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THE LEGISLATURE.

The House Adjourns Until Monday Afternoon.

(Special correspondence of The Leader.)

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 28.—Exhausted, no doubt, by the exertions and excitements of Monday afternoon the Legislature decided to take a rest from Tuesday last until next Monday. The belligerent opposition are still very much "worked up" over the prize fight on the floor of the house, and the air is thick with explanations and objurgations. Richard McBride is generally blamed for precipitating the fracas. It is conceded that unless he shows a little more statesmanship than he has done so far this session, his colleagues of the opposition will have great reason to regret their rash choice of him as a leader.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite believes that the Conservative element have now a chance to cut in and share in the spoils, if they will only unite and stay so. But that seems to be the one thing the Conservatives are incapable of doing; besides, they have no leader; not a man of them who shows any ability beyond the somewhat humble qualifications possessed by the rank and file of the party.

It is feared by thinking people that this session is going to be barren of any useful legislation, unless the discordant factions in the opposition can be better managed. The farce of having an inexperienced boy for leader, when a man of Hon. Joseph Martin's talents and long experience is in the house is even now apparent. McBride will assuredly wreck his party.

Great curiosity is felt as to Mr. Bodwell's opponent for the Victoria seat. After the bad reception he met with at the Liberal convention in Vancouver, it is felt that a very weak man could beat him here. He has not the confidence of the majority of the Liberals, but worse than that, the Times is championing his cause.

Mr. A. E McPhillips, it is alleged, has in readiness for the first general debate several speeches far exceeding in length any which he has so far dared to inflict upon the Assembly.

LADYSMITH LIBERALS.

Meeting to Form an Association Next Saturday.

All Liberals resident in Ladysmith, or suburbs, are cordially invited to attend a meeting to be held in Gould's Hall on Saturday night, March 8th, at 8 o'clock. It is expected that Hon. Joseph Martin, W. W. B. McInnes, M. P. L., Mr. William Sloan, and a number of staunch Liberals from Nanaimo will be present and will address the meeting. Great enthusiasm prevails amongst the Liberals of Ladysmith.

BOARD OF TRADE.

Earnest Appeal to Citizens for Wednesday Night.

The Leader is requested once more to issue a strong appeal to the merchants and citizens of Ladysmith to meet for the purpose of accomplishing the much-desired and most important work of organizing the Ladysmith Board of Trade. The meeting will take place in Gould's Hall next Wednesday evening at half past seven promptly. It is hoped that the citizens will show their appreciation of Mr. Gould's kindness in placing the hall at the disposal of the citizens on that evening for the purpose mentioned, free of all cost. If Ladysmith does not organize and present a united front Ladysmith is "going to get left."

Ladysmith Shipping.

Str. Alki coaled here yesterday on her way from the sound to Ketchikan, Alaska.

American ship Edward Sewall completed loading her 2,500 tons of Wellington coal for Honolulu yesterday, and was in readiness to be towed to Royal Roads, Victoria, there to await her crew.

Str. Selkirk called in for bunker coal on Thursday night.

Ship Santa Clara is now taking coal at the wharves.

Str. Victoria passed up to Union Bay yesterday. She had a rough passage from Frisco.

EXTENSION RESCUE WORK.

More of the Bodies Have Been Recovered.

On Thursday morning early the remains of John MacCallum and E. Hazell were found by the repairing party near No. 2 level, just where they had fallen when overcome by the gas. Hazell appeared to have got out of the mine but to have gone back for something. He lay on his face, his head toward the wall. Poor McCallum was just as he had come from the face, with no coat on. In falling his cap came off and rolled away a short distance. He lay face down. Both bodies were well preserved.

It was expected that the gang could penetrate to the counter late on Thursday night, when the remaining 13 bodies would be found. Only the bodies of John Paterson and James Watson were reached, lying close by one another as they had fallen in their run for life. It was expected all the other bodies would be reached yesterday afternoon or evening.

Preparations for their removal were to be seen at Extension on Thursday in the shape of boxes with shafts attached like stretchers, and canvas sheets soaked in coal tar, in which the remains will be wrapped.

Rapid progress is being made in clearing out No. 2 slope, the men following the water down as it recedes. The leakage at the stopping remains about the same—600 gallons a minute or more, but it will take some time yet before the 45 million gallons pumped into the mine at the rate of seven million gallons a day, can thus pass away. The valve in the stopping was opened slightly on Thursday and the outflow thereby considerably increased. The officials hope to have the mine entirely cleared of water by the end of next week; and in full working order by March 31st.

RECKLESS JACK.

Sailors from the Edward Sewall Desert Their Pay.

As showing the happy-go-lucky and improvident way of many of the sailors of the mercantile marine the case of about a dozen members of the crew of the American ship Edward Sewall is worth notice. These men worked on the ship long enough to run up amounts in wages to their credit in same cases as high as $90. They have borne all the hard-work of bringing the ship from New York round the Horn; have waited here long enough to help unload ballast and take on stiffening of 100 tons of coal, but instead of staying the few days necessary to reach the American port of Honolulu, where they would be paid off in full, they have quit ship here, thereby forfeiting every cent of their hard-earned pay.

