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GRAND LIBERAL RALLY.

Mr. W. W. Southin Elected Delegate to Vancouver Convention.

There was an excellent turn-out of Liberals in Gould's Hall Thursday evening to elect a delegate in accordance with the call of the Provincial Liberal Association, to the Convention to take place in Vancouver, January 30th. Mr. M. C. McKenelly was voted to the chair, and Mr. T. L. Grahame acted as secretary, and read the call to the Liberals and also the circular from the Vancouver Liberal Association to the Liberal Associations throughout the province, protesting against certain clauses in the call. The resolutions of the Vancouver and the New Westminster Liberal Associations were also read.

The following motion was put and carried unanimously:

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

Mr. Walter Jones then moved, seconded by Mr. Harry Carroll that this meeting endorse the action of the Vancouver and New Westminster Liberal Associations, in their protest against editors of the Liberal papers and members of the Provincial Liberal Executive being admitted as members of the convention. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Walter Jones briefly explained the purpose of the meeting. He said that it was proposed that Extension should appoint one delegate, South Wellington one and Ladysmith one.

Mr. J. E. Smith started a somewhat lively discussion on the question as to whether Liberals who were not voters in this district had the right to elect a delegate to Convention.

Mr. Walter Jones and Mr. Harry Carroll pointed out that there was nothing to prevent this, as the call specified only that the delegate should be an elector of the district which he was chosen to represent. Mr. W. G. Fraser contended that resident Liberals whether voters in this district or not had the right to elect the delegate, if the latter were an elector of the district.

Mr. Walter Jones then nominated Mr. Wilfrid W. Southin as the delegate to represent Ladysmith. Mr. Southin was, so far as Mr. Jones was aware, the only elector of South Nanaimo district resident in this town. The motion was seconded by Mr. W. G. Fraser.

A lengthy discussion then took place on the standing of the delegate and the Liberals who elected him, and what constituted a voter. This debate was taken part in by Messrs. W. Jones, Carroll, Fraser, Robert Allan, Bickle, S. F. McIntosh, D. D. McIntosh, I. Gould, Rev. Mr. Rae, and others.

To clear the matter up the secretary after explaining that the only authority for the Convention lay in the call of the Provincial Liberal Association, which had been read, and there it was plainly laid down that the delegate, not those who elected him, should be a voter in the district which he was to represent, He read the clauses dealing with the matter, which are as follows:

Clause (a) of Sec. II—"Three delegates for each member of the lotal legislature to be elected by Liberals in the electoral district represented by such member."

Sec IV—"No delegate shall be accepted who is not an elector in the district he represents."

No mention is made of the special standing of the Liberals who elect the delegate. This reading was accepted by the meeting.

Mr, Walter Jone's motion that Mr. W. W. Southin be the delegate from Ladysmith, was then put and carried unanimously.

Mr. W. G. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Jones that the delegate appointed to represent Ladysmith at Vancouver Convention be instructed to vote for party lines at the Convention on January 30th. Carried.

The meeting then terminated.

To Whom it May Concern.

We the undersigned, take this means of thanking Mr. Wm. K. Leighton, insurance agent, for the prompt and satisfactory settlement of our claim for loss and damages caused by the recent fire at Extension; and we have much pleasure in recommending him to anyone seeking fire insurance.

JNO. B. WADDELL.
W. H. MOORE.
Extension, B.C., Dec. 23, 1901.

Mr. Harry Porter has resumed duty after his holiday at Cobble Hill.

NANAIMO POULTRY SHOW.

Opportunity for Ladysmith Fanciers to Distinguish Themselves.

As will be observed from advertisement in the Leader's columns today the Nanaimo Poultry and Pet Stock Association are sparing no effort to make the annual exhibition this year a great success. This is a splendid chance for Ladysmith poultry fanciers to get their pets judged by an expert whose opinions are worth much to the breeder. It would be a fine thing to see Ladysmith well represented at this show, which is the leading poultry event in the Canadian West.

The display of birds from Nanaimo and neighborhood, as noted in The Leader a few days ago, will be finer this year than ever before, and will include classes never before shown in this country. Such, for instance, as the Orpingtons of England, now one of the fashionable styles of poultry in that country. They are very expensive but several beauties have been imported.

The pet stock classes will be especially well filled and some grand specimens will be on view. The bantam, canary and pigeon classes are to be very fine The Leader hopes Ladysmith fanciers will rise to the occasion.

While visiting Mrs. David Jones a dap or two ago Mrs. Morgan Jones was delivered of a fine boy. Both mother and child are doing nicely. The event although, of course, not entirely unexpected certainly came as a surprise happening where and when it did.

MR. LIVELY'S PRIZE GUESSING.

Interesting Contest With Surprising Results.

Great interest was taken by the public in the prize guessing competition for prizes carried on at Mr. W. H. Lively's the First Avenue jeweler. The contest consisted in guessing the number of seeds in a pumpkin which has been on exhibition in Mr. Lively's window for some time past.

Each dollar's worth of goods purchased at Mr. Lively's store entitled the purchaser to one guess. On New Year's Eve quite a large crowd of guessers assembled to learn their fate. The judges were Messrs. A. S. Christie, W. W. Southin and George Cassidy—two justices of the peace and the head of the provincial police force in Ladysmith. This ensured absolute British fair play. The count showed that the "pumpkin" contained exactly 509 seeds. The prize-winners were:

1st, T. L. Grahame, 508; 2nd, T. L. Grahame, 510; W. Agnel, 510; Mr. Grahame won the draw. 3rd, S. Horel, C. B. Rubelee, 507; Mr. Horel won draw. 4th, W. Nicholas, H. Brigel and T. O'Connell, each 511; not yet drawn. 5th, T. L. Grahame and W. Agnel, 505; Mr. Grahame won draw. 6th, E. Jones, 514. 7th, W. Nicholas, 503; 8th, C. B. Rubelee, G. Sugden and W. Agnel, each 515; Mr. Rubelee won draw. 9th, Mr. Gibbs, 501. 10th, Messrs. Stewart, Lang, J. Bland, W. Nicholas, H. Thornley and T. L. Grahame, not yet drawn.

