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CALL TO LIBERALS.

Vancouver Liberal Association's Invitation to the Convention.

A Strong Appeal to All Live Liberals To Stand Fast For Absolute Fair Play—Departure From Old Lines is Expected,

The following is a copy of the circular sent out by the Vancouver Liberal Association to the provincial Liberals to meet in convention in Vancouver on January 30th, 1902:

Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 23rd, 1901.

Dear Sir:—

Acting under instructions from the Vancouver Liberal Association I enclose you a copy of a resolution passed by the Liberal Association of Vancouver on the 10th inst. Our Association is opposed to some of the conditions laid down in the call for a Liberal Convention and for the following reasons:

With regard to admitting Libera editors of papers supporting the Dominion government we do not think these gentlemen are in any way representative of the Liberal party in this province. Nearly all the newspapers in British Columbia are owned or controlled by corporations who have no politics and simply run them in the interest of their business. Editors are in the employ of these corporations and are not allowed to express or have any opinion contrary to the wish of their employers. We therefore think that the admission of men of this class would not tend towards bringing the Liberal party of this province into harmony.

With regard to the members of the Provincial Executive we object to their being delegates on the ground that it is a moribund body. It was elected over 4 years ago and is no longer representative of the Liberal party. Besides the effect of allowing these gentlemen to come in as delegates would be to give to some constituencies undue representation in the convention at the expense of others, The Provincial Executive was made up on the basis of Dominion constituencies while the coming convention is called on the basis of local constituencies. It so happens also with regard to both classes of proposed delegates that nearly all the men who wrecked the last provincial convention would come in as delegates, and we claim that none of these men should be allowed to attend the convention unless that have the confidence of the Liberals of their constituency and get elected as delegates in the regular way.

We also object very strenuously to the proposal that the credentials committee shall be appointed by the Provincial Executive. We think the elected delegates when they meet together will be quite competent to arrange details of this character. When we consider the composition of the present Provincial Executive it seems to be putting a very great power into their hands to allow them to determine who the members of the convention are to be.

Our Association is very anxious to have a representative and harmonious convention and is quite prepared to submit to the decisions of that convention and loyally carry them out. For this reason we think it necessary to protest at the out-set against any conditions which will tend to destroy the representative character of the convention, and at the same time introduce a most discordant element into it. Our delegates will therefore take part in the convention only upon condition that these 3 obnoxious clauses in the call are not acted upon.

We hope that your association will see the matter in the same light and join with us in this protest.

Yours truly,
THOS. H. MACKAY,
Sec. Lib. Ass.

The following is the resolution referred to in the foregoing:

Resolved that the Vancouver Liberal Association protest against clauses (d) and (e) of Section 2 of the call for a Liberal convention, which include as delegates to the convention the following:

(d) The officers and executive of the British Columbia Liberal Association.

(e) The Liberal managing editors of the provincial newspapers that support the Dominion government, providing that the names of such editors be sent to the secretary, previous to the date of convention.

And also against Section 5 of the said call, which provides that the credentials committee shall consist of 5 members to be selected by the executive at 2 o'clock p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible on the first day of the convention.

And that copies of this protest be sent to the different Liberal associations, throughout the province asking their co-operation therein.

LADYSMITH LIBERALS.

Important Meeting Called for To-morrow Night.

All members of the Liberal party in Ladysmith are urgently requested to meet in Gould's hall at 8 o'clock tomorrow evening. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a delegate to the Provincial Liberal Association Convention in Vancouver on January 30.h. The issues of the day will be discussed, and it is hoped that the Liberals of Ladysmith will signify their deep interest in the important matters which are now before the people of the province and turn out and pack that hall to its limits. It is expected that an interesting discussion on the party lines in provincial politics question will take place. Several good men are named for delegate to convention.

New Year's presents of elegant designs at Lively's, the First Avenue jeweler.

Further complaints are made regarding the shocking condition of the highway between Ladysmith and Chemainus. The settlers along that road are about to petition the Government to afford them some relief. The state of the road is beyond belief.

One of the novelties of the present Christmas season was an exhibition by an expert in the workings of truly rural postal delivery system. It was done in a well-known hotel in town in record breaking time, the experimenter delivering his mail with incredible celerity in every room. There were many astonished and not a few indignant guests, who could not understand the tooral ooral joke, and felt like resenting the postman's intrusions upon their slumbers.

LADYSMITH RIFLE CLUB.

Large and Enthusiastic Gathering of Riflemen Organize.

In The Leader office last Monday night the Ladysmith Rifle Club was formed with thirty members on the spot; upwards of a dozen more promised to join but could not be present. On motion Mr. T. L. Grahame was voted to the chair, and Mr. W. W. Southin was appointed secretary.

The chairman in opening the meeting said that the object of this gathering was one of the most important in which Canadians could interest themselves. He pointed out the fact that while the United States swarmed with state militia and national guards Canada was singularly deficient in this respect. The Dominion militia numbered only about forty thousand, which was very small considering the extent of the country and the population. The present war had brought home to all the prime importance of cultivating the art of rifle shooting amongst the people, and he hoped that this meeting would realize that Canada's best hope in the troublous times that might arise in the future was a people trained to use with skill the weapon which was to decide the fate of nations, namely the rifle.

Mr. Southin then explained that under the new regulations rifle clubs could be formed anywhere throughout the Dominion and that the government would supply the requisite number of rifles. One hundred rounds of ammunition per man free, the same to be fired off within one year, and supply additional ammunition at half cost. There was no uniform, and he believed no drill required. All that was desired was that the members of the club should perfect themselves in the art of shooting with the rifle. He also said that a range which he believed would be found suitable had been discovered within a few hundred yards of the northern town limits. It is across the river bottom just beyond the bridge on First avenue.

