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DR. GORDON'S FAREWELL.

Citizens Give the Popular Physician a Rousing Send-Off.

Oddfellows' hall was packed to suffocation on Tuesday night on the occasion of the farewell entertainment to Dr. A. H. Gordon, who left the following morning on the train for his home in Montreal, via Victoria. Mr. P. H. Marshall occupied the chair, and with him on the platform were the members of the committee who had arranged the details.

Promptly at 8 o'clock the proceedings commenced with a few appropriate remarks of introduction by the chairman. Mr. Robert Allan, Ladysmith's clever tenor, then favored with the stirring song, "The Skipper," which was much enjoyed. Miss Herd played most of the accompaniments during the evening. Miss Jeannie Campbell next sang and was heartily applauded. She was followed by Mr. Joseph Saunders, who made a decided hit in two comic parodies on "Two little girls in blue," and "Sweet Marie," the audience was convulsed with laughter. Mrs. Rolston's singing of "You'll remember me," was very pleasing indeed, and was warmly applauded. Next came Mr. Joseph Mottran in a well-sung ballad. As an encore he gave a Chinese comic song in Chinese, accompanying himself on the tom-tom, to the unbounded glee of the audience.

The chairman then said he had a pleasant duty to perform, namely, the reading of an address in the name of the citizens of Ladysmith, to Dr. Gordon. He felt sure that Dr. Gordon would be remembered by all long after his departure, and when he was far from this city. Not a person in the room but felt deeply sorry to lose the doctor. The doctor had been for some time past attending to the troubles that afflict the people of this place, and doing pretty much as he pleased, but this meeting was going to give him a dose tonight, which had been in preparation for a few days and they would see how the doctor liked the medicine. (Laughter.) The chairman then read the address as published in The Leader last Wednesday. Mr. Spratt then made the presentation, hoping that Dr. Gordon would long wear the watch and that it would be a good and faithful time keeper.

Dr. Gordon in reply found it difficult to express his sense of appreciation of the kindness shown him. He did not see a single unfamiliar face amongst the audience, and that to him was even more of a testimony to the regard in which he was held by the people of this place than the splendid gift. He could not recognize the person alluded to in the address Mr. Marshall had just read. (Laughter.) It was so unlike his own idea of himself. It bore no resemblance to the individual who usually promenaded the streets of Ladysmith in his clothes. (Laughter.) It was too bad to shatter the ideal so kindly put forward in that address, but he would just leave them to believe that it was all true, every word of it. (Laughter.) It somehow reminded him of the life of a Methodist preacher and his three years' term. First year his congregation said to him "Pussy, pussy, pussy." The second year, "Puss!" The third year they said 'Scat!" (Laughter.) He was neither a Methodist nor a minister, but seeing there was so much of the "Pussy" here tonight he thought it would be unwise to stay and take the chances of getting the "Puss!" and the "Scat!" (Laughter.) He thought it a good omen that the very person who extended to him the hospitality of Ladysmith when he landed here some time ago a perfect stranger, and who piloted him around and acted as guide, philosopher and friend should be the very gentleman who that evening occupied the chair at this leave-taking. (Applause.) As for Ladysmith, he could not imagine a place where there was less friction and more wholesome social intercourse. He was sorry to leave, but he desired to express his sincerest thanks for the truly magnificent gift which the people had bestowed upon him, and he bespoke for his successor, Dr. Turnbull, the same kindness and good feeling which had always been shown to him. (Applause.)

Half an hour was then pleasantly spent in discussing the refreshments, which were handed round by the gentlemen of the committee.

Mr. Robert Allan then sang "Will ye no come back again," the chorus by the company. This was one of the most pleasing events of the whole evening. Mr. Crosser, violin, and Mr. Hogg, concertina, then gave some most enjoyable selections. Mr. F. W. Greaves sang "Rocked in the cradle of the deep," with much feeling. The toast of "The King" having been duly honored, the toast of "Our Country," was drunk with enthusiasm, and was responded to by

Rev. Mr. Rae, who said he had found Dr. Gordon a good neighbor. He did not make himself at home with the speaker's wood pile, but bought an axe and chopped his own. (Laughter.) The ladies knew Dr. Gordon had a silver watch because it lay near his heart (laughter) and nobody could find out quicker what was in that vicinity than the ladies. (Laughter.) Rev. Mr. Rae then delivered a splendid address on Canada's needs, the principal one of which seemed to be men who had brains enough to appreciate the fact that they had a country which was the best on earth. He outlined the exasperating conduct of the various British ministers who had given away, in their crass ignorance vast territories which should have remained to Canada. A hundred years ago the United States had no territory west of the Mississippi, but astute statesmen on their part and stupid ones on the British side had given the United States an empire there. In stirring words he urged the young men of Canada to remain in their own country and help develop it, and not go over to the United States.

