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News from the Blakeley.

News has reached Victoria from Honolulu that a boat has spoken the Blakeley at Cocos Island with one of the treasures on board, and looking for another. Although not official, it is also reported in the San Francisco papers that they have found the treasure. If those reports are confirmed all the Company's stock will be cancelled at once.

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MR. McINNES, M. P. L.

He is Appreciated by Victoria Times.

For some time back Victoria Times has been publishing the portraits of the members of the local legislature, accompanied with succinct sketches of the lives of the various representatives. This enterprising piece of journalism has undoubtedly proved of a very great service to the general public. The Times must also be praised for its excellent series of portraits and life-sketches of the ministers of the Laurier cabinet. The latest of the provincial portraits is a very fine one of our genial and most popular member for North Nanaimo, Mr. W. W. B. McInnes. The likeness is to the life, whilst the following good-natured pen picture of the talented young representative will be enjoyed by all who know him and who may not have seen the Times of that date:

It is inevitable that a gentleman with the name of William Wallace Bruce McInnes should be both a Scotchman and a fighter. Mr. McInnes is a son of ex-Governor Thomas R. McInnes, of British Columbia, and won his spurs in the Dominion general election of 1896, being then one of the youngest members of that body, and one of the first quartette of Liberal representatives to go to Ottawa to represent this province. He was born at Dresden, Ont., in 1871, and was educated at Toronto University and at Osgoode Hall. He took the degree of B. A. from the former place and was admitted to the British Columbia bar in 1893. His maiden speech in the Canadian Commons, when he moved the address, in reply to the speech from the Throne, attracted wide attention to him, and his career then seemed to be one of great promise. However, he afterwards resigned his seat and was elected in 1900 to the local House as an Independent, but now follows Mr. Martin. He was married in 1894 to Dorothea, youngest daughter of Henry Young, of this city.

Mr. McInnes is a born politician, a vigorous and wonderfully fluent speaker with a magnificent voice, which serves him well when on the stump. He is a very hard hitter, but his uniform good nature robs his heaviest attacks of the suggestion of vindictiveness. Personally he is a favorite among the members.

THE LOCAL GOAT.

Diverting Conduct of an Interesting Animal.

Of late the children in the neighborhood of First Avenue, at its Spion Kop section, have derived much amusement from the antics of an elderly white goat which prowls around the neighborhood, browsing where it lists, and occasionally varying the monotony of a country life by giving chase to stray youngsters; those pursuits provoking shouts of laughter from the comrades of the pursued.

No doubt this passion for variety led the intelligent animal to enter The Leader office the other day in search, doubtless, of intellectual nourishment. Nobody being present in the office to attend to its orders the goat meditatively pranced down the front steps until catching sight of a lone dog mouching around the doorway William started in hot chase, the dog putting for town top speed along First Avenue. No dog as yet has been found brave enough to stand before the horns and awesome beard of the white terror of North Ladysmith, retains the championship of the king's highway from Buller to Macdonald Street.

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BOARD OF TRADE.

Important Business Transacted Monday Night.

At the regular weekly meeting of the executive of the Ladysmith Board of Trade, Monday night, the committee appointed to wait on the Government at Victoria reported what they had done. The report was adopted.

The secretary reported regarding the interview held with Mr. Thomas Kiddie on Friday evening, and stated that Mr. Kiddie was glad to learn from them that there would be no objection to the establishment of the smelter here.

Moved by Mr. I. Gould, seconded by Mr. Christie, that this board hereby expresses its satisfaction at the establishment of the smelter in Ladysmith, and pledges itself to assist the Company at all times to the best of its ability. And that copies of this resolution be sent to Mr. Clermont Livingston, General Manager of the Tyee Copper Company, and to Mr. Thomas Kiddie, manager of the Tyee Smelter, Ladysmith. Carried unanimously.

Messrs. J. W. Coburn, T.L. Grahame, and I. Gould were appointed trustees for the Ladysmith cemetery, with power to make all necessary arrangements for securing the lawful possession of the cemetery for the citizens of Ladysmith.

The general monthly meeting of the Board of Trade will be held next Monday night, 8 o'clock, Gould's Hall. Every citizen of Ladysmith is cordially invited to be present and show his interest in the welfare of the town.

EASTER SERVICES.

Ladysmith's Churches Beautifully Decorated.

Special services were held in all the Ladysmith churches on Easter Sunday. The attendance at the several diets of worship was very good. The pastors conducted special services, and in most cases the sacred edifices were handsomely decorated, mostly with flowers, the effect being very pretty.