On motion a committee composed of Messrs. Southin, Dr. Gordon, Mills and T. L. Grahame were appointed [illegible]

WESTHAM ISLAND FARMER MISSING

Believed To Have Perished in the Storm a Fortnight Ago.

Search is now being made for any trace of John Axley, a well known farmer of Westham Island, at the mouth of the Fraser River. He has been missing two weeks, and the people of Westham Island are anxious to learn something of his whereabouts.

Mr. Axley left Westham Island in his fishing boat, which is marked with the letters "T.K.," loaded with potatoes and bound for Ladysmith. Shortly after his departure from Westham the stiff breeze which seemed to be the precursor of the recent hurricane began to blow, and it is calculated that Mr. Axley would be caught in it somewhere near this side of the gulf. He was an experienced sailor, but the boat was heavilly loaded and in a high sea and strong wind would be perhaps more than one man could manage.

Mr. Axley is a well-built man of medium height, dark complexioned, with dark grey whiskers. He was much esteemed amongst the Westham Island people being a quiet and respectable man. He has a wife and family in Eastern Canada, and he was sending his savings back to them regularly. He was doing very well at the fishing and small farming, and had made trips to Ladysmith before this last one from which he has not yet returned.

Anyone finding any trace of the missing man will confer a great favor by communicating immediately with Mr. A. S. Christie, Ladysmith, who will promptly notify the Westham Island friends of Mr. Axley.

NANAIMO LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.

Three Delegates Elected to Attend the Convention in Vancouver.

A meeting of the Nanaimo Liberal Association was held in the Opera House on Friday evening, Mr. William Sloan in the chair. The following resolution was carried:

Whereas, This meeting has been called by Liberals for the purpose of forming a Liberal Association; therefore be it

Resolved, That no member of the Conservative or any other independent political party be allowed to take part in its proceedings.

The election of officers was then proceeded with and resulted as follows: Honorary president, Mr. William Sloan; president, Mr. W. W. B. McInnes, M. P. L.; vice-president, Mr. J. Johnstone; secretary, Mr. Tully Boyce; treasurer, Mr. R. Langill; executive committee, Messrs. T. Keith, C. Santy, J. Parkin, J. Fraser, W. Roos and M. Ferguson.

The resolution of Vancouver and New Westminster Liberal Associations objecting to the presence of editors of Liberal papers at the coming convention was endorsed; also the protest of those Associations against the former executive committee arrogating to themselves the right to act as credential committee at the said convention, was strongly upheld.

The following are the Liberal delegates from Nanaimo to the Liberal convention in Vancouver on January 30th: Messrs. Thomas O'Connell, H. McAdie and T. Boyce, with Messrs. J. Johnstone and J. Parkin as alternative delegates.

The delegation was instructed to favor party lines in provincial politics. Committees were then appointed to draw up a constitution and arrange for a suitable place of meeting. A very large number of gentlemen were then enrolled as members, including quite a number who had remained at the Labor party meeting in Free Press hall to see what that body intended to do, and who were indignant at the action of the Labor party in electing Labor delegates to attend, or attempt to attend, a Liberal convention.

ALEXANDRIA MAY RE-OPEN.

Reported That South Wellington Mines May Start Shortly.

The Leader learns on what is taken to be good authority that the Alexandria mines, which were closed a few weeks ago, may be re-opened by the Company early in the coming year. A number of the mules have been kept around the mines, and The Leader's informant was of the opinion that the work would be resumed with one shift to start with, and a strong probability that the whole establishment would be in full running order before very long. This is the best New Year's present The Leader can make to its many friends amongst the Alexandria miners, and The Leader [illegible] that [illegible]

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Important News for Ladysmith and Extension Merchants.

For some time back Mr. E. Rolston, one of Ladysmith's most enterprising and energetic merchants, has been in communication with Vancouver people, and also with the railway and steamship people with a view to securing for Ladysmith improved freight transportation facilities. That he has succeeded to no small degree the following letter, which Mr. Rolston has handed to The Leader for publication attests. There can be no doubt that if the merchants of Ladysmith and Extension will only pull together they can obtain many a concession of great value to them in their business. The letter is as follows, and "it speaks for itself:"

Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 27, 1901.

Mr. E. Rolston,

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Athletic Association.

Matters of grave importance to the Ladysmith Athletic Association will be discussed and acted upon at a meeting to be held in the Association rooms on Friday evening, at 8 o'clock, January 3rd. It is especially requested that the officers and committeemen of the club attend, so that decisive action may be taken on the business to come before the meeting.

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A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

To one and all, far and near, friend and—no, The Leader has not got a single foe; why should it have?—to all readers The Leader wishes a happy and prosperous New Year. *May the close of* the year just born find all Leader readers better off materially and spiritually than on this opening day and their prospects brighter than they ever were before.

'Tis now the young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of good resolutions, and he turns over a new leaf, 'swears off" and vows to be good. It is one of the phenomena of psychical science that no resolutions made by the featherless biped fade so quickly from the tablets of his memory as those solemn and very potent ones of New Year's morning. But better to have vowed a vow than never to have vowed at all; for the influence of the little moment of introspection which had for its result that resolve to do better leavens the lump of [illegible] mortality which even for that brief time was the battle ground of a conscience.

The first year of the new century has had its full share of sorrows and of joys. The passing of Queen Victoria and the ascension of Edward VII to the throne of the Empire; the royal tour of the colonies; the war with its death lists, its varying fortunes, and its end apparently as far off as ever—these have been the greatest of the public events.

