THE LADYSMITH CHRONICLE

With Which Is Amalgamated the Ladysmith Standard.

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Short Meeting of the City Council

There was an unusually short session of the city council Monday evening. Mayor Nicholson was in the chair, and Ald. Roberts, Campbell, McKinnell and Brown werd present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A communication from the Wall Street Summary asking to insert the advertisement for the sale of the debentures, was received and filed.

Accounts aggregating $921.21 were presented and referred to the finance committee, to be paid if found correct.

Under the head of deferred business, Mayor Nicholson said thae he had seen Dr. Frost, who had expresssed himself highly pleased with the offer of the council, but that the doctor could not see his way clear to continuing in the office of city medical health officer, on account of his professional work in connection with the Colliery Company. Dr. Frost had spoken in the highest terms of Dr. Williams' qualifications for the position.

It was moved by Ald. McKinnell and seconded by Ald. Campbell, and carried, that the resignation of Dr. Frost be accepted, and that Dr. Williams be appointed city medical health officer, services to commence January 1st.

The bill of Mrs. Hutcheson for services as nurse in connection with the recent smallpox epidemic was referred back to that lady.

An informal discussion of the financial position of the city took place, and it was decided to get matters into shape early after the new year.

Mayor Nicholson brought up the subject of printing the voters' lists. For the reason that the finances of the city were at a low ebb he had decided to have the lists typewritten instead of printed. The law said that they should be printed, but as there was not likely to be an election it was likely the lists would not be required. If there were an election the council could decide to have the lists printed, ii they so desired. The saving to the city would be $35 or $40.

The council adjourned after having been in session about half an hour.

Law Clear as to Old Men

"It is with the greatest reluctance that I come to the conclusion that the applicants have not made out a case," said Police Magistrate Jay of Victoria in giving judgment on the application of Joseph Peirson and one hundred and four other householders, over fifty who desired to have their names placed an the municipal voters' list.

The magistrate read the definition of a voter and of a householder as set out in the Municipal Elections Act, a householder being one who unless exempt from payment of road tax as a militia-man, has "paid directly to the municipality all rates, taxes or assessments which are not chargeable on land, which rates, taxes or assessments so paid shall amount to no less than two dollars, dueto the municipality for the current year, other than water rates, or taxes, or licence fees for dogs." His Worship continued:

"After careful consideration of the statutory definition of householder, I have reluctantly come to the conclusion that the applicants have not brought themselves within it and I cannot entertain their application to be placed upon the list. I must say it is with some regret that I have come to this conclusion, because many of these gentlemen have been known to me for years some of them have or forty years some of them have lived in the city and exercised the privilege of voting.

"It is certainly a very great hardship that they should now be deprived of that privilege. However, I am bound by the act and could not come to any other conclusion as the law now stands. But I think that the matter could be brought to the attention of the legislature at the next session so that what is an evident oversight should be remedied."

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

The subscription collector for The Chronicle will start out tomorrow, and it is hoped that he will meet with a hearty response from subscribers to this paper.

Interesting Relic of the Civil War

Mr. Thomas Conway, collector of Her Majesty's Customs at Ladysmith, has one of the most interesting relics of the late United States Civil War to be found in almost any place outside of Washington, D. C. It is the telegraph instrument he used while serving as a military telegraph operator from 1861 till 1864 in the northern army. The little instrument is enclosed in a gutta percha case that could be conveniently carried in the vest pocket, but in its time it conveyed on many an occasion important information to the general of the U. S. army while on his march to Petersburgh. That general was the late U. S. Grant, whose reports for six months or so "all quiet along the Patomac" were a household word to a former generation. Mr. Conway was a telegraph operator in Montreal when the war broke out, and with that love of adventure so characteristic of every man with Irish blood in his veins, he started at once to the front, and part of the time he was engaged at the front as military telegraph operator. He followed the fortunes of the Northern army for a period of four years, and during that time he had his love for adventure fully satisfied, and he was taken prisoner by the enemy twice but managed to make his escape both times. When the war ended Mr. Conway, figuratively speaking, turned his sword into a ploughshare, and his next employment was in the building of the projected telegraph line from British Columbia to Russia, and which was abandoned when the news of the successful laying of the Atlantic cable was ticked over the wires. Even then Mr. Conway carried his little instrument with him and found it useful on more than one occasion. If the genial collector of customs had the time at his disposal he could write a book that certainly would prove intensely interesting to lovers of adventure.