The Anglican place of worship in Odfellows' hall, had received the artistic attentions of the ladies of the congregation who deserve the highest praise for their excellent taste. The service was full choral, and Miss Bertram presided at the organ with her accustomed ability. The singing was very fine. In the evening Miss Bertram sang with splendid effect Handel's beautiful solo from "Theodora." "Angels ever bright and fair." Miss Bertram has not only a voice of rich and mellow quality, but it has received rare cultivation. The solo was greatly enjoyed.

The Methodist congregation duly honored the day by decorating the church very prettily. The services were very interesting.

In the Roman Catholic church special services were held, with large congregations at each. The musical portion of the services was specially fine.

Extension News.

Many fresh men were taken on to work at Extension on Monday, and others are being engaged every day.

No. 3. will be in full working operation again before the end of next week.

Work at No. 2 is going on steadily. All the water is out, but there have been some falls and caves in the lower levels, which will take some little time to remove.

Already preparations for starting on the short line to Ladysmith are to be observed. Work, it is understood, will be carried on from both ends.

Ladysmith Public School March Report.

Average Attendance—Division I 40 68. Division II. 32.75. Division III. 43.73. Total 117.16.

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SMELTER QUESTION SETTLED.

Manager Kiddie Has a Conference With Citizens' Representatives.

Until Thursday last the matter of the Tyee Smelter being built at Ladysmith was in doubt. This was owing to several very tempting offers which the Company had received from various quarters, the latest being the offer of a site at Somenos, at the end of the aerial tram line. All these offers were very carefully considered by the Tyee Copper Company, and after careful study of all the conditions, it was finally decided that the site at Ladysmith was the best and that the advantages to be had here were greater and more numerous than were to be had anywhere else.

Accordingly, the final decision of the Company's officers was reached last Thursday, and the smelter will be built here as soon as possible.

Mr. Thomas Kiddie, accompanied by Mr. Thomson, of New Jersey, the noted smelter expert, visited Ladysmith during last week and made a further examination of the site. Mr. Kiddie came up again on Friday from Duncan's, where he is at present staying, and in the evening he met a deputation of the citizens in the parlor of the Abbotsford Hotel, and discussed, informally, the whole question. He said that the Company had been somewhat afraid that opposition would be met from the citizens on account of the fumes from the smelter. The gentlemen present assured Mr. Kiddie that so far as they were aware there was no ground for this apprehension, and that the citizens only too pleased to see the smelter established on the outskirts of the town, and that they wished the Company every success in the operation of the smelter.

Mr. Kiddie expressed his pleasure and satisfaction at hearing this, and said that he would report the statement to Mr. Clemont Livingston, the General Manager of the Tyee Copper Co., at the earliest possible opportunity.

He informed the gentlemen present that the work of clearing for the erection of the smelter buildings would commence within a fortnight from that date. He looked forward himself with considerable pleasure to residence in Ladysmith. From remarks dropped by Mr. Kiddie during the interview it is understood that quite a number of the residents of Van Anda, Texada Island, where Mr. Kiddie was manager of the smelter, will soon come to Ladysmith to take up their residence. One of the Van Anda smelter staff, has already been engaged for the Tyee smelter at Ladysmith.

The contract for the aerial tramway from the Tyee Mines to Somenos station, E. & N. Railway, was let last week to Mr. B. C. Riblet of Nelson, B. C., and construction work, under that gentleman's personal supervision, with a strong force of workmen, will commence at once. It is expected that the tramway which will run in an almost straight line from the Tyee on Mount Sicker to Somenos station, will be completed and ready for operation in about two months.

The executive of the Board of Trade, at their regular weekly meeting on Monday evening, unanimously passed the following resolution, and the secretary was instructed to forward copies of the same to Mr. C. Livingston, General Manager, and Mr. Thomas Kiddie, manager of the Tyee Copper Company:

It is understood that the roasters for the Tyee Smelter will be placed close to No. 105 bridge, about a mile out of Ladysmith, but that the furnace will be placed on the waterfront opposite the end of the spit. The capacity is to be about 150 tons a day, but the works will be built so that they can be easily enlarged to much greater capacity.

Chemainus Hospital.

The following were the donations during March: Cakes, jelly, and salad, Baptist W. Mission circle, 1 sack each parsnips and beets. Mrs. Ransome, 6 rose trees; 1 honeysuckle; Mrs. Mainguy, flowers; Mrs. Conway and Mrs. Bonsall, reading matter. Victoria Daily Colonist and Times, Nanaimo Daily Herald and Free Press, Ladysmith Leader. Acknowledged with thanks.

