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LIGHT OR DARKNESS THE GREAT ISSUE

Some Reasons Why the City Should Have a Lighting System.

In another column will be found a copy of the electric light by-law, which the City Council, in response to a petition from the ratepayers, drafted out and formally adopted. The by-law will be submitted to the people on Wednesday, the 6th of May, when it will be decided whether the city is to continue in darkness or to boast a lighting system.

It is difficult to find anything original to remark on the subject. The question has been so often before the city and has been so thoroughly canvassed on both sides, that there is little to add to what has been repeatedly said. However, this is essentially a time and an occasion when some repetition of argument is excusable and, although the subject has been already discussed from every point of view in the Standard, there are a few considerations which cannot be too much emphasized.

The first of them is that nothing has prevented the growth of the town more than the lack of a lighting system. The attitude of some of the citizens in regard to this point is not only idle, but foolish. They have persuaded themselves that the town is merely a temporary camping place. They have no belief in its stability, no faith nor hope in its future. They can see nothing on which the town can develop and expand, and actually convey the impression that they are indifferent as to whether or not it makes any progress. They are the men of a "Sleepy Hollow," and should never have left a crofting hamlet.

The one positive result of this foolish content and spineless citizenship is that any progress in the town is impossible. A municipality, like an individual, has got to help itself before it can expect to be helped by others. According to the repeated assertions of those in the best position to know there is not the least doubt as to the town's stability. That being so, it is the part of all those who have property in the city to further its growth and expansion in every possible way. All development spells a proportionate increase in values, and it is to everybody's interest to promote the progress of the town.

The doubting Thomases among our citizens should ask themselves the simple question: Why shouldn't the city go ahead? With all their prejudice and pessimism they will find three reasons "for," for every one "against." Take the situation of the town, its harborage facilities, its scenic beauties, its climate, the agricultural land all round it, and the splendid location it offers for factories and industries. The time has gone by when all these assets could be dismissed with a sneer, It is the bare truth that their potential value and development cannot be overestimated. Most of them are in a fair way to being realised.

There are two industries, not counting the shingle mill, already located her, and there is no reason why there should not be twenty-two if the government of the city is at all progressive. If everything goes right another railroad is to come in on the other side of the bay, and everything points to big mining developments around the harbor, from all of which Ladysmith is bound to benefit Again the clearing of one hundred and seventy acres of land close to the city is a big thing in itself. It marks the beginning of local agricultural development the end of which no man can see.

The city itself is wakening up. After three years absolute quiet there is now a stir in the building trade. Remember also that a building spurt requires little encouragement. There is nothing more infectous than speculation in real estate and the summer may see a regular boom in building. The word "may" is used advisedly. It will all depend upon the fate of the by-law.

If the ratepayers again deicde for darkness rather than light, then there is an end to any chances of prosperity. The time is more crucial, the hour more fraught with grave issues, the question more vital to the city's future than was the case when last the question was submitted to the ratepayers. Every broad based consideration for the interest and welfare of the town pulls for the passage of the light by-law. All those who have the slightest tinge of local pride and patriotism, who desire to see their city abrest of the times, and are concerned for its advancement and expansion will most assuredly use their votes and influence to secure lights.

What is likely to prove the biggest stumbling block in the whole scheme is the neccessity of borrowing money. There are citizen's in the town who have been always unalterably opposed to the city raising a loan, Why they should have adopted such an attitude it is difficult to explain, but certainly prejudice has had more to do with it than reason. The same men will jump at a chance to make money when it is presented in any other way. Let a plausible real estate agent come round with a lot which in six months time is to increase fifty per cent. in value and there is a run on the bank.

There is nothing so enticing as that about the new lighting scheme; but it is all the same a good investment. There is not a municipality in Canada which has installed and operated a lighting plant which had not found it a good profitable investment. Five per cent is a good rate of interest where the securities are sound, and, even if the debentures are bought in at the end of five years it will mean the lessening of taxation.

The city has everything to gain from the adoption of this lighting scheme. A lighting system is an invaluable advertisement, a proof of progress, and a sure sign of active and advanced citizenship. The citizens also can profit from it directly, and cannot escape but be benefited indirectly. From every point of view the lights are a necessity to the town, and this it is not too much to hope, will be the feeling of a majority of the ratepayers on the sixth of May.

CONFIDENT OF LOCAL SEAT

J. H. Hawthornthwaite Asserts If Nominated He Could Carry Nanaimo Against Smith

Nanaimo, April 24.

Will Hawthornthwaite contest Nanaimo for the Federal seat? is the question that has been asked many times recently, and which has not yet been answered definately, negratively or affirmatively.

