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LADYSMITH HOSPITAL.

Probability of This Institution Being Established This Summer.

As is well known to the people of Ladysmith and Extension, Hon. James Dunsmuir is very desirous of seeing a properly equipped hospital established at Ladysmith, and he has all along evinced the keenest interest in anything connected with this subject. It is now learned that something will be done before long toward putting the matter on a firm business basis.

The merchants to whom The Leader has broached the subject expressed themselves as entirely in favor of having a first class hospital in this city, and have declared their willingness to assist to the best of their power. A site has already been selected on the top of the hill, commanding a glorious view of the Gulf and islands; and it is of easy approach from the level ground in the lower part of the city. Besides the fine site there is the bracing and salubrious air of Ladysmith, just the thing for convalescents and invalids.

From all The Leader has been able to learn on the subject there is the best of prospects for Ladysmith having a first-rate, up-to-date hospital ready for patients before the summer of 1902 is very old.

DEATH OF GEORGE NORRIS.

Nanaimo's Best Known Citizen Passes Peacefully Away.

It came as a shock to many in Ladysmith to learn the sad news that Mr. George Norris, editor and proprietor of the Nanaimo Free Press, had died on Monday morning, after a brief illness, at the age of 57 years. Mr. Norris was probably the best known citizen of Nanaimo, and he was certainly one of the city's most representative men. As the editor of the Free Press he was known from one end of the dominion to the other, and he has left a place which it will be almost impossible for his successor in that chair to fill.

Mr. Norris had been in rather feeble health for some months back, but he refused to cease work and kept at his duties almost to the last moment. He was at his desk as late as Friday last, and when called up over the telephone by the editor of The Leader sent a cheery Happy New Year along the line in the old familiar voice.

Mr. Norris was a native of London, England, and came to this country quite young. He lived in Ontario and the United States for some time before coming to British Columbia. He then settled at Victoria and for some years was foreman of the Colonist. Then he went to Nanaimo and established the Free Press, first as a semi-weekly, later as a daily. The Free Press has the distinction of being the only pioneer paper in British Columbia which has been owned and managed during the whole course of its existence by one man.

Mr. Norris was a perfect encyclopedia of local knowledge, and had the history of Nanaimo and vicinity at his finger ends; his office was the Mecca of all travellers to Nanaimo; there all questions could be answered and all information supplied. With nearly every enterprise for the advancement of Nanaimo's best interests, the deceased gentleman was closely identified; he was full of energy, as is shown by the erection of the handsome brick block in which the Free Press latterly found a home. Had he desired it he could have been mayor of the city, but with the true journalistic instinct kept himself free from entanglements which would have taken up too much of his time.

The Leader joins with the people in expressions of condolence to the bereaved family.

Shortly a petition is to be laid before the residents particularly of First Ave. for assistance to lay a three plank sidewalk from High Street to the Hotel Portland. This would be a great convenience to all citizens.

Unfortunately the fine poem which The Leader had the pleasure of publishing from the pen of Mr. T. J. Barron, the principal of the Ladysmith Public School, in last issue, contained one slight mistake, which Mr. Barron overlooked. This was the use of the word Queen instead of King. With this exception the poem was all that could be desired and spoke to all true and loyal Canadians in the genuine accents of the highest patriotism. The Leader hopes to publish other pieces from the gifted pen of Ladysmith's esteemed Principal.

ANOTHER NEW INDUSTRY.

One of Nanaimo's Energetic Manufacturers to Establish a Branch.

Mr. W. E. Rumming, who is widely known as one of the shrewdest and most enterprising of the manufacturers doing business in the City of Nanaimo, has made up his mind that Ladysmith's prospects are bright enough to warrant him in seeking out a site for the erection of a factory for the manufacture of his far-famed and delicious aerated lever ages here. With this object in view Mr. Rumming paid a visit to Ladysmith last week, and it is understood selected a suitable location for the proposed works.

The Leader is not yet able to do more than announce to the public the fact that such an addition is to be made to the city's industries, but within a few days the particulars will be made known. Mr. Rumming, as is well known to all citizens of Ladysmith, does a very large business in aerated waters and high-class "soft drinks," as they are called to distinguish them from the "hard" liquors, which both cheer and inebriate. Mr. Rumming, who is one of the pioneers in the high-class aerated water business in this province, is importing specially from England to Ladysmith a complete plant for the manufacture of those beverages, and the building to be erected will be replete with every convenience and improvement known to the trade.

Mr. Rumming has succeeded in working up a splendid business not only in Ladysmith but also all the way down the line almost to Victoria, where his goods come into competition with the Victoria article. In Ladysmith and vicinity very few other aerated beverages are used. With the establishment of the factory here Mr. Rumming will be able to cater even more extensively and promptly to the wants of his numerous customers.

MINING RECORDER'S OFFICE.

High Time one was Placed at Ladysmith to Accommodate Miners.

Repeatedly The Leader has heard the complaint from mining men that there is no mining recorder at Ladysmith, in spite of the fact that this town is surrounded with important mineral areas and that the owners of claims have to travel all the way to Nanaimo for Victoria to record and transact other necessary business.

The time has come when an office should be opened here so as to accommodate the important section of the population who are interested in metalliferous mining. In the hills behind and immediately contiguous to Ladysmith are some of the most important metalliferous areas in Vancouver Island. Prospectors are out all the time, and the amount of business done in connection with those claims would astonish the public did they know it.

It is unfair to the claim owners and to Ladysmith that those men should have to waste time and money travelling to the far end of the island to transact a little official business that might as well be done here. Then, when the smelter is established and the prospectors and claim owners begin to bring their ore in it will be an intolerable nuisance to have to waste half a week to do the business required in recording.

The government would be doing no favor but a mere act of justice if they were to establish here at once a mining recorder's office. Ladysmith will be known before many more months are past as one of the most important metalliferous mining centres in the Province, and surely some provision should be made to meet the needs of the miners. The Leader hopes to see this necessary office opened within a few weeks.