E. H. JONES, Matron.

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A LOST EMPIRE.

With vivid power, and the informing touch of the man who knows whereof he writes by actual local knowledge, Mr. Hugh Clifford, C. M. G., tells, in the course of an absorbingly interesting paper in the March Blackwood's Magazine on "the romance of a Scots family," of how the British Empire lost the magnificent islands of Java and Sumatra, with sundry other of the Spice Islands. Long ago we read the story of the cession to the Dutch of that paradise of the austral seas, and ground the teeth in impotent wrath over the loss of what would have been in British hands another India, but not until we read the romance of real life pictured by Mr. Clifford in last month's Maga did we know why this extraordinary cession was made. The story is wonderfully like the facts connected with the loss of Oregon, Washington and the Coast Islands to the British flag, but while the North American loss was caused by sheer incapacity, that of the Javanese empire was due to the criminal negligence of a Government official in the Foreign Office.

In the early years of the nineteenth century, Sir Stamford Raffles and a small party of stout-hearted Englishmen wrested the Islands from the Dutch, after a sharp and very decisive conflict. For ten years Sir Stamford ruled the Island, and the progress made fully justified the conquerors' bold act in adding this important territory to the Empire. Sir Stamford sent home minute and glowing descriptions of the prize which he, like an earlier Cecil Rhodes, had won for the flag, but receiving no replies, continued to reign as became a representative of his Britannic Majesty.

Then came the news that Great Britain had ceded the islands to the Dutch. The blow was a staggering one. Sir Stamford and his little band of heroes could not understand it. Let Mr. Clifford describe in his graphic way, the falling of the bolt:

"Who among us all in Eastern Asia does not know the tale of that bitter tragedy? How Sir Stamford, brave and steadfast as ever, his noble spirit refusing to be crushed although the worst of all possible things had befallen him, announced to his guests assembled around him on an occasion of rejoicing that a despatch which had just been handed to him contained the mandate of the British Government restoring Java—his Java! —to Holland, and so laid his life work in ruins about his feet!

"The splendid empire which had been wrested from the Dutch by the courage of Hastings, stimulated by the genius and foresight of Raffles, which had been seized by the dash and valour of a mere handful of Englishmen, and which had been transformed in less than a decade into a smiling paradise by the wisdom and self-devotion of its governors, was lost to us forever—lost, be it remembered, because the despatches in which Sir Stamford disclosed the richness of the new colony lay neglected in a pigeonhole in the Foreign Office!

Years afterwards these priceless documents were unearthed, their seals still unbroken, and too late was learned the magnitude and splendour of the chance that indolence had missed. To all those who care for England's greatness the loss of Java is a bitter memory, but to me the tragedy is sorest in that it surrendered the destinies of millions of the brown peoples that I love to the keeping of Holland."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

In the British House of Commons Mr. John Morley said, a few days ago, that he did not care what hard names he might be called, but he was going to remark that the actions of the British army in South Africa were "infernal atrocities." The London papers found quite a number of hard names and stinging comments to offer in reply to this extraordinary utterance.

Time is fighting for the Dunsmuir Government, and at the same time knocking out the so-called opposition. In spite of the efforts of a prejudiced press, in spite of the declamations of men like McBride, McPhillips and Smith Curtis, the position of the Dunsmuir Government is daily growing stronger. McBride has been discovered to be an intellectual lightweight, and is now classified with the featherheads and labelled "dangerous."

For an orator who monopolises so much of the country's attention, Mr. A. E. McPhillips, M. P. L., shows a somewhat distant acquaintanceship with the proper pronunciation of common English words. The other evening in the debate on the Redistribution Bill, he used the word "conversant" frequently, and invariably accented the second instead of the first syllable. It grated harshly on the ears of those who expect much better things from provincial orators.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Mr. Hawthornthwaite Criticized.

The following severe criticism of the Labor member for Nanaimo is given as it was received in this office from a Victoria correspondent who has been making a study of the local legislators since the opening of the session, and who promises similar studies of other members from time to time. We publish the letter unexpurgated:

Editor Leader—From a Nanaimo common-sense standpoint. Mr. J. H. Hawthornthwaite comes under the category of "neither useful nor ornamental." His peculiar, erratic, inconsistent and ridiculous behaviour forces the impression that his is not a well-balanced mind. Instead of living up to his professions of being an independent Labor representative and giving an unbiased support to any and all good measures, no matter by whom introduced, I find him on all occasions arrayed against the present government.