For British Columbia the year just gone has seen a fair amount of development of the resources of the country, and under the present administration gratifying progress has been made. Ladysmith during 1901 grew to twice *the size it was in 1900, and the signs are* now that it will be a place of several thousand inhabitants before the new century is five years old. Ladysmith people can look forward with confidence into the future.

For Ladysmith and British Columbia the waiting period is nearly over. The day of great things is not far off; and it may be predicted with safety that the year now opening will see the beginning of the grand forward movement which is to place British Columbia in the forefront of all the Canadian provinces.

TREACHERY TO LABOR.

Possibly the working men of Nanaimo may be presumed to know their own business best, and no doubt they believe that they do not require any outsider to tell them how many beans make five, but The Leader will be disagreeably surprised if those workingmen do not resent the insult put upon them by Mr. H. Aitken of Nanaimo Herald at the meeting in *Free Press Hall on Friday* evening last. Mr. Aitken there declared, in reply to a question put to him by a person in the audience, that Nanaimo Herald was not a labor paper, and did not represent the labor interests.

This avowal in face of the assertion reiterated in the Herald to a nauseating extent is certainly the boldest, indeed the most daring, piece of impudence we have ever seen attempted by a political quack confident in the unlimited gullibility of his dupes. So, the Herald, according to this public confession is, after all, not a labor paper (when it is needed for "Liberal" purposes); and we presume that it is not a Liberal paper when it is wanted for labor purposes. A pretty state of things. If the labor party of Nanaimo will put up with this sort of impudence they will endure any *kind of insult.*

Of one thing we are very certain and that is that the Herald is not a Liberal paper; the Liberal party does not want any such papers supporting it; and as the manager declares publicly and explicitly that the Herald is not a labor paper, what is it?

Have the public of Nanaimo not yet found out that it is published as the organ and to do the dirty work of Ralph Smith, Dr. MacKechnie and the gang who are attempting to run Nanaimo at present, and who have befooled so many good Nanaimo men? It is neither labor nor Liberal nor Conservative; it is simply Smith-MacKechnie, and a precious specimen at that. *Filled daily* with calumny and slanders, couched in the style of a ragamuffin as one would expect from such a source; deliberately *falsifying in matters of fact;* utterly failing to discuss the great questions affecting labor which it has all along pretended to uphold, but which is conveniently dropped when the Herald's wretched "support" is needed for the schemes of the petty plotters who control its utterances, Nanaimo Herald has earned for itself a most unenviable notoriety, the contempt and derision of all honorable people and the scorn of even its own supporters.

When the Herald was seeking the support of the people about a year ago it was put forward, as a staunch and faithful supporter of labor's cause. Now, the very man who grovelled and whined before the public to get them to pledge their support to the paper, repudiates his statement and says the Herald is not a labor paper. So be it. We at any rate, never classed the Herald as a friend of labor, but always as a dangerous enemy, because the extraordinary stupidity, the downright asininity of its articles (see Rev. J. C. Speer's recent letter published in the Herald and Leader) have made not only the writers of the Herald staff (does it include Messrs. Ralph Smith and Dr. McKechnie) ridiculous to a painful degree, but have done more harm to labor's cause than studied arguments in opposition.

The unblushing *treachery, the cool,* brassy effrontery of Manager Aitken in repudiating the labor cause, and the shameful purpose for which the detestable act of *treachery* was committed, may well astound the workingmen of Nanaimo. Will they allow themselves to be led by the nose by this would-be Liberal gang and their paper with its patent reversible, self-righting policy, always adjusted for any emergency?

KILLED IN BATTLE.

Victoria Colonist in a remarkably interesting article in its Sunday issue speculates upon the change that has come over the times as shown by the fact that the death of a handful of men on the battlefield nowadays is described as "a serious loss," and comparing those losses with the hecatombs with which the ancient conquerors were wont to strew their battlefields.

The writer in the course of the article makes a serious error in declaring that the Goths invaded France and that a great battle was fought between the invading Goths and the Franes (Franks) at Tours. Also that six hundred thousand of the Goths are said to have been slain there. The *Colonist must be referring* to the great battle at Tours between the Saracens under Abderrahman Ibn Abdillah Alghafeki, and the Franks under the famous Charles Martel, son of the equally famous Pepin, Duke of Heristal, which took place in A. D. 732. While the slaughter of the Arabs was immense, and is given in some of the old monkish chronicles as 375,000, whilst the Franks lost only 1,007, the Colonist is surely mistaken in putting the number at six hundred thousand; especially as the Frankish and Mohammedan writers estimate the army of Abderrahman to have been only five hundred thousand.

Again, it is very questionable if that were the bloodiest engagement ever fought, even allowing a fair deduction from the figures of the old writers, whose variations in estimate of numbers have greatly troubled modern historians, who have had to seek their facts amongst those musty records. When one recalls the exploits of the great conquerors of the olden times, those grand and terrible warriors who exterminated whole nations in a campaign, we may find that even the fields of Tours and Chalons, where Aetius, the Roman general, and Theodoric, King of the Goths, defeated Attila and the Huns with a slaughter of 250,000, had some close rivals.

So tremendous was the slaughter of the Persians at Arbeir by the Macedonians under Alexander that historians reject the figures as fabulous. Marathon, which the Colonist writer mentions, was not a sanguinary battle compared with the other engagements between the *Greeks and the Persians at Artimisium,* Salamis, Platea and the Eurymedon.

