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OUR neighbors may cackle as they please, observes an eastern Canadian journal noted for its loyalty, about their country being, above all others, "the home of the free," but the marriage laws alone, to say nothing of many other features of their laws and institutions, show that they have either forgotten the grand ideas of English liberty or have failed to reach that sense of liberty and justice combined, without which nominally free institutions become more or less a mockery. In fifteen of the United States, the journal in question goes on to say, the marriage of whites with blacks is prohibited. These states are mostly southern, as might be expected, but they are not exclusively so, for even Indiana erects a bar against negro alliances in the enactment that no white shall marry a person of more than five-eighths of negro blood, and Arizona, Colorado, and Montana follow more or less the usual southern prohibitions in this regard. In Maryland, while such marriages are not illegal, the person officiating at the marriage is subject to a fine of one hundred dollars. In North Carolina the intermarriage of whites and blacks is not forbidden, but an old law still prevails prohibiting the intermarriage of negroes and Indians. In Tennessee a variation from the ordinary restriction is found in the prohibition of a white woman marrying a negro. To this general interference with the liberty of marriage in the south, Virginia and Louisiana are exceptions. The Indian in three states—Texas, South Carolina and Colorado—is debarred marriage with whites. In North Carolina the prohibition of marriage of Indians with negroes is probably a relic of some old troublous period. The southern states and states colonized by southerners have not been the only offenders against the freedom of marriage. As the black has aroused the prejudice of the southern white, the Mongolian has aroused the antagonism of the northerner into a like offence against liberty. In Arizona and Colorado, and also in California and Oregon, which are distinctly northern states in blood and ideas, intermarriage of whites and Chinese is illegal. Colorado, which is under the dominance of settlers from the northeast, has more interferences with freedom of marriage laws than any of the states, for marriages of whites with persons of more than half Indian, negro or Mongolian blood is contrary to statute. In several other states there are other improper bars to marriage, but they are rather the results of ignorance than of a spirit of tyrannical interference with the liberty of the individual. Whatever may be pleaded as general common sense considerations against the intermarriage of certain races, says our cotemporary referred to above, Canadians would not tolerate the creation by statute of the hindrances to justice and morality which, in this respect, are incorporated in the laws of many of the United States. In not one of the provinces of Canada do any of the prohibitions referred to exist. There have been episodes in the past history of the country which were calculated to rouse race antagonisms, and in British Columbia the usual Mongolian trouble of the Pacific slope has presented itself, but no one appears to have dreamed of so great an interference with the dictates of justice, liberty and common sense as is implied in the marriage laws of more than half of the states of the American republic.

Injured the Engine.

The steamer Rainbow brought up from Victoria a Merryweather fire engine to replace the injured one here. When the home engine was being run out on Saturday the tool-box fell and knocked off a tap on the boiler, and when the fire was lit several tubes were burned out and the engine rendered useless. Chief Ackerman immediately telegraphed Chief Deasy of the Victoria fire department for the loan of one of their engines, which appeal was promptly responded to. Chief Ackerman also telegraphed east for a new set of tubes, to the manufacturers in Ontario; they will be sent out as soon as possible. The injured engine has been partially taken to pieces for examination. The engine sent from Victoria is smaller than the city one, but is very serviceable, being the same as are used in London, Eng.

The Acorn in Port.

The visit of H. M. S. Acorn to this port is of no special significance. The vessel may remain until after New Year's day, or may leave to-morrow; ice or orders from Esquimalt, will govern the length of her visit. The Acorn left Vancouver on Saturday afternoon, and lay off Ladners all night, reaching this port early yesterday morning. She crossed the sandheads at half tide, and found plenty of water. No survey of the river is to be made at present. Mayor Townsend called on Capt. Pollard yesterday, and to-day he was on hand again and initiated several of the officers into the mysteries of sleigh driving.

The police are going to turn some of their superfluous attention to the coasting on Mary street. It certainly needs a little supervision of some kind.

LOCALS IN BRIEF.

No police court this morning. Evidently too cold for crime.