No American ship can pay off in a foreign port. The Sewall will probably be in Honolulu by March 15th, as it is expected she will sail early next week. The men are well treated aboard the Sewall, the food is plentiful and excellent, the wages the full standard, the men's quarters much more comfortable than are to be found on the ordinary merchantman. Yet these men go and leave such a berth and nearly $100 each besides, for a mere chance of getting something to do ashore.

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When furnishing your new Ladysmith home, don't forget the indispensable mantel clock. Lively, the leading jeweler, First Avenue, has a selection that is good to look at, and the prices won't frighten the most economical.

Col. E. G. Prior of Victoria was sworn in on Thursday as as provicial minister of mines. Col. Prior and James J. Hill of the Great Northern Railway, U. S. A., will contest the Victoria bye-election on the 15th. Mr. Hill is said to be "making" many friends at the Capital.

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A Grand Calico Ball will be held in the Oddfellows' Hall on March 17th under the auspices of the Rathbone Sisters of Ladysmith Temple No. 5. For the best dressed gent, gent's umbrella, value $5.00; best dressed (calico) lady, $5.00 cash, Admission $1,00 a couple; for single ticket 50 cents. Lunch will be provided for 25 cents extra.

TO THEIR LAST REST.

Funerals of D. D. Griffith and G. Southcombe.

On Thursday afternoon the people of Ladysmith paid the last sad honors to the memory of the two unfortunate citizens who were cut off in their prime in so shocking a manner last October, and turned out en masse to the station to witness the departure of the members of St. John's Lodge, No. 21, A. F. & A. M., and of the Oddfellows' lodges of the city, with the remains of the late Mr. Griffith to Nanaimo.

The brethren assembled in Masonic Hall, Gatacre Street, shortly before the arrival of the noon train, and then marched in solemn procession, and in full regalia, bearing the casket, to the station. Besides the Free Masons scores of the citizens turned out to attend the funerals, and went on the train to Nanaimo.

The pall bearers were Brothers A. J. McMurtrie, W. Grant Jessup, Joseph Jeffries, B. Forcimmer, T. M. Brown, and Wm. Kerr.

Many beautiful wreaths were sent in by sympathising friends. The casket was very handsome, and was provided by Mr. Robert Kilpatrick, who directed the funeral arrangements.

At Nanaimo the funeral cortege was met by the Grand Master Mason of British Columbia, Mr. F. McB. Young, and many other brethren, who accompanied the procession to Nanaimo cemetery. There the last solemn offices for the dead were pronounced by Past Master G. Stephenson, of Wellington, in a very impressive manner. The funeral oration has been justly admired by all who were privileged to hear it.

Amongst the wreaths was a fine one from St. John's lodge, representing the square and compasses; Ladysmith Baseball Club of which the late Mr. Griffith was manager also sent a beautiful wreath; one was from Mr. and Mrs. Pringle, and another from the I. O. O F.

The marshal of the parade in Nanaimo was Past Master W. Stewart.

The Oddfellows also gave their services over the remains of Mr. Griffith.

The mourners then returned to the station to take train to Ladysmith, but many remained to attend the funeral of George Southcombe, which took place at 4 o'clock, as also did that of Antonio Pescetelli, the latter to the Roman Catholic cemetery on McLeary Street, the Rev. Father Verbeke officiating. The attendance of friends from Extension was very large.

Mr. Southcombe's pall bearers were: Messrs. J. Doherty, D. Campbell, W. Williams, Thos. Orr, Jas. Orr and John Anderson. The officiating clergyman was Rev. Allister Murray, Presbyterian minister at Extension.

Antonio Pescetelli's pall bearers were: P. August, G. Biandoni, P. Conti, J. Casoris, J. Giacchero, A. Tate.

The remains of the other victims of the disaster will be interred at Nanaimo tomorrow afternoon with befitting solemnities. Many Ladysmith people will go up on the train to attend the obsequies.

SPEAKER BOOTH DEAD.

Passes Away After Protracted Illness.

Hon. John P. Booth, Speaker of the Provincial Legislature, died at his home, Salt Spring Island, on Tuesday night after a lengthy struggle with a severe illness due to Bright's disease. Mr. Booth was a native of England and aged 64 years. He came to British Columbia in 1859, after living in Ontario. He early identified himself with public affairs, and was a member of the Legislature for many years. He succeded Hon. D. W. Higgins in the speakership. Mr. Booth was a successful farmer, the salt springs from which the island where he lived takes its name being on his property. Mr. Booth leaves a widow, and two brothers. The funeral takes place from the family residence at 2 o'clock today to St. Mary's church, Salt Spring. It is probable that the Government will be represented.