Here is something worthy of the serious consideration of the dairymen of British Columbia: Many farmers believe that dandelions increase the yield of milk and, consequently, that the presence of dandelions in pastures and meadows is rather desirable than otherwise. A Belgian investigator, J. P. Wagner, has shown the incorrectness of this opinion which, he says, is founded wholly on a false anglogy, suggested by the milky juice of the dandelion. According to Wagner, the presence of dandelions in large numbers in pastures exerts a very deleterious effect on the quality of the butter and is one of the numerous causes of the difficulty of making butter of fine flavor and good keeping qualities in spring and early summer. The presence of large quantities of dandelions in hay has a similar effect. Hence Wagner advises farmers to weed their pastures, whenever it is practicable to do so.—Victoria Times.

The drawing for the turkey at J. A. Ryan's butcher shop takes place Thursday evening at 7:30. The winner has the choice of any turkey in the shop.

Several men are engaged to-day in an effort to float Kuhn's launch, sunk in the storm last Friday.

Local and Provincial News Notes

The drawing for the diamond ring and watch given by P. G. Noot will take place Thursday evening at 10:30.

The Nanaimo merchants will close their places of business on Saturday next, the day after New Years. Many of them have signed an agreement to that effect.

There will be a meeting of the executive of the football club to-night, when a new manager to take the place of Mr. R. R. Hindmarch, resigned, will be appointed.

Harry Kay has completed the work of fixing the chimney on the school. When the chimney blew down considerable of the roof was damaged and some of the rafters were shattered.

Miss Ruth Miller and Mr. Francis Green, of Nanaimo, were united in marriage at the latter city at noon to-day. They will take the afternoon train for Victoria, where the honeymoon will be spent.

Rev. John Robson, president of the Methodist Conference, was a passenger on this morning's train for Victoria, where he will open the new Chinese home in connection with the Methodist church to-night.

Harmony Lodge I. O. O. F. has confirmed Mr. Geo. Haworth's tender for the opera house. Mr. Haworth is now making arrangements for attractions, and will take full control on the completion of Mayor Nicholson's lease.

The next regular annual meeting of the Wellington-Extension Accident, Medical and Burial Fund will be held in the Banquet room of the opera house on Wednesday, January 6th, at 7:30 p. m. Business of importance is to be transacted.

Mr. R. R. Hindmarch, late manager and editor of the Ladysmith Standard, is now editor of the Nanaimo Free Press. This means that the management is determined that the Free Press shall take a front rank in British Columbia journalism.

Miss Edith Hodgson, of Nanaimo, was married to Mr. Francis W. Young, of Newcastle Townsite, this morning by Rev. J. M. Miller, at Nanaima. The young couple left on the Joan for Vancouver en route to San Francisco, where the honeymoon will be spent.

On New Years day Ladysmith B team will play the Fifth Regiment team of Victoria, and on Saturday Ladysmith will play Victoria West. On Sunday the seniors will have a match with some team yet to be named, and it will be the last match before they meet Nanaimo on the 10th of January. K

Ald. Matheson returned yesterday from Tacoma where, with Mrs. Matheson, he has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Georges. It is several months since Mr. Matheson has been in Tacoma, and he has noticed many improvements in the way of new buildings in the suburbs. Business is good and everybody looks for better times.

There will be a banquet at the Methodist church on New Years day, commencing at 5 p. m. The ladies are preparing for a large number of guests and in the evening there will be a programme consisting of speeches, recitations and toasts. The admission to the banquet will be 50 cents, and all are guaranteed a good time. This is not a congregational banquet, and everyone is welcome.

P. G. Noot has issued an attractive calendar. The title is "Roses," and represents a young woman with a bunch of roses in her hand.

To-morrow will be the last day to guess the number of seeds in the pumpkins at R. Gear's store. The seeds will be counted and the ones coming closest will win the prizes.

It is desirable that as many as possible will practice next week in preparation for the match with Nanaimo. There is one clear week in which to practice and it should be taken advantage of by the players.

There was considerable local interest in the hockey match for the Stanley cup at Montreal Monday night between the Wanderers and the Edmonton team. There were two British Columbia players with the latter team, Lester Patrick of Nelson, and Tom Phillips of Vancouver. The result was a decisive victory for the Wanderers, and the British Columbia men were off in their playing.