From Mr. Hawthornthwaite's standpoint, nothing good can emanate from the Dunsmuir Government. If you question him as to his opinion of what kind of government we might expect under the leadership of Richard McBride, you would be certain to evoke the usual reply "no good." In fact it looks as if Mr. Hawthornthwaite had come to the amiable conclusion that nothing in the present legislature, government or opposition party leaders or private members, were any earthly account, with two notable exceptions, viz. Mr. James Henry Hawthornthwaite and Mr. Smith Curtis.

His blind, slavish and subservient following of the latter named gentleman has made him ridiculous in the public eye. Mr. Hawthornthwaite's position in the legislature is an enviable one. He is the only member in the House elected as the direct representative of labor. He represents a constituency—Nanaimo City, second in importance to no other in the province.

He was elected as an independent, untrammeled by party affiliations. The only instructions he had from his constituents was to accomplish the greatest good for the Labor cause. The only semblance of approach to partyism in his election was his own voluntary statement, when he received his nomination, "that he preferred for certain reasons to sit on the Dunsmuir government side of the House."

Has he fulfilled his promises in this respect? Can the best interest of Labor be served by being at perpetual and childish warfare with every one else? I have stated that his position was an enviable one, but Mr. Hawthornthwaite has let the golden opportunity pass him by. Instead of being honored and respected he is laughed at. Instead of being consulted on questions of state, he is quietly ignored. Instead of being a benefit to the cause of Labor he is only a stumbling block and a hindrance.

I confess to a feeling of regret to have to write this about a man of whom I had "great expectations." I thought that the man who had the courage of his convictions strong enough to expose the corrupt machine politics of his own party as controlled by Ralph Smith and Dr. McKechnie would be courageous enough to pick out a course for himself in the provincial legislature instead of falling a helpless victim to the hypnotic spell of the eccentric from Rossland.

There is yet a chance for Mr. Hawthornthwaite to redeem himself, there are two years of his term unexpired. Many things can be accomplished in that space of time. The public is always willing to forgive errors when it is apparent that an honest effort is made to reform. Let Mr. Hawthornthwaite act the part of a Labor representative and support or oppose the party in power when the interest of Labor demands. Hold aloof from machine manipulators, grafters and fanatics, and he is reasonably sure of future reward at the hands of the public. But a continuance of his present course unerringly leads to political oblivion.

J. B. R.

Victoria, B. C., March 31, 1902.

Spring Greeting.

Long reigned the Ice Queen;
Hushed hath the voice been
Of our woodland choisters: drear were the days;
Now Winter's gone and
Spring decks wood and lawn, and
Let us join to nature's our matins of praise.

Morning is breaking
Nature is waking
See crown yon ridges the East's purpling blaze;
Red the hills wreathing,
Man joy bequeathing,
In golden sheen robing the earth with her rays.

Dew on the flowers lie;
Oh! How the hours fly
When life's horizon's unclouded with care.
Thrushes are thrilling
The air with their trilling—
Wake! Slumberers, wake! And for duty prepare!

Streams from the mountains
Gush, for the fountains
That winter in thrall held are free; how they roll!
With low and dreamy voice,
Winds hint of coming joys,
Joys fit to wed with the dreams of a soul.

See, o'er yon glimm'ring
Waters, the shimm'ring
Tear-drops of gladness from angels descend.
Hark! The contentment,
A lark's soul's presentment
To morning; aloft where the blue arches bend.

Glorious harmony
How keen the irony—
Mankind's discordant — and Nature's one voice,
Would man but emulate
Nature in tuneful state,
Death would seize Care, on beholding such joys.

Long reigned the Snow Queen;
Hushed hath the song been
Of our woodland choirsters; drear were the days,
Now winter hath gone, and
Spring decks wood and lawn; and
Let us all join to Nature's our matins of praise.

ROBERT STRANG.

DAWSON, Y. T., March 12th, 1902.

Tramway Company Incorporation Act.