Mr. Lively wishes the gentlemen who have not yet drawn for their prizes to call at his store at a quarter to one o'clock today and draw for decision.

NEWS OF THE SMELTER

Information to Effect That Active Operations Are to Begin Soon

Mr. Livingston, manager of the Tyee Mining Company, says that the Ladysmith smelter will be completed within six months, and that work on the erection of the same will be commenced almost immediately.

It should be understood by the public that there are many things to be done before the final arrangements can be completed, as it is not a small or easily built structure that is to be constructed but a most expensive reduction works requiring the the greatest care and calculation. The Leader understands that the contract for clearing the site has been let, and that this work will be started within a few days, just north of the Ladysmith Iron Works. Experts from England are to superintend the building of the smelter and works, and no expense is to be spared in making them thoroughly up to date.

THE RIFLE RANGE

Committee Examine One Near The City and Find It Too Short.

Messrs. Mills, W. Southin, and T. L. Grahame of the committee appointed at the meeting of the Ladysmith Rifle Club Monday night to look out for a suitable fie range and report to the meeting to take place Monday evening next in The Leader office, went out to the alder bottom mentioned by Mr. Southin in his remarks to the meeting, and made a thorough examination of the ground. They procured a line fifty yards long and proceeded to measure the distance, cutting their way through the brush, which is very dense there. It was soon found, however, that the distance at the utmost would not exceed five or six hundred yards. They accordingly suspended operations and returned to town. If the proper distance of one thousand or twelve hundred yards could have been obtained there the site is ideal, and would have made a splendid range, being only a mile and a quarter from town. They will report the result of their journey to the meeting on Monday night. Meanwhile they will try to find another range. It is said that a suitable one can be found along the hill immediately behind Ladysmith, where the woods are thick. The committee will pay a visit to that locality before the meeting on Monday and report what success they meet with.

A large number of new members have joined the club since the first meeting, and the membership is now close upon sixty. If it can be brought up to eighty there will be enough to form two clubs, and thus the material for the keenest kind of rivalry will be established.

This is something that every man in town able to carry arms should support; it costs little or nothing, demands very little time, and, taking a broader view of it prepares every loyal Canadian for the defence of his country.

The Leader is requested to issue a strong and urgent call to all to attend the meeting on Monday evening in The Leader office, when all who wish will be enrolled and officers will be elected.

Sunday Services.

Methodist church — Services are held at 11 o'clock Sunday morning and 7 o'clock in the evening. Sunday school at 2.30. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

The Baptist congregation meets every Sunday afternoon in Nicholson's hall. Preacher, Rev. J. W. Williamson. Everyone is heartily invited.

First Presbyterian Church—Regular services, morning 11 o'clock; evening 7 o'clock. Sunday school 2.30 p. m. Rev. W. A. Rae, pastor.

Anglican Church.—Sunday, Jan. 5th. Morning Service at 11 a. m., Evening Service at 7 p. m.; Sunday School 2.30 p. m., in Oddfellows' Hall, Roberts St. Ven. Archdeacon Scriven in charge.

Handsomely Remembered.

Through an unfortunate oversight the note containing the report of the presentation made to Rev. R. J. Irwin, pastor of the Methodist church was mislaid and did not appear last issue. The leading facts are that the congregation as a token of the high regard in which they hold Rev. Mr. Irwin, presented him with a horn of plenty at their Christmas tree entertainment, the said horn containing the neat little sum of $28. Rev. Mr. Irwin was agreeably surprised and rendered suitable thanks.

LABOR, NOT LIBERAL.

Mr. Hawthornethwaite Makes Clear His Position.

In an interview with Nanaimo Free Press Mr. J. H. Hawthornethwaite, M. P. L., makes the following important statements.

I do not wish to discuss the political situation from the provincial standpoint at the present time. With regard to Mr. Bodwell I will merely point out that he is a Liberal endorsed by the leading Liberals and his platform is a Liberal platform while I am a Labor representative and intend to remain one.

With regard to the local position it is embarrassing and confusing and requires courageous and honest handling.

I believe there is no such party as a Liberal-Labor Party and that combination in the local house as advocated by Smith-Curtis and supported by myself simply meant a temporary coalition of both parties for a joint action against the Dunsmuir administration.

The Liberal and Labor parties a quite distinct both in principles an methods. The Liberal party does not believe in class legislation, and does not advocate progress along socialistic lines The Independent Labor Party was formed in Canada, England and New Zealand to study economic subjects affecting the welfare of Labor, and to obtain direct legislation for the benefit of the labor class, which includes all wage workers. The Independent Labor Party is not supposed to form a permanent alliance with either of the older parties.

In New Zealand the Labor Party persisted in this attitude until it finally obtained complete control of the Government. Almost all the legislation demanded by the labor party is of a distinctly socialistic nature, such as the government ownership and operation of railways and all public franchises; it further demands such reform movements as state insurance, old age pensions for the laborers, the nationalization of the land and also the liquor traffic.

The English Independent party goes further insists that the labor problem will only be solved when the land and means of production, distribution and exchange are held as common property.

The Trades Congress held at Bristol in 1898 sustained this position by the large majority of 298,000 votes.

On joining the Labor Party at Winnipeg (which Puttee represents) Vancouver, Victoria, or indeed wherever the party is properly established, you are required to foreswear all allegiance to all other existing political parties" and rightly so.

Dr. McKechnie's position as president of the liberal association and of the labor party is certainly anomalous, but that gentleman has done so many good actions for our party that but few of its members are disposed to be critical.

I need not say that I totally disagree with the view of the editor of the Herald, and I emphatically protest against the position taken that we organized the labor party, and sent Ralph Smith to Ottawa "as an indication to the Laurier government that the labor men fully appreciated the spirit and value of the labor legislation placed on the statutes during the preceding session and wanted to have a man on the floor of parliament to secure a proper execution of these.

Mr, Smith approached the Conservative party here for their support on the ground that he was an Independent Labor candidate, and Mr. John Mehan in the district, and many other prominent Conservatives whom I can name, supported him upon that and no other understanding.

I am quite aware that Mr. Smith's views are different from my own in regard to these matters in many respects, the stand he takes being more moderate and I freely admit that his interpretation may be the more correct and acceptable one. However, I propose to stand or fall by these views, and will call a public meeting at an early date and discuss these matters fully and openly.