Attention is called to the Government Agent's advertisement regarding taxes, also to the notice about the Court of Revision.

One of Ladysmith's citizens is mourning the loss of a Sunday shirt, which came to a sad end by being devoured by a pet goat with a penchant for laundry work. A serious feature of the case is that the goat is not a member of the Union.

Berry spoons, pickle forks, sugar shovels, gravy ladles, soup sets, cold meat forks, oyster forks, cream ladles all is satin lined boxes, exquisite designs the very thing for a New Year's gift, Lively, the leading jeweler.

NORTH NANAIMO LIBERALS.

Meeting at Wellington Saturday Elects Delegates.

At half past one on Saturday afternoon in the parlors of the Wellington Hotel, Wellington, a well-attended meeting of the Liberal electors of North Nanaimo was held to elect three delegates to attend the Convention to be held in Vancouver on January 30th. On motion Mr. Walter Jones took the chair and Mr. Theo Bryant was chosen as secretary.

The secretary read the call from the Provincial Liberal Association.

It was moved by D. Murray, seconded by D. Gourlay and unanimously carried that:

1. "Whereas this meeting has been called by Liberals for Liberal purposes, therefore be it resolved that no member of any Conservative or any other independent party be allowed to take part in its proceedings:

2. That this meeting endorse the action of the Vancouver, Nanaimo and New Westminster Liberal Association in protesting against editors of Liberal papers and members of the Provincial Liberal Executive being admitted as members of the Convention, and Sec. 5 of the Provincial Executive's letter.

Moved by D. Gourlay, seconded by D. Murray that the chairman appoint the delegates. Carried.

The chairman appointed Messrs. W. G. Fraser, D. Gourlay and D. Murray as delegates to the Convention.

Mr. Eastman of Northfield, said that Englishman's River should be represented by a delegate.

Mr. Fraser immediately offered to resign from the delegation in favor of an Englishman's River delegate, explaining that there was no objection if the delegate agreed to pay his own expenses. The offer was not accepted.

Moved by D. Gourlay, seconded by T. Bryant that the chairman be appointed as alternate delegate. Carried.

Delegate Fraser then asked the meeting to instruct the delegation regarding party lines. He urged them to advise the delegation whether or not to vote on party lines.

Mr. George Taylor, who nominated Mr. Dickson at last election, moved, seconded by Mr. D. Murray that the delegates be instructed to vote for party lines. Carried.

Short speeches were made by the delegates and others. The meeting was enthusiastic and harmonious throughout and dispersed well satisfied.

THE NEW SCHOOL.

Preliminary Work is Almost Completed, Building Begins SOon.

Contractor Macdonald and his force of men who have been engaged on the extensive area to be occupied by the new school house, have nearly finished the work of clearing away all the stumps and rocks with which the ground was encumbered to a surprising degree. It is expected that the actual work of building will commence at the end of this week or beginning of next. Anyone who visits the site can now see what a splendid situation the new school is going to have. The view is grand, one being able to see into the gulf and all over the adjacent islands and channels. As the tower of the new school is to be sixty feet high it is not unlikely that the top of the tower will become one of the most popular coigns of vantage in the neighborhood. The children will have a first class play ground and the best quality of fresh air. It is expected that the work of building the school will occupy at least a couple of months, if not more, as Mr. Macdonald is going to do a substantial job. When completed this building will certainly be one of Ladysmith' principal ornaments.

Ladysmith Government office is to be enriched and embellished with a burglar-and fire-proof safe.

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Nanaimo Free Press refers to a scoop by the Cumberland News on all the southern contemporaries of that paper, "including the Ladysmith Leader." That won't do, venerable contemporary; The Leader is content with a northern limit of Nanaimo, leaving the papers there to watch the northern beyond. Anyhow, what the F. P. calls a "scoop" was no particular piece of enterprise on the part of the News.

IT WILL BE GREAT.

Secretary Geo. Wilkinson Discourses On The Poultry Show.

Seizing a suitable opportunity a representative of The Leader put a few questions to Mr. George Wilkinson, the energetic and courteous secretary of the Nanaimo Poultry and Pet Stock Society, with a view to obtaining some useful and interesting information for The Leader's hundreds of readers throughout this and adjoining district. Mr. Wilkinson is an enthusiast on poultry and pet stock and few men in Canada are better informed on the subject than he. Mr. Wilkinson's remarks were to the following effect:

In regard to the show, I think we are going to have the largest exhibition ever held on the Pacific coast. All this last summer and right up to now fanciers have been importing birds from England, United States and Eastern Canada. It is a regular thing every night to see the chicken men waiting with anxious looks for the Joan rounding the point, and when she lands the shipments of chickens then you see the smiling faces. My brother and myself have imported a trio of Golden Duckwing Ex Game, the male of which is off the famous Captain Eaton's £100 pair, also two trios of the very best game bantams that can be produced in the old land, and also the 1st, 2nd and third prize winners of the Illinois state fair in the black and game bantam hens. In Exhibition games and bantams there will be keen competition. Also, judging from the White Rocks that have been raised on the Five-Acre Lots, I think there will be keen competition in those classes. Also in Barred Rocks; I know we can expect some good specimens, especially from the good old reliable from the hospital. In Black Minorcas I hear Mr. J. Nicholson has imported some Palace winners. Houdans, in the French class, are also coming to the front in Nanaimo, and will figure conspicuously in that part of the show.

I hear that the Five-Acres through an old time breeder, are putting up some hot stuff in the Game and game bantams, and Mr. Jont. Thompson has quite recently imported some from England and the United States, and we are sure the old reliable in that class (Mr. Stonehouse) will be putting some hummers in. We also expect some 200 hundred birds over from Washington, in which there should be some splendid specimens.

In the pigeon class the flying homers will be the prominent feature, for which there are eight classes provided. In pigeon circles in Nanaimo the flying homers is the predominating variety, of which I think there are 100 kept, so there should be some very keen work, and any old time fancier of the old land who has not been keeping them since he came out west, cannot afford to miss this splendid display of the king of pigeons.