Today's Victoria Colonist has the following article which, however, does not say anything new on the subject that has not already been said by Mr. Hawthornthwaite:

The Socialists of the province are planning to run a candidate in each constituency at the coming federal elections and it is reported that the executive of the party has come to the conclusion that J. H. Hawthornthwaite must retire from the provincial arena and contest Nanaimo with Ralph Smith, the present member. It is reasoned by the Socialists that Mr. Hawthornthwaite added greatly to the strength of his position with the vote at Nanaimo by the stand he took upon various matters at the last session of the provincial legislature, and it is believed that he will have a walkover in Nanaimo. The constituency is the one the Socialists count on carrying, and their efforts will be largely concentrated to pull their man through there at the expense of Ralph Smith.

In the other constituencies of the province the Socialists have hopes, but they are mostly forlorn ones, and their campaigns outside of Nanaimo will be mostly what they dearly love to call "educational."

A feature of the politics of the Socialist party will be a joint convention of Alberta and British Columbia which is to be held at Fernie on May 23. Delegates from all the local executives in the two provinces will be in attendance. Following this convention will be the nominations of the party in the various constituencies throughout the province.

In Vancouver it is probable that the candidate of the party will be E. T. Kingsley, who is looked upon by the Socialists as the strongest man they could put in the field. The local candidate has not been selected but will probably be named at a convention of the Socialists of the island, to be held in Nanaimo on the 7th of May.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite, M. P. P., who is at present in the city, stated to the Colonist last evening that he had had no intimation from Vancouver that he was to resign. The matter was left in the hands of the local party authorities and the convention in May, of the island constituencies would deal with the matter. Were such a recommendation as the one referred to received from the provincial executives it would have weight with the Island Socialists.

"If I am selected as candidate," he remarked, "I am confident that I can win out against Ralph Smith, as the party has gained ground, and four or five locals, the last one at South Salt Spring, have lately been instituted. If the party desires me to run, I shall most certainly do so, but whoever is selected will carry Nanaimo, Ladysmith, Northfield, Cedar and Cranberry districts, and should hold their own against Ralph Smith in other places. His stock is steadily going down. The first time he contested Nanaimo he obtained 750 votes, last election he got 385.

"This is largely owing to his attitude on labor matters. Industrial workers will never forget him for his stand on the Japanese question."

SULLIVAN GIVEN DECISION

LOS ANGELES, April 24.—In the arena erected just outside the city, Mike Sullivan of Boston was given the decision over Jimmy Gardner of Lowell, Mass., last night after 25 rounds that were all in favor of Sullivan.

The verdict of James J. Jeffries, the referee, was a popular one, Sullivan had the science and coolness, but lacked the strength to deliver a knockout, although several times he had Gardner at his mercy and slugged away at his opponent's jaw, without the power to bring about an earlier result.

Missing Treasurer Discovered

Chinaman's Actions Excites Suspicions, and Stolen Money Is Found.

There was a curious and dramatic sequel on Thursday morning to a charge heard in the police court on Wednesday evening. About two weeks ago some one entered Mr. Hugh Fulton's room at the Temperance Boarding House, and lifted a gold watch and chain, a gold locket and about $250 in cash. Suspicion fell upon a Chinaman employed in the house, and he was arrested.

The charge was heard against him on Thursday week, and, although circumstantial evidence went against him, there was no direct testimony on which to convict him. Accordingly he was remanded for a week.

In the meantime a thorough search of the premises resulted in the finding of the watch, chain, and locket among some old rubbish underneath the house. No trace was found of the money, however, and it was given up as lost.

No further evidence was obtained against the Chinaman, and the Magistrates were obliged to dismiss the case when it came before them for the second time on Wednesday evening.

Now comes the sequel as surprising as it was unexpected. The suspected Chinaman was not, of course, allowed to re-enter the house; but he turned up early in the morning and was chased out. Mr. Frame, as it happened, did not go out to work, and about six o'clock heard some one come into the room. He asked who was there, but received no reply and whoever it was immediately went out again. It was the Chinaman. He was seen to descend the stairs and warned not to come back.

About 8 o'clock Mr. Frame got up to dress and on looking out observed Mr. Chinaman standing in the street in a brown study. He looked up at the house and down the street and finally moved off in the direction of the Post Office. He again reappeared a minute later and when opposite the hall door of the Temperance house made a clean bolt for the stairs. However, he was seen by the waitress, who called out after him as he raced up the stairs. He was clearly making again for Mr. Frame's room, and it was decided to hold Mr. Chinaman until a search had been made.