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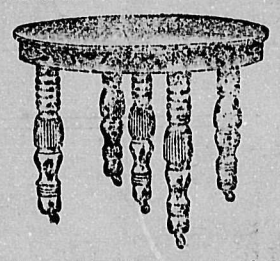

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Mutual Insurance

By HOMER LEE WARREN

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Jacob Fletcher and his good wife Mary had lived together the lives of farmers for twenty years or more and had never had an hour's misunderstanding. They had no children, but their company was all sufficient for each other, and at the age of forty-five they were in the best of health and without regrets. Then the serpent crept in. He was the agent of a life insurance company, and he sat down in the kitchen where Mrs. Fletcher was making pumpkin pies and talked her to a standstill. What he wanted was to secure mutual insurance, a policy by which the surviving husband or wife would profit in the sum of $5,000. The farmer's wife had heard of such things, but was opposed to them, and the agent had to talk for two long hours before he could secure her promise to "talk to pa about it." That night she did talk, though without any heart in it and was much relieved when the husband turned to her and said:

"Mary, it would be like flyin' in the face of the Lord, and I wouldn't think of such a thing."

He had to think, however. The agent came back again and again, and at length his persistency received its reward. After much doubt and hesitation a policy was duly taken out and filed away in the bottom drawer of the bureau, and the serpent had inflicted its sting. That afternoon as the husband followed the plow in the field he found himself wondering whether he or his wife would die first and whether it would be good policy for him to build a new barn out of that insurance money in case he was the survivor. And the wife, as she sat peeling potatoes for supper and opening the oven door now and then to look at the baking bread, found herself wondering what she should do with the farm and all that money in case Jacob met his death. Two or three days later a windmill agent called, and as he incidentally heard of the mutual insurance he laughed and said:

"May be all right in your case, but I should look at it as a temptation to my wife to get rid of me. Husbands have been poisoned for less than $5,000."

He was speaking in levity, but he sowed a seed. On that same day the wife of a neighbor dropped in for a gossip, and of course she was told about the insurance policy. It struck her at first as a good thing, but two minutes later she held up her hands and exclaimed:

"Mary Fletcher, do you know what you have done? You have prepared your own grave!"

"La, but how you talk!"

"Yes, you have. There isn't a husband on the face of the earth who wouldn't throw his wife down the cellar stairs and break her neck for $5,000. You won't be alive to see Thanksgiving!"

Here was another seed, and that night for the first time since their marriage the farmer couple felt suspicion and distrust. As they sat together the husband looked the wife over and de-

"MURDERESS!" HE SHOUTED AS HE STARTED BACK.

cided that in case of his death she would surely marry again. She'd have that insurance money, and she'd spend it with liberal hand, and along would come some piano man or sewing machine agent and snap her up as a prize. She might possibly erect a fifteen dollar headstone over his grave, but she wouldn't go a dollar higher, and the clothes he left behind would be given to some neighbor's hired man instead of being preserved and wept over.

Thoughts as hard and bitter passed through the mind of the wife. Jacob had always been kind and loving, but there had never been $5,000 at stake before. With her out of the way and that money in hand he would repaint the house, get a new team of horses, buy a top buggy and cut a great swell, and she even figured out who he would take for his second wife. They went to bed in an unhappy frame of mind, and two or three times during the night each woke up and wondered about hot lead being poured into husbands' ears and wives being smothered with pillows as they slept.

The next four weeks were wretched ones. Not a meal did the husband sit down to without wondering if the food or drink had been sprinkled or mixed with poison, and hardly an hour passed that the wife was not on her guard against some sudden attack on her life. One day the milkhouse door blew to on her and made her a prisoner, and she uttered such screams of fear that the tramp on the highway who heard her did not dare go to her assistance until he had summoned help. At another time she slipped on the cellar stairs, and after much looking about she discovered a peach stone and treasured it up as legal proof of the husband's planning. Love, trust and confidence had flown out of the window, and the neighbors sagely shook their heads and observed that they were prepared to hear of an awful tragedy any day.

One night the husband woke up with a chill of fear. He had dreamed that he saw his wife standing over him with a butcher knife raised to strike. He found her beside him and seemingly fast asleep, but he determined to pass the rest of the night on the hay in the barn. He had scarcely left the house when the wife woke up. She had dreamed of being hacked to pieces with the ax, and her husband's absence seemed to be proof that he had gone out after the weapon. She would baffle him by hiding in the carriage shed until morning. It therefore happened that while he was skirting the duck pond on the right to reach the barn she was skirting it on the left to reach the carriage house, and presently they came together in the darkness.

"Murderer!" she shouted as she turned to flee.

"Murderess!" he shouted as he started back.

Then both went slipping down the bank, clawing and clutching at each other, and brought up with a great souse in the pond. Wet and bedraggled, they climbed out on opposite sides, and while she spent the remainder of the night shivering under the currant bushes and wondering if he would kill her at the first blow or chop her up by degrees he sat on the doorstep and made up his mind to appeal to the law without further delay. Morning had come, and the pair had just confronted each other when a neighbor who was passing halted at the gate to say:

"Hello, Jake, have you heard the news?"