Smith Curtis is the only Liberal of any preminence in the province who honestly intends to carry out reforms for the benefit of Labor. Captain Tatlow, among Conservatives, is also a good man. He introduced the Natal act for the exclusion of Japs and Chinese in the local house, and I regret that the Liberal government has disallowed it. I have not the slightest intention of dropping the Labor party and joining the Liberal party.

It was reported yesterday that Mr. Peter Fronlund of the E. & N. Railway staff, Ladysmith, had committed matrimony in Victoria on January 2nd. As Mr. Fronlund had not given any indications of being thus affected some doubt was felt. If the report was correct The Leader joins all friends in hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Fronlund.

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AN HONEST MAN.

Mr. J. H. Hawthornthwaite, M. P. L. the representative of the Labor party of Nanaimo in the Provincial Legislature, has stated his opinion regarding the attempt to wed Labor and Liberalism. He is unequivocal, as we thould always expect Mr. Hawthornthwaite to be, and his statement entirely bears out The Leader's contention that the union or attempted union of those two interests is immoral.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite says that Labor and Liberalism are quite separate and distinct, that he is not a Liberal but a Labor representative, and that he intends to remain true to his salt. Well done, Mr. Hawthornthwaite, it is indeed a pleasure to find that British Columbia contains still another man who is not afraid to speak his mind.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite will find that he is one of a small minority, however, and that such papers as Nanaimo Herald will spare no pains, miss no chance to slander and abuse him for the faith that is in him. The Herald has clearly, by the announcement of its manager, placed itself outside the pale of Labor. It is no longer a Labor paper even by implication, as we have contended all along, time proving us right at last, but the mere organ of a couple of political adventurers, who are rapidly being found out by the electorate of Nanaimo.

How fine is the position of Mr. Hawthornthwaite compared with either that of Dr. McKechnie or Mr. Ralph Smith M.P. Mr. Hawthornthwaite will assuredly suffer for his boldly expressed opinions, but the Labor men of Nanaimo will look around for a good long while before they get another man so honest and straightforward as their present representative, who is every inch a man compared with the two gentlemen we have mentioned.

Nanaimo labor men seem to have some difficulty in distinguishing the chaff from the wheat, and in picking men worthy to represent them, and it would not at all surprise us to see them give Mr. Hawthornthwaite his conge at the next election simply because he has had the courage and the manliness to speak the truth. It takes pluck to tell the truth, pluck and honesty, and one man of average physique could wheel all of the two qualities to be found amongst the politicians of British Columbia to the top of Spion Kop in a wheelbarrow without endangering his cardiac apparatus.

LORD ROSEBERY'S ADVICE.

We have the verbatim report of Lord Rosebery's speech at Chesterfield on December 17th last, and it is a splendid bit of speechifying. Having heard Lord Rosebery on other occasions, it is so easy to conjure up again, while reading that report the smooth boyish face, the cultured voice with its pleasant accents, and the expressive eye adding piquancy to his sly shots. It is a true Rosebery speech, but what it contains for the Liberals is not a great deal. There is some platitudinous advice, such as any member of the party could have offered. For example, he says this to the Libera party:

"First, you have to clean your slate. It is six years since you were in office; it is sixteen years since you were in anything like power; and it does seem to me that under those circumstances the primary duty of the Liberal party is to wipe its slate clean, and consider very carefully what it is going to write on it in future. I hope you will write on that slate a policy adapted to 1901 or 1902 and not adapted to 1892 or 1893."

The speaker, further on in the speech continues much in the same strain:

"My third piece of advice is that you should not move very much faster than the great mass of the nation is prepared to move too. If you move out of relation, if you move far in front of the nation to which you look for support, you will find yourself isolated, as so many of our troops have been isolated in South Africa, cut off and become a prey to the enemy. If the Liberal party in affliction has learned nothing, if it has learned nothing from its years of adversity, I venture to say that its prospects of power and influence in this country are infinitely more remote than any, than the darkest I could venture to prognosticate."

Lord Rosebery in his speech rather severely criticized the War Office, but he warmly defended the British soldiers from the charges of barbarity brought against them by continental critics and others.

Contrary to expectations, however, the speech has not produced any very profound effect either on the party or the nation.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

So Mamma Holland has paid Prince Henry's debts. Had she taken her slipper to him as well the Homeric justice of the act would have provoked Homeric laughter and applause right round the world.

One thing seems to be certain in old country politics, and that is that the people are tired of the Salisbury regime and of Tory rule. It is strongly probable that the Liberals will sweep the present administration out of the field in the next general election. Happy day for the British people when that shall befall.

Nanaimo Herald says that it is a "plain paper and accuracy is its aim." Certainly it is a plain paper, more plain, even, than paper; but it could not hit Mount Baker at ten yards at noontide if it took its alleged accuracy for its aim. Many look upon the Herald as the Coast edition of the New York comic papers.

One blushes for the inherent meanness and cussedness of human nature at reading of the spiteful things that were said about Marconi by so-called scientific men, after the successful transmission of wireless telegraphy signals across the Atlantic. Those jealous scientific men are the same breed exactly who jailed Galileo, roasted Servetus and made it hot for several other discoverers. Fortunately those pitiful creatures have been effectually silenced.

Nothing is more puzzling to the real Liberal than the stampede of the Canadian Liberals after the Tory party of England. The two parties have nothing in common, yet the Canadian Liberals are yielding what looks like slavish homage to the English Tory party in almost everything. The so-called Liberal press of Canada, now howling plaudits of Tory bungling, will doubtless attune its howl to fit the next administration, of Great Britain, which will be Liberal to the core. Canadian Liberals should take something for their backbone—a pair of stays would suit not a few of them.

Christmas in Australia.

Queensland.

Too hot to eat,
Too hot to drink,
Too hot to talk,
Too hot to think.

Too hot to live,
Too hot to die,
Too hot to love,
Too hot to cry.

Too hot to read,
To hot to write,
Too hot for day,
Too hot for night.

Too hot to smile,
Too hot to frown,
Too hot for field,
Too hot for town,

Too hot to hunt,
Too hot to fish,
Too hot to have,
Too hot to wish.