Hon. Mr. Dunsmuir has placed the st. City of Nanaimo at the disposal of members of the who wish to attend the funeral. The steamer left Victoria this morning at 9 and will return from Ganges at 4 p. m.

Mr. George Lewis is getting out piles for the Ladysmith smelter.

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THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION.

If the criticisms now being levelled at the Provincial Government were at all warranted by the facts, the government would certainly stand in a very unenviable light. If the critics of the government were to be successful in their attempt to persuade the people that unconstitutional procedure is being followed by the government, there is little use in denying that the government's tenure of office would be exceedingly short.

But, fortunately for the good of this province, the people of British Columbia know their newspapers too well to accept any of their statements in haste. And they also know their professional politicians altogether too well to place the slightest reliance upon anything that they may say. Consequently, the people of the province have learned the habit, a most useful one, of weighing both sides of the case, and deliberating long before reaching a decision. This is one reason why the government is in power now. The charges against them have not been proved, therefore the people do not believe them.

It is a long time since the agitation against that government began amongst the more irresponsible and reckless newspapers, and the fury with which the articles were imbued might have led the intelligent stranger to imagine that the province was on the brink of revolution. The fiery speeches of certain politicians, too, might have aroused some alarm had the speechifiers not been so well known.

In the ceaseless barking at and scolding of Hon. Joseph Martin by those newspapers and politicians, there is something exquisitely ludicrous. They acknowledge him to be the one man of whom they stand in fear. They have actually brought themselves to admit that he has both sides of the legislature at his mercy. When those who say that Mr. Martin is dictating to the government, or is controlling the government's policy can show proof of it perhaps they will meet with some success in getting the public to believe their assertions.

WELSH FARMERS

Down in the Argentine Republic are about fifteen hundred Welsh farmers, who left their native land to try their fortune in South America. Not until they got out to that ill-governed and generally ill-conditioned country did they discover their error. Like so many other worthy people who have gone there to better their lot, they have found little to please them.

They want to quit South America, its torrid climate and undesirable form of government and come once more under the British flag. They have put themselves in communication with the Canadian government, and negotiations are now in progress. It is hard to believe, however, that the Canadian government actually demurs at bringing those families here. Surely the government can scarcely realize what a magnificent investment it would be to fetch into this country fifteen hundred of perhaps the finest race under the British flag.

The Welsh farmer is a man to be sought after most earnestly by any country; he is a sturdy, industrious, highly intelligent, pious and law-abiding citizen. It is a thousand pities that those good people wasted their time travelling away to that outlandish country; but it will be a lucky day for Canada if our government can be brought to see the importance of enabling those splendid settlers to retrieve their unfortunate mistake. It would pay Canada handsomely to defray all cost of bringing them here.

THE OBSESSION OF KIPLING.

From all quarters have come upon the high priest of imperialism, the new Isaiah of the Lord's chosen people, Rudyard Kipling, storms of abuse and protest in answer to his poem "The Islanders." Some of this dispraise is frantic; evidently the unpruned outpourings of the shocked Jingo; much of it, however, is calm, judicial criticism, which is infinitely harder to bear than the shouting sort.

No piece of literary work in this generation has caused so much talk and writing. It is now safe to speak slightingly of Kipling and his work in presence of many who were two years ago insane upon the subject, and who would have done unto the offerer of disparaging remarks about their new deity, even as the creatures of Cyril of Alexandria did unto the troublesome Hypatia. For speaking his mind in a way that has not suited the taste of his public, Mr. Kipling has lost the sympathy of a greater part of that fickle body. But the chatter of the street and the exchange are of little or no value in trying to arrive at a just judgment of the piece of work which has placed Kipling in a new light before the world. We must turn to the judges whose dicta are worthy of acceptance.

In the "Nineteenth Century" for February, Mr. Herbert Paul, a literary critic of quite exceptional ability, makes an exhaustive examination of Kipling's work and arrives at the conclusion that eccentricity has spoiled much of it. "Eccentricity," says Mr. Paul, "is the first refuge of the mentally exhausted." Then he goes on to show that Mr. Kipling wrote himself out a long time ago, and, of course, had to resort to high spice to make his wares sell. It is not the plethora of imagination but the want of it that drives authors to such freaks as some which Kipling has perpetrated. He charges Mr. Kipling with delighting in depicting ugly things just because they are ugly, and suspects that Mr. Kipling has a good deal in him of Leech's schoolboy, who "only wished his mother knew how wicked he was." Mr. Paul objects to the "base grotesque" of such verses as "Cells," in Barrack Room Ballads, which he says are full of eccentricity. The criticism is assuredly acid; very little of sympathy there with the subject, but no doubt from a literary standpoint it is warranted and will be salutary. It is the philosopher Colton, we think, who has a remark in his works upon eccentricity and its dangers: "Beware of eccentricity; it has ruined many thousands, and may ruin you."