Americans had appointed Canadians to the highest offices in their gift in the commercial world, and those talented Canadians such as J. J. Hill; Professor Osler; the manager of the Vanderbilt system of railways; the principals of Cornell and Princeton Universities, were employing their talents in a foreign country when their own land needed just such men. Even the great missionaries were Canadians, and there were lots of heathens in Canada, though not one in Ladysmith, (laughter) on whom they could exercise their benign influence. Edward Blake was fighting for justice for Ireland instead of helping to advance his native land. Why did Canadians desert Canada like that? There was enough and to spare for them to do here. The speech was listened to with intense interest and was heartily applauded.

Mr. W. Hughes then sang "Sailing" in a clever manner, receiving loud applause. Miss Herd and Mr. J. J. Thomas in a duet provided great entertainment, the sketch being very skilfully done.

Rev. R. J. Irwin replied to the toast of the ladies in a very happy manner. He told a number of amusing anecdotes, and wound up by pointing out the many noble qualities of woman.

The singing of "He's a jolly good fellow," "Auld Lang Syne," and the national anthem closed the proceedings.

NEW CANADIAN BOOK.

Great West of Canada as Seen a Well-Known Newspaper Man.

Mr. Bernard Mc Evoy has collected for publication in book form the delightful series of letters contributed by him to the Mail and Empire during his recent trip through Western Canada. The volume is entitled "From the Great Lakes to the Wide West." William Briggs has the work in hand, and will issue it in his best style, illustrated plentifully with picturesque scenes—new plates from recent photos—along the route. Mr. McEvoy writes with the easy, sprightly style of the practised journalist; he is a keen observer, and can give things their proper proportion. As might be expected, poetic touches are frequent, especially in the exquisite passages descriptive of scenery. A light humour runs through all the chapters, greatly enhancing the reader's enjoyment. Certainly no volume since Principal Grant's "Ocean to Ocean" gives so engaging a picture of Canadian travel. Its value as a capable estimate and description of Western Canada can scarcely be over-rated.

Ladysmith Shipping.

Ship Antiope, Captain Murray, left Kalni on Jan. 15th, for Ladysmith. She is expected in early this week.

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Our tiny winter ended rather abruptly this week, and the small (?) boy has stored his sled up in the woodshed and sighs for another opportunity to claim his privilege of making a target for snowballs out of the innocent citizen.

THE LIBERAL CONVENTION.

Result of the Long-Heralded Conference at Vancouver.

Vancouver, B.C., Feb. 7.—(Special to The Leader.)—Delegates from all parts of the province assembled here yesterday forenoon for the convention to be held the same day at 2 o'clock. Speculation was very active and all sorts of guesses were put forward as to the probable result of the meeting. One fact was to be noted—the almost total absence of the former somewhat widespread hostility to Hon. Joseph Martin. Many who had opposed Mr. Martin bitterly spoke quietly about him and his policy, and this was especially noticed amongst the Kootenay delegates. There seemed to be an impression that Mr. Martin is the only man fit to lead and hold the party together, but it was broadly hinted that surprises were in store for everybody.

Senator Templeman, chairman, received decided rebuff when convention failed to sustain his ruling that Frank Burnett's resolution that credentials committee consist of one delegate from each constituency was out of order. The credential committee was then formed and deliberated five hours.

At the evening session J. C. Brown, New Westminster, reported to convention, when Victoria delegates made stormy scene. Senator Templeman pointed out that if report was accepted, and suggestion of Mr. Brown, that all delegates leave hall and be admitted by name on credential committee roll, permitted it would exclude old executive.

During heated discussion Senator Templeman said he was a Liberal when Mr. Brown was too cowardly to declare himself. Victoria strenuously opposed acceptance of Mr. Brown's report and refused to leave hall, producing deadlock.

E. P. Davis and E. V. Bodwell spoke amid disorder.

Alex. Wilson accused Mr Bodwell of being a representative of Victoria Tories. Mr. Bodwell vehemently denied this. Mr. Wilson repeated the charge.

John Oliver's motion that majority and minority reports of credentials committee be voted on seriatim carried unanimously.