Too hot to laugh,
Too hot to cry,
Too hot to sell,
Too hot to buy.
Too hot to give,
Too hot to keep,
Too hot to walk,
Too hot to sleep.

Too hot for work,
Too hot for fun,
They'll all be glad
When Summer's done.

—S. H. Bertram.

FATHER RODE THE GOAT.

The house is full of arnica
And mystery profound;
We do not dare to run about.
Or make the slightest sound.
We leave the big piano shut
And do not strike a note;
The doctor's been here seven times
Since father rode the goat.

He joined the lodge a week ago,
Got in at 4 a. m.,
And sixteen brethren brought him home,
Though he says he brought them,
His wrist was sprained, and one big rip
Had rent his Sunday coat;
There must have been a lively time
When father rode the goat.

He's resting on the couch today
And practicing his signs—
The hailing signal, working grip
And other monkey shines.
He mutters passwords 'neath his breath
And other things he'll quote;
They surely had an evening's work
When father rode the goat.

He has a gorgeous uniform,
All gold and red and blue,
A hat with plumes and yellow braid
And golden badges, too;
But, somehow, when we mention it,
He wears a look so grim
We wonder if he rode the goat
Or if the goat rode him.

—Baltimore American

Unemployed in Germany.

Results are now declared upon the inquiries instituted by Berlin Municipal Council in regard to want of work. These show certain trades, including brewing, printing, and building to be normal. However, the pessimistic reports on the metal industry are confirmed, being computed that only 28,600 men are in employment, whereas, in October, 1900, the number was 73,1000. In half of the factories the working hours have been reduced.

Dr. Jastrow, in his Labour Market Correspondance, estimates the number of unemployed in the larger towns of Germany at from 7 to 10 per cent. In the northern cities the want of work is not computed to be so great, but in Breslau the report estimates the number of unemployed at 10 per cent, and in Dresden at an even higher percentage,

Taking Germany as a whole, the estimate gives the number of unemployed at 500,000, or about 4 per cent. of the total number of workmen and artisans.

NANAIMO'S NEW ORGAN.

Instrument Thoroughly Tested In Recital By Expert.

Congratulations are strictly in order to the good people of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Nanaimo, and all others who joined them in raising the funds necessary to install the splendid Victoria Memorial Organ, which now fills the alcove behind the pulpit in that fine church. The test of the new organ's powers, which took place on New Year's Eve at the hands of Professor Bayliss, of Vancouver, was most searching, and calculated to exhibit the instrument's varied qualities in the most thorough manner. The programme showed that the intention was to make the first recital display everything that was in the organ which was built by the Karn Company of Woodstock, Ont.

Professor Bayliss, who received his training in the Royal Academy of Music, London, England, from which famous institute he graduated with distinguished honors, is considered to be one of the best organists on the Pacific Coast. On Tuesday evening he certainly showed that he is master of the instrument, and the admiration of his really splendid performance will be enhanced by the fact that the stops were not in proper working order and that the instrument next day had to receive the finishing touches from the builders. In spite of those drawbacks Professor Bayliss gave a recital equal to anything ever heard in this province.

Beginning with a prelude and fugue by J. S. Bach (not the famous and gymnastic fugue on St. Ann's tune, but one with plenty of curves and curly work in it) he passed to three movements from the works of Batiste, the andante in F, being particularly fine, and showing off the softer tones the reed and flute effects very well. In two selections from Lemmens, a fanfare and triumphant march, the heavier powers of the organ were brought out admirably; the bourdon and diapason proving rich and sonorous and splendidly effective in the pompous strains of the march.

Next came two famous pieces from Wagner, "The Evening Star," and the great march from "Tannhauser." The weird and mournful beauty of the "Evening Star," with its delicate tremulous cadences, musically depicting the rise and reign of the glittering luminary, were exhibited with rare skill. The pure military swing of the "Tannhauser" march awakened the enthusiasm of the audience. Although considered one of "those popular things" that any piano thumper is at liberty to massacre after tea, this march is as excellent a test of technique and tempo as can be selected from the whole range of music. Professor Bayliss did it full justice.

Handel's "Largo," and "Hallelujah Chorus" were also charmingly given. Of course, to those accustomed to hear the "Messiah" selections on the great organs and with the accompaniment of hundreds of voices at the musical festivals the famous "Chorus" would sound rather thin on the Victoria Memorial Organ, but it must be remembered that the full power of the instrument was not available on Tuesday night. Both those characteristic pieces were given with great effect.

In his selections from "Faust," the airy pizzicato and the "Soldiers' Chorus" presented a pleasing contrast in style. The recital ended with the "Festive March" by Smart, a delightful study delightfully played.

The vocalists who assisted at the recital were Miss Crosby, who sang "Light of the World" by Adams, in faultless style. Miss Crosby's voice is one of the most admired in the province; its purity, richness of tone and rare culture being exceptional, even where so many fine singers are to be found. Miss Crosby added to her triumphs in the beautiful setting of "Just as I am," by Cutter.

Miss Agnes Glaholm, who possesses a voice of great natural beauty, and who is one of Nanaimo's most popular young vocalists, did full justice to Adam's famous song, "Star of Bethlehem." It is always a treat to hear Miss Glaholm, and she fairly surpassed herself on Tuesday evening.

Mr. Evan Miles had an excellent opportunity to display the qualities of his resonant baritone in Handel's heroic "Arm, arm, ye brave!" which he gave in splendid style. Mr. L. Williams in the recitative and solo "The Good Shepherd," by Parry, pleased everyone. He has a fine voice.

The recital from all standpoints was eminently successful. Others will be given, the next one probably by Mr. Jennings Burnett, the talented young organist of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Victoria, and composer of one of the grandest settings of "Nearer my God to Thee" which has appeared. This would be a treat no Ladysmith music lovers should miss. The Leader congratulates St. Andrew's Church, Nanaimo, on its splendid Victoria Memorial Organ.

Mr. W. H. Lively spent New Year's day and Thursday with his family in Victoria.

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THE CITY

Mr. Robert Bryden returned on Thursday's train from his visit to Victoria.

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

Messrs. Wymond and Vyvyan Walkem spent New Year's Day at the home of their parents in Nanaimo.