A new lot of snag proof gum boots at Grant & Maclure's. tc

Great quantities of smelts have been received at the city fish marts.

New goods: another lot of $3.25 ladies kid boots at Grant & Maclure's.

The steamer Louise, in coming up the river, encountered vast quantities of drift ice.

There was exactly twelve inches of snow on the level at one o'clock this afternoon.

The next dance of the Westminster assembly will be held in the Odd Fellows' hall on Wednesday week.

H. M. S. Acorn slipped up stream about a cable's length this morning and took position opposite Mary street.

No better sleighing in the country than on the streets of Westminster to-day.

Messrs. W. & G. Wolfenden are prepared to receive orders for groceries at their new store in the Bushby block. tc

The city council meets to-night at 8 o'clock. This will be the last meeting of the aldermanic board of 1889. May its successors in office show as good a record of progress at the close of 1890.

There will be the usual midnight service at Holy Trinity church on Tuesday night. The service begins at 11.30. A large number of the congregation will meet to see the old year out and the new year in.

The residents of the upper portion of the city, on streets where there are no sidewalks, find it very difficult making their way on foot through the snow. There has not been such a depth of snow on the ground for many years as there is at present.

Owing to our limited space to-day the usual church notices are left out, and these reports will be discontinued for several weeks at least.

Large congregations filled the churches yesterday both morning and evening, and the sermons preached had particular reference to the Christmas and New Year's festivals. Holy Trinity church has been handsomely decorated with evergreens, mottoes, etc., and the altar adornments though extremely simple are very pretty and chaste.

The str. Delaware returned from up river yesterday afternoon with a good load of farm produce and a few passengers. After discharging she proceeded to the Coquitlam to tie up for the season. She, however, came down this morning and lay at her berth at Mathers & Milligan's wharf. Around her water line stout boards have been fixed to guard her against the ice.

The Royal City Planing Mills Co. sent a car load of 60 feet timber on Saturday to Montreal for the C. P. R. car building shops. They also sent two car loads of lumber to-day to the North West Coal & Navigation Co's headquarters at Lethbridge.

The str. Active is having her old boiler taken out. This work will be accomplished in a day or two. The new boiler, which is a fine one, arrived from the east last week.

H. M. S. Acorn cast anchor in mid stream, opposite Begbie st., yesterday forenoon. The lead was freely used in coming up, and the ship came in very slowly.

Careful measurements taken at various level and sheltered spots about the city give the depth of the snow this morning at from twelve to sixteen inches.

Mr. Wintemute, whose snow plough was inadvertantly dubbed the "city snow plough" in a recent issue, was out this morning bright and early on the side and cross walks. The instrument is a primitive one, but it does splendid work, and the magnanimity of the owner is highly praised by every one.

Messrs. W. & G. Wolfenden will re-open with a new stock of first class groceries in a few days, and hope for the indulgence of their friends until they can make the necessary arrangements. tc

The tug Tepic arrived from the north to-day with a large boom of logs in tow for the Brunette Saw Mills. The boom presented a very wintry appearance.

A small bay pony with star in face, and a small sorrel pony, white face, strayed on to my property December 24th and are held by me. Owner can have same by proving property and paying expenses. If not claimed in 30 days will be sold for cost of keep.—J. W. STEIN, Brownsville, Dec. 30, 1889. 6t

The str. Louise arrived from Victoria this morning with 35 tons of freight for the C. P. R., 25 tons for the city and river and the following passengers: Rev. Martin, A. J. McLeod, C. Booth, C. P. Low, Major Wilson, C. Guslean, W. Goudie, T. McNeeley, H. Kirkland, A. Wadhams, W. W. Woods, W. Watson, W. Wadhams, M. Cly, G. McKenzie.

The old boat house which stood between the new wharf and Mathers & Milligan's old hay dock after standing up bravely under a tremendous load of accumulated snow succumbed last Saturday with a crash, smashing an old boat that was inside.

The sales of rubber goods, shoes, boots and coats, within the past few days have been very large. The boot and shoe trade is consequently reaping a harvest.