Professor Harry Thurston Peck, editor of the American Bookman, takes just the opposite view from that of Mr. Paul. He beholds in the wrathful Kipling the warning genius of the British people, to whom they should give heed. He praises Kipling's "Islanders" as we think somewhat immoderately, especially when we remember that all Mr. Kipling's work heretofore has been as poison to the Professor. "Kipling," says the Professor, "dares to say what Englishmen all over the earth are thinking."

Then the inimitable Dooley has his say, and it is not flattering, but very funny. The criticism appears in a new volume of "Dooleyisms" just published by Mr. Dunne.

The editor of the Monthly Review for February devotes the leading article to an examination of "The Islanders." After exposing some of Mr. Kipling's inconsistencies, which are neither few nor small, he applies the lash to the "Islanders" who need it most, in this caustic way:

"We remember certain stories of the population of mining districts much given to cock fighting, whippet racing, and other "sports," clamouring like one man for war, and refusing like one man to offer themselves when the time of need came. We think of certain great halls where suburban idiots gathered lately to applaud a miniature form of an inferior game. We think of certain 'men about town,' rich, strong and unemployed, who have spent these two years past reading the newspapers and are still "men about town." And we remember that a serious, hardworking Volunteer is a thing to be snubbed by the organizers of Colenso and despised by every semi-professional who has 'made his century' or been named as 'an aspirant for International honors.'"

As for our humble selves, we never liked Kipling till we read, and read again and again, "The Islanders."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Says the Toronto Evening Telegram, perhaps ironically:

"To think that Ralph Smith, M. P., should figure as an "also ran" in the race which ends in giving Hon. William Templeman a place in the Cabinet."

Let our esteemed friends, the sons and daughters of gallant little Wales, learn with regret that the musical language of their beloved country is steadily dying out. In 1871 as many as 1,006,100 people spoke Welsh. In 1891 only 911,-280. And Gaelic is dying in Scotland and Erse in Erin.

Our old friend Lue Vernon, whose contributions to The Leader were keenly enjoyed by hundreds of our readers, is now a real live editor himself. He is managing editor of The Mirror, a new venture in Vancouver, published in the interests of The Licensed Victuallers. We wish all success to Mr. Vernon, who had the honor of being at one time a colleague of the famous Editor Braun of the Iconoclast of Waco, Texas.

Americans have been very fond of sneering at the British propensity to flunkeyism in regard to royalty and nobility, but no British exhibition of snobbery ever approached the flunkeyism shown by Americans toward Prince Henry of Prussia. It takes republicans to show honest believers in limited monarchy how to scrape and kow-tow before a title. Washington, Lincoln and Jefferson must be turning in their graves.

Of all the guesses made as to the meaning and the antiquity of Stonehenge that of Sir Norman Lockyer, the celebrated astronomer, is considered the most probable. He believes that Stonehenge was built to serve as a perpetual calendar for the very ancient Britons of the palæolithic period. The main avenue points almost to the spot on the horizon where the sun rises on the 21st of June. When the megaliths were erected, about 2,000 years before the Christian era, the orientation of the main avenue was probably exact; but the secular changes which have been taking place in the earth's motions in space would in the four thousand years since that time to the present day, account for the aberration at present noted. At any rate Stonehenge is of vast antiquity and absorbing interest.

We must compliment Crofton upon its newspaper, the Crofton Gazette, the first copy of which has just reached us. It is excellently printed on fine paper, and is of the size most approved by Mr. Alfred Harmsworth. The articles are skilfully and pleasantly written; the tone is admirable. Mr. H. Mortimer Lamb, of the B. C. Mining Record, is manager, and Mr. Henry H. Newall, late of the staff of the Pall Mall Gazette, London, England, is editor. A map of Crofton townsite and neighboring country accompanies the first number. We observe with pleasure that the editor is resolved to abstain from "silly and offensive personalities." We feel sure that two English gentlemen may be depended upon to issue a newspaper that will do honor to the journalism of the Province. If the Gazette be maintained at the standard of the first number it would be superfluous to wish it success.

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The Los Angeles Girl Adopted by the Great Singer.

Few great singers have begun their careers with a better chance to become famous than has Edna Darch, a little Los Angeles girl. Not only does she possess a marvelous voice, but no less a celebrity in the musical world than Mme. Calve has adopted her and will provide for her the best musical and dramatic training America and Europe can furnish. It was while the famous diva was staying in southern California for her health that she heard Edna sing, and from that moment the little one's future was assured.

The protegee of Mme. Calve is only thirteen years of age and for some time has been the marvel of musical people in Los Angeles. Her parents, being poor,

EDNA DARCH.

despaired of ever giving their daughter the musical training she deserved, but managed with the help of friends in providing her with fairly good local instruction. Hearing recently that Mme. Calve was in the city, they arranged for Edna to sing for her. So surprised and delighted was the song queen with the child's voice and appearance that she decided to take full charge of her training and give her every opportunity of becoming a celebrity. She will clothe and care for her as for her own child.