Canaries should also play a prominent part in the exhibition. There was a splendid display of these feathered pets last year, and I think there will be some improvement on it this year.

For judges we have secured two of the best Canada can produce, so fanciers should not neglect this chance to have their birds judged by prominent men like these. Mr. J. E. Bennett is reckoned one of the most expert poultry judges Canada ever had. Mr. Chalmers, for pigeon and pet stock, is also an old-time fancier and an expert judge.

LADYSMITH ATHLETIC CLUB.

Association Now Looking for More Suitable Quarters.

On Friday evening a business meeting of the Ladysmith Athletic Association was held in the rooms, there being a good attendance of the active members. All accounts against the Association were passed for payment.

On motion it was decided to give up the present quarters in Gould's hall and seek more suitable rooms. Pending the finding of the same Mr. Kent kindly offered to store the apparatus free of charge until the Association is installed in new quarters. The committee appointed to enquire as to the renting of the Pavilion reported that they had seen Mr. Nicholson; but it was considered best, in the present circumstances, to lay the matter over for a while.

The Athletic Association is, therefore, now seeking a new home, and until it is found the members will have to content themselves with such exercise as they can devise.

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PEOPLE TO BE PITIED.

Of all the provinces of Canada British Columbia is making the greatest mess of its home government. The people in this province do not seem to know any better than a spoiled child what they do want, and consequently such an ingenious gentleman as Mr. E. V. Bodwell can pose as a saviour of the people, and "One Richard McBride" can strut the pavement as a hero who preferred private life to office, (but unfortunately forgot to resign his seat in the house when he was forsaking the cabinet).

British Columbia hailed the advent of the Hon. James Dunsmuir into provincial politics with considerable satisfaction, as the newspapers of the province will show, if one have the patience to turn up the files. But that was nothing to the chorus of joy when he accepted the premiership. The style of comment was something like the following, and even the Vancouver World, which had just been fighting strenuously for Mr. Joseph Martin joined the other papers in the note of approval.

"British Columbia may now look forward to a period of rest, because the province has now at the head of affairs a man whose interests are greater than those of any other person in the province. It is entirely to his interest to work for the interests of the province, and to strive to the best of his ability to further all plans that will redound to the advantage of this grand, glorious, beautiful bunch of natural resources known as British Columbia."

Or words to that effect; perhaps not so elegantly expressed in the peroration, but the same story. And so Hon. Mr. Dunsmuir and his government reigned in peace and so far as the statistics can show, with decided advantage to the interests of the province. The Hon. Mr Turner went to England and it became necessary to put a man in his place as finance minister. Hon. Mr. Dunsmuir, remembering the excellent service rendered by the opposition, and recognizing the sterling ability of Mr. J. C. Brown, of New Westminster, apart altogether from his political position, the premier actuated entirely by the same spirit that had carried him safely through two years of rule selected that gentleman for the portfolio.

Then the underworld of partyism was stirred to its malodorous depths. The heelers saw that such a man as Mr. Brown would never do for them; he was not pliable enough; he had too much of the stern unyielding stuff in him which earned Mr. Joseph Martin the implacable hatred of every political trickster in this province. The subsidy-hunters saw their doom if Mr. Brown entered the cabinet. But more than all those things, "One Richard McBride" saw extinguishment for himself and all his youthful dreams of honor and power if his townsman entered that cabinet. There could be no room in the same cabinet, barely in the same province for two such men as John C. Brown and Richard McBride.

The young minister prepared a melodramatic spectacle to add to the gaiety of nations, and after emitting a protest that reads like a severely-diluted translation of Kikero's oration against Catiline, he pranced down the front steps of the Legislature Buildings and out into the cold and rainy world. Many and many a time has "one Richard McBride" been sorry for that egregious piece of foolishness, and longed to be back once more in front of the pay office with the $333 33 gentlemen.

But the spectacle-loving public were wild with delight at the splendid acting of the young Roscius, and the nobly patriotic press of the province, which has always been such an enormous credit to British Columbia, (with a few shining exceptions,) clapped "Dick" on the back and swore he was a brick. Then the same press which had, with grovelling, adulatory phrases and specious flattery, hailed the advent of Hon. James Dunsmuir to the premiership, attacked him and his ministers with all the revilements of which it is undisputed master. The "Opposition" press alleges without proof or evidence of any kind, all manner of intrigue and sophistry on the part of the government; renews the disgusting and senseless abuse of Mr. Joseph Martin; perverts the truth like any pickpocket; lies because it dare not tell the truth, and makes an exhibition of itself before the Dominion and the world that forces the lover of British Columbia to wish that it had no press at all.

But the press of British Columbia can be left to stew in its own disgrace, which has been accentuated by the resolution of the Vancouver, New Westminster, Nanaimo and Rossland Liberal Associations' resolution anent the press—we are sorry for the people. They are to be pitied. Rent into innumerable factions, headed by selfish incompetents, each of whom is madly jealous of all the others, and all actuated not by the noble sentiment of "the greatest good to the greatest number," but by the narrowest, meanest motives that can impel men, the people are like a flock of wandered sheep. The picture is not an agreeable one.

If the present government be not sustained in the Legislature it will be a disaster for British Columbia. There has been more than a sufficiency of this childish chopping and changing to allow this, that or t'other experimenter to try his hand. The present government is the best this province has had for many a year; the people will be well advised if they sustain it and pay no heed to the revolutionists who are clamoring for office (and the spoils).

It is absurd to say that the premier can be influenced by the same desire that is leading eloquence to the tongues of the eager office-seekers; that is, personal aggrandisement. What is the salary of that office to him? If he were a selfish man he would not stand the stupid abuse that is being hurled at him by every blackguard who can write two-syllable words correctly, and by every political gamester who wants to see Americans running this province with British Columbia puppets in the cabinet offices. Nobody will suffer more from the disorder that will come upon the province if the present band of selfish demagogues succeed in their intrigues, than Mr. Dunsmuir.