Early yesterday morning a fire destroyed the pottery works of Keller & Burris, situated on the E. & N. Railway, a few miles from Victoria. The loss was total, and amounted to about $15,000. Insurance small.

Some immense ice-floes cumbered the surface of the river yesterday and to-day. Fortunately, however, those floating impediments to navigation were mere skin ice, and the K. de K. managed to weather them in her Arctic expeditions to Brownsville.

Mr. D. Lyal leaves for the east to-morrow to purchase a new stock of stationery. In the meantime the firm has stocked up from Victoria and are in a position to supply their customers with full lines of staple goods.

Another heavy snow storm passed over the city yesterday. The "beautiful" commenced to fall at 12 o'clock, and the storm blew gaily till late in the evening. After sundown the wind veered to the south, and by 9 o'clock the weather was quite mild.

The section hands on the C. P. R. were busy to day with pick and shovel cutting out the caked snow from the rails and points. The engine and car wheels had converted the snow into solid ice and the work of removing it was attended with some difficulty.

The K de K is laid up until the ice goes out of the river. A man who owns a row boat is making "big money" transporting passengers to and from Brownsville. Although this means of crossing the river is very dangerous, it is not nearly so much so as the K de K would be.

At the St, Andrew's Presbyterian church Sunday school examination yesterday Master Welland Gordon had the honor of securing the first prize for bible knowlege and general excellence. The prize consisted of a handsome volume suitable to the occasion.

Installation of Officers.

The installation of the officers elect of Union Lodge No. 9, A. F. & A. M., was performed by the most worshipful grand master, J. S. Clute, and the officers of the Grand Lodge, on the festival of St. John the Evangelist, Friday, Dec. 27th. The following gentlemen were duly installed: W. M., A. Charleson; S. W., R. W. Bro. Bishop Sillitoe; J. W., Bro. Dr. DeWolf Smith; treasurer, W. Bro. B. Douglas; secretary, W. Bro. P. Grant; chaplain, Rev. C. Croucher; S. D. Bro Thos. Binnie; J. D. Bro. R. F. Benson; I. G. Bro. A. McKercher; stewards, Bros. A. McLean and D. Murchie; tyler, Bro. W. Howay. A large number of visitors were present and a very pleasant time was spent. I. P. M., W. Bro. Buie was presented with a handsome past master's jewel.

Nailed in Time.

Late on Saturday night Officer Dominy was patroling Agnes street near St. Louis College, when he saw a dark figure sneak in behind the fence from the street. The officer immediately started for the place, but on arriving could see or hear no one. After standing listening a little while, however, he heard the crackling of the frozen snow, the sound issuing from a dark corner. On pouncing in there he seized and hauled forth a wretched looking being, who begged and implored the stalwart patrolman not to injure him. The latter, however, lugged him off to the station house, where he gave his name as John Smith, and said he only wanted a bed for the night. He was provided with one, and in the morning set off for Vancouver.

Still Smoking.

The remains of the great fire were just about as lively this morning as ever, in spite of all the oceans of water and unlimited snow that have descended upon them. The smoke-wreath continually hovering over the ruins seems to be a ghost that neither the elements nor the fire department can down. The work of clearing away the heavier portion of the debris was prosecuted on Saturday afternoon with much vigor. The charred timber and a great deal of twisted iron were removed and piled up on the streets. The idle vagabonds who had been enjoying their propensities in the grubbing line to the full, were driven off by order of the mayor.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. will hold their ANNUAL RECEPTION on New Year's Day in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. All gentlemen are cordially invited to come and spend as much time as convenient with them, especially young men away from home and friends. From 11 a. m. to 5 p. m.

In the evening Miss Bowes, of Vancouver, will deliver her popular lecture on MARRIAGE in the Odd Fellows' Hall. There will be instrumental music by the Y. M. C. A. Band and a solo by Mrs D. Robson. Doors open at 7:30; lecture to begin at 8 o'clock. Admission, at the door, 25 cents. de30-2t