Edna's musical education will begin in New York city, where she has just arrived with Mme. Calve. She will study English, French, Italian and German and at the end of two years will go to Paris to finish her education. It is planned that the child will make her debut at the end of four years. Mme. Calve says her protegee's voice is one in a million and predicts the child will be one of the greatest singers in the whole world.

The musical ability of Edna is not inherited from either of her parents. Her father, Edward A. Darch, is an Englishman, forty years of age. Since he was ten years old he has worked as a lumber shover and is at present foreman of a small lumber yard in Los Angeles. Mrs. Darch was born in Germany, and, like her husband, is comparatively uncultured and used to a life of toil. Edna takes most after her mother, having some of the characteristics of the Germans in her figure and manner of expression. For one so young she is remarkably well developed and is very bright and vivacious in conversation. It is predicted that this little girl, who was found in America's garden of flowers by Mme. Calve, will be the Carmen of the twentieth century.

Must Have Recreation.

Women plod too much at their tasks and take too little time for recreation when they become breadwinners. Ask any business manager of a firm which employs both sexes, and he will tell you that women are by far more conscientious and turn out more work in a given time.

The sensitive, nervous temperaments, which are those that certainly do the best work, are very easily influenced by their surroundings, and it makes all the difference in the world to them if at the end of a hard day's work some one or something awaits them that will take them out of the business world in which they have been and give them something entirely different to think about.

So often one hears a business woman say that she is too tired to go to the theater or to read when, as a matter of fact, once the actual effort of getting there was accomplished she would find it a real rest, for it would change her thoughts, get her away from her little home worries and arouse her interest in the lives of those who seem to have so little in common with her own.

Lack of recreation not only ruins the health and turns girls into old women, but it takes from them all individuality, all freshness, all power of sympathy, and turns them into that awful product of this twentieth century—a woman who has but one idea in life and that the particular branch of work in which she is engaged.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Genius at Bargain Sales.

One must be a born genius at buying to be able to make successful purchases at bargain sales, but, alas, we are all so prone to imagine ourselves possessed of the ability to take in at a glance the real value of an article and its usefulness that we elbow our way to those centers of attraction, the bargain counters, and grow fairly hysterical in our efforts to possess the objects that are marked down to one-half the cost and which in nine cases out of ten are consigned to oblivion as soon as we have reached home and had time to examine them calmly and critically. But this is not saying that bargains are not to be had, for many a home that is furnished in the most perfect taste is the result of keeping an eye out for special sales, and a list in the purse of really needful articles, the proper size and color and other necessary details. To know exactly what you want at the right moment is where the talent comes in. Isn't it wonderful what an intensely human thing it is to try to get something for nothing? And even though we may be woefully sold time after time the most pessimistic ones will confidently expect to secure a prize the next time. One clever girl spoke truly when she said, "It is only the very rich who can afford to buy bargains, for after you do get them you have to spend unconscionable sums in getting materials to match in order to make any use of them."—Exchange.

Culture of Children's Voices.

"Again and again have American women been urged to attend to the voice culture of their children, and yet the average mother entirely neglects what might be either a great charm or a great defect in her daughter later on," said a matron recently. "She had been told often enough that the natural American voice is not musical—is, in fact, decidedly nasal and is apt to be loud and shrill. This she recognizes to be a fact, and yet makes no effort to overcome the defect.

"A couple of decades ago, when society was more or less anglomaniac in its tendency, voices were improved by imitation our transatlantic cousins, but now that even society people are ultra American and feel their independence of old world traditions there is no criterion but our own, which, so far as the voice and accent are concerned, is decidedly a bad one. That voice culture has suffered in consequence is very evident, and at present in neither our schools nor our homes is any decided effort being made to correct what is distinctly a national defect.

"Musical voices such as are heard in every class in England we probably can never attain to, but if modulated tones and clear enunciation were insisted upon in school and family and the importance of a pleasant voice made apparent to the pupils and children agreeable voices would be the rule, not the exception."—New York Tribune.

A Slip of the Pen.

"A recent experience has taught me that people should avoid carelessness in their handwriting," remarked the society girl with the troubled brow. "Last week I gave a little informal tea, to which I invited a number of my intimate friends. Among others were a brother and sister. I wasn't sure that both of them would come, so I wrote, or intended to write, 'if both of you cannot come, either of you will do.' But somehow or other my pen played tricks on me (perhaps it was absentmindedness on my part), and the latter part of the invitation read, 'neither of you will do.'

"Well, neither one appeared at my little function, and when I met them on the street a few days afterward I was surprised at their coldness. The sister didn't speak to me at all, and the brother raised his hat stiffly and was about to pass on. I saw that something was wrong and asked for an explanation. The brother showed me the unfortunately worded invitation, with the remark that he and his sister had concluded I was trying to be funny at their expense. I managed to convince them that it was purely a clerical mistake, and hereafter I am going to use a typewriter."—Detroit Free Press.

Meaning In Headdresses.