Senator Templeman then resigned chair to G R Maxwell, M. P., and with the whole Victoria delegation left hall.

Mr. Maxwell was then elected president.

Joseph Martin seconded motion that Sir Wilfrid Laurier be honorary president in a strong speech in which he denied the reports that he was at variance with the Laurier government.

T. S. Baxter was appointed secretary.

H. B. Gilmour's motion to support the policy of the Laurier government was carried unanimously.

Nanaimo Labor party delegates were rejected; also Liberal editors.

Convention this morning unanimously declared for party lines in provincial politics. Afternoon meeting will be devoted to selection of leader.

The Nanaimo Labor party delegates were good-humoredly chaffed on their wild goose chase and bets were offered as to their chances of passing the credential committee.

FORESTERS AND WOODMEN.

Pleasant Dance and Supper Wednesday Evening.

Just as nice a little social function as has enlivened the camp this winter was brrought off most successfully on Wednesday evening in Gould's Hall under the auspices of the local lodges of Foresters and Woodmen of the World. A party of gentlemen came up from Chemainus on the late express which was very convenient for this occasion, and they, as usual, thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The brethren deserve all praise for their clever management. The dance went off right merrily and the oyster supper filled a long felt want to the nicest of nicities. Everybody pronounced the affair splendidly managed and most enjoyable.

Reserve Wednesday evening, the 19th, for the Rebecca concert and dance.

The annual meeting of the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church was held on Thursday evening last. Reports of the business of the preceding year were read and a general discussion of ways and means of doing more efficient work followed. The following managers were elected for this year,—Messrs S. F. MacIntosh, A. S. Christie, A. W. Ralston, S. Lauderbach and G. R. Wilson.

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DEVELOP THE ISLAND.

By all odds the most important matter that can engage the attention of the people of Vancouver Island is the opening up of its resources of every kind. There is far too much of useless political squabbling; meaningless brawls between schemers who care for nothing except their own advancement. The newspapers, which should never miss an issue without publishing to all the world the wealth and advantages of this island, have filled their columns with stuff which has no interest beyond the shadow of the parish pump where it is issued; and which is even a weariness of the flesh to those who happen to be aware of the existence of the nonentities whose names are blazoned in printer's ink.

And The Leader has been guilty with the rest. When we look back on the six months during which The Leader has been published and see the large amount of space given over to the Noah's Ark politics of this province, the discussion of the merits and demerits of Ralph Smith and his like—we speak contemptuously, for it seems to us that of all the poor unworthy creatures that ever by misbegotten chance got into the Canadian house of representatives Ralph Smith, M. P., bears the bell. As we were saying, such a waste of space on blockheads and their dull, parrot palaver, and so little for the wide and free advertisement of the wondrous riches of this little Empire in the Pacific, induces melancholy, dejection, the blues. But while there is life there is hope; we can make amends henceforward.

Vancouver Island, it appears to us, is at a critical stage in its development (using the word in its accepted Yankee sense). Very much depends upon the wise handling of the great issues at the present time whether this island is going to take its place as one of the greatest centres of activity in North America or see the next twenty years pass in the dawdling fashion that has characterized the past twenty.

The one man who can do more than any other individual for the opening up of Vancouver Island and making it great and prosperous is the Hon. James Dunsmuir. To his care has been committed interests which involve not only enormous responsibilities, but also enormous possibilities. So far as we have been able to find out Mr. Dunsmuir has done all that could have been expected of any man, as an individual; but we are sorry to find that many of his efforts at developing this island have been balked and thwarted by persons and companies who seem to believe that Mr. Dunsmuir has sinister designs upon the island—perhaps, who knows?, the proclamation of an absolute monarchy, with himself as first occupant of the throne!

To hear those people talk one might imagine that Mr. Dunsmuir had betrayed felonious designs of some sort. The facts, however, are that Mr. Dunsmuir and the companies in which he is concerned have fully done their share in opening up the resources of the island, and they would have done immensely more had it not been for the factious opposition of persons whose conduct has been a scandal and a disgrace in this respect. But for those dog-in-the-manger obstructionists Mr. Dunsmuir's grand plans for making the island a hive of industry would have been in full operation now.

Nanaimo would have been a city of fifty thousand inhabitants, and without a peer as a shipping port on the British Columbia coast. But the pride and jealousy of one man said "No! It shall not be, because, where would I be, then?" Yet, of what use mourning over what might have been? Mr. Dunsmuir is today still more strongly imbued with the desire to see Vancouver Island flourish, and if the people want to see that happy consummation they should learn that it is not to be accomplished through meaningless obstruction.

