their return from South Africa, the provincial government has, in response to representations of the rather needy condition in which Mrs. Wikie and her large family of young children were left, decided to allow her \$80 a month, considerably more than half of the cash salary received by her husband until his return.

Mayor Ovens has retired from the mayoralty contest, leaving a triangular fight between Ald. Scott, W. H. Kearny and A. M. Herring.

Major Garden was presented on Thursday with a petition, asking him to be a candidate in the next election for the mayoralty in January.

Mr. Thomas Kidd, M.P.P., was in the city on Thursday. He says that the rejected floods on Lulu Island have done no damage, although a few fields have been covered with water.

### Agony of Eczema.

Couldn't Sleep at Night With the Torture.

Eczema, or St. Rheum as it is often called, is one of the most agonizing of skin diseases, nothing but torture during the day and two-fold torture at night.

### SEE THAT THE FAC-SIMILE SIGNATURE OF EVERY BOTTLE OF CASTORIA

Vegetable Preparation for Assimilating the Food and Regulating the Stomachs and Bowels of INFANTS & CHILDREN

Promote Digestion, Cheerfulness and Rest. Contains neither Opium, Morphine nor Mineral. NOT NARCOTIC.

Perfect Remedy for Constipation, Sour Stomach, Diarrhoea, Worms, Convulsions, Feverishness and Loss of Sleep.

Castoria is put up in one-size bottles only. It is not sold in bulk. Don't allow anyone to sell you anything else in this line or promise that it is "just as good" and "will answer every purpose." See that you get O-A-S-T-O-R-I-A.

### Right Here...

Are the new fruits that you are looking for. Low prices cause rapid changes, and careful buying makes sure that the goods are the best.

Finest Re-cleaned Currants, 3 lbs. for 25c  
Finest Seed Raisins, 10c lb.  
Finest Valencia Raisins, 10c. lb.  
Finest Chopped Peel, 20c. lb.  
Finest Metz Fruits, Figs and Nuts.

### Morgan's Eastern Oysters

Dixie H. Ross & Co.

"OPEN DOOR" IN CHINA.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Various publications, coming from European sources touching the decision of the powers to meet the United States' request for a formal written undertaking to maintain the "open door" in China, are giving satisfaction to the officials here, as indicating the success of the important diplomatic negotiations.

Berlin women shirtmakers receive only 30 cents a dozen for making face shirts. Manganin is an alloy of manganese, nickel and copper. It can be drawn or cast, and is used in the manufacture of measuring instruments.

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J. Bull has got his faults, maybe; There's tarrin chalk on good as he. An' some t'ier's was, 'twixt you an' me. Whatever folk may say; He's glad to tread a peaceful track 'Till others hit his fist, 'er smack! An' then he'll turn to hit 'em back! Per' that's John's way!

It's true he likes to strut around! An' go paradin' an' ad' down With all the rattle in the town A-shoutin' out "Hoorary!" He'll boast afore a fight is won, But, when the little job's begun, He don't leave off until it's done. Per' that's John's way!

"I know that I'm a man of worth," See John, 'an' great an' good by birth; I'll lick the biggest foe on earth. "Es dars me to the fray!" Such blusterin' mayn't be highly-bred, But, all the same, he goes ahead. An' does exactly what he said. Per' that's John's way!

John has a foomal hat or so, He's valn, he's misty, yet we know He has a lion heart, although - He tries so hard to bray; There's some, they're foomal critters, too. That brags up what they durs' do! J. B.—he meks his bonn's come true. Per' that's John's way!

An', after all, he might be wuss, He ain't a vicious kind uv cuss, But rather like the rest uv us, A mixer—good an' clay; He hates his foe, like wussen men, An' knocks him flat, 'gosh!—but then He'll help him to his feet again. Per' that's John's way!

It's jest his way—he can't be got To fight till he has talked a lot Of all he's done afore, an' got He's goin' to do to-day; But when he's took his cost off—my! Yer can't prevent him of yer try. He'll do the business thoroughly. Per' that's John's way! —Hooee, Jan., in London Spectator.

### STURDY CHILDREN

Most parents take a pride in having their boys and girls robust and rosy checked—full of energy and animation. When the children's health begins to fail—the cheeks get pale, twitchings and startings in the sleep, indifference to food, no desire to play—then indeed is there anxiety.

Mothers and fathers, your sickly, weakly, nervous, pale checked boy or girl can be made strong and healthy by a box or two of MILBURN'S HEART AND NERVE PILLS.

This remedy creates new, rich blood and nerve tissue, and builds up the constitution.

Mr. James Mahaffy, Mitchell, Ont., gave this statement as his experience: "I heartily recommend Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills for run-down, nervous boys and girls. They have cured one of my children and abundantly proved that they are a splendid medicine for all heart and nerve troubles, weakness and debility, especially of growing children.

Price 50c. a box, or 3 for \$1.25 at all druggists.