Mrs. Bingen, in an article in Cassell's Magazine on "Hair and Headdresses," says: "It must not be overlooked that many uncivilized people express age, position and married or single state by the way they dress their locks. After all, when one comes to think of it, the idea is just as practical as the wearing of a golden band on one finger. The wedding ring is not always in evidence here, for a lady is ofttimes gloved, and while some married men wear the circlet in England and on the continent others do not, and, again, many bachelors sport the very ring that should only be used to proclaim the wedded state. But the Zulu woman is really more practical, for a first glance at her coiffure assures the observer whether she is maid or wife. The cone shaped erection is the legitimate symbol of her state of wifehood, and, indeed, cannot be legally worn till the marriage rites are duly completed. Save for this all important cone, the bride's head is closely shaved, an assagai being used to perform this delicate operation."

The Clerk Gasped.

"When does the next train that stops at Montrose leave here?" asked the resolute widow at the booking office window.

"You'll have to wait five hours, ma'am."

"I don't think so."

"Well, perhaps you know better than I do?"

"Yes, sir! And perhaps you know better than I do whether I am expecting to travel by that train myself or whether I am inquiring for a relative that's visiting at my house! And maybe you think it's your business to stand behind there and try to instruct people about things they know as well as you do, if not better! And perhaps you'll learn some day to give people civil answers when they ask you civil questions, young man, but my opinion is you won't!"

"Yes, ma'am!" gasped the booking clerk.—London Answers.

Parepa Rosa a Coquette.

Parepa Rosa was an accomplished coquette with her audience, and she understood the public thoroughly. Good natured, vivacious and warm hearted when before the footlights, she was also shrewd and methodical in her business transactions, a combination that is seldom seen in an artist, and this fact was of material advantage later in dealing with her manager. Almost invariably upon her first appearance in an opera she would furtively "size up" the audience, indicating, as a Cleveland paper once said, that "she was counting the house before beginning her performance."—Cosmopolitan.

Wedding Anniversaries.

First year—Cotton.
Second year—Paper.
Third year—Leather.
Fifth year—Wooden.
Seventh year—Woolen.
Tenth year—Tin.
Twelfth year—Silk or fine linen.
Fifteenth year—Crystal.
Twentieth year—China.
Twenty-fifth year—Silver.
Thirtieth year—Pearl.
Fortieth year—Ruby.
Fiftieth year—Golden.
Seventy-fifth year—Diamond.

A simple and inexpensive way of making a work or card basket is to take an old straw sailor hat and line it with pongee silk. Form handles of wire covered with silk and put a silk frill around the brim. Trim with lace and ribbon, and if intended for a workbasket add a tiny pincushion and pocket.

Steaming veils by wind[illegible] them evenly around a broom handle or [illegible] and laying them across a boiler [illegible] of boiling water to steam for [illegible] quarters of an hour is said to be an effective method of renovation. Leave the veils on the wood until dry.

If you want to draw thread for hemstitching, make a good lather of soap and water and brush this over the linen where threads are to be drawn with a shaving or other soft brush. Let dry, and they will pull quite easily.

A vegetable strainer of enamel ware that may easily be clamped to the side of the sink is one of the genuine conveniences for the housewife.

WANTED TO GET IN.

He Was Willing to Join if It Didn't Cost Too Much.

A lank, long countryman stood outside of the reading room door of the library of congress and looked with longing eyes at its gorgeous interior. Admittance had been refused on his declaring that he had no intention of reading, but he lingered near the door hoping something would turn up to let him in. Finally he again approached the doorkeeper.

"You say I can't get in, boss?" he asked.

"Not unless you want to read," was the discouraging reply.

"A dollar wouldn't be any object to you, would it, boss?"

The doorkeeper shook his head and waved the insistent visitor away. In a few moments three members of congress approached and, nodding to the doorkeeper, said, "We are members, you know," and passed in through the door. The countryman darted forward again.

"I say, boss," he asked confidentially, "how much does it cost to be a member? I belong to one lodge already, but ef it ain't too all fired much I'll go you, for I certainly do want to git in thar and set down a spell; I certainly do."

Asiatic Humor.

"At one of the public dinners given by Ameer Abdur Rahman Khan," says Mr. Stephen Wheeler in his story of the ameer's life, "an excited native rushed into the midst of the assembly and prostrated himself in front of the ameer.

"'Sahib!' he gasped. 'The Russians are coming!'

"'From what direction are they visible?' asked the ameer without changing his expression.

"'From yonder hill,' replied the native.

"'Climb that tree and watch until they come!' was the royal command.

"The native ascended to the topmost branches and was forced to remain until he dropped to the ground."

"Political upholsterers," whom Addison described as "grave persons," may see in this anecdote evidence of the ameer's full confidence in Russia's intentions toward Afghanistan. It is more probable that it was a manifestation of that grim humor which was of the quaint oriental stripe with which the "Arabian Nights" have made us familiar.

A Chinaman's Protest.