"No," was the reply.

"Ain't you and Mary insured in the Sure Pay Life Insurance company?"

"Yes."

"Well, she's busted higher'n a kite, and your policy ain't wuth corncobs."

"She's busted for sure?" queried Jacob.

"Sure's you live."

"And I ain't insured and Mary ain't insured, and we wouldn't get a durned cent if either died?"

"Not a durned red."

"Then—then, come here, Mary, come and kiss me," said the husband as he opened his arms.

"'Pears to me like you might be glad of the bust up," remarked the neighbor.

"Durned if I ain't!" replied Jacob, with tears in his eyes.

"And so'm I!" sobbed the wife as she threw her arms around his neck.

License to Wear Ribbons.

There still exists in London a bylaw which forbids a cask of beer to be unloaded between certain hours, but no mention is made of casks containing any other liquor.

Lucerne has on its statute books a law which is not enforced. It prohibits hats of more than eighteen inches in diameter, forbids the use of artificial flowers and imported feathers and orders that a license of 75 cents a year shall be paid for the right to wear ribbons or silk or gauze.

Vienna has the severest cycling code of any city in Europe. No one may ride a bicycle in the streets without a certificate of proficiency. Ladies must be able to mount and dismount from both sides of their wheels, show that they can turn corners and ride in and out between a number of dummies.

All cyclists are photographed by the police, and this photograph is fitted into a little book containing the rules for cycling in the city. For this book the cyclists must then pay $1.20. Besides this a huge brass number has to be worn conspicuously placed on the handle bar of the machine.—Stray Stories.

Teaching Business.

The merchant of fifty years ago believed that business could not be learned by educational processes, says a writer in Success. The school which proposed to teach business was looked upon with suspicion. It advertised to do the impossible. The tricks of the trade had to be taught in the counting room under a system of apprenticeship. The merchant received the boy into his family and made him the trusted companion of his life and labors. It was the same in that day in all trades, but conditions are changed. The volume of business now transacted and the methods in vogue in offices, stores and factories make it impossible for the business man of today to afford time for the general training of his clerks and assistants. The shop is the place where training must be used rather than sought. Thus in many occupations it has become necessary to substitute practical training in the schools for the teaching formerly given through experience.—Detroit News-Tribune.

An Ancient Inn.

The oldest public house in England is Ye Olde Seven Stars, standing in the heart of Manchester, which has been licensed for 550 years.

The Wheat Fly.

The wheat fly feeds upon the flower of the wheat, while the hessian fly lays its eggs in the stem. The former thus renders the flower abortive, while the injury done by the latter affects the whole plant.

Silent, but Jolly.

One of the jolliest clubs in Paris, it is stated, is one formed exclusively of deaf and dumb persons.

A Hornet's Sting.

The pain produced by a hornet's sting is caused by a poison injected into the wound, and so instantaneous is its effect as to cause the attack of this insect to resemble a violent blow in the face.

Cancer.

Facts collected by insurance companies show that the danger from inheritance in the case of cancer is not so great as is commonly supposed.

Chinese Women's Hair.

Dressing the hair is the most important part of a Chinese woman's toilet. The district she comes from may be known from the manner in which she does her hair. It also indicates her station in life. Young girls, whether married or single, wear cues, coiling up their hair as their western sisters do on attaining a certain age.

Britain's Granite.

Leicestershire is the greatest granite producing county in the United Kingdom.

Opaque Glass.

A bathroom window or one having an objectionable outlook may be made opaque at little cost. To a pint of stale ale add a handful of epsom salts. Mix well and apply with a brush. This makes a hard finish that will remain indefinitely or if desired may be removed by scrubbing at any time.

Sugar.

The amount of sugar consumed in the civilized world last year was over 6,000,000 tons.

Keeping Meat.

Meat, it is said, can be kept fresh for a week or two by putting it into sour milk or buttermilk and placing it in a cool cellar. It must of course be rinsed well before it is used.

Munich Breweries.

A single brewery in Munich uses 118 railway freight cars of its own besides 28 belonging to the state. Other breweries have 143, 90, 80, 100, 86, etc.

To Polish Glass.

To polish glass of any and all kinds there is nothing equal to newspaper. Windows, looking glasses, globes, lamp chimneys and spectacles, all may be cleaned with it. Wash first dry and then rub with newspaper. It is the printer's ink that does it.