Let the people of British Columbia think twice before they commit this deplorable act of folly.

THE GOSPEL OF HEALTH.

Elbert Hubbard, the President of Philistia, says: "Every spirit makes its house; but as afterward the house confines its spirit; you had better build well."

How? and does it matter, after all, whether the house be a mansion or a hovel that confines the clear spirit? Whether the bodily tenement of that fragmentary portion of the divine fire, which we helplessly call intelligence, conscious life, be weak and ailing, racked by pain and frail as a flower; or be rugged with abounding life; full of the quick pulses of strength, performing each function perfectly? Was the spirit of Alexander Pope less bright and strong because it was encased in a body whose infirmities caused him to write the much-quoted line:

"Throughout this long disease, my life."

Did the foul fiend dyspepsia prevent Thomas Carlyle from accomplishing all that he could, and that all as well as he could? In short, is ill-health a bar to genius or even to the exercise of talents? One is inclined to doubt it with the lives of such men as W. H. Prescott, the historian of the Spanish conquests, and of Parkman the historian of the dawn of civilization in America, before one.

Never was genius more severely restricted by physical ailments than in the case of those illustrious men. Yet, thanks to the indomitable spirit within which drove the wretched bodies to utmost force throughout their lives, they have left a glorious monument themselves. There was no self-pity, the curse of the present namby-pamby age, in those dauntless writers. Though tortured with ceaseless and almost infernal anguish yet they strove. Mean and contemptible the body appeared to those great spirits who recognized their life work and would do it despite physical impediments.

Their history shames the able-bodied whiners who shrink from exertion for the sake of a cut finger or a shower of rain. Still, there can be little doubt that had those great men turned a little of their precious time from the grand labors which absorbed their brains to remedying some of the defects of body which they had inherited, and had aggravated by their sedentary lives, they would have done even better work and probably more.

It now seems unlikely that modern races will ever attain to the lofty level of the ancient Greeks in culture and the appreciation of the things of real value in this life. Our homage now goes out to what we call "practical, hard-headed men." Those persons generally pride themselves upon their materialism, and want of anything approaching sentiment. The accumulation of great sums of money seems to be the chief end of them; all else they despise. Place beside one of those practical modern men with his abnormal acquisitiveness and contempt for everything that is not connected in some way with making money, a Greek of the time of Pericles; one of those men who made a religion of physical culture, and believed that it was wicked to be dirty, or lame, or decrepit or anything but full of health abounding. Is it not the fact that thousands of years after this noisy and begrimed age shall have passed into the deeps of oblivion with all its trumpery, that Greek man will be admired still, and that millions will sigh to be like him, and try to attain to something like his clean-cut physique and clear thinking? The life of the Greeks was simple, not complex and full of "notions" as ours is at the present day. Everything was decided by argument; fallacies were exposed by means of cross examination; they copied nature's methods closely and so made statues of inimitable beauty; so they knew anatomy as well as any modern professor, and so they rose to heights of thought never afterwards scaled by human beings with the single exception of the lusus naturae, Shakespeare. They knew life better than your "practical", money-grubber with his ginger-bread cynicism and asinine conceit. Logic, philosophy, the science of numbers; poetry, sculpture (probably painting and music) physical culture, all flourished as they have never flowered since. Ancient Greece and her culture gleam as a light of surpassing brilliancy and beauty across the horrid gloom of the ages which come after the extinguishment of Grecian civilization. From all we know of them the Greeks were a gay, clever, active race, and it was their excellent physical training that made them so. How could it be otherwise with a people who looked forward to the Olympian games as modern people look forward to dividend day? Half the peevishness of present day people arises from their want of physical training and exercise. We have no gospel of health as the Greeks had. Miss Agnes Repplier is right when she says:

"To appreciate the Greeks is to understand the world."

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

The Coronation Oath

Editor Leader.—A petition is being circulated in this place for signature and transmission to the imperial House of Commons, requesting that august body not to "tamper" with the present form of the coronation oath.

As I am quite sure that 99 out of every hundred persons asked to sign this petition have not the least idea of what the coronation oath consists, or of the Act of Succession safeguarding the rights of the people, etc., and in conjunction with which this oath must be taken, may I ask you to publish this oath, for the information of those people who may be called upon to sign this petition, thus affording them an opportunity of reading the oath and knowing what they are about when signing this petition?

The petition (in its wisdom) does not publish the oath and though it is a long time since I have read it myself, I am very much under the impression, that if in this enlightened age, the king takes the oath in its present form, he will insult a very large, intelligent, wealthy, influential and loyal portion of his subjects throughout the empire, and I am sure so gracious and liberal minded a sovereign as our present king will be slow to do this.

I may say that I am not a Roman Catholic nor, I hope, a bigot.

Yours truly,
M.

Ladysmith, Jan. 6th, 1902.

[The Leader will have pleasure in publishing the coronation oath in Saturday's issue, for the edification of the general public.—Ed Leader.]

Puffs From The Pipe.

By Lue Vernon.

Here's to the man so wondrously polite
That he will stand with smiles ever bright
And listen to the anecdotes which bore
And never say, "I've heard that yarn before."

Cruelty to animals is a heavy tax, not only on ranches or farms, but wherever these burden-bearers are used. Horses are half fed, over-loaded and then beaten because they can't pull the load. We never see a man beating his team without wishing the blows were on his own back. There may be a little cruelty in the wish, but it has in it the element of justice.

It is believed that fire will be very warm this winter.

I suppose why some people ask the Lord to give them daily bread, is because they want it fresh.

Automobiles are being successfully used to collect mail. That is probably because so many females are driving them.

Seattle is not slow in doing anything. A hackman named Sam Childs died from pneumonia in that city last week and was buried by Bonney & Stewart undertakers. The funeral procession was headed by Wagner's famous band. Childs was of poetic mind, for, shortly before his death he composed the following lines and they were given to the undertakers:

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E. HARRISON,
Judge of Court of Revision.

December 18th, 1901.

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AT EARLY MORN.