The Peking Gazette, speaking of Chinese in foreign lands, says:

"We dress and speak differently from foreigners, just as foreigners do who come to China. But nobody in the streets calls us 'Chinese devils.' The children in the streets wish to see how long our cues are, but the police, seeing them annoy us, scatter them. When we go into a shop to buy anything, we are treated with even more consideration than their own people. We enter their homes, it is the same. They seek to please us in every way, show us curios or play the organ or piano for us. The writer has been to France, England, America, Japan, Spain and South America and stayed years, and everywhere he was treated with the same courtesy."

It is to be feared that some Chinese laundrymen in this country would not wholly indorse this view.

Light Without Sight.

We can "perceive" light without the smallest aid from the retina. If the optic nerve is sufficiently excited to reach the sensorium and create a disturbance at that center of the brain where the optic nerve terminates, we shall then see light and sparks. If, moreover, the optic nerve is cut or mutilated in any way, we should see a brilliant flash of light, though without any sensation of pain. And so it is with the other nerves. The auditory nerve has only to be excited, not necessarily by sound, so as to reach its center, the brain, and we shall hear a sound. How many ghosts might not be destroyed in this way?

The Danish Mascot.

The chimney sweeper is the Danish mascot. You see him in gold or silver, suspended on a lady's watch chain, instead of the "lucky pig" or horseshoe, which is the English symbol of good luck. He also appears on note paper and postcards, implying that your correspondent wishes you a rise in life. It is the old fashioned sweep that is thus depicted—he who had actually to climb the chimney, his implements being a four foot ladder, a short broom and a rope.

American English.

We do not speak the English language in the way in which it is spoken by the people of England. We have greatly changed, enlarged and perhaps improved it in our usual progressive way. The wonder lies in the notion of Englishmen that their way of speaking the language is the only way and that our way is wrong.

A Good Mimic.

"I don't see what yoh all has to git so proud about," said Miss Sadie Cottonball.

"Cohse you doesn'," answered Miss Miami Brown. "I'se been studyin' de white folks. What yoh wants to do is jes' put on de airs yohse'f an' let de yuthuh folks do de guessin' 'bout whut de reason is."

A Red In Pickle.

Mrs. Goodsole—Why, Johnny, are you just going home now? Your mother's been looking for you all afternoon.

Johnny—Yes'm, I know.

Mrs. Goodsole—Just think how worried she must be!

Johnny—Oh, she's near the end o' her worryin'. I'm jest beginnin' mine.

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When in Nanaimo don't forget to call at J. Sampson's, Commercial Street, and see the new lines in

WALL PAPERS !

THE CITY

Hon. James Dunsmuir is expected to visit Extension today to inspect progress.

Mr. William Sloan of Nanaimo went down to Victoria on yesterday morning's train.

Continued wet weather has delayed the starting of a number of new houses for the company on the upper streets.

All kinds of watch and clock repairing skilfully executed at moderate prices. Lively, the leading jeweler, First Avenue.

Mr. Ben McKenzie, the popular young operator at Fiddick's, has quite recovered from the serious accident to his ankle some weeks ago.

Another entertainment for the benefit of the Ladysmith Baseball Club is projected. The club deserves help; it is an excellent advertisement for Ladysmith.

The good news from Extension has tended to brighten up business here. A feeling of greater confidence now prevails.

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

Constable Cassidy had to run in a gentleman on Monday afternoon owing to his high spirits. A night in the cells sobered him.

Drop in at any time and see the fine collection of gems and jewelry at Lively's, the leading jeweler, First Avenue. A pleasure to show goods.

This morning Sheriff Drake sells the goods of Mr. Hugh Thornley, First Avenue, under a writ of the Supreme Court of B. C.

So few turned out to the meeting of the Board of Trade last Monday evening that it was decided to postpone the meeting until a more suitable opportunity.

Attention is drawn to the advertisement in another column informing the public as to the new officials under the Coal Mines Regulation Act, for this district.

Wanted to purchase on or below First Avenue, a full sized lot. Address with full particulars as to improvements or building, etc., to X. Y. Z., Leader office.

Several parties of prospectors are now waiting to start out from Ladysmith as soon as the weather settles. They will make a thorough examination of the country west of the town.

Next Tuesday and Wednesday the examination of the Ladysmith men for competency as coal miners, shot lighters, fire bosses and overmen takes place. The Extension men are to be examined the two following days.

DR. J. GRICE,

DENTIST

Johnston Block, - Nanaimo, B. C.
P. O. Box, 37, Tel. 145.

Captain H. A. Dillon is meeting with gratifying success in disposing of his large stock of photographic views of the United Kingdom. They are marvels of finish and cheapness.

If you have to get up early in the morning, you should have a faithful alarm clock. Lively, the leading jeweler, First Avenue, has a great variety, at prices that defy competition.

It is rumored that an early start will be made on the road between Ladysmith and Chemainus. Few things could be undertaken by the Government that will be of more direct benefit to this town.