He is able to do much himself, but if he were backed up by the people as a whole, Vancouver Island would leap to the front as a mineral, lumbering, agricultural and fishery centre. First the people will have to get rid of their senseless prejudice, which is just ignorance—prejudice is only another name for ignorance—learn that Mr. Dunsmuir stands ready to join hands with them heartily in any reasonable scheme of development and that, assured of the people's sympathy and support he will do his share manfully in making Vancouver Island what it ought to be.

CHARACTERISTIC.

Whether it was the potency of the three-star ginger beer, or the tongue-tangling tea that the ladies provided at the feast of reason and flow of soul when Mr. Ralph Smith was farewelled, last Saturday night, that caused the great statesman to say exactly the opposite from what he meant to say, we cannot determine, but at any rate Mr. Smith on that occasion certainly delivered himself of a very interesting statement.

It is all the more interesting from the fact that Mr. Smith has the superhuman impudence to discourse about logic in his occasional addresses. Himself so bounteously endowed with it, according to him, and his opponents born without a scrap of the valuable quality. In his speech on Saturday night Mr. Smith was talking about critics, and taking cold comfort from a natural doggedness and capacity for studying punishment which is often a characteristic where nature has denied the standard quantity of brains.

We follow the Free Press report as being probably more trustworthy than that provided by Mr. Smith's press organ, the painfully truthful Herald. The Free Press reports Mr. Smith as indulging in a literary quotation, and from Dr. Johnson, too. We should as soon have expected to hear the ghost of Dr. Johnson pointing a moral and adorning a tale with a quotation from the logical speeches of Mr. Smith; but there are no bounds to the "nerve" of this coming cabinet minister. Mr. Smith said:

"As Dr. Johnson had said, the time to get angry was when hard things that were true were said about one."

Mr. Smith, it will be remembered, got very wroth at The Leader at a certain meeting held in Nanaimo opera house, what time one J. H. Hawthornthwaite gave Mr. Smith the worst gridironing he had received since Mr. McInnes held him over the burning pit, but did not drop him in, about a year ago. Then, The Leader, according to Mr. Smith's own statement, fortified by that of the late Dr. Johnson (wonder if Ralph knows he's dead) was speaking the hard thing called the truth. Had it been what Mr. Smith politely called it, in the presence of a large audience of ladies, who doubtless appreciated the delicate taste of Mr. Smith and his gentleman-like language, Mr. Smith would not have shown any sign of choler. But the fact is he got flaming hot under the choler, and for some minutes raved and ranted like a Bedlamite. The Leader's statements all along have been too true for Mr. Smith, and he knows it, and has now in spite of his famous "solo on the liar" question, admitted it. We quite agree with Dr. Johnson's dictum; it is the truth that worries the man who is criticized, not lies. He need not care for lies, but it is hard to restrain one's wrath when the cold, hard truth is told about one. Hence, Mr. Smith's wrath at The Leader was perfectly justifiable; only, he should have read up his book on manners before he went to that meeting, and he would have seen that it is considered naughty in polite society to call an opponent such nasty names as soiled the lips of Mr. Smith on that memorable occasion.

We shall continue to speak the truth about Mr. Smith, and if he loses his temper, he must just console himself with Dr. Johnson's verdict that:

"The time to get angry is when hard things that are true are said about one."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

In answer to a correspondent we may say that the House of Lords comprises 590 peers; the House of Commons 670 members; and that two archbishops and twenty bishops sit in the Lords.

Mr. J. H. Hawthornthwaite, M.P.L., is deceiving the public, we are confident of that. We are sure he has something up his sleeve which if revealed would hurl Ralph Smith from power and place. Why does not Mr. Hawthornthwaite produce it, if only as a sanitary measure?

Anti-vaccinationists will kindly take the elegantly-expressed advice of Dr. McKechnie, and "paste the following in their hats for future reference." These are the statistics for 1901 of the Metropolitan Asylum Board of London, England, as to smallpox:

	Cases.	Deaths.	Percentage.
Vaccinated.....	760	108	14.21
Doubtful.....	63	41	65.08
Unvaccinated.....	194	98	50.62

Nanaimo Free Press has been delivered of another joke; parents and prodigy doing well. It is one on The Leader, too, this time; hence The Leader's jocundity. The elderly wag says:

"As this is one of the days on which the Ladysmith Leader is issued, all political offenders should take to the woods."