Walk who will at deep of noon,
Or stroll fantastic in the moon;
I would take the morning earth,
New as at creation's birth,
Air unbreathed, and grass untrod;
Where I cross the dawn-lit sod,
Making green paths in the gray
Of the dew that's brushed away.

Would some depth of holy light,
Sacred with its starry light,
Over all my breast might roll,
Bringing dawn into my soul,
That its consecrated dew
Might refresh and make me new!
Then that thou and I might pace
Some far planet, poised in space,

Fresh as children innocent,
In each other's love content!
There our feet should recommence,
Lightened by experience,
Morning ways on dewy slope,
Winged with wonder and with hope;
All the things we'd thought or done,
Or felt before, forgot—save one!

EDWARD ROWLAND SILL.

The Great Reviews

Brief Extracts From the Chief Articles in the December Magazines

Pressure of other matters prevented the usual notices of the leading reviews appearing in any of The Leader's December issues, but these fine articles are flood reading at any time and consequently do not suffer by a slight delay in receiving the humble and respectful meed of praise and notice which The Leader can give.

In the Westminster Review the thinker will find much upon which to ponder. This, one of the most outspoken of the English reviews, and publishes articles which go very boldly to the root of the matter, whether it be the Government's policy in South Africa, or orthodoxy. The leading article in the December number is from the pen of Mr. S. P. Kerr, who deals with "The paradox of Liberal Imperialism," in a masterful way, and from the negative side. His argument is at all events ingenious. That there is not a little spice, too, may be gathered from such sentences as:

"And now the unfortunate British worker is to be called to further sacrifices; he is to come under the most hateful and despicable of all tyrannies, the tyranny of the military man. The tragedy of it! Here we have arrived at a time when all our energies should be bent on education in its best and broadest sense; when the proper equipment of the British worker in all spheres should be engaging our most strenuous attention, our most watchful care, in order to cope with the fierce competition about to assail us; and what do we find? A ministry determined on crippling education in order to please a half-educated priestly caste; money being poured out like water in order to seize a country which it will hardly pay us to hold on any terms; and behind, the shadow of compulsory military service. The thing itself is disheartening."

Sir Walter S. Cohen advocates the adption of the German Landschaft, or Provincial Land Bank, as a means of affording aid to the ruined farms of South Africa. The originator of this Land Bank was Frederick the Great, who introduced it with splendid effect at the close of his wars.

Mr. Herbert M. Vaughan puts in a strong plea for an Anglo-French alliance and one is reminded of the efforts of Cobden in that direction in reading this able article. Mr. Vaughan says that the German comic press surpassed the lowest Parisian gutter journals in vilifying the British during the Boer war, the paper which most disgraced itself in this respect being the Berlin Lustige Blaetter.

A fine article is that on the Eighteenth Century Deists, by Mr. J. M. Attenborough. He points out how the Continental thinkers have done justice to the great work accomplished by those English champions of freedom of thought.

Few lives are more worthy of remembrance than that of the late Alfred Nobel, and most interesting is the tribute to his memory written by Mr. A. Edmund Spender. Although the inventor of the most terrible destructive agent known, Mr. Nobel left in his will provision that all who are to enjoy his enormous wealth must consecrate themselves to the promotion of the peace of the world.

These are the most important articles in the Westminster for December.

The Nineteenth Century Review, as usual, contains a number of papers of surpassing interest to the thinker and student of current history. The leader is by Sir Wemyss Reid, describing his flying visit to the United States, and his impressions of the country and its people. We have not room for any more than this interesting description of his reception by President Roosevelt and his cabinet:

"I was received by Mr. Roosevelt immediately before a meeting of his cabinet, and I had the honor of being introduced to the several ministers in the President's own room. It would be impertinent on my part to give anything like a personal description of the holders of the great Administrative offices in the United States; but at least I may record my impression that, man for man, they will compare not unfavorably with the members of any cabinet in Europe. The lack of any kind of formality in a private reception at the White House is, to an Englishman, its most striking feature. President Roosevelt's bearing is so frank and hearty, and his intelligence so keen, that no one can meet him without feeling that he is in the presence of the chosen of the people; but he is hedged in by no restrictions of Court etiquette, and he greets his visitor with the cordial simplicity of a gentleman welcoming a friend."

Another very important and interesting article is that by Sir Robert Anderson, K. C. B., on "How to put an end to professional crime.". His plan is, simply, to deal with the criminal instead of the crime. That is, only certain expert members of the criminal classes can do the serious work of crime; the author's idea is to hunt those down and detain them for life. The rank and file of criminals are not dangerous. The men competent for the task of safe-breaking and the like are so few that the police generally know them perfectly well. Sir Robert would have all those gentry safely locked up for life; this method would lead to the extinction of crime.

Other fine papers are "Marriage and modern Civilization," by W. S. Lilly, "Back to the Land," by Earl Nelson; "'Bigods'" by the Countess of Warwick; "Child settlers for South Africa," by F. Stevenson, and "The White Peril", by G. Macaulay Trevelyan.

Classic Edinburgh.

The advantages of a residence in the city of Edinburgh are numerous and well known, and are by none more appreciated than by its inhabitants, who are never weary of expatiating on its great superiority over all the other cities of the world. Its architecture and its site, its streets, and the scenery in which it is imbedded have no rivals in Europe. It is the centre of arts and letters, the natal place of the "Edinburgh Review" and of "Ebony," the scene of the "Noctes Ambrosianæ," and the home of the philosophy of Sir William Hamilton. In fact almost all the weapons of civilization and of culture have been shaped and polished in it. It has another advantage, which is perhaps even more keenly felt at the present time. It is in the immediate neighborhood of Dalmeny, of which in a political and social sense it may be considered a dependency and a suburb.—London World.

HOW TO WALK WELL

LEARNING THE SECRETS OF THE POETRY OF MOTION.

What at First Seems Difficult Soon Becomes Second Nature—Something That Every Girl Should Know. Talk With a Specialist.