Tommy Burns did not lose a cent on the bout with Johnson. He bet $5,000 that he would beat the negro and $5,000 more that Johnson would not stop him in twelve rounds. Burns lost the first bet and won the second, as he stayed fourteen rounds. During his ring career Burns has won nearly $200,000, and is worth about that much to-day.

Vancouver and Nanaimo are tied for first place in the Pacific Coast league as a result of the defeat of the Victoria United team by Nanaimo last Sunday, each team having won four and lost two games. Nanaimo has yet to play Ladysmith and Vancouver. Ladysmith has now one game at Home with Vancouver and one away from home with Nanaimo.

The break down in the telegraphic service on Friday and Saturday caused delay in the transmission of the telegraphic account of the Johnson-Burns fight. It was not known until the arrival of the Victoria Times, late Saturday night, and there was a great deal of disappointment felt over the poor showing made by Burns when he went up against the colored man. Undoubtedly Burns had many admirers here, but they now all admit that he would have preserved his reputation a little while longer had he followed in the steps of Sullivan and others who drew the color line.

The wind storm on Christmas Day caused much serious damage in the country surrounding Ladysmich. At South Oyster, a barn near Ward & Reed's mill was badly damaged. A big tree fell down and crushed the end of the barn, and it had to be cut away before the horses could be liberated. In the same neighborhood many of the farmers had to remain at home until the trees across the road were removed. The telegraph wires between Ladysmith and Chemainus were broken in many places, and were not repaired until Sunday evening, As a consequence there was a congestion of telegrams in the local office.

The two steel bridges which will soon span the Nanaimo and the Chemainus rivers in place of the wooden structures that have been in use for years, have arrived. They reached Ladysmith from the east a few days ago and, it is understood will be installed as soon as it is practicable to begin the work Throughout the past summer gangs of men were employed in the laying of concrete foundations for thes bridges. Before operations ceased the preliminary work was practically completed so that, it is only necessary for the new structures to be put together over the comparatively small torrents they are destined to cross. This is not expected to take more than a month once it is well under way.

SLOAN WILL RESIGN.

It is reported that William Sloan will probably resign his seat in Comox-Atlin to make way for the election of Hon. William Templeman.

Earthquake Causes Great Loss of Life

Rome, Dec. 29.—Southern Italy was visited by a serious and fatal earthquake yesterday morning. The centre of disturbance was in Sicily and the greatest loss of property and life occurred on this island. The reports are yet incomplete, but the people everywhere were thrown into a condition of panic. At Caltanisseta, a Sicilian town of 30,000 people, a number of houses were shaken down and the inhabitants fled for safety to the streets.

Vast crowds gathered in the parks and the churches are filled. At Mineo, a small town 100 miles southwest of Catania, several houses collapsed and scenes of panic occurred.

At Catania the docks and shore front were overwhelmed by a tidal wave. Much damage was done to shipping, several steamers being damaged. At Catania the shocks lasted 20 seconds.

At Agosta, in the Province of Syracuse, two churches and several houses were demolished, but no lives were lost. The prisoners in the jail made their escape and ran for liberty through the praying crowds in the streets. Troops were called out and quiet restored. There were shocks also at Liaduagloss, Santa Saverina and Noto all in Sicily.

The greatest reports of loss of life come from Calabria, where three dead and sixty wounded have been removed from the ruins at Santa Stefano.

Soldiers have been called to carry on the work of succor. Troops have been ordered also to tear down damaged buildings in order to minimize the danger from falling walls.

Sixty persons are said to have sustained injuries at Sannoofrio and the population is camping out in the open air. Troops everywhere are engaged in the work of rescue.

At Palai, maay business houses were shaken to the ground and it is said there were many victims.

Mr. William Gillette, the clever American actor, who has just returned to the stage after a long absence through illness, tells a good story of an old sailor acquaintance of his.

Coming across the old fellow, whom he had not seen for some time, Mr. Gillette said:

"Well, and how have you been getting on since I saw you last?"

"Pretty fair," replied the sailor, "pretty fair, but my left ear has gone quite deaf, sir."

"Come, come, never mind!" said the actor cheerily, you are getting on in years now and yku must expect —"

"That may be," interrupted the old salt testily, "but my age has got nothing to do with it, sir, for me right ear's as old as me left one, an' I can hear foine in that."