Yes, and the finest piece of woods in the country is the Free Press's present head. Even mauser bullets could not reach political offenders through such a bulwark.

We have known men, worked beside them on the cattle ranche, on the railway section, in the harvesting gangs, and elsewhere that the stony-broke foregather, who could construe the cuneiform inscriptions, or show with copious citations, wherein lay the difference in style between the historians Thucydides and Herodotus, or point out discrepancies in the narrative of Tacitus, but who were mightily glad to pocket their dollar and a quarter for their penitentiary labors each day. We think of those brown intellectual outcasts and scholarly ne'erdoweels when we read that Dan Leno, the comic songster of the London Empire, has been engaged for the Drury Lane pantomimes of 1902, 1903, and 1904 at a salary of $1,250 a week!

Poor old Ireland is getting justice at last. A writer in Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine says that in no country in Europe is there greater moral purity among the lower classes, or stronger family affection, than in Ireland. This simply bears out what Thackeray, one of the best of Englishmen, said about the Irish peasantry. And is not that better than military glory or commercial supremacy, or spheres of influence. As Robert Burns says:

"To make a happy fireside clime
For weans and wife—
That's the true pathos and sublime
Of human life."

Chemainus General Hospital.

Lollowing is the list of donations for January to Chemainus General Hospital: Primrose plants, Mrs. Howell; sack each of carrots and onions, Mr. Bousall; pack of playing cards, Mr. Gustavson; wild goose, Mr. Stevenson; tray cloth, R. D. Society Duncan; reading matter, Miss White, Mr. Birchall, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Whidden, Victoria Daily Colonist and Times, Nanaimo Daily Herald and Free Press, Ladysmith Semi-Weekly Leader.

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Dairy and Creamery

When the cow is about seven months gone with calf, cut her feed down to small amounts of clover hay, bran and silage, says Evan B. Sharpless in National Stockman. Try to have her dry about one month prior to calving. Two weeks before her time is up, should she be in a plethoric condition, give her a pound of epson salts, and each week she is given a teaspoonful of saltpeter. She is not allowed the run of the yard or pasture for fear some accident may befall her. Very often a dam loses her calf or has trouble calving because of an accident which could have been avoided had she been fastened up. When fresh, a pound of epsom salts is given from a long necked drench bottle. The salts are dissolved in three pints of boiling water and then allowed to cool to 100 to 105 degrees F.

There is no better time to rid our herd and stables of every germ of abortion and contamination than at calving time. Every birth should be treated as an abortion, and dairy barns would soon become free from the dreaded trouble. As soon as the calf is born it is removed from the sight of the mother and wrapped with an old blanket in a comfortable bed of straw and allowed to remain until dried off. While it is drying off return to the cow and give her one quart of bran to two or three quarts of cold, clean water. This should be repeated five or six times daily. Give little and often, as too much cold water at one time might bring on a chill, and cold water is preferable to warm, as the cow's system is feverish enough. Don't give too much hay or it will have a tendency to pack the fourth stomach and bring on that most dreaded of all diseases, milk fever.

The cow's hindquarters, hips and tail should be scrubbed off with warm water and soap and then be gone over with a brush dipped in a mixture of a pint of water containing a tablespoonful of creoline. The whole of the hindquarters should receive an application. The uterus should be also flushed out with a gallon of warm water containing four tablespoonfuls of creoline.

The stall where the cow calved should be thoroughly cleansed and disinfected, fresh earth sprinkled over wet places and stall replenished with fresh straw. If you have things handy, these operations are soon gone through with, and should they require a little time it is profitably spent.

The portions of cold water given the cow are to keep the udder from becoming hard, but if the dairyman gives large quantities of cold water and liberal feeding immediately after calving he may expect trouble and perhaps death.

Dairy Buildings

In a paper read by Dr. Leonard Pierson before the New Jersey Agricultural society on the subject "Cow Health" he said in part:

The subject of cow health includes everything that influences in any way the functions of an animal, the workings of any organ or any set of organs. Under that head, you see, we will have to include breeding and rearing and feeding and general stable management and care, and, in fact, the subject of cow health includes the whole subject of animal husbandry. It is manifestly useless to attempt to cover more than a small corner of this great field, so I shall confine my remarks to stables and stable conditions and the influence of those conditions upon the health of the cow, and I believe that of all the things bearing upon the health of the stabled cow light is the most important. But it is very difficult to select. There are so many things that are of high importance, though if we weigh them carefully we will find that light is fully as important as any and perhaps of the greatest importance. *All higher animals* require light.