St. Patrick's Night is to be honored with a calico ball under the auspices of Rathbone Sisters, Ladysmith Temple, in *Oddfellows' Hall.*

Amongst the projects now afoot in town in musical circles, are the formation of a glee club and of an orchestra. Ladysmith has plenty of talent, but few organizers, and the latter are almost as important as the talent.

Several enquiries have been made lately with regard to the advisability of having a boxing contest for points decided here between two clever exponents of the sport. The promoters have been encouraged to enquire further.

Many Welsh residents of Ladysmith are going up to Nanaimo tonight to attend the St. David's night ball in Nanaimo Hotel. It is to be a very fine affair. The Leader acknowledges with thanks a complimentary ticket to the function.

Rings, chains, brooches, stick pins, charms. Lively, the leading jeweler, First Avenue, has them in great variety. Consult him before deciding.

There is no truth in the report that a wagon and a double team have been lost in one of the mud holes on the Chemainus road near Ladysmith. The ridiculous nature of the story is detected at once by the fact that the mud in those holes will at no place take a horse over the withers.

No. 1. Vol. 1 of the Delta News, published at Ladner on the Fraser, has reached this office. It is a bright, well-printed little paper, and is full of news. The advertising support is excellent. The editor is Mr. Ricardo A. Fraser. The News will devote itself mainly to that most important subject, agriculture. The Leader welcomes the News and wishes it success.

The event of the season will be the St. Patrick's Night Ball in Oddfellows' hall, given by the Rathbone Sisters. Ball a dollar, supper two bits extra.

On Wednesday evening teams representing the E. & N. trainmen and the repair shop staff, Wellington, played a game of basketball there, the trainmen winning after a fine exhibition of swift ball, by a score of 5 to 4. The shopmen are now after the trainmen with a challenge to try it again.

Many expressions of warm approval have been heard regarding Hon. Mr. Dunsmuir's kindly action in placing the E. & N. train service at the disposal of the citizens of Ladysmith and Extension who wished to attend the funeral of *their fellow-citizens, Daniel D. Griffith,* George Southcombe, and Antonio Pescetalli, on Thursday afternoon. All the citizens heartily appreciate Hon. Mr. Dunsmuir's generosity.

Sunday Services.

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

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.

DEAD.

WATSON—In the disaster at Wellington-Extension mine, James Watson, aged 41 years, born in Glasgow, Scotland, Oct. 27th, 1861.

Glasgow, Scotland, papers please copy.

Fancy Dress Carnival Ball and Supper

To be held in Social Hall, Oddfellows' Building, Ladysmith, on

Easter Tuesday, April 1st.

Tickets to dance and supper for lady and gentleman, $1.50; single tickets, $1.00; spectators, 25c. No masks. Proceeds in aid of the Church of England building fund, Ladysmith.

NOTICE.

Neither the Owners, Agents or Master will be responsible for any debts contracted by the officers or crew of the Am. Ship "Edward Sewall" while laying in this port.

R. QUICK, Master.

Ladysmith, Feb. 10th, 1902.

Barque Antiope.

The master of the Barque Antiope will not be responsible for any debts contracted by his crew without an order signed by him.

G. E. MURRAY,
Master, Barque Antiope.

Ladysmith, B.C., March 1st, 1902.

Coal Mines Regulation Act.

Board of Examiners.

Notice is hereby given that the following constitute the Board of Examiners for the Wellington (Extension) Mine during the year 1902.

Appointed by the owners	1. James Sharp 2. Alexander Bryden
Alternates	1. Alexander Shaw 2. John John
Appointed by the Lieut-Gov in Council	John Cunliffe
Elected by the Miners	1. Benjamin Berto 2. Sam'l K Mottishaw
Alternates	1. William Anderson 2. John Marsh

NOTE.—Alternates act as Members of the Board in the absence of those regularly appointed or elected to act thereon.

All persons interested may obtain full information by applying to the Secretary to the Board, Mr. John Cunliffe, of Extension, B. C.

Dated this 20th day of February, 1902.

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Contagious Diseases--Animals - Amendment Act, 1895.

Certificate of Inspection.

I have this day examined the following described milch cows belonging to Wm. Ward, of Ladysmith, and consider them to be free of disease, viz:—

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1 *grade Ayrshire.*
1 red and white Jersey grade.
1 black.
2 fawn Jersey grade.
1 red.

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Dated at Victoria, this 31st day of *Dec, 1901.*

S. F. TOLMIE, V.S.,
Inspector of Contagious Diseases (Animals.)

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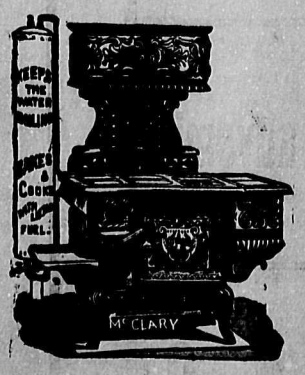

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The Leader

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Trains leave Ladysmith north-bound, daily at 11.57 a. m., and on Saturdays and Sundays at 3.57 p.m.

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