With the message of Sir Wilfrid Laurier—"My soul is turned towards greater things"—still ringing in our ears, the following press dispatch from St. John, N. B., exercises a soothing influence. "Hon. Mr. Pugsley, Minister of Public Works, who has arrived here to spend Christmas says that material curtailment in expenditure for public works will be necessary, owing to the decline in the revenue of the Dominion and the necessity for keeping expenditures well within the public income."—Victoria Colonist.

There will be a drawing for a Wheelock Pianola Piano at the residence of William Wright, corner of Taird avenue and Methuen street, on February 25.

Which Form Do You Use.

The use of correct English is one of the distinguished marks of an educated person, but the eggs of the Great Auk are no more rare than persons who never make mistakes in speaking through pure ignorance. This is quite natural, for it would be practically impossible for anyone, no matter how conversant with the language, to be aware of the numberless pure arbitrary distinctions made in the use of certain words and forms.

Good taste and judgment will do much to guard against errors, but these will not in every instance avail. There are here given a few instances of often misused terms which will prove of interest and value:

If I were. If I was.

The essential difference between these two forms is that "If I was" expresses a past event about which there is "certainty," while "If I were" expresses a past event about which there is "uncertainty."

"If it was raining, (and it was), was), why did you go?"

"If the book were here, (but it wasn't) I should lend it to you."

"If the plate was broken (and it was) why did you not return it?"

"If I were you, (but I am not), I should write to her."

"Were" is always used after the expression of a wish.

"I wish I were going with you."

In Into. Often confused. "In" denotes position, state, etc.; "into" denotes tendency, direction, destination, etc.; as, "I throw the stone into the river and it lies in the river."

"Come into the house," not "Come in the house." "Come in" and "go in" are correct, because no object is expressed.

One arrives "at" a place. "I arrived at New York," not "I arrived in New York."

Route. Century gives route (noun) —a way or course of transit—is pronounced root ("oo as in food, or rout ("ou" as in found). This gives "root" the preference. Rout is a verb, as, "We routed the enemy," and it is pronounced rout ("ou" as in out.)

Lend. Loan. Lend is a verb. "He lent me books." "Money is lent at interest." "He lent us a large sum of money."

Loan is a noun. It is something which is lent. It expresses the act of lending. "We negotiated a loan." "They granted us a loan of a thousand dollars."

Do not say "loan me your books," say "lend me your books."

Elder, eldest. Older, oldest.

Older and oldest may be said either of persons or things, while elder and eldest apply to persons only. "He will succeed to the title in the event of the death of his elder brother." "Franklin was older than Washington."

The first born, though perhaps dying a mere infant, still remains the eldest son, (or the elder, if there were but two sons, the word thus indicating priority also), but we speak of the oldest branch af the family.

"Each other" is now generally used when two persons or things are concerned, but also used more loosely like "one another" (more than two). They love each other dearly, (two persons). "This is my commandment, that ye love one another." (more that two).

Begin, commence.

"Begin" is a good plain Saxon word, understood and felt by learned and unlearned alike, almost always to be preferred to the French "commence."

"If I were" and "I wish I were" with the infinite form of some verb express a future event about which there is some uncertainty. So that "if I were" has not only a doubtful past, but a doubtful future as well.

Note.—If I were, if you were, and if they were, are the same in both forms consequently it is only necessary to determine when to use if I was, if I were. if I was, if he were. "If I was" and "if he were" are the proper forms to use when the supposition of the action or state is merely thought of.

"If I was" and "if he was," are the proper forms to use when the supposition of the action or state may be regarded as a fact.—Correct English.

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AMALGAMATION.

The business and good will of the Ladysmith Standard have been acquired by Carley & Carley, publishers of The Ladysmith Chronicle. In accordance with the arrangement entered into between the publishers of the Standard and the publishers of The Chronicle, this paper "will complete all Standard contracts in advertising and fill out all Standard subscriptions."

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For some months it has been felt by the publishers of both papers that an arrangement such as has taken place was desirable. While the Standard and The Chronicle as independent publications could exist, there was no chance of either becoming a profitable business undertaking, and in order that revenue could be increased considerably so that a paper that would render good services to the city could be published, the amalgamation was deemed advisable. Inasmuch as The Chronicle had already expended $5,000 on a newspaper plant and the Standard was dependent upon a plant outside of the city for its mechanical work, it was realized that it would be better for The Chronicle to acquire the business of the Standard. Thus the amalgamation took place.