To any one who has not studied the question it seems a very easy task to teach a class of well brought up girls to walk properly, but when you stop to analyze the subject you must be struck with the first difficulty which is bound to present itself to the teacher. No two girls are built alike; consequently no two girls will walk exactly alike.

In order to bring about a perfectly correct walk the instructress is obliged to study each girl individually. Some slouch, some walk stiffly, some bend at the knee, some sag from the hips, others have round shoulders and others badly curved backs. The following rules have been suggested by a specialist upon the subject of correct carriage. They are so sensible and easily followed that after studying them every reader of this column should become a walking exponent of grace.

Says the lady: "The first poise I teach for the purpose of obtaining an easy, graceful carriage is called the harmonic poise, and its object is to limber up the hips. A great majority of women have what I call a sloppy carriage—they let their hips sag and break.

"Have you ever seen a woman who stands with one hip higher than the other, as if they were of unequal length? Such women walk like jointed dolls. First one hip goes up and then goes down, a regular seesaw movement of the body from the hips downward. Always keep the body in the center and have the line from the forehead run down as though it were a plumb line. The upper part of the body, not the lower, must go first. Hold the abdomen in and expand the chest. Nine-tenths of the women we see on the streets walk with the heel first, the arch and ball of the foot afterward, the abdomen aggressive and the head sunk between the shoulders.

"A good exercise for acquiring the walk which comes from the limberness of the hips is to swing the leg ahead and bring the torso with the leg in order to keep the perfect line of the body. The chest line should be over the toe. Hold yourself very erect, the muscles supporting the body, not the bones. I always cite the following rule to my pupils: The arch of the foot corresponds to the arch in architecture, and the weight is always carried on that; therefore the forward weight of the body should come on the arch or ball of the foot.

"A woman's arms should hang at the sides, slightly relaxed, but must never swing. Nothing is more ungraceful than this pendulumistic movement. I copy the Parisians in their methods by having my pupils learn to walk on narrow planks or cracks. The body balances just as it would on a tight rope—by the hands—and it sways to and fro from the hips. One foot is placed directly in front of the other.

"I do this for a reason very little known, because so many women walk with their feet very far apart, while others fall all over themselves, and others, again, stub the toes on the heel of the advancing foot. I don't want to say that the majority of women are knockkneed, but it is a common condition, and I think the heavy cloth skirts are often responsible. Limberness of the hips is an absolute necessity. It is really the pivot and is the first motion taught.

"I have my girls sometimes walk around with weights on their heads. I train them to look sideways, backward, to turn their heads slowly and quickly with the weight always carefully poised. This motion to be correct must come from between the shoulder blades."

Some time ago I had a most interesting talk with a Philadelphia woman who is less celebrated for her beauty than for her walk and apparently spontaneous poses. But it appears from the confessions of this candid lady that grace of figure has no more spontaneity than, as a usual thing, beauty of face. She herself has acquired both and frankly tells at what cost. To acquire poetry of movement, my beauty says, go to the theaters and study the best actresses. Literally study them. More can be learned in one evening from a graceful woman like Ellen Terry, who really has no great beauty, than from hours of practicing before the mirror, which should come afterward, when the principles of graceful motion and pose have been mastered by observation.

The secret of a good walk is even simpler. Find a poem with a particularly graceful rhythm and say a stanza or two over and over as you walk. Necessarily a rhythmic walk must be developed. A girl who walks with poetry in her mind and on her hips will show poetry in her walk. For a beautiful face the recipe is not so new, though it is one that has much in its favor. Read good books and encourage beautiful thoughts. These will lead to habits of mind which cannot but leave their imprint on the face. "and," concludes my friend, "these are rules which have never been known to fail."

Soliloquies in the Shade.

When a man flatters himself that he knows a woman, he—flatters himself.

The most effective argument a charming woman can use to a man is an appealing "Don't you think so?"

When a girl says emphatically that she won't, it is morally certain that she will; when she says she will, will she?

The greatest lack of logic is displayed by the man who reasons logically with a woman.

The girl who judges a man from the curl of his mustache does not deserve much sympathy when she is disillusioned.

The gaudy tinsel of admiration is a surer bait for woman than the gold of devout love.

Man loves to be praised for his intuition, woman for her logic. As a rule, neither possesses either.

It is always a matter of surprise that others should take their worries so much to heart, also that they make so light of ours.—L. de V. M. in Smart Set.

Your Canary.

Never let a birdcage hang in a room where the gas is alight, unless it is exceptionally well ventilated. The air near the ceiling is always the most impure at night. Make a rule of always setting dickey's cage on the table at night, and his health will improve. After the gas has been alight some time put your own head near the ceiling and see how you would like to sleep in such an atmosphere.

CHILDREN'S COLUMN

A WARM WELCOME.

The Old War Horse Who Made His Returning Master's Heart Glad.

Old Spot was General Kilpatrick's favorite war horse. After the war the general was sent to South America. He left the old horse at the farm, with orders that he should be kindly cared for. Returning after an absence of several years the general reached home near night and was for some time occupied in exchanging greetings with his family and friends. He did not, however, long neglect to inquire after the old horse. Learning that Spot was at pasture in a distant field, the general sent for him, and a little later was told that his favorite stood tied to a post at the entrance of the grounds some distance away. The general hastened out on to the piazza, whence, peering through the evening, he saw the form of the old veteran, who stood demurely gnawing at the post. Just one word, "Spot!" rang out over the lawn. Like an echo came back the answering neigh. With a snort and a bound the old charger snapped the halter, cleared the fence at a leap, and, with arched neck and ears proudly erect, he stood by the piazza, where with joyful whinny he laid his head on his master's breast. Added the general, "We hugged and caressed each other like lovers, and I am not ashamed to say that no welcome I received that day warmed my heart more than that of old Spot."

The Dumb Boy's Lesson.

The picture shows how a little boy who has always been dumb is being taught to talk. He can hear, and when his teacher

LEARNING TO CONVERSE.

speaks he lays his hand on her throat to get the vibrations. Then he imitates the vibrations and that makes the sound he wishes to utter.—Exchange.