While one is on this theme, which is not without its fascination, even for the mere student, one may easily recall the vast slaughters in the fights between the forces of Hannibal and those of Rome at such actions as Cannæ, and Zama. Then, who does not remember that grand description in the Commentaries of Caesar of the annihilation of the splendid army of the Nervii? Motley, the historian of the Dutch Republic, has included it in his historical sketch of the early times in the provinces, in his own pellucid style and vivid colouring, and it is worth reproducing here, as battle is our theme:

"The Nervii, true to their German blood, swear to die rather than surrender. Caesar advances against them at the head of eight legions (about 60,000 men). Drawn up on the banks of the Sambre they wait the Roman's approach. In three days' march Caesar comes up with them, pitches his camp and sends some cavalry across. Hardly have the Roman horsemen crossed the stream than the Nervii rush from the wooded hilltop, overthrow horse and rider, plunge in one great mass into the current and, directly afterward, are seen charging up the hill into the midst of the enemy's force. 'At the same moment,' says Caesar, 'they seemed in the wood, in the river, and within our lines.' There is a panic among the Romans, but it is brief. Eight veteran Roman legions, with the world's victor at their head, are too much for the brave but undisciplined Nervii. Snatching a shield from a soldier, and otherwise unarmed, Caesar throws himself into the hottest of the fight. The battle rages foot to foot and hand to hand; but the hero's skill, with the cool valor of his troops, proves as invincible as ever. The *Nervii, true to their vow, die,* but not a man surrenders. They fought upon that day till the ground was heaped with their dead, while, as the foremost fell thick and fast, their comrades, says *the Roman, sprang upon their piled up* bodies, and hurled their javelins at the enemy as from a hill. They fought like men to whom life without liberty was a curse. They were not defeated but ex*terminated. Of many thousand fighting* men went home but five hundred. Only three of their senators were left alive. So perished the Nervii. Caesar commanded his legions to treat with *respect the little remnant of the tribe* which had just fallen to swell the empty echo of his glory, and then, with hardly a breathing pause, he proceeded to annihilate the Aduatici, the Menapii and the Morini."

There was something like a "serious reverse." It is perhaps grimly satisfying to the lover of just retribution to turn to the other bloody picture, in which the Germans, under the heroic chief of the Cheruscan Saxons, Hermann (Arminius) literally "wiped out" the three legions of Quintilius Varus in "the misty mid region of der Teutoberger wald." Although the slaughter was not so immense as in the other contests between the Imperial Roman armies and the Northern tribes, it could not have been more terrible in its effects upon the Roman people. Suetonius tells us how Caesar Augustus for many months *after the news came to Rome* would beat his head against the wall and cry:

"Redde mihi, Varo, legiones!"

Tacitus and Dion Cassius, the great Roman historians, have told [illegible] have been many memorable killings on a wholesale scale, but, it is to be observed by the careful reader of history, always in a decreasing ratio as one advances into the modern ages. And this supplies the answer to the Colonist's speculation as to the reason for regarding the death of a *few soldiers in battle* to-pay as a serious matter. From the days of Attila, Genghiz, Tamerlane, Alexander, Hannibal, and Caesar, Alaric and the other mighty chieftains who slew whole nations, down to South Africa and the Phillipines where the death of a lieutenant and a small guard is a "disaster," is a far cry indeed.

Even the sieges of ancient times were signalized by tremendous slaughters of the besieged. One has only to remember Numantia, Jerusalem and, many centuries later, Magdeburg, where the troops of Tilly and Wallenstein wreaked their vengeance on the stubborn defenders, to *know that it is not only on the battle*field that the death list has climbed to incredible numbers. Take even the passage of the Beresina, where the carnage was so great that the bed of the stream was choked up for months with the bodies. Nor must we omit mention of the Titanic struggle between Napoleon's mighty army, and the the Russians at Borodino, that Pyrrhic victory which wrung from "bronze lips" the famous maxim:

"If you would have an omelette you must break a few eggs."

And what of Preuss Eylau and Wagram, of which Napoleon wrote to Prince Metternich:

"*Here, surrounded by thousands of* the silent slain, and countless wounded, whose groans melt me to tears, I beseech you," etc., etc.

But as we have said, one remarkable fact is impressed upon the student of history and that is that the ferocity and inhumanity that formerly characterized the conflict of forces—the vanquished always being cut off to the last man, either on the field or in sacrifice to the gods of the victors—have passed away, and are now only to be noticed in actual fight, the *feeling seemingly passing off* immediately the fighting ceases; the victors then caring tenderly for the defeated, War has become less hideous and more merciful and precise. The curtal axe, the pike and the sword have given place to the bullet which kills without pain; the immolation of the captive warriors, their wives and children to the maws of glory, to prison camps and hospitals provided with everything that human love and pity can suggest.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Strange with what tenacity some Nanaimo people cling to that Wellington re-opening fairy story. Like the Nanaimo Herald's leading articles "there's nothing in it."

Another slashing attack on Ladysmith by Nanaimo Herald and as many lies as there are lines to the article which is two and a half columns long. What a time Ananias must be having down yonder, now the sage of Northfield has got his job. And what a meeting that will be when the sage joins Ananias.

The Leader unequivocally casts its vote for party lines in provincial politics, because it is sick of the senseless wrangling over parish pump issues and would like to see broader ideas adopted. British Columbia is too big a country and its destinies are too tremendous to be measured and fooled with by the petty instruments and methods heretofore considered fit. British Columbia will never make progress until it gets the moss off its back and the blue specs of petty jealousies off its nose. Imperial, not parochial, are the destinies of this great province.

We take great pleasure in calling the attention of all Leader readers to the letter which we publish today from the pen of Mr. Nathan Haskell Dole, the well-known litterateur of Boston, Massachusetts. Mr. Dole is the American translator of Tolstoi's novels from the Russian, and is also the editor of the American edition de luxe of Fitzgerald's Omar Khayyam published by T. Mosher, of Portland, Me. He has been *literary adviser to several of the greatest* publishing houses in America, and is now engaged in independent literary work. Mr. Dole is a descendant of a notable family who came over in the veritable Mayflower, and whose possessions are held by their descendants to this day on the Charles river. The Colonist is waiting for letters on the "missing the bar" controversy from Mr. Neil Munro of Glasgow, the Celtic novelist, and from Mr. Bernard McEvoy of Toronto, the celebrated Canadian litterateur. We would draw the Colonist's attention to Mr. Dole's argument.