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It was not a case of one paper forcing the other out of the field, for the most amicable relations existed between the publishers of The Chronicle and the publishers of the Standard, and in this connection The Chronicle desires to express its esteem and good feeling towards Mr. Robert Hindmarch, the manager of the Standard. The publishers of The Chronicle came to Ladysmith practically strangers. Mr. Hindmarch had lived here for several years, and from the first he gave every assistance in his power to The Chronicle publishers. In this way The Chronicle was enabled to avoid many errors that it would otherwise have fallen into. Mr. Hindmarch is a thorough newspaper man, and in him is preserved all the best traditions of the newspaper profession. He has been a public-spirited citizen, and he makes no vain boast when he says that he "has served every interest of the city to the best of his ability, and has taken and made the most of every opportunity to further and promote the development of the city itself."

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For the present there will be very little change in The Chronicle. The combined subscription lists of the two papers will make The Chronicle a valuable advertising medium. There will be several improvements made in the paper itself in the near future in the hope of promoting the interests of Ladysmith, but the nature and extent of those improvements will be based on the support received from the citizens. The paper is a business undertaking and as such it will be carried on.

THE NEW YEAR.

The year now drawing to a close cannot be said to have been the most prosperous in the history of Canada. The financial stringency which set in over a year ago has not yet passed away, but during the last months of the year conditions have been such as to induce the belief that the worst is over.

British Columbia has not suffered as much as some of the other provinces of the Dominion, gnd there is some consolation in this fact. It is said that th? holiday trade was never better than it has been this year, and this may be regarded as an indication of an improvement in general conditions.

Coming nearer home still, it may be truthfully asserted that there has been a marked progress in business in Ladysmith. The payroll was never larger, business is satisfactory, and there have been considerable improvements made during the year. The future promises well, and it will be strange indeed that if with returning prosperity, Ladysmith does not during the coming year make greater strides forward than she has during any year in the past. That she may make the best of her opportunities is the sincere wish of The Chronicle, and the publishers extend to all the wish of a bright and prosperous New Year.

Hints for the Home

A hard wood floor should never be washed. Mix equal parts of crude oil and turpentine and rub the floor well with a cloth dipped in the mixture.

Silver that is not in constant use will keep bright if wrapped in fine white tissue paper and put away in bags made of canton flannel with a tiny bit of gum camphor in each bag.

When a hot dish has left its mark on polished wood make a soft paste of salt and olive oil and let it stand on it for an hour or so. Then polish with a dry cloth and the mark will disappear.

Hemmed squares of cheese cloth make the most desirable dusters, as they can be easily made and laundered, and the dust adheres to them. Dusters of chamois cloth are excellent.

Those who are in or near places where grow an abundance of cattails may be glad to know that they are useful when ripe and beginning to shed their down to fill sofa pillows. Good authority has said that cattail down does not absorb the dampness, or mold, nor is it ever infested by insects in this sphere of usefulness.

Greasespots may be removed from wall paper with the aid of a blotter and a hot flat iron. Put the blotter over the stain and press it with the hot iron. By this process the stain will be transferred to the blotter. Other stains may be removed from wall paper by rubbing them with a piece of bread a day old, or with a One authority has said that cattail meal.

If the presence of arsenic is suspected in wall paper it is well to give piece of flannel dipped in dry oatmeal especially where there are children. Dip a piece in strong spirits of ammonia, and if it turns bluish discard it. If uncertain in result moisten a crystal of nitrate of silver with the fluid. If this causes a yellow deposit the presence of arsenic is unquestioned.

The best method of washing lace curtains is in a suds made of warm water, borax and white Castile soap Do not rub the curtains but dip them up and down in the water until they are clean. If necessary, scrub them with a soft scrubbing brush. When quite clean, the curtains must be squeezed between the hands, not wrung, and then placed on to a sheet spread on the floor and allowed to dry thus.