A Triumph In Division.

A lesson in arithmetic is no joke—a painful reality, rather—yet a Boston schoolboy is alleged to have been inspired to humor by the very worst of the problems in long division. After he had failed on the sums the teacher set he asked permission to give one of his own. The privilege was granted. "My aunt has eight children," he said, "and she doesn't like to favor one above another. She was at the market the other day and she bought eight apples for them, one apiece, but when she got home she found she'd lost one apple. All the same, she divided the apples so as to give each child the same number. How did she do it?"

The class hadn't got along to fractions, and the boy insisted that his aunt knew nothing about algebra. So the puzzled teacher finally asked, "Well, how did she divide the seven apples so as to give each of the eight children an equal number?"

"She made apple sauce."

The Children's Hour.

When the nursery tea is over,
And sticky wee fingers clean,
And hair all brushed and tidy,
What nurse calls "fit to be seen."

When the toys—well, the dolls and the soldiers,
The farmyard ducks and the geese,
The tops, the trains and Noah
Are granted a little peace.

And the rocking horse, poor fellow,
That has worked so hard all day
Is allowed to rest on his rockers
And doze in his wooden way.

For a distant bell is ringing,
And the children caper and crow:
"We're to go down stairs to mother;
That's the bell for us, you know.

"She'll read to us lots of stories,
And games we shall play as well,
And so you can quite imagine
How we love the downstairs bell."

Solomon the Snow White.

Johann Peter Hebel, the German poet who flourished in the early part of the nineteenth century, had better luck than has fallen to some greater poets. He became a bishop and inspector of schools He took pains with the children. Once he asked a class what Solomon was famous for, but none could tell. Pointing to the snow outside, in the hope that the white (weiss) color might give them the cue to the word weise (wise), he said: "The snow is white. Now what was Solomon?" Came pat the answer, "Snow white!"

Picketwire River.

An odd derivation has been furnished for a stream in Colorado which used to be locally spoken of as the Picketwire river. Its earliest name in Spanish meant the river of the lost souls, which it took from a number of early explorers having lost their lives there. The French pioneers, keeping in mind the "lost souls," more mercifully changed it to Purgatoire, or Purgatory river. Purgatoire in the mouths of the later English speaking settlers became Picketwire, and by such title it is said to have been long known.

How Elephants Are Fed.

Elephants in the Indian army are fed twice a day. When mealtime arrives, they are drawn up before piles of food. Each animal's breakfast includes ten pounds of raw rice done up in two pound packages. The rice is wrapped in leaves and then tied with grass. At the command "Attention!" each elephant raises its trunk and a package is thrown into its capacious mouth. By this method of feeding not a single grain of rice is wasted.

The Primrose.

The 20th of April is the anniversary of the death of the Earl of Beaconsfield, better known as Benjamin Disraeli, prime minister of England. The anniversary is kept in England under the name of Primrose day.

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Nanaimo, B. C.

THE CITY

All who are interested in the subject of tuberculosis (consumption) can learn a good deal about it and its prevention and cure by calling at the Government office and getting one of the pamphlets now there for free distribution.

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

A project is on foot to petition the Dominion Government for lights for Ladysmith harbor. They are needed more than anything else in this harbor. Nanaimo harbor has just been provided with beacons, which are proving of great value to navigators.

Seattle Post-Intelligencer has got out a novel kind of guessing contest. It consists of counting the number of dots in a square. It looks easy, but like the celebrated fifteen puzzle, "it ain't." Those who succeed in counting the correct number should communicate immediately with the P. I. and get a suitable reward for their industry.

Nothing finer turned out anywhere than those winter suits and overcoats at Caldwell's, Nanaimo.

Members of the Ladysmith Athletic Association are now sporting the club button which was procured through Mr. W. H. Lively, the First Avenue jeweler. The button is very pretty; the design is a bicycle wheel in maroon and gray, with a maple leaf in the centre, and the letters "L. A. A." on the leaf. Those who have not yet obtained their button may do so by calling on Mr. Lively.

The police have ascertained the calibre of the bullets fired by the would-be murderer of Mr. Alexander Faulds at Alexandria a fortnight ago. This is at least a clue. If they could now find the gun, and then the man, the tragedy would move in strictly orthodox lines to the grand denouement, the court of justice and the place where the oakum is picked and the stones are broken.

Caldwell, the Nanaimo tailor, is showing the finest tweeds and cloths for winter garments.

Efforts are being made to form a literary and debating society amongst the young men of Ladysmith. The suggestion is admirable, and should meet with all favor. There are some remarkably good public speakers living here, but such a society would do yeoman service in discovering the budding Demosthenes and Kikeros and Burkes that lurk "unbeknownst" in what the rural reporter loves to call "our midst." Let the promoters remember: "Tempus fugit."

Where are the people stampeding to? Why to Lively the jeweler's of course; he's got a stock that draws the public.

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THE DISTRICT

South Wellington

Robt. Bryden was in town Monday evening.

Harry James and William McMillan and Fred Wilson spent Saturday and Sunday in Nanaimo.

There were two fires in Cranberry district Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday the residence of Rev. Christmas, Church of England minister, was burnt to the ground. Sunday evening York's barn was burnt, a total loss, there being just time to get the horses and cattle out.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fiddick spent the New Year holidays in Vancouver.

C. G. Griffin, supt. of the Safety Powder Works, went to Vancouver Monday morning. He will return via Victoria.

Miss Ettie Harris was a passenger to Nanaimo on Saturday evening's train.

Misses. Sidonia and Lizzie Richardson were on Saturday's afternoon train to Victoria, en route to New Castle, Wash., where they intend to take up their residence in future.

J. Dick was renewing old acquaintances in town Sunday afternoon.

Geo. Richardson intends moving to New Castle, Wash., this week. The rest of the family went Sunday. Mr. Richardson remains to dispose of the furniture and household effects.