Rubber Trees.

A rubber tree four feet in diameter yields twenty gallons of sap, making forty pounds of dry rubber.

Sweet Potatoes.

The southern way of cooking sweet potatoes is to boil them first, then slice the long way in slices a quarter of an inch thick, lay in a dripping pan with bits of butter, sprinkle with sugar, dust with cinnamon and brown in the oven.

Ease.

It is a great mistake to imagine that ease is conducive to longevity. To enjoy life and prolong it occupation of some sort is absolutely necessary.

A Dangerous Tree.

The fruit of the umganu tree of South Africa yields a strong intoxicating drink for the natives. Elephants are fond of it, becoming quite tipsy, staggering about, playing antics, screaming so as to be heard for miles and having tremendous fights. When in this state, the natives leave them alone.

The Cow's Horn.

Throughout Africa the cow's horn is a favorite instrument, being used in connection with others on all festival occasions.

Fireproof Doors.

Experiments have demonstrated that doors of wood covered with tin resist fire better than those made of iron.

Soiled Flower Vases.

A little powdered pumice stone will remove the ring of discoloration in a flower vase that does not yield to rinsing with ammonia water. If out of reach of the fingers, the powder may be applied with a damp cloth tied to the end of a little stick.

Largest Artesian Well.

The largest artesian well in the world is 14 inches in diameter and 648 feet deep. It is at Cerritos, in California.

The Chinese Laugh.

The Chinese laugh is not as hearty or as expressive as the European or American. It is oftener a titter than a genuine outburst of merriment. There is little character of force in it.

Road Improvement.

In 1874 a road club for the improvement of country roads in England was established by a society of persons interested in coaching.

Leather and Perfume.

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THE CITY

Mr. William Russell of the pay office, spent the Easter holiday in Wellington.

See those nobby lines in tweeds and cloths at Caldwell's, Nanaimo's tailor.

Mrs. Jessup visited friends in Nanaimo on Saturday, returning on the afternoon train.

Spring suitings just arrived. Choice patterns at reasonable prices. Caldwell's Commercial St., Nanaimo.

Miss Herd returned from a visit to friends in Nanaimo on Saturday afternoon's train.

Mrs. Dr. Walkem of Nanaimo, visited Mrs. H. T Porter of Ladysmith on Saturday.

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

Messrs. Wymond and Vyvyan Walkem spent their Easter vacation at home in Nanaimo.

Miss Ramsay of Nanaimo went down to Victoria on Saturday afternoon's train to attend the convention.

See those elegant Scotch and English tweeds for business and after-work suits. Wearers of them are always well-dressed. McNichol, the High Street tailor.

Principal and Mrs. Walter Hunter of Nanaimo went down to Victoria on Monday's train to attend the school teachers' convention.

Mr. T. J. Barron, principal of the Ladysmith school, was a passenger to Victoria train Monday morning, on his way to attend the conference of teachers.

Mr. Davidson of Ladysmith Iron Foundry has gone over to Pender Island for a few days on business.

On Sunday the funeral of the late John Dick, Nanaimo, took place. The pallbearers were Messrs. Thomas O'Connell, D. G. Dailey, John Renwick, S. Hamilton, Ex. Mayor Bate, and S. Drake, Rev. W. B. Cumming officiated. The funeral was under the direction of Messrs. MacAdie & Son.

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Hon. James Dunsmuir and Mrs. Dunsmuir visited Extension on Friday last.

Miss Bertram's school opens today for the new session, with a number of new students.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Marshall spent the Easter holidays in Victoria, visiting friends.

It is reported that Mr. Caldwell, the Nanaimo tailor has the finest stock of spring suitings ever seen on the Island, get in early before the choicest are snapped up.

The town had a deserted appearance on Monday, so many of the stores were closed and so many people out of town.

Mrs. Sargison of Victoria is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. H. T. Porter, of Ladysmith.

The usual crop of April fool jokes were perpetrated around town, and some of the victims bit real hard.

Don't fail to see G.H. Cavin's samples of wallpaper at Captain Dillon's office, Esplanade. Choice new designs at astonishingly reasonable prices.

Mr. George Cassidy and a party of friends went over to the islands on Good Friday and evidently had a good time, for they returned laden with immense bunches of Easter lilies and bucketfuls of clams.

Nobody can feel easy in a suit of clothes that looks as if it had been made with an axe and a claw-hammer. Men dressed in McNichol's suits enjoy peace of mind, because they know they look like gentlemen.