One would think that the fact is so perfectly manifest that it would not be necessary to mention it, but that it is necessary to mention it can be proved to any one who visits a number of dairy farms in this vicinity and on either side of the state line. You will find cattle that are housed in dark stables. Sometimes there are a few windows, sometimes no windows at all. Sometimes these windows are piled full of manure or hay in order to keep the stable warm.

Light promotes the nutrition of the tissues and organs of the body, and it helps to bring about the chemical changes in a normal way. At this time a great many diseases are treated by light, and especially diseases of the skin that can be reached most directly by light. Dr. Finson, a Danish physician, has discovered that many diseases of the skin and even some cases of leprosy can be cured by light. In order to do this a large lens is used that concentrates light from which the heat rays have been abstracted upon a small area. Either sunlight or the light from an arc lamp can be used for this purpose.

Then light is an antiseptic. We have found that the lower forms of plant and animal life live in the dark. If you put them in the light, they will die. So that a stable flooded with light not only promotes the health of the inmates, but it also helps to shield the cows from disease by acting as an antiseptic and by destroying germs.

A HENHOUSE ON WHEELS.

An Old Omnibus Utilized as a Home For Fowls.

The accompanying cut, shown here through the courtesy of The Farm Journal, Philadelphia, was from a photograph sent to that paper without any explanation as to its owner or location. In addition to the regular henhouse, which has a very neat, comfortable appearance, an old omnibus which has apparently outlived its usefulness in its first estate has been transformed into a sort of traveling *hennery*. Whether the owner has his hens so trained that at the cry of "All aboard!" they will climb in for a ride to fresh fields and pastures new we will leave to our readers for their solution. But the possibilities of such a traveling shelter are obvious. A flock of hens could be taken to the grainfields after harvest, where not only

"ALL ABOARD!"

the fallen grain, but the numerous insects, would be quickly and cheaply transformed into eggs, or in case pastures or meadows abound with insect life or orchards or berry fields are attacked with insect enemies the hens would accomplish a double good at small expense. In some localities such a house might invite the attacks of marauders, either two legged or four legged, but not more so than many of the permanent houses one sees through the country. But such a house might, after the inmates are settled for the night, be drawn into the barn and locked up securely. One often sees poultry quarters made from materials whose first use was entirely foreign to any such purpose. We have seen several discarded street cars used for poultry and an occasional abandoned freight car. Piano boxes make very good homes for a small flock, while these and large dry goods boxes can easily and cheaply be transformed into houses suitable for bantams or for growing stock. We have known of a section of a large hollow tree being fitted up into a very comfortable henhouse. Probably the latter is less common now than in the early history of the country.—Poultry Monthly.

The New Wyandottes.

The new variety of Wyandottes, called Silver Pencilled Wyandottes, is a beautiful fowl, but beyond all this they are wonderful egg producers. A lot are known to have been hatched early in July, 1900, which began to lay about Christmas. Two of them have continued to lay right along for seven months. During May these two hens laid, one, twenty-one eggs; the other, twenty-three eggs. For 210 days, ending July 20, these two hens have laid 207 eggs between them. If the ratio could be maintained, these two hens might produce in the full 365 days 259 eggs each. But it is to be presumed that they cannot continue at this rate much longer. This new variety is a combination of the original Silver Laced Wyandotte and the Dark Brahma. In them has been united the blood of two of the best general purpose fowls we have. None of our American breeds is better for eggs and market poultry than the first Wyandotte that was originated in upper New York state. Fully their equal is the Dark Brahma. The union of the two has produced a fowl that has the Wyandotte shape with the Dark Brahma color. The credit of originating the new variety belongs to Cayuga county, N. Y.—Country Gentleman.

Testing the Eggs.

The testing of the eggs has nothing to do with the result of the hatch. People test the eggs to find out whether the eggs are fertile or not prior to the term they are due to hatch. This enables them to select the clear from the fertile eggs. These clear eggs are just as good for cooking or any use that other eggs of the same age can be put to, as they would be if never placed in the machine. Being in the machine for a week or ten days has no more influence on clear eggs than the summer weather would have on them in a basket in the house. Clear eggs will keep good longer than will the so called fertile eggs.

When you have several incubators, if two are filled and started at the same time, when they are tested it often happens that one machine will hold all the fertile eggs, thus saving the time of one of the machines, that can be refilled and no time lost working to keep clear eggs warm for three weeks. This is also true when you put your eggs under several hens. These are the reasons for testing the eggs. You then know in advance what the prospects of a hatch are.