No further developments have come to light in the Faulds shooting case. Harry McIndoo, Provincial Constable, is in town attending to the matter.

Bevilockway & Co's. delivery wagon ran away Friday morning while going down the hill to Gillett's. Both shafts were broken and the wagon considerably damaged.

Jas. Robinson, who had his leg smashed a couple of weeks ago at Extension, has recovered sufficiently to be able to work again.

Extension.

The Italia Hotel was burned to the ground on Sunday morning. It has not been learned how the building caught fire.

Miss Knight spent New Year's at Ladysmith.

Opals are not unlucky when purchased from Lively the leading jeweler.

Miss Stickney, who for the past two weeks has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Dickinson, returned home to Vancouver.

Mr. Joseph Derosey left Extension on Monday on a pleasure trip to Vancouver, Westminster and other places.

Mr. Harry Shepperd and J. Dwire, who were taken to the hospital for treatment, are improving.

Don't forget that Weinrobe's store is the place for clocks, watches, jewelry, silverware, spectacles, etc. 22-tf

Mr. Ryder is erecting a building along the side of his store in which the post office will be kept.

The Cheapside is selling eight-day wooden clocks at $2.75; Tattoo alarms $1.85; Bristol alarms at $1.00.

A meeting of the Liberal Association will be held in the K. of P. hall on Thursday evening, beginning at 7.30 o'clock, for the purpose of electing a delegate to attend the Convention at Vancouver.

The Masquerade Winners.

Following is the full list of prize-winners and prizes at the Masquerade Ball New Year's Eve:

Best dressed gent, Mr. Wanless, 1 pair gent's sleave links 14 karat; best dressed lady, Miss Carron, silver butter dish; best national character, lady, Miss Morgan, dressing case; best sustained gent, Mr. C. W. Mills, accordion; best sustained lady, Miss Dickenson, hand-glass, box perfume; best comic gent, Mr. Beal, writing companion; best comic lady, Mrs. Tate, silver-mounted perfume bottle; best just landed, Mr. Horn, 1 box notions, 1 box cigars; best weary willie, Mr. E. Stacey, leg of mutton; best lady waltzer, Miss Teuez, 1 pair shoes; best gent waltzer, Mr. Hern, gold watch chain; best lady cake walker, Miss Forcimmer, 1 cake, 1 lb. tea; best gent cake walker, Mr. Beal, K. of P. gold locket.

A Splendid Publication.

The Leader is in receipt of the Scientific American's supplement, devoted to the growth of the United States navy since the Spanish-American war. This is one of the handsomest productions of the American press The Leader has ever had the pleasure of examining. The illustrations, which are very numerous and exhaustive, are done in the superb style for which the American press has won deserved celebrity throughout the world.

The frontispiece, showing the new battleship Georgia (and class) steaming full speed, is a grand example of American color printing. The plate showing all the vessels of this formidable navy collected in one great fleet, giving the beholder a bird's-eye view of the sea power of the United States, is another specimen of artistic workmanship which would be difficult to match in the press of the world.

The illustrations of details, such as armor plate tests, engines, projectiles, special devices, guns, the internal economy of the leviathans, and many other essential particulars connected with the naval science are beautifully done, and are most instructive.

The Scientific American certainly deserves the warmest praise for its excellent enterprise, and the present issue is in all respects worthy of the great navy which is being placed upon the seas by the United States. That navy now ranks very high in the list, and when the present building programme shall be completed the American people will have the satisfaction of seeing their navy ranking next to that of Great Britain in size, power and efficiency.

Interesting Items.

A Wellington telegram says that the gold yield of New Zealand for the month of November amounted to 39,185 ounces.

By a resolution passed in the Australian House of Representatives, the majority of linen and cotton piece goods, including calicoes and shirtings, will now be free from tariff, and the remainder subject to a duty of 10 per cent.

Dr. John Warren Edgar, who is believed to have been the oldest member of the medical profession, has just died at Monkseaton, in his 99th year. Three brothers, all doctors, lived to the age of 80, 94 and 95 respectively, so that their longevity would seem to be rather a matter of family constitution than of the special longevity of doctors as a class.

Some disquieting reflections are inspired by figures given of the British national consumption of drink. This year it is stated we are manufacturing 36 million barrels of beer and 45 million gallons of spirits as compared with 33 million barrels and 39 million gallons in 1896; while the State's profit has grown from £35,000,000 in 1896 to £43,000,000 in 1901. Is it, as some of our friends assert, that as a nation we are going in more and more for continuous tippling?

It is not the least promising sign of Japanese prosperity that the number of European and American firms established in Japan is decreasing. At Yokohama in 1899 there were 303, in 1900 only 248. At the same time Japanese merchants are multiplying in China and Korea. It does not sound too encouraging at first for our Eastern trade, but it may well enough be that the Japanese will open up markets for others besides themselves.

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The tobacco war, whatever else, is bringing grist to the newspaper mill (remarks a London correspondent). Both the British and the American companies are advertising largely, and it is said that the other day Messrs. John Haddon & Co. spent between £6,000 and £7,000 on behalf of the Imperial Tobacco Syndicate in advertisements in about 100 papers.

An extraordinary mistake is reported from Australia, where it has been discovered that the new federal tariff will yield £11,000,000 per annum instead of £9,000,000. There is nothing like being on the right side—but an excess of over 20 per cent.

Grant White struck quite a bonanza while placer mining lately at Tvauchton taking out over a hundred dollars in a couple of hours. Gib Ward also struck some good pay streaks. Several Siwashes lately have brought down considerable coarse gold from the section. W. J. Gilchrist and partners are doing a 150-foot tunnel and expect to reach bedrock soon; all of which goes to show that there is good placer ground in this district and lots of it.—Lillooet Prospector.

C. G. Griffin, superintendent of the Safety Powder Works, returned on the morning train from Nanaimo Monday.

LOST.—Sable collie with a dark back and white feet. Answers to name of Towser. Lost on Monday. Return to S. Shore. 32-3t

TAX NOTICE

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