One of the physicians at Nanaimo Hospital the other day chaffingly asked an Irishman who happened to be visiting, which he considered to be the most dangerous of all the cases he had seen in the institution. "That, sor," replied Michael, pointing to a case of surgical instruments on the table.

Mrs. J. McMurtrie left last week on a trip to Scotland, and will be absent a few months.

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A full report of the fancy dress carnival under the auspices of the Anglican Church, in Oddfellows' hall last night, will appear in Saturday's Leader.

Mr. J. E. Norcross, editor of Nanaimo Herald, has severed his connection with that paper. It is understood that Mr. Norcross will resume his profession as school teacher.

An Expert.

Dr. Temple, the Archbishop of Canterbury, is a notable parsonage about whom many good stories are related. Some years ago a young curate, seeking to be licensed, was bidden by Doctor Temple to read a few verses of the Bible, in order that his fitness for conducting public worship might be judged. "Not loud enough," was the criticism of the bishop when the young man had finished. "Oh! I'm sorry to hear that, my lord," replied the curate; "a lady of the church yesterday told me that I could be heard most plainly all over." "Ah! are you engaged?" suddenly asked Doctor Temple. "Yes, my lord." The bishop smiled grimly and said—"Now, listen to me, young man. While you are engaged don't believe everything the lady tells you about yourself; but," he added with a deep chuckle, "after you are married believe every word she says."

It Was Impossible.

A quotable story is told of a missionary who was spending a short holiday in Texas. After he had been at his hotel for some days he met a very fierce-looking man of the cowboy type, who, he noticed, had anything but a sweet temper. "Do you know," he said to him one day, "that you should love your enemies?" "That's a thing I can't do, sir." "What! I am sure a man like you could do anything if you tried." "Anything but that, parson; it's impossible." "Impossible," said the missionary, surprised and hurt. "Why—!" "I ain't got one to love. I shot the last this morning."

Notable People.

Mr. George Lynch will represent the "Sphere" on board the Erin at the race for the America Cup. Leaving Cuba after the war, M. Lynch was in time to be shut up in Ladysmith. In his arms Steevens died. He was captured by the Boers in an attempt to escape with dispatches from the beleagured town. He was released in time to join the Teintsin expedition. But he has failed, as yet, to win a berth on the Holland sub-marine in its projected subaqueous journey from America to England.

Literature.

A reprint of a hymn of Lord Macaulay written when he was seven and a half years of age, with a facsimile of the original handwriting, has been issued in pamphlet form. Several of the lines foreshadow the bold rhythms and picturesque touches which in after years gave distinction to Macaulay's lays.

There are five stanzas, the third being as follows:—

Thy wrath is like a burning fire;
Thy goodness all the good admire;
Thy word restores the dawning day;
At thy command bright lightnings play.

NOTICE.

Is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its present session, for an Act to incorporate a company with power to construct, equip, maintain and operate a single or double line of railway, to be operated by steam, electricity or any other mode of power, at and from the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, thence north-west by the most feasible route to a point at or near Seymour Narrows, in the said Province of British Columbia, and with power to construct, establish, maintain and continually operate a railway ferry steamship service for the purpose of transferring for reward, passengers and passenger and freight cars from the said point at or near Seymour Narrows in Vancouver's Island, to a point on the Mainland of the Province of British Columbia; and with further powers to build, equip, maintain and operate branches of the said railway from any point on the main line thereof to any point in Vancouver Island: and with power to build and operate tramways in connection with the said railway; and with power to build, construct equip, maintain and operate telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railways and branches and with power to generate electricity for the supply of light, heat, power, and for all, any and every other purpose mentioned in Sections 80, 81, 82, and 83 of the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897," and to do everything necessary or incidental to the carrying out of all or any of the objects referred to in the said sections; and with power to exercise all the powers given to the company by Parts IV and V of the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897," and with power to build, own and maintain sawmills, and to carry on a general express business, and to build, maintain and operate, bridges, roads, ways, ferries, wharves, docks, steamboats, steamships, coal bunkers and other works, and to make traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamship or steamboat and other companies; and with power to expropriate lands for the purpose of the company, and to acquire land bonuses, privileges or other aid from any government or municipality, or other persons or bodies corporate, and with power to build wagon roads, to be used in the construction of such railway and in advance of same, and to levy and collect tolls from all persons using, and on all freight passing over any of such roads built by the company, whether before or after the construction of the railway, and with power to sell out its undertaking; and with all other usual, necessary and incidental rights, or privileges as may be necessary or conducive to the above objects, or any of them.

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