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The throat and lungs become rough and inflamed from coughing and the germs of consumption find an easy entrance. Take no chances with the dangerous foe.

For sixty years there has been a perfect cure. What a record! Sixty years of curing colds and coughs of all kinds.

### AYER'S PECTORAL

soothes and heals the wounded throat and lungs. You escape an attack of consumption with all its terrible suffering and uncertain result. There is nothing so bad for the throat and lungs as coughing.

A 25c. bottle will cure an ordinary cough; harder coughs will need a 50c. size; the dollar bottle is cheapest in the long run.







Provincial News.

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NEW DENVER. Rumors galore are current respecting railway development in the lake country next spring.

CHILLIWACK. The anniversary services of Carman Methodist church were held on Sunday Monday, and were much enjoyed by the congregation.

THE LIVERPOOL DOCKS. Discussing the subject of Liverpool docks, a writer in the Windsor advocate says: "Liverpool provides for shipping by the most ample, elaborate perfect system of harbor acccommodations."

NEW WESTMINSTER. Alderman Scott has taken to his bed as the result of a severe attack of influenza, which he has been fighting for some days.

A merchant complains that a peddler is going about the hill selling fish, in the course of which he is using steel-yards and scales. The license inspector has been notified, and if he catches the offender he may succeed, as he did some years ago, in securing the imposition of a \$100 fine for this flagrant breach of the law.

HE BOEK IN PRAISE TIME. Twain has met the Boer, and this he says in him: "He is deeply proud; unconsciously habit, obstinate; honest in his habits; the most hard master to his boys."

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NOT A SURPRISE. It is not a surprise to any who are familiar with the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, to find that people everywhere take pleasure in its use.

solemnized at the Home hotel at 8 o'clock last night. The preparations were of a most sumptuous character to follow the ceremony. All was in expectant readiness last night until the arrival of the train from Spokane, which was to bring the bride, Mrs. White received a despatch from her fiancée sent from Devil's Lake, North Dakota, while en route, and it is supposed that the train missed connection with the train for Nelson at Spokane.

The committee appointed from the city council on Monday evening to confer with the school board relative to the formation of Nelson as a city school district, met on Wednesday. The result of the conference was that the city will recommend that the city solicitor be instructed to prepare an amendment to the Public School Act, which amendment would make Nelson a city school district.

AMERICAN DISCOVERIES IN THE ANTARCTIC. The first important discovery of land by an American came about in 1820. At that time a Scotch Shetland Islands whaler named John Sevier, was just being rediscovered by Sir William Smith, and according to the good old English custom, duly rechristened. They seemed to offer a good field for sealers, and promptly a fleet of American whalers came in Yankee Harbor, about the year 1825.

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In the following season Palmer visited his discovery again, coasted it for almost fifteen degrees—from about the sixtieth north parallel of longitude to the forty-ninth—and at 61 miles from the coast came upon a strait which he named after Washington. He landed in a bay, and christened it for Monroe. His name, however, together with those given by other Americans, have disappeared from the charts.

ALBERNI NOTES. (Special to the Times.) Alberni, Dec. 7.—Coal oil and other household necessities are at a premium here on account of the non-arrival of the C.P.N. boat. She is not expected before the 11th.

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regard the growth of other new points in the vicinity of Grand Forks as a distinctly favorable to the future growth of the city, as they will be feeders to Grand Forks, the metropolis of the Boundary. Sufficient has already been done in the various mines to demonstrate the enormous extent of the ledge, and the richness of their ores. In the midst of this rush for gold and copper, the agricultural possibilities of the Kettle River Valley. I am glad to observe, are not being overlooked.

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Mining News.

Tosento parties, acting through W. S. Drewry, have bonded the Silverite group of five claims from A. C. Allen, J. Cory, S. Foster and J. F. Kelly. These claims are on the Sandon slope and have the Queen Bees lead exposed, showing clean ore in a number of places. The figures are believed to be \$50,000. W. P. Koch was given the contract to put up a new bunkhouse, and it is proposed to extensively develop the group during the winter.

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Columbia-Kootenay.—On the Columbia-Kootenay mine is going on an interesting large station in the vicinity of the Deer Park. The station is being cut about 1,000 feet from the mouth of the tunnel, and the management intend to crosscut at each 200-foot station and continue down until the whole value of the mine has been ascertained. The shaft is being sunk through the belt where ore has been found above, and it is expected that the property will prove to be one of the best in the district.

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On the Cannonball, rich ore, in which is a large percentage of galena, is encountered the full depth of the 90-foot shaft. The property is now en route for the work will be continued all winter. On the Mystery a force of six men has been employed for the past eight months running three tunnels; tunnel three is now 100 feet deep, tunnel two is now 100 feet deep and 120 feet wide. The vein was recently encountered and the full force of the tunnel is now in ore with average values of \$12 to \$20 per ton.