The room was thoroughly overhauled, but it began to look as if the missing treasure was not going to be found. Success came at the very last moment. The searchers ended with the washstand. There was nothing else left to investigate. Every crack and crevice, every possible hiding place had been looked into. There was only the washstand, and they were down to the floor of it, when, on turning up the paper with which it was covered, they came to the wad of bills. They had got the treasure-trove. The very eagerness of the chink to regain possession of it had disclosed its hiding place.

Needless to say, Mr. and Mrs. Uren were elated at the discovery of the money. As for Mr. Fulton, he was smiling as he never smiled before. It was money Hughie had in trust for the lodge and which he had never had a chance to deposit in the bank. Naturally he felt more upset at the loss than if it had been his own. However, it is all well that ends well, and a libation to the gods was in order.

Just how Mr. Chinaman felt he did not say, but he will be given a speedy opportunity to express himself.

Echo of Kenyon Case

Mr. A. Tranfield was up at the police court on Wednesday afternoon in connection with the shooting of S. Kenyon. The latter, it will be remembered, had an attack of violent insanity and ran amuck armed with an axe. Mr. Tranfield with others came upon Kenyon and did all in their power to disarm him. The maniac, however, evaded all their efforts and grew so dangerous that he was shot in the forearm.

At the court on Wednesday evening two witnesses of the occurrence, testified that under the circumstances there was nothing else left for Mr. Tranfield to do and that they would have done the same thing themselves.

On the strength of the evidence the court decided that there was nothing against Mr. Tranfield.

MRS. J. N. JONES ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

A painful sensation was caused in town yesterday by the news that Mrs. J. N. Jones had attempted to commit suicide. Mrs. Jones had been in a despondent state for the last two weeks; but it was never thought that she was so bad.

Yesterday morning, after Mr Jones had left the house, she seems to have made a deliberate attempt to end her life. Mrs. Harris happened to go upstairs on an errand and discovered her lying with her throat cut.

Mr. Jessup, the chemist, was at once called in, and the doctor sent for, and the injuries attended to.

Mrs. Jones was then sent down to Chemainus hospital in the Ambulance. She is in a very dangerous condition.

CALGARY A STRONG TEAM

Mr. Parker, Agent of "The People" Gives His Impressions of B. C. Football.

Mr. Parker, the Canadian representative of the "People's" newspaper, was in town on Wednesday evening. He came through from Toronto to see the competition for the "Shield" which his employers put up for competition among Canadian clubs. He saw the game on Saturday and in the interval he is touring the Island. He visited Victoria, came up to Ladysmith on Wednesday and left on Thursday morning for Nanaimo en route for Vancouver and the game on Saturday.

Mr. Parker is an old footballer himself and is still keenly interested in the games. He says that not only has football more support on the Coast here than it has in the East; but that the play all round is of a superior class. He is satisfied that if a Canadian team of fifteen men went back to the Olympic games in England that twelve men would be selected from Western clubs

He has a great opinion of Adam. He is, he says, the best centre-forward he has seen in Canada. There is class in all Jimmy's movements, in his sparring for an opening, his hold of the ball, his dribbling and his speed. Of course Mr. Parker is not the first to remark this, but coming as it did just after Jimmy had wriggled out of Farmer's bottle it sounded good.

Mr. Parker has not seen Calgary in a match but he has seen the men out to practice. His opinion is that they are a strong, evenly-balanced lot, with some exceptionally brilliant performers. More from, he suggested, than from what he actually said, there are hard times ahead for the boys who beat the Caledonians.

Speaking of the projected tour of a Canadian Club to the Olympic games, Mr. Parker couldn't see why B. C. itself shouldn't send a team. If $2,000 could be raised in the Province he felt sure that it would be doubled at Ottawa. At any rate the idea is worth considering and there is no reason why, if the scheme was taken up and properly managed, a team should not go from the Coast.

THE FINAL GAME

No Arrangements Yet Made for a Steamer for Tuesday.

The football club have been trying all the week to make arrangements for an excursion to Vancouver on Tuesday. First of all the C. P. R. Company was asked to call here with the Charmer and delay the return journey until nine at night. This the company was unable to do owing to the inconvenience it would cause travellers, and the fact that the postal authorities might object. Other arrangements were then discussed, but, up to the time of writing, nothing has been settled.

It will be too bad if those who would dearly like to see the final game for the Shield are deprived of the opportunity through a failure to get transportation.

The team will leave on Sunday night for Nanaimo, making the trip across the gulf onMonday morning. The directors of the Vancouver Athletic Club have very generously given the club the run of that institution and full advantage of the club's facilities will be taken to give the boys a final touch for the great game.