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

The finishing touches are being put to Dr. Wasson's residence, which is expected to be completed about the end of the month.

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

Mr. B. Forcimmer is confined to his house here with a severe illness. His many friends hope to see him out again before long.

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Politics is once more becoming the absorbing topic of conversation in mart and street. Speculation is rife on many points and men are being asked to declare themselves.

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Several detectives and policemen are spending time in South Wellington in the endeavor to discover the person who tried to murder Mr. Alexander Faulds last Sunday night. No stone will be left unturned to find the would-be murderer.

Mr. & Mrs. Tully Boyce visited friends in Ladysmith New Year's, returning to Nanaimo on the noon train Thursday. Mr. Boyce was much struck with the coming metropolis of the North Pacific Coast.

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New Year's day passed off in Ladysmith quietly. There was a good deal of calling to exchange greetings, and in the evening a number of parties and dances. The weather was mild and wet. The weather-wise say we shall have to pay for this geniality before the present month takes its leave.

Mr. J. G. Brown, of Victoria, the well-known contractor, was a passenger to Nanaimo on the Thursday express. Mr. Brown, takes a very hopeful view of the political situation in Victoria and says that Mr. Bodwell is not so strong as he was, and that he is losing ground rapidly.

The Burgomaster Co., who played in Nanaimo Wednesday night, occupied two cars on the Thursday morning express. They were a jolly crowd and enlivened the journey with songs and laughter. The favorite ditty was "I was the only one left to respond to the last roll call," with full chorus by the entire company and other passengers.

Extension

The Company's carpenters are building a new work shop.

The old pay office is to be converted into a dwelling place for Robt. Bryden and Supt. F. D. Little.

The preparations for flooding No. 2 and 3 mines are expected to be complete in about three weeks. The masons who are doing the mason work between No. 2 and the tunnel are meeting with considerable difficulty because of the great amount of rock.

On Sunday morning last Mr. Bert Knight's boarding house caught fire because of a defect in the chimney. It commenced about three o'clock in the morning and had made considerable progress before it was noticed. As soon as it was discovered quite a large number of men turned out and succeeded with much difficulty in extinguishing the fire. A great amount of damage was done to the inside of the building.

Quite a number of the young people from here attended the Masquerade ball at Ladysmith on Tuesday night.

Ven. Archdeacon Scriven visited Extension on Tuesday for the purpose of making arrangements with his people to hold divine service with them. The Methodist church has been secured and it is expected that the work will soon commence here.

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

At the last meeting of the L. O. L., No. 1667 of Extension the following officers were elected:

W. M., Bro. H. McKenzie; D. M., S. Furlong; Sec., C. Thompson; Chaplain, J. Alfred Seymour; Treas., J. Doherty; Fin. Sec., J. McLean. The officers are to be installed at the next meeting by the Past Master, Bro. J. Doherty.

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

On the second Tuesday of this month the District Lodge of the Orange Association will meet in the K. of P. hall at Extension. It is expected that the representatives will be present from all the lodges of the district.

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New Year's passed off very quietly here except at the beginning of New Year's morning, when all the whistles in the camp were blown to their fullest capacity and fire crackers harmonized with the music.

THE MASQUERADE BALL.

Another Brilliant Success to the Credit of the Rathbone Sisters.

Never did Oddfellows' Hall present a prettier or more inviting sight than on New Year's Eve on the occasion of the masquerade ball given by the Rathbone Sisters of Ladysmith and Extension. Besides the large number of couples from Ladysmith there were goodly contingents from Extension, South Wellington, Nanaimo and Chemainus, and all were equally delighted with the entertainment which was splendidly managed. The floor was in fine order for dancing, and the music was all that could be wished for. The assembling of the masked dancers was most interesting and so well were the disguises arranged that very few were detected.

Amongst the more striking costumes noticed none presented a prettier or more original appearance than Mrs. McKenlley, who was dressed to represent the Ladysmith Leader. She looked majestic in the unique costume and was very greatly admired. The Leader felt proud to have so handsome and amiable a representative at the festive gathering. Miss Birdie Forcimmer as Topsy was a picture, acting the part with the greatest spirit and cleverness. Her dusky partner, Mr. Beal, played the "dandy cullahed coon" to perfection. It was no wonder the pair won the cake walk. They would have been hard to beat anywhere. Another striking and cleverly sustained character was that of Mrs. Harry Lee as the old granny. Mrs. Lee did the part to the life and deserved the praise and admiration so freely bestowed.

Mrs. Pelkey as the charwoman was dashing, and most attractive. Mrs. B. Forcimmer as the parlor maid was strictly up-to-date and cleverly played the part. Mr. Pelkey made up as Fatigued William of the King's Highways (and byways) was capital and so was Mr. Ed. Stacey in the character of Dusty Rhodes, his costume and acting of the part gaining him the prize.

At a suitable interval the drawing for the four splendid prizes offered by Mr. B. Forcimmer the jeweler took place, and nothing could have been fairer. Strangers carried out the arrangements, and the winners were declared to be as follows:

1st prize, lady's gold Waltham watch, value $35, Mr. T. L. Grahame, ticket No. 61.

2nd prize, gold albert chain, value $10.50, Mr. T. L. Grahame, ticket No. 183.

3rd prize, lady's gold ring, value $7.50 Mr. F. T. Porter, ticket No. —.

4th prize, silver cake basket, value $3, ticket No. 455, not yet claimed.

Much interest was evinced by all in the drawing. The prizes were duly handed over to the lucky winners on presenting themselves at Mr. Forcimmer's store. The competition was a complete success.

The prize winners so far as The Leader has been able to ascertain were as follows:

Mrs. Tait, comical character; Miss Morgan, best sustained character; Miss Dickenson, nurse; Mr. Wanless, comic; Miss Carron, best sustained character. Miss Birdie Forcimmer, best cake walker.

The Leader understands that the ball was a great success financially.

Chemainus General Hospital.

Chemainus, B. C., Dec. 31st, 1901.—Will you kindly acknowledge with my thanks the following list of donations for Dec.: Dahlia bulbs, Mrs. Fry; pair of vases, Miss Nana Higgins; old linen, Mrs. Raymond; ½ doz. fancy baskets, donor unknown; reading matter, Mrs. Blythe, Mrs. Raymond, The Victoria daily Colonist and Times, the Nanaimo daily Herald and Free Press, and Ladysmith semi-weekly Leader.