The Madison force has been increased to 29 men. The new buildings will be completed a few days. Ore shipments from the camp are made up of 40 tons from the Noble Five, 60 from the Rambler-Cariboo and 45 from the native Silver Bell.

Eighteen claims are under bond to the Warner-Miller people in the vicinity of the Skylark and Hammer groups. The latter group is under bond to the Miller group of which the Skylark is a part. The Miller group is under bond to the Warner-Miller people and the Skylark group.

The regular meeting of the Vancouver Liberal Association was held on Wednesday evening. The question of the Atlin mail service was the principal one discussed. It was decided to memorialize the postoffice department to allow newspapers to go through to Atlin during the winter with the letter mail.

GRAND FORKS. Grand Forks, B. C., Dec. 5.—F. M. Holland, general manager of the Dominion Permanent Loan Co. of Toronto, has spent the past week in Grand Forks. He was simply amazed at the progress the city has made since his last visit, a year ago.

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From an African Diary

Interesting Story of a Trip From Korke's Drift to Ladysmith.

A Ride in 18-1 Across the Natal Battlefields of To-Day.

We have received, says the London Daily Mail, the following extremely interesting article from Mr. J. E. C. Bodley, the well-known author of "France," admittedly the standard work of our times on our neighbor across the Channel.

Monday—A sleepily rose at 5:30, but it was late for starting, and a morning hour lost in African travelling is never made up.

At Oliver's Hoek we caught up the train as it huffed and puffed in the morning.

knows a short cut over the mountain. So before we were half-way up the sun had gone.

And a Boer we met said Dundee was still five miles away.

At last, when we had plunged into bush over our heads, we saw the distant peak of a kraal, so my guide got two Kaffirs to help us down to the road after four hours' break-neck wandering among precipices.

These simple notes, mostly made at off-putting places, were not written for publication.

On the way to Natal, at Standerton, I noted a typical instance of a "Uitlander's grievance," though the term was not yet invented.

From Newcastle to Ladysmith in a Cape cart, "Nothing was ever more horrible than my night journey over the Biggarsberg—the pecked cart, with the closed before and behind; pitch-darkness so black that the terrific lurching could only be felt, not seen, except when the lightning flashed, and a turmoil without of pouring rain and of torrents rushing around us, while the horses flaked and stumbled at every jolt.

At Pietermaritzburg the governor, Sir Arthur Havocok (now governor of Madras), kindly planned for me a tour on horseback to Zululand, as at Korke's Drift I was the guest under canvas of Major McKean, of the Liniskilling Dragoons.

At Fugitives Drift. My pony was a pretty bay Basuto, rather light, but I intended riding only to Dundee, to take the coach next day.

Natal Caribinees. Telling stories of Isandhlwani fight to the accompaniment of the roar of rain on the iron roof.

KIMBERLEY'S RICHES.

No One Knows the Value of Diamonds in Store, but They Are Probably Worth \$100,000,000.

Nobody knows just how much value in the shape of diamonds is kept in store at Kimberley, says a letter to the Standard from London.

The yield of the mines is about 5,500 carats every twenty-four hours, and the diamonds obtained from the diggings are sent daily, under an armed escort, to the Company's headquarters.

Only a dozen years ago the Kimberley mines were worked as over 3,000 acres of arable land; each thirty-one feet square, and separated from each other by narrow roads for hauling the gem-bearing earth.

At various levels, like so many burrows, in which laborers dig out the diamond-bearing earth and load it upon hand-carts, they have pursued the method of searching for diamonds by means of a tin.

Some of the Latest Diamonds ever known have been dug out of the Kimberley deposits. One of these, from the De Beers mine, was exhibited at the Paris Exposition in 1889.

In their Natural State are by no means the dull pebbles they are commonly described as being. On the contrary, though not so brilliant as when cut by the skilled lapidary, they are bright and sparkling.

Geologists think they know just how the diamonds of the South African fields were made by nature. The surface layer of the earth thereabouts was originally shale, or, in other words, a kind of rock containing a large percentage of carbon.

There are 19,914 locomotives at work on the railways of the United Kingdom, and each of these on an average runs 10,000 miles in a year, and earns for the railway company about £100.

them for a sufficient sum to make him rich for life. Later on many valuable stones were found in the gravels of the Vaal and Grog-Grog rivers, but it was not until 1870 that prospectors came upon the real source of supply from which these accidental gems had been washed out by the streams.

Added to the World's Wealth ten tons of diamonds, worth \$300,000,000 uncut and \$600,000,000 after cutting. These mines employ 1,500 Europeans and about 6,000 Kaffirs.

How many diamonds are stolen under such conditions is a mystery even to the officials of the company. On one occasion a black fellow was found to have concealed a black stone, worth many thousands of dollars, in a wound in the calf of his leg, covering it over with a piece of sticking plaster just the color of the skin.

How few there are men are required to "mine" a horse quickly and well. One man holds the "brass," which is made of lead, and is fastened to the side of the horse's head.

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