The Size of Runs.

Houses and runs should be in proportion. It is seldom that the yards are large enough for the houses. In cities and villages it is no unusual sight to see a good sized house and a run no larger than the house in the area covered. The result is a perfectly bare and often dusty ground plot. The area of the yard should be at least ten times that of the house in which the birds are kept, and if the yard is still larger it will not be of excessive size. In fact, it is best to have the area of the run so large that it will remain green through the entire growing season.—Exchange.

IMPROVING DAIRY CATTLE.

How One Farmer Got a Herd of Pure Bred Guernseys.

In a recent issue of Hoard's Dairyman a New York farmer tells how he is building up a herd of pure bred Guernseys at small outlay of cash. He says:

"As I lease a farm for cash rent, I am, perhaps, one of the poor farmers who generally are not able to own high priced registered cows. As it happens, though, I do own a thoroughbred Guernsey bull (a Sheet Anchor), one old cow and several head of young cows. With the exception of the bulls, it is quite easy to get started.

"I did like this: As I could not afford to buy a high priced cow I bought an old one of the breed I wanted. She had

GUERNSEY COW JESSIE.

a good pedigree and had been an excellent cow. That cow is still good enough to raise calves and gives milk enough to pay for what she eats. I have since bought another old cow for much less than $100, and let me say right here these cows have records of nearly 400 pounds of butter, although they are old now and cannot do it any more. There is a herd of youngsters coming on now which will increase my herd faster when they come in themselves.

"In regard to service bulls, it is different. I have to buy them—sometimes exchange—as calves and take my chances whether they make good bulls to keep or not. Then I sell my bull calves and can invest the money in heifer calves.

"I have a lot of high grade Guernsey cows now and eight thoroughbreds. I bought in all three registered bulls since I commenced and two registered cows. The amount of money invested, or, rather, expended, is about $200 and that, of course, not all at once."

Corn and Cowpea Silage.

A Kentucky dairyman gives in Rural New Yorker his experience in mixing corn and cowpeas in his silo. He says:

I tried filling my silo for several years with corn alone. I then tried filling with corn and cowpeas and was so well pleased that I kept it up for several years till I sold out my dairy. Judging by the way the cows ate them, if anything the peas made the better silage. When run through the cutter, the green peas would cut very fine and pack very close and make a better keeping silage than the corn alone, and for me it had one other decided advantage in growing the crop.

It is very convenient to have whatever you put in the silo near at hand, and by growing corn and cowpeas I could use the same field each year, growing one-half in each and alternating. The fourth crop with this rotation was the heaviest. As soon as the silo was filled the ground was harrowed and sown to rye. One hundred pounds of rawbone to the acre was the only manuring it had. The calves ran on the rye all open weather during the winter, and when it started to grow in the spring my herd of forty cows was hardly able to keep it down till the blue grass got a start, when it was plowed again and left alone for several weeks, then thoroughly prepared and planted to corn and peas.

Training the Heifer.

It is not all in the breed nor in the feed in developing a dairy cow from the heifer calf, says Farm and Ranch. She must also be trained for her life work. A boy may inherit a mechanical talent from a long line of ancestors, but he must be properly taught and trained before he can build a locomotive or plan a cantilever. The heifer calf should early in life receive her first lessons, so that the direction of her development shall be toward the milk pail. The milk giving organs may be stimulated to action by proper handling, and if properly pursued, in many cases, the heifer will produce milk *before mating*. "Just as the twig is bent the tree's inclined" applies to the case in question. Before the heifer is a year old she may be taught to set back her leg and stand just as an old cow would do and wait for the pleasurable sensation of a milkless milking. There is more in this than many people suppose, and it is a good thing to try.

Beef From Dairy Breeds.

Should the dairyman try to grow his steers into beef? Emphatically no, if they are from dairy sires, says Professor Thomas Shaw. He may grow them into veal or baby beef by feeding them on skimmilk and certain adjuncts, selling them between the ages of six and nine months, or a little later in the case of Holsteins, but he should not try to mature and finish them as beef steers are matured and finished unless he is anxious to get rid of his money. But if the dairyman has grade cows of mixed breeding and does not care to rear any calves for the dairy and is, moreover, desirous of growing meat, he can do so by using high class, pure bred sires of some beef breed. The progeny will then be so pronouncedly beef in form that they can be grown profitably for meat even to the age of two to three years.