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Indian coal is now extensively, in some cases exclusively, employed for the railways, coasting and river steamers, mills, and factories; but, as in the case of salt, the conditions of transport are not yet sufficiently developed, though they are being greatly improved, to permit of the exclusive use of Indian coal for industrial purposes. The quantity of Indian coal used in India is therefore supplemented by an importation which has averaged 333,000 tons annually in the last five years. Imported coal is mostly landed in Bombay, the mills in that place requiring large quantities of fuel, and being too remote from the Indian sources of supply to find the use of Indian coal economical, having regard to the easy conditions on which steamers carry coal to India as freight. Most of the imported coal is English, a small quantity being received also from Japan.

Beautiful Calendars.

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The Confederation Life as usual issue a fine calendar, the dates being in large and easily read character. The coats of arms of the Canadian provinces embellish the upper scroll. The Royal is a splendidly patriotic picture, showing a fair-haired, blue eyed British Jack Tar leaning reflectively on his arms on the breech of a monster gun aboard H. M. S. Royal, and gazing earnestly out over the stormy sea into the sunset. The motto, "We hold thee safe," is most appropriate.

A bill introduced into the New Zealand Parliament provides for the increase of the pay of members from £200 to £300 per annum. If this is meant as a real living wage, and not a mere subsidy, New Zealand M.P.'s must be easily satisfied. A good many British M.P.'s probably spend more on subscriptions to charities and cricket clubs in their constituencies.

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No other white woman has ever penetrated so far into the interior of the Klondike as Mrs. Elisha D. Burr.

When she and her husband plunged into the frozen wilderness in the spring of 1898, Mrs. Burr had never seen a tent pitched in her life and had never cooked a meal, says the Los Angeles Times, giving an account of her experiences. She was a city girl, born and bred. She not only learned to cook, but she learned to cook on a few sticks of wood piled on an iceberg. She not only slept in a tent, but she slept in a tent when the thermometer went sliding down to 60 degrees below zero.

The Burrs started from Cincinnati in March, 1898, a few weeks before the war broke out. It was not until months after the fighting was over that the news of

MRS. ELISHA D. BURR.

peace came to them in a camp on Franklin creek, far in the interior of the goldfields. She was here for a year in this camp in a cabin, often all alone, while her husband was mining. The loneliness was something deadly. She amused herself by picking wild flowers, of which there was a profusion, and by taking long walks in the woods.

At one time Mrs. Burr was alone in a camp with 500 men, her husband being away on a mining trip. She was treated with the highest consideration by the miners, and her every want and desire was anticipated. Sometimes she used to go out and pan gold with them, so that she has a chamois bag with $300 or $400 worth of nuggets to show for her outing.

Care of Children's Hair.

Nothing is more charming than a beautiful head of hair. Some authorities recommend that a child's hair should never be cut till it is five years old, and certainly the first hair is soft and silky and quite unlike the later growth in appearance and texture.

After washing a tiny baby's head brush the hair up the wrong way with the softest of soft brushes. In a good many cases this will induce a natural curl and save many harrowing experiences with curling pins and tongs in the future.

Regarding curly hair, if a child's hair is curly naturally never curl or wave it in any artificial way whatever. It is absolutely fatal and will take out the "kink" entirely.

After a child is five or six years old once a fortnight is often enough for its hair to be washed. The process should be as follows: If possible, use rainwater. Failing that, add a teaspoonful (no more) of liquid ammonia to a basinful of hot water. Thoroughly lather the skin of the head and the long hair with some pure, unscented soap and rinse all the soap carefully out. If the hair is thick, repeat the process. Rinse the soap out most carefully and do not stint clean water. Rinse and rinse till the water remains quite clear and finish up with a spongeful or two of cold water to close the pores of the skin and prevent the child taking cold.

Do not wash the hair at bedtime and never in the water the child has been bathed in. Use a basin that can be filled and emptied frequently in preference to a bath which takes all the hot water at once.

Heat as a Home Remedy.

There is scarcely any simple ailment in which heat may not be advantageous if used understandingly. Bruises and sprains are better treated by heat than cold. It may be applied as a local bath or as a fomentation.

Colic pains in infants are quieted by the application of dry heat after the manner of our grandmother, who knew the value of hot flannels and the importance of warm feet and hands. If the heat applied over the abdomen does not still the pain, try it on the spine. This often produces a quieting effect at once.

An incipient peritonitis or pneumonia may be checked by hot applications, accompanied by rest and fasting, or at least abstinence from solid food.

For earache or toothache heat, either moist or dry, will usually give much comfort.

If the child cannot breathe with the mouth shut, heat applied over the nose will be apt to open the nasal passages and give relief.

In headache a hot foot and hand bath are often beneficial. A hot water bag over the stomach will promote digestion. Spinal irritation and sleeplessness are frequently relieved and permanently benefited by applications of heat, and no way of administering is more practical than by the fomentation.

A knowledge of the value of heat is of great value to the mother of "croupy" children.—American Mother, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Why Helen Keller Is Happy.

Who tires of reading about Helen Keller? This wonderful girl—deaf, blind and dumb, or at least dumb until recently—is perhaps the best known and best loved young woman in all the land. We have followed her from those early days when the indomitable perseverance and marvelous skill of her teachers pierced through the shell in which a sad fortune had inclosed her beautiful soul. We have watched her progress step by step as the world has unfolded itself before her delighted appreciation. Of recent months we have seen her entering Radcliffe college and taking honorable rank there. Unending effort has even given her the faculty of speech, though she can hear no syllable that she utters. When chosen vice president of her class, she rose at the freshman luncheon and said distinctly: "Classmates, it is a great pleasure and I esteem it a great honor to be present here and speak to you. I am glad to have an opportunity to thank the class for their kindness in electing me their vice president, and I hope that I may become acquainted with many of you. Though I cannot see you, I will soon know you by touching your hands."

"Miss Keller," said one of her teachers the other day, "is really the happiest person I know of. And why? Because of the great obstacles she has overcome."