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E. HARRISON,
Judge of Court of Revision.

December 18th, 1901.

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LADYSMITH, B. C.

ODE TO CANADA.

My country, when I think of thee—
Of all thou art, and art to me—
My heart exults with rapt'ured thrill,
New aspirations brace my will.

CHORUS.

Canada, so fair, so free,
Thou land of love and loyalty,
Our hearts their crimson tides would pour
E'er liberty should leave thy shore.

Thy murmuring streams, thy whispering trees,
Thy woodland music on the breeze
In childhood made my heart rejoice
And soothed me as a mother's voice.

O'er gleaming lake and wooded glen,
O'er verdant hill and flowery plain,
The beauty of the scenes I see
Hath bound my heart still more to thee.

Thy yellow fields of ripening grain,
The cattle feeding on the plain,
The fruit trees bending on the soil,
Shall bless thy stalwart sons of toil.

The axe resounding 'mid the pine,
The pick re-echoing in the mine,
And the rich yield of stream or strand
Shall prosper thee, thou favored land.

Thy rolling trains, from sea to sea,
Connect each clime and industry,
Each smiling field and city fair,
And animate thee everywhere.

What nation is more blessed than thee
With freedom, truth, morality,
High-minded women, fair and pure,
And men whose courage doth endure?

For thee our fathers fought and bled,
Where Wolfe and Brock so nobly led;
Can we, their sons, do less than they
To guard thee, land of liberty?

Then raise the British banner high,
No other shall above us fly;
Canadian hearts will loyal stand
To their queen and native land.

—T. J. BARRON.

Ladysmith, Dec. 21, 1901.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

CROSSING THE BAR.

Letter From Famous Literary Man of Boston, Mass.

Editor Leader.—I have been interested in the lively literary discussion or controversy that has been going on in far Vancouver Island regarding the meaning of Tennyson's famous lines:

"I hope to see my pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar."

The echoes of it have even resounded in our three-hilled Boston, and I imagine that when the Browning Society have finished discovering esoteric meanings in the misprints of their favorite poet they may take up this agitated question and thresh that out.

You are certainly right in refusing to hold a poet to strict scientific account in his metaphors and figures of speech. In such poems as Darwin's "Botanic Garden" or Dr. Coles's portrait of physiological epic, or in the lines of English monarchs versified young ladies precieness, but when Longfellow declares that

"Darkness falls from the wings of night
As a feather is wafted downward
From an eagle in its flight."

You neither demand of the poet how he knows that night has wings, nor do you blame him for ignoring the fact that the darkness of night creeps up from the valleys and does not fall.

Now in analyzing Tennyson's poem the entanglement begins at the very first. It is sunset, and the evening star is out and there is a clear call. He does not explain what he means by the clear call—a spiritual call such as men used to have for the ministry or the call of the ship's steward, but he wants no rough sea on the bar when he puts out to sea. In the next stanza the tide is full, a remarkably strong and high tide but as it is too full for sound and foam—this idea also is too absurd to analyze—one would gather that the wind had gone down with the sun, so the ship is to drift out with the tide. You know the tide is going out because the lines that follow say that "that which drew from out the boundless deep turns again home"—the home of the tide being the open ocean.

"Twilight and evening bell," followed by the darkness are the accompaniments of the traveller's embarkation. The eleventh line shows that he embarks after the clear call and the bell has rung—the metaphor being that of a steamship.

One might take literally the line "The flood may bear me far," and conceive that the ship was still floating on the outgoing tide—but it is more natural to conclude that the notion of a steamship was paramount in Tennyson's mind and that the words "bear, bear me far" have not the significance of propulsion. Now then, when the ship has been carried far it would come to its next port and then would find the pilot waiting outside to conduct it in across the bar and up the tortuous channel.

Such would be the prose analysis of the poem, if prose analysis were needed. But it is not needed. The thought is clear enough to give pleasure because it appeals not to the ear but to the emotions. As one might say of a Chopin nocturne, the theme is lovely and makes good music, even tho' a severe critic picks the accompanying harmony to pieces and declares it thin and even technically faulty.

NATHAN HASKELL DOLE.

Boston, Mass., U. S. A., Dec. 19, 1901.

F. C. Elliott, of Trout Lake City, tells the Nelson Miner of the Stella group of 27 claims on Pool Creek. This group has a big lead of copper, bornite and grey copper, in a quartz and calcite gangue. Picked specimens have, he says, given assays of 60 per cent., and rock which has no appearance of containing copper assays four per cent. and over. The outcrop is apparently a mountain of copper. The showing on the surface is about 2,000 feet wide and has been traced through all the claims of the group.

HONEY AND BEESWAX.

Where They Are Produced and Where Much Beeswax Goes.

Keeping bees is a pleasant and classic occupation, sanctioned by poets in all ages; moreover, and to the practical modern this is far more important, it is a paying business when scientifically conducted. The number of beekeepers in this country is estimated at about 300,000, and they sell annually some 3,000,000 or 4,000,000 pounds of their sweet produce. In every state of the Union they may be found, but Florida, Texas, California, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Michigan, Wisconsin and central and northern New York are the great beekeeping sections. Wherever great quantities of basswood, buckwheat and, of course, clover, are found, there beekeeping means a pretty good income. Some bee farmers have 1,500 to 3,000 colonies under their care and have reduced the business to a pretty exact science.