A novelty in draperies, portieres, table cover or screen is made with plain denim as a basis. Select a good solid color, one that will harmonize with its surroundings, and applique the design on it with buttonhole stitch or gold end. The patterns selected may be floral, geometrical or figures. The first mentioned are easier to obtain. They can be cut from cretonne and then arranged in any fanciful way one's taste dictates. For a portiere, mass the flowers in the corner and have the bulk of it across the bottom, about fifteen inches from the floor. Then let the spray diminish gradually upward. A very original and unique effect can thus be obtained, and it will be entirely your own.

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MUNICIPAL NOTICE.

Public Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Municipality of Ladysmith:

That I require the presence of the said electors at the City Hall, Ladysmith, on Monday, 11th day of January, 1909, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the new council as Mayor and Aldermen. The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows:

The Candidates shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality, as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of this notice and 2 p. m. of the day of nomination, and in the event of a poll being necessary, such poll shall be opened on the 14th day of January, 1909, in the City Hall, Ladysmith, and kept open until 7 p. m. of the said date, of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The qualifications by law required to be possessed by the candidates for the office of Mayor are such persons as are male British subjects of the full age of twenty-one years and are not disqualified under any law, and have been for the six months next preceding the day of nomination the registered owner in the Land Registry Office of land or real property in the City of Ladysmith, of the assessed value on the last Municipal Assessment Roll of $1,000, or more, over and above any registered judgment or charge, and who are otherwise duly qualified as Municipal Voters.

The qualifications by law required to be possessed by the candidates for the office of Aldermen, are such persons as are male British subjects of the full age of twenty-one years and are not disqualified under any law and have been for the six months next preceding the day of nomination the registered owner in the Land Registry Office of land or real property in the City of Ladysmith, of the assessed value on the last Municipal Assessment Roll of $500.00, or more, over and above any registered judgment or charge, and who are otherwise qualified as Municipal Voters.

Given under my hand at Ladysmith, this 23rd day of December, 1908.

JOHN STEWART,
Returning Officer.

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Notice is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of Ladysmith that I require the presence of the said Electors at the City Hall, Ladysmith, on Monday, 11th January, 1909, at the hour of twelve o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing three persons to represent them on the Board of School Trustees for the coming term.

The nomination of candidates shall be the same as that for Mayor and Aldermen and in the event of a poll being necessary, such poll will be opened on the 14th day of January, 1909, at the City Hall, Ladysmith, and kept open till 7 p. m. of said date of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

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Local and General.

Ralph Smith, M. P., was a passenger on the ooon train yesterday for Nanaimo.

Messrs. Blair & Adam have issued a very pretty calendar. The scene is entitled "Summer's Sylvan Shades."

Within the past few days a series of thefts have been committed in Victoria by crooks from the other side of the line.

Mr. John Teague, of Nelson, passed through Ladysmith yesterday morning, on his way home after having spent the Christmas holidays with relatives in Nanaimo.

Dr. Ernest Hall, of Victoria, will deliver a series of lectures on "Moral living" at the Leland Stanford University, California, by special invitation of Dr. Jordan.

There will be a meeting of the firemen this evening at their hall to make final arrangements for the firemen's ball New Years Eve. A full attendance is requested.

The firemen's ball to-morrow evening at the opera house should be well patronized. Firemen are always in great demand when the fire alarm sounds, and the people should remember these same men now that they are looking for a little patronage.

Battles in the Air

In any naval war that may break out, even in the near future, it is so certain that the dirigible balloon will be put into practical use that theories of attack and defense against airships and tables for the use of combatants, are actually being prepared.

The problem of the protection of the vital parts of a ship exposed to attack from above is very complex. In the first place explosives from airships will be shells that explode on contact with any object, so that merely to provide a ship with sloping shields to divert the missiles into the sea will be insufficient. Designs have, however, been drawn up for attaching torpedo nets overhead and experiments are to be made in protecting vulnerable points from attack from above by plates.

German artillerists have laid down the general law that, against airships and balloons, shrapnel is the most effective. Shrapnel is a shell that explodes at a regulated distance and then spreads fanwise its crowd of small bullets carrying destruction over a large area.

Shells exploding at contact or containing poisonous fumes will be the missiles generally used. The question of discharging them accurately has been solved but in a manner that does not even yet enter the drill books. It is indeed, the discovery of a Frenchman. According to the drill books, the airship artillerist will have to consider the height of his vessel and its speed. For certain special projectiles the rate of falling has been estimated and tabulated. How important this is will be appreciated by any one who has attempted to let a stone fall from a cliff 80 or 100 feet on to a given object. This is a task that requires great skill even on a perfectly still day. How much more so, then, when you are 2,000 feet up, and in a moving vessel trying to hit a moving object.