Now, isn't that a secret worth knowing and practicing? We all want to be happy. Who is there of us that may not find this pathway to happiness—obstacles to be overcome? Fortunately for our feebler wills, they will not be Helen Keller's obstacles. We have those priceless possessions—our five senses. But as soon as we try to do things we shall run up against obstacles in sufficient abundance. The main thing is to try to do things.—Christian Endeavor World.

Curious Bridal Omens.

In provincial England the cook pours hot water over the threshold after the bridal couple have gone in order to keep it warm for another bride.

The pretty custom of throwing the slipper originated in France. An old woman, seeing the carriage of her young king—Louis XIII.—passing on the way from church where he had just been married, took off her shoe and, flinging it at his coach, cried, "'Tis all I have, your majesty, but may the blessings of God go with it!"

There is an old superstition in Germany against May marriages.

A favorite wedding day in Scotland is Dec. 31, so that the young couple can leave their old life with the old year and begin their married life with the new one.

The Italians permit no wedding gifts that are sharp pointed; from which practice emanates our superstition that the gift of a knife severs friendship.

One of the most beautiful of all marriage customs is that of the bride, immediately after the ceremony, flinging her bouquet among her maiden friends. She who catches it is supposed to be the next bride.

Love's Symptoms.

To be in love is to know anxiety in the hour of his illness and apprehension over his weakness, to feel responsibility, which you must bear for yourself. No one can even share it with you to lighten your burden. To be in love is to have half your life go with him when the door closes and to live only for his return. It is to have all your selfish desires lose shape and resolve themselves into ambitions for him; it is to find your happiness in his, for your ideals to take a more virile form, your hopes a loftier aspect; it is to forget yourself and your eager search for happiness and to merge your whole existence into a prayer to do more, to give more, to be more, not for the approval of your little world, but closing the door on all in the great without, to pour yourself and all that you are and all that you hope to be into the small and sacred within for his sake.

That is to be in love.

Are you?—Lilian Bell in Harper's Bazar.

To Improve Old Belts.

Nothing detracts more from an otherwise neat appearance than a shabby belt, yet there are few who can discard one simply because it has become a little worn in appearance. There are many who do not know that the appearance of the old belt may be improved with little trouble or expense. Black and tan belts may be restored to their original freshness by brushing them over occasionally with the liquid blacking sold for shoes, black or tan as required. White belts of ribbon, satin or leather should be colored. Any good dye sold for such purposes may be used. The clasps must be removed before the belts are dipped in the liquid.

Light Colors.

Few women understand fully the beautifying effect of light color near the face. Only the most perfect blond complexion can stand a dead black frock, and the average woman, be she ever so lovely, is rendered still more lovely by delicate colors. This is one reason most women look better in evening dress than in their ordinary high necked gowns. The expanse of delicately tinted shoulder puts the face at its best. For this reason all house gowns should have light yokes or vests, or perhaps a collar with long ends or a bow in front.

Sewing on a Dress Braid.

In sewing braid on the edge of a new skirt or in replacing it when worn, after running on the braid in the usual way, take a needle and strong thread and secure it by a few overcast stitches at intervals of some inches, fastening each set neatly off. Then when the braid meets with an accident it will not rip far.

Minister Wu Ting Fang is of the opinion that American girls are too particular about the men they marry. He thinks their tendency to dismiss easily admirers who are not to their liking a very grievous error. "Woman," he says, "ought to marry; that is what she is made for." Chinese girls are different; few of them remain single.

To toast bread on a blue flame oil or a gas stove of any kind put the slices of bread in a wire holder, lay the broiler on a griddle over the flame and turn frequently until the slices are nicely browned on both sides. Be careful not to pile slices of toast on each other. If so piled, they will become moist and lose their crispness and flavor.

Clean children's woolen dresses and coats with ground rice. Take a clean cloth, dip it in dry ground rice and thoroughly rub it over every soiled part, using a fresh piece of the cloth as often as it becomes at all soiled. End the process with a good shaking, when the garment ought to look like new.

A soothing drink for a sore throat that is recommended is made of a pint of barley water brought to a boil over a hot fire, to which is added, while stirring until dissolved, an ounce of the best gum arabic. Sweeten to taste.

Cheap varnish is excellent for attaching labels to canisters, spice or starch boxes and all glass bottles. A glass bottle should never be left without a label.

WHEN SHE WORE A CROWN.

Queen Victoria Had Three Royal Headpieces, but Seldom Used Them.

Her majesty Queen Victoria had three crowns, but it was very seldom indeed that she wore one of them. During the long series of functions that accompanied the celebration of her last birthday, for instance, there was only one occasion on which the royal head was graced with a crown. This was the drawing room which her majesty attended. The tiara which the queen then wore was made nearly forty years ago and weighs about eighty troy ounces. It is a light shell of gold, thickly incrusted with diamonds, there being no less than 2,673 white diamonds and 523 of the rose brilliants. This was designed for use with the long strip of tulle used as a veil by her majesty on state occasions, such as weddings and drawing rooms. The queen wore it well back on her head, and it forms a pin to fasten the ceremonial veil, which floats away from it to the hem of the train.

The gold circlet was the successor to the circlet of gold which may be seen in the earlier pictures of the queen. The jewels in this are very beautiful, being choice diamonds matching perfectly in color. The general effect of the crown is shown in some of the coinage, although the veil was not worn until after the later tiara was adopted. This diadem and another of similar shape that preceded it were used when her majesty opened and prorogued parliament. It was also worn during the ceremonies attending the wedding of the princess royal (the Empress Frederick).

On every occasion on which the queen visited the house of lords the state crown was taken out of the regalia room in the Tower of London and was borne before her majesty on a cushion. Except for this purpose the crown has only left the tower twice during her reign, once for repair, some part of the setting having become loosened, and once in order to modify the ermine. The queen never actually wore the state crown since it was placed on her head at her coronation. This crown was made over a century ago and is kept in the careful custody of the tower. It includes 2,783 diamonds, 277 pearls, 16 sapphires, 11 emeralds and 4 rubies.

Definitions of Home.