In Colorado, Arizona and states in the neighborhood of the great desert the honey "crop" is as sure as anything can well be, even the proverbial "death and taxes." Elsewhere the clover crop may be ruined by rain or drought, but there the sun is sure to shine and the canals are sure to irrigate, so that the lack of clover is practically impossible. And it is alfalfa clover, too, of which four crops are certain every year. Under these conditions it is not surprising to find in Arizona and similar states whole counties keeping bees as in other parts of the country people cultivate farms. It is, in fact, the only certain thing in that ill favored land, as the alfalfa clover is the one green thing that can coax a livelihood out of inhospitable soil.

Maeterlinck has written a book about the bee. Perhaps some philosopher will one day arise to sing the praises of the clover, living where nothing else can grow, and, alone of all "weeds," enriching the soil which gives it life. Arizona folk may not be philosophers, but they are properly grateful to the kindly blossom.

If the story of the clover is somewhat romantic, that of the beeswax is hardly less so. Several hundred thousand pounds of beeswax are produced every year, and prices are steady and conservative. Much of it goes into commonplace uses. Shoemakers, dentists, thread manufacturers and the like use much of it and cannot use anything in its place; glassworkers, too, require it for molding purposes, but the interesting part of the beeswax business comes when it is exported to Russia. The Greek church uses nothing but pure beeswax for its candles. This, apparently, is an ecclesiastical law. So beeswax is exported in enormous quantities to burn in Russian churches. When the price is low, all that can be procured is bought up for exportation. It is distinctly an interesting career, this of the beeswax, beginning with the irrigation of the desert and ending as the candles flicker before an eastern shrine

PATTI'S GIFT.

Hidden In a Basket of Flowers She Found a Tiny Dog.

During one of the most admirable performances that Donizetti's opera ever received in this country an incident occurred that lent momentous interest to Patti's appearance.

Mme. Diaz, wife of the president of Mexico, had heard of the death of Patti's pet dog Ricci and had sent her another, which was to be presented to the diva in a novel way. The tiny animal was buried in a basket of roses, but an usher discovered it and the manager refused permission.

At the next act, however, Mr. Abbey relented and allowed the usher to convey the gift. The basket in which the dog was hidden was a triumph of floral art, and Mme. Patti, attracted by the beauty of its design and the gorgeous bloom of its roses, chose to carry it personally off the stage.

As she lifted the basket and kissed its flowers the little dog, which was badly frightened by the experience it had had, gave a feeble cry. The diva started, looked curiously into the mass of flowers, gave a purely feminine scream of delight, and, running down to the footlights, whispered gleefully to the audience, "I declare if it isn't a lovely little dog!"

No one who has not been at a Patti performance can realize the enthusiastic volume of applause that greeted this announcement. Men jumped up on the chairs and yelled "Brava, brava, Patti!" and women waved their fans and handkerchiefs and cried hysterically. Suddenly Patti dived her curly head into the basket and kissed the dog, whereat a fresh storm of cheers rang through the house. Then she tried to extract the little animal from the flowers, so that she could show him to the audience. But he was tied in securely with ribbons.

Whereupon she said in dumb but eloquent pantomime, "I can't get him out." Finally, as the applause showed no signs of abatement, she ran off the stage, gave the dog and his basket to an attendant, came tripping back and whispered, "Home, Sweet Home" to Signor Arditi, and the ballad was sung as only Patti can sing it.

There were tears in her eyes as she finished, and many a man in the auditorium choked down a sob and many a woman wept silently as the pathetic strains of the old song floated in mournful cadence through the auditorium.

Managing a College.

As for the actual management of a university's business, it is conducted much like that of a town or city. At the beginning of the year the probable income is estimated. After about 20 per cent is deducted for the expenses of the business department the balance is divided among the different educational departments much in the same way that a board of apportionment does in the case of a city. The modern institution of "higher education" therefore carries on in many instances the business of a real estate office, a collection agency, a bank and a hotel and employs usually a staff of over 100 men.

Comparisons.

Mrs. Selldom-Home—My husband is one of the most disputatious mortals alive. I can hardly ever make a statement without his "begging leave to differ."

Mrs. Jenner Lee Ondego—Your husband is an angel. Mine always differs without begging leave.

Placating Mrs. M.

Mrs. Mann—Oh, yes, I suppose I'm a disagreeable thing. No doubt you are sorry you ever saw me.

Mr. Mann—I won't go so far as that. I only wish when I did see you I had taken a better look at you.

THE CHILDREN'S ROOM.

Care Should Be Exercised In Selecting and Furnishing It.

Not every mother has the means nor the conveniences for fitting up a well equipped nursery for the use of her little ones, but there is no reason why the room in which the children must spend the greater part of their time each day should not be bright and dainty and attractive. The room set aside for the children, where their toys are kept and they are allowed to play and romp and plan their daily occupations, should be so suggestive of latent possibilities as to keep the little minds and hands pleasantly occupied, even though the most inexpensive furnishings must be used. To be bright and attractive does not necessitate being costly.

It is too often the case, however, that the children's room is a decidedly doleful place, and it is no wonder that the little folks persist in straying from their own particular domain, going upon little excursions to the drawing room, the library or the kitchen, any one of which is far pleasanter than the quarters up stairs that have been assigned to them.

Mothers argue: "Anything is good enough for the children when they are young, they are so destructive, you know. After awhile I will fix up their quarters, but so long as they are small it doesn't matter much what they have so long as they are comfortable."