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THE CITY

The interior of the new Kilpatrick block is being panted and decorated.

Mr. George Sugdon paid a business visit to the new townsite of Crofton Wednesday.

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Mr. and Mrs. S. F. MacIntosh are now comfortably situated in their new home on High street.

Upwards of fifty residents of Ladysmith travelled to Victoria on Wednesday's special train.

Better get your watch and clock repairing done by a trained mechanic. Lively claims the title. *

Many Ladysmith people went to the station to give Dr. Gordon a parting adieu on Wednesday morning.

Interested local parties have had their ears to the ground since the opening of the Vancouver convention but so far no explosions have been heard.

Be sure to see the side-splitting farce "My wife's second floor." Oddfellows Hall, Feb 19th.

Messrs. E. Skabvold, Harry Porter and Allan Porter came up from Chemainus and took in the dance on Wednesday evening returning next morning.

C. B. Robelee has his sign out as "undertaker." No matter what shabby treatment our neighbors give us when living we are sure of kind and careful treatment when dead.

The decorations at Oddfellows' Hall Tuesday night reflected credit in the citizens' committee. National flags, bunting and evergreens made the hall look very pretty.

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Mr. J. W. Bryden, of Victoria, spent a day or two in town this week. He is interested in some very rich mineral claims in the Skeena river country and showed some fine specimens.

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Mr. Alex. Lilion has shipped as carpenter on the Kinross. Before he left he made arrangements for the erection of a dwelling-house on his lot. Mr. A. Buckle has the contract. The house when completed is to be occupied by Mr. McNichol, the High street tailor.

The latest styles in hair cutting and beard trimming at the Ladysmith Shaving Parlor, High street.

Mr. R. G. Duggan left on Wednesday morning's train for Victoria en route to Michel in the Crow's Nest Pass Country, where he has a brother who occupies an important official position at the mines. Mr. Duggan will probably revisit Ladysmith next spring.

Don't forget the Rebecca concert supper and dance, Oddfellows' Hall, 19th. inst.

Dr. Turnbull is already going the rounds giving the disease germs to understand that they will be treated with as little ceremony as they received from Dr. Gordon. We are pleased to know of the good impression Dr. Turnbull has already made and feel sure of its increase.

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A fourth teacher is badly needed in the public school, and as four teachers were provided for by the education department we do not understand why the trustees do not take advantage of everything coming to them. Children would not then have any excuse for remaining away from school if sufficient teachers and accommodation were provided.

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Serious explosions awakened us on Friday morning and we looked out of the window to see if we were not in "real" Ladysmith, (S. A.), but were not, we saw no "long toms" frowning at us. Just a few hilarious Chinamen had taken possession of the town, and we saw that we had to wash our own dishes and trim the colliers ourselves. But we were thankful our holidays came earlier. Our headaches are over.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Cramming the Children.

Editor Leader,—Perhaps the following excerpt from a statement made by Dr. Daniel Clarke, medical superintendent of the Toronto Insane Asylum, to a representative of the Toronto Star, will be interesting reading for Principal Barron, whose interesting letter in The Leader on the subject of overstudy. I read with great pleasure. Yours, etc.,

LUE VERNON.

"There is a class of weaklings whose mental disaster can be traced to mental overpressure at school. We all know how much brain work is needed now-a-days from children to keep apace with the demands of parents and teachers. Some relief has been given in the past few years in school hours for the very young, and by the introduction of the kindergarten system in towns and cities, which combines pleasure with teaching. So far so good, but too many subjects are on the list of studies for the young. They are supposed to be at sixteen walking encyclopaedias, and are the pride of parents and teachers. The robust go through the ordeal unscathed, but to many it means nervousness, lassitude, periodic headaches, loss of appetite, troubled sleep, a lax, prostrated physical and mental system. A tendency to an invasion of insanity too often ends the chapter of blunders, especially if a heredity predisposition exists. Teachers deny this, but there is no use talking."

Mr. Ritchie, in a letter to the National Trade Defence Association, says he is fully alive to the reasons in favour of legislation for the better control of clubs

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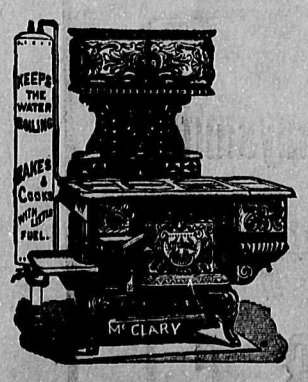

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