England carries off the prize as the country of homes. One of the first descriptions of England tells of the curious little villages of huts built of mud and wattles, where each man lived by himself and made a home. This isolation of families kept England from developing a national culture like that of her neighbors across the channel; but, more important still, the home feeling took root in each Englishman's heart, and his house became his castle.

London Tit-Bits offered a prize for the best definition of home. Some of the answers which contain sentiments too beautiful to be lost are quoted:

Home, a casket containing most precious of all jewels—domestic happiness.

The blossom of which heaven is the fruit.

A little hollow scooped out of the windy hill of the world as shelter from its cares and vexations.

The central telegraph office of human love, into which run innumerable wires of affection, many of them extending thousands of miles, but never disconnected from the one great terminus.

The only place on earth where the faults and failings of humanity are hidden beneath a mantle of charity.

The last and truest of all:

The place where one is treated best and grumbles most.

Nice For a Present.

To the person of an ingenious turn of mind many different ways of making pincushions will suggest themselves, and as a present the pincushion never comes amiss. The sketch shows a pretty and unique pincushion designed to represent Master Bunny and his little sack. Mas-

NOVEL BUNNY PINCUSHION.

ter Bunny is made of white velvet, stuffed and scented with sachet powder, while the sack is made from a pretty shade of green velvet. Both Bunny and the sack are decorated with bows of red ribbon. This makes a very ornamental pincushion.—Woman's Life.

Care of Brushes.

A specialist says that hairbrushes should be washed once a week and if used on hair in which there is much dandruff twice a week is not too often. The brushes should be washed in cold, not hot, water, to which cloudy ammonia has been added in the proportion of a scant tablespoonful to a quart of water. Care should be taken not to wet the backs of the brushes, and when washed and rinsed—a good way to rinse them properly is to use a shower spray on them—they should be put on edge in the air to dry. Dressing combs, too, should be frequently cleaned, a comb cleaner being used for the purpose.

A Good Pair of Shoulders.

There is nothing more necessary to a fine figure than broad shoulders and a high, full chest. Breathing exercises will do a world of good and should always be indulged in. A correct, well fitting, loose corset is absolutely necessary, since stays that pinch at the waist line—or pinch anywhere, for that matter—will ruin the loveliest figure. Learn to hold the head well and keep the chest up high. Breathe deeply, and go in for all sorts of outdoor sports and exercises.

CHILDREN'S COLUMN

A TALE WITH A MORAL.

The Kid That Lost Its Life by Not Following Its Mother's Advice.

One day as a Goat and her Kid were grazing in the field the latter sniffed the air and sagely observed:

"Mother, I have a curiosity to know whether I smell wolf or crow."

"We'll call it wolf and not get any nearer the forest," replied the mother.

A few minutes later the Kid stared hard at some tracks in the soft soil and said:

"Really, now, I'd like to be sure whether these are tracks of a coon or a wolf."

"We'll presume that a wolf passed this way and keep our eyes peeled," was the answer.

It wasn't ten minutes before the Kid looked fixedly at the forest and remarked:

"I certainly saw something moving among the trees, and I'm dying to know whether it's a wolf or a woodchuck."

"If you'll paste it in your hat that it's a wolf, it won't hurt no woodchuck's feelings," said the mother as she nipped at another thistle.

The Kid thought the matter over awhile and then concluded on a closer investigation and set out for the woods. The mother heard her bleat as the wolf sprang out upon her, and after clearing her throat of prickers and wiping the moisture from her eyes she said to herself:

"Of course we didn't know for sure, but if that Kid had only inferred that it was a wolf she'd have escaped being eaten."

Moral.—It's no use to touch a buzzsaw with your finger to see if it's revolving.

Sunny Guy.

A sunny little lad was Guy;
The sunbeams glistened in his eye,
The sunbeams nestled in his hair,
The sunbeams kissed his forehead fair
And mingled in his laughter were.

The sunbeams helped him in his speech,
And all his smiles were sunbeams each;
In fact, the boy from top to toe
Was full of sunbeams—that we know—
And so beloved by high and low.

Dear little children, if you try,
You soon may be like little Guy.
Rays of sunshine will peep through
If your heart is kind and true
And gathers it each day anew.
—Anna D. Walker in Christian Work.

The Dutch Language.

The Dutch language is of a good old fashioned tongue. It is not so difficult that English speaking people cannot without difficulty acquire it. In fact, some folk say, it is more like unto English than it is to German. The Boers of South Africa use the Dutch language as it was spoken 200 years ago. It is a lingo that is bound to stay, though it shows little powers as a wanderer.

Wonderful Trees.

The largest tree in the world is to be seen at Mascall, near the foot of Mount Etna. Its trunk is 304 feet in circumference. The largest tree in the United States is said to be the gigantic tree near Bear creek, on the north fork of the Tulare river, in California. It measures 140 feet in circumference The famous giant redwood tree in Nevada is 119 feet in circumference.

Misunderstood.

Harry's little cousin, Mabel, was paying him a visit, and he undertook one day to teach her to play croquet. After a few strokes the balls lay quite close to each other, and Harry said:

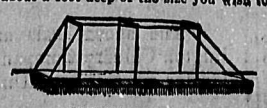
"Now, Mabel, you must hit me."

"But, Harry," said the matter of fact Mabel, "that would be fighting and not playing. I believe I'd rather not learn."

A Tumbling Mat.

A reader of The American Boy sends to that paper the following concerning a tumbling mat for amateur acrobats:

All boys know that tumbling on hard ground is not pleasant, so I have thought of a plan by which a tumbling mat can be easily made, having made one myself that is very satisfactory. First dig a hole about a foot deep of the size you wish to



THE MAT IN PLACE.

make the tumbling ground. Fill the hole about three-fourths full of dried grass or straw packed well. Lay an old piece of carpet or sheets of heavy paper over this. Then sprinkle an inch or two of shavings and over all spread about three inches of soft dirt mixed with shavings. This makes a soft and elastic ground.

How Pigeons Travel.

The carrier pigeon, when traveling, never feeds. If the distance be long, it flies on without stopping to take nutriment and at last arrives thin, exhausted, and almost dying. If corn be presented to it, it refuses to eat, contenting itself with drinking a little water and then sleeping. Two or three hours later it begins to eat with moderation.

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