Would that mother be comfortable in a room where the outlook gives one only a glimpse of back streets and brick walls? Would she think it comfortable to catch her toes daily in holey carpet of a hue so dingy that it is enough to drive even a baby into a fit of artistic despair? Would she be comfortable with no pictures on the walls, which are covered only by a solid wall paper the pattern of which is unpleasantly suggestive of all sorts of crawling things? To be warm and have enough to eat is not all the comfort required by a baby, though many mothers appear to think so, judging from the quarters of their little ones.

Babies are quick to notice beauty. A bright carpet, some pictures representing events in child life, a sunny room where the furniture is whole and clean—in fact, a bright and cheerful nursery—will leave its pleasant impression on the childish mind long after the occupant has passed through its portals to do battle with the great world lying beyond and will be the cornerstone of many pleasant memories, whereas the prisonlike dens which pass for nurseries will never be thought of save with feelings of dislike, for first impressions even in small children are the ones to last the longest, and the early surroundings are bound to make their mark on the minds that are at that time in the most receptive state.

Have a Home of Your Own.

They are a wise young man and woman who start out in their married life in a home of their own in some place where they will have green grass about their house even if it is only a few feet. It makes no difference how humble or how modest the house may be. The smallest box of a house with a plot of green is a temple of common sense compared to the finest "flat" or "boarding house" in the city. If there is anything appropriate in this life, it is that young people should live somewhere where each day they can see their own unfolding lives reflected in the unfolding works of nature. There is no beginning in the home sense to a young married life so true, so wise, so lasting and so satisfactory as that. No life in a city is comparable with that which is lived in a small house with green things growing over and around it, where God's pure sunshine bathes and sweetens every side of the house during the day and where the surest lifegiving odors that God gives to his children—the odors of soil and growing things—are blown into the house while we sleep.—Edward Bok in Ladies' Home Journal.

Don'ts For Girls.

Don't waste emotion. Life is very short, and excessive feeling disturbs the brain, weakens the heart and ages the body.

Don't be proud. Be self respecting. Let none use you as a stepladder. Offer to assist when you can.

Don't preach. Live your sermons. Be honest, virtuous, obliging, merry and wise, but don't be pharisaical.

Don't judge men by their treatment of by their speech. Flattery is a cheap and belittling thing, and [illegible] has a noble soul, says the Pittsburg Chronicle.

Glove Friction on Jewels.

"If you want your rings to last well," said a jeweler, "don't wear them under gloves. But if you decide that gloves are a necessity, as probably you will, then send your rings twice a year to a jeweler to be overhauled," says Home Notes. The reason for this warning is the constant friction of the glove wears the tiny points that hold the stones in place, and the result is that the stones fall out unless they are constantly looked after. You might not detect a loose stone, but a jeweler would at once and thus might prevent your losing a valuable gem.

A Club Sandwich.

Toast a slice of bread evenly and lightly and butter it. On one half put first a thin slice of bacon which has been broiled till dry and tender, next a slice of the white meat of either turkey or chicken. Over one half of this place a circle cut from a ripe tomato and over the other half a tender leaf of lettuce. Cover these with a generous layer of mayonnaise and complete this delicious "whole meal" sandwich with the remaining piece of toast.

Releasing the Cork.

The trick of extracting a cork from a bottle without touching the cork is well worth knowing. Fill an ordinary bottle with water and cork it, not too tightly, so that the end of the cork just touches the water. Then wrap a cloth tightly around the end of the bottle and, taking it in the right hand, hammer it smartly against the wall or any other immovable object. The water then acts as a solid body and shoots the cork from the bottle.

When Buying Stationery.

In buying stationery the woman who is nice in trifles leaves a quire or two of her note paper unstamped, this for use when a second or third sheet is needed to complete a voluminous letter, says the St. Louis Republic. It is one of the small things that betray a knowledge of correct usage that only one sheet of a letter shall bear the address or monogram. Repetition is unnecessary and should be omitted.

The Aurora Borealis.

Whatever may be the cause of the aurora borealis its height does not appear to be limited by the atmosphere. The rays sometimes touch the earth in Scandinavia, coming between the observer and elevated places, but Flogel years ago obtained data showing that a large aurora seen in northern Germany must have had a height of sixty miles and that the rays often rise to 450 miles, their points glowing with red light.

Granite and Lime.

Granite is the lowest rock in the earth's crust. It is the bedrock of the world and shows no evidence of animal or vegetable life. It is the parent rock from which all the other rocks have been either directly or indirectly derived.

It is claimed by scientists that all the lime in the world has at some time no doubt been a portion of many different animals and possibly of human beings also.

For Stained Fingers.

Moisten dry starch with glycerin, two parts starch to one of glycerin, and rub upon stained fingers. The result is magical. Some stains require frequent applications of the remedy, but even so it is good to know something which removes the traces of soil from fingers which have ripped old dresses apart, scrubbed stained woods, peeled potatoes, dusted rooms and made fires.

The Cheapside!

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THE CITY

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You can get the neatest and best work at the Ladysmith Shaving Parlor, High Street.

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American barque Charles W. Packard is loading a cargo of coal at the wharves for San Francisco.

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

Str. Wellington had to put back into Victoria on Wednesday night owing to the gale off Flattery.

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

Messrs. F. D. Little, Robert Bryden, J. Fowler, A. Haslam, Henry Reifel and J. Davison were all passengers to the capital by yesterday morning's train.

Do you believe in your own goods? Then don't conceal the fact from the public. Advertise.

It was rumored around town this week that the little steamer Oscar of the Ladysmith-Tacoma line had gone down in the terrible storm on Christmas night, on her way across the straits.