But there has been no practical test of this form of warfare, and it is certain that many of the projectiles sent down would fall wide of the mark were it not that new light has been thrown on the subject and the airship rendered more efficient as a war vessel by a Frenchman's very simple discovery.

This can be described in a few words. The airship will carry one or more long, strong, wires wound on reels. The wires will be anything up to 3,000 feet in length. When it is desired to attack a ship a torpedo or bomb is lowered by the wire to within a few feet of the object of attack, and when the explosive is directly over the mark it will be released by electricity operated by the artillerist on the airship half a mile overhead. This operator presses the button at the precise moment when looking down he can see the explosive in a direct line between him and the mark. To insure success the artillerist will be the officer who is steering the airship.

In the case of airship against airship attempts will be made to cut at each other with suitable apparatus, a somewhat appalling development of the ramming that used to be a part of naval warfare. But so far from increasing the horrors of war, the airship will tend to lessen them. The result of the use of airships in war will be that much of the effect of artillery fire will be more accurately directed toward the destruction of the enemy's artillery and other machinery of defense rather than at human lives.

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Everything will be sold at the lowest possible price.
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1909 1909

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FOR THE NEXT FIVE DAYS

Knight's Book Store

Happy New Year

AND SINCEREST THANKS TOALL FOR THEIR LIBERAL PATRONAGE

JOHN BICKLE

Local and General.

All stores will be closed all day on Saturday.

Mr. Percy K. Winch made a business trip to Nanaimo Monday.

Mr. Batiste Geeard has reeurned from a two days' visit to Nanaimo.

Mrs. P. G. Noot spent the Christmas holidays with friends in Vancouver.

In Vernon wood it $5 a cord and coal $10.50 a ton. Wouldn't that freeze you.

W. E. Morrison's store will be closed on Saturday, Jan. 2, which has been declared a public holiday.

There will be watch night services in the Mtruodist church on New Years Eve, beginning at 11 o'clock.

There is a possibility that the hall beneath the Masonic Hall will be remodelled and turned into a moving picture show.

Tom Phillips, the hockey player, who is playing for Edmonton in the Stanley cup series at Montreal, gets $600 for the games.

There will be a meeting of the W. C. T. U. Monday eaening at 7 o'clock in the Mission room of the Presbyterian church.

There will be two football matches at Nanaimo on New Years day, between two visiting teams from Victoria and two Nanaimo teams.

New gasolene lights are to be installed in the Methodist church and it is hoped to have them ready for the banquet on New Years evening.

Mr. E. R. McMillan, who is assistant to the principal in the New Westminster High school is visiting with his father, Rev. Mr. McMillan, of Ladysmith.

Miss Murray, at one time on the teaching staff of the Ladysmith school, but now at Prince Rupert, is spending the Christmas holidays wieh friends at Nanaimo.

Robert Stevenson, prospector and pioneer, crossed the Hope mountains for the hundredth time a couple of weeks ago and nearly perished on thetrip.

The other week the Star took a "fall" out of a European monarch, this week it addresses a few affectionate lines to a scoundrel called Castro, President of the Venezuelan Republic. His name is not Castro: It is Castor. Add the surname Oil and you have one of the most insipid physical disturbants to be found in any almanac or in a pharmacopoeia. Now, this Castor Oil, as the Star will in future call him, is nothing more or less than a disturber of the peace and ought to be executed. Every other night this fiend, Oil, starts a revolution and somebody's light goes out forever. The Star is not looking for trouble, nor does it wish to stir up international complications. Far be that from its purpose. But if this Castor Oil is not taken care of soon it will organize an expeditionary force of one to have him bottled up and as Shakespeare says, "throw him to the dogs."—Similkameen Star.

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THE NEW YEAR

Finds us getting the store in shape for stock-taking, and while doing so we always find a number of lines that we want to clear out before getting in our new spring goods, and as it has been our custom for the past two years to hold an

ODDS AND ENDS

Sale during the month of January, we are now getting these lines sorted out. They will include China-ware, Toilet ware, odd Cups and Saucers, Plates, Salad Bowls, Bread Plates, Cutlery, and other lines too numerous to mention.

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New Year's Eve

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