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In consequence of Mr. Hartley Gisborne having removed to Vancouver Island he has resigned the Hon. Secretaryship for Canada of the institution of Electrical Engineers, London England, and the council of the institution has now appointed Professor R. B. Owens (McGill University, Montreal, Canada) in his place. Mr. Gisborne succeeded Prof. Carnes-Wilson as Secretary in 1897.

Extension

Mrs. Pollard is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Thompson spent Christmas in Victoria.

Miss Stickney, of Vancouver, is a guest at Mr. Dickinson's.

Mr. James Nimmo left Extension last Tuesday for his home in Scotland. He expects to return again.

Buy your New Year's gifts and therein the prize drawing at Forcimmer's, the jeweler.

No trace has yet been found of Henri Maille. It is reported that he had everything he owned transferred to Mrs. Maille on the day previous to his departure.

Burglars are becoming quite common or perhaps sneak thieves is a more appropriate term. A few nights ago the barber, Mr. John Davis, had six razors taken from his shop. Another had considerable money stolen from his cabin during the day. The authorities are watching.

Mr. Harry G. Shepard, secretary of the miners' union here, left last Tuesday on a tour among the various unions of the Sound and the Island.

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

On Sunday Mr. J. Dwine went to Nanaimo hospital to undergo treatment for his eyes.

A shooting match took place at the Central Hotel on Christmas Day. Eight turkeys were sold.

The Christmas Sunday School entertainments given in the Presbyterian and Methodist churches were a grand success. The churches were beautifully decorated and the programme was all that could be desired. An enjoyable evening was spent by all.

On Thursday last the high wind blew a large tree across Mr. Davie James' cabin breaking in the roof and the chimney. He is working hard to repair it before rain.

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

On Tuesday morning, Dec. 24th, Miss Maggie Nicholson and Mr. Harry Wilkinson were married by Rev. W. B. Cumming, of Nanaimo. After the ceremony the bride and groom left Extension for Victoria and San Francisco where they will spend their honeymoon. They have the best wishes of the community.

On Friday Harry Shepard, fireman on the coal train, sustained injuries from a brake that slipped when he was turning it up. The stick with which he was winding it up struck him on the side injuring his ribs. He was taken to hospital on Saturday.

South Wellington

The residence of Alex. Faulds was fired into late Sunday night by some unknown party. Three shots in all were fired at the house, two of them went through the pantry window one lodging in the wall of the dining room, the other in young Mr. Faulds' bedroom. The shots are supposed to have been fired from the track at the back of the house. Mr. Faulds and family at the time of the shooting were in the front part of the house and so escaped injury. Mr. Faulds thought blank cartridges were being used and stones thrown at the roof. It was not till next morning that he discovered the true state of affairs.

The remainder of the mules will be removed from here this week to take up their winter quarters at Extension until work starts again.

J. Richardson and John Record are spending New Years with their folks.

NANAIMO LABOR PARTY.

Extraordinary Conduct of Certain Members at Friday's Meeting.

In Free Press hall, Nanaimo, on Friday evening last a meeting of the Liberal Association of Nanaimo was called by the secretary, Mr. Mercer, for the alleged purpose of reorganizing the Association and electing delegates to send to the Provincial Liberal Association convention in Vancouver, next month. It soon appeared that the members of the Labor party of Nanaimo outnumbered the Liberals considerably, and headed by the president of the Labor party, Dr. McKechnie, formerly a member of the Nanaimo Liberal Association and of the Liberal party, began to run things to suit themselves.

The motion to appoint Mr. Walter Roos chairman was opposed by Mr. H. Aitken, manager of the organ of the Labor party, the Nanaimo Herald, who proposed that Dr. McKechnie, president of the Labor party, but formerly president of the old Nanaimo Liberal Association, disbanded some time ago, take the chair. There was a warm argument between Messrs. Boyce, the mover of the motion and Mr. Aitken. In the course of this discussion Mr. Aitken startled all present by boldly denying that the Herald was the organ of the Labor party, or represented the interests of Labor. The latter confession was certainly correct, but the former surprised every one.

Mr. Boyce then read from the editorial columns of the Herald and proved that the position taken by that paper and the party was one of complete independence; that they might ally themselves with either the Liberal or the Conservative party. Mr. Boyce pointed out the monstrous impertinence of any such party presuming to claim the right to nominate a chairman for a Liberal meeting. It was a well-known fact that the Labor party had met previously to this meeting and taken secret measures to ensure the swamping of this meeting as a Liberal meeting.

On the vote being taken Dr. McKechnie, president of the Labor party, was duly elected chairman, and in his remarks claimed to be a good Liberal still, although president of the Labor party and identified with that party. He said Senator Templeman had sent him circulars for distribution announcing the coming convention. The meeting was called to elect three delegates to that convention.

After some further talk the Liberals left the meeting to hold one of their own and elect Liberal delegates to the convention. The Labor party then went on with their meeting, electing the following officers for the ensuing year: President, C. H. Barker; vice-president, Jas. Young; secretary, A. McKenzie; treasurer, W. H. Kelly.

The delegates of the Labor party to the Liberal convention in Vancouver were then elected as follows: C. H. Barker, James Young and W. Woodman. Alternative delegates: J. McLean and W. H. Kelly. In the course of a short speech Mr. James Young made a virulent attack on "Joe" Martin, as he called him, saying that if that gentleman were to be regarded as a leader there would be no party lines for him, "Jim" Young.

Mr. Tyson in reply to those remarks said that from his experience of Vancouver and of "Joe" Martin he was the best Liberal British Columbia had ever seen. He challenged anyone to contradict that. He was the workingman's friend and had enacted laws which proved it, and which no other Liberal ever had the courage or the brains to enact. "Joe" Martin's laws were strongly in favor of the working classes. Mr. Tyson's remarks were not disputed. The meeting then adjourned.

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