It is expected that the team will turn out in full strength and whoever happens to be their opponents, will be given the run of their lives. It should truly be a great game, and at least there is reason to hope for the shield coming to Ladysmith.

CLERGYMAN DENOUNCES CHARITY WORK

NEW YORK, April 24.—Social settlements and charity workers were given a black eye last week by Fr. Curry, pastor of St. James' church, in the lower East Side. Father Curry pitched into the house established by Jacob Riis, President Roosevelt's friend, with special vehemence, and declared that it was pauperizing the children and making grafters of the parents. He further declared that charity workers among poor people of the Ghetto did nothing but give it a bad name, and that nine-tenths of the money which is entrusted to them by contributions is spent in supporting the workers in comfort and luxury.

The attack stirred up the bitterest feeling throughout the city, because Mr. Riis is considered as the father of settlement work in the East Side, and is idolized by most of the people in that quarter. For his work there President Roosevelt styled him as the most useful man in the United States. For many years, too, when President Roosevelt was police commissioner, he worked with Mr. Riis in establishing settlement houses in the poverty stricken sections of Manhattan.

New York has one of the finest schools for cripples in the world. It is located in the lower East Side, and in addition to having all the appointments of the usual school building, it has porcelain bath tubs, showers, elevators, dining room, a roof garden and a workroom. Special chairs and desks have been installed to conform to the peculiar deformities of the different children. Fine needle-work, book-binding, basket-weaving and manual training are taught in the school and the work done by the boys and girls is sold. The children are to be paid for their work, the girls receiving $3.50 each week of five days. For the poorest children meals will be furnished and free medical attendance is given to all. An omnibus goes from house to house collecting the children, carries them to school and takes them home again in the afternoon.

ACCIDENT IN THE MINE

Mr. C. Thompson met with a serious accident in the mine on Wednesday afternoon. Mr, Thompson is a digger, and while working in his place was caught by a fall of top coal. He was practically buried and when first extricated it was feared his back was broken.

It was not, however, so bad as that, although in addition to cuts and bruises, Thompson is badly crushed about the chest. The doctors were unable to determine the real extent of his injuries right away and, at the time of writing, he is still in a dangerous condition.

Mr. Thompson, who resides on High Street, is widely known and respected and general sympathy is felt for him in his unfortunate accident.

ELEVEN THOUSAND AUTOS ATTEND RACE.

Enormous Gathering of People in Attendance at Auto Race at the New York Track.

BRIACRIAF, N.Y., April 24.—An enormous number of people gathered here at an early hour this morning to see the big auto race which started at 5.07 a.m. For miles along the 38-mile track the space was crowded, and a conservative estimate places the number of machines at 11,000. The original entry list of twenty-two machines was declared to be right, the only alteration in the details of the race being the shortening of the distance. Instead of ten laps of the course, the cars will travel only eight laps, making the entire distance 256 miles.

Watson, in car 22, was the first man to come to grief. His machine collided with a post at Eastview, and was so badly disabled that it was three hours after the start before he had made the repairs and finished the first round.

Strang maintained his place at the head of the line until after the end of the fourth round, when half the distance had been covered. At that time he had a lead of 21 seconds in elapsed time over his nearest competitor. Up to this time the leader had averaged nearly 46 miles an hour.

HANGING IS NOT A PAINLESS DEATH.

So Declares Dr. Spitzka, the Eminent Brain Specialist—Victims Suffer While Conscious.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 24.—The accepted idea that execution by hanging is a painless operation was disputed by Dr. Spitzka, the eminent brain specialist, before the annual meeting of the American Philosophical society, which began in Independence Hall yesterday.

Prof. Spitzka said he had witnessed 31 electrocutions at Sing Sing, Auburn and Dannemora, N. Y., and at Tranton, N.J., and five hangings in Philadelphia. Electrocution was, he said, the most humane method of inflicting the death penalty, because it was the most efficient, the speediest and the least painful, and he advised its adoption by the commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In every case of hanging the heart of the victim continued to beat a long time after the fall of the trap, sometimes as long as thirteen minutes, and he believed consciousness continued, or partial consciousness, at least from one to one and a half minutes. The struggles of the men indicated efforts to find a support for their feet as they swung in the noose and death in many instances, he was confident was purely due to strangulation.

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TWO CLEAR ISSUES.

It is to be hoped that there will be no confounding of issues on the ballot which is shortly to be taken on the new electric light by-law. There are many people who believe that even more necessary to the town than lights is a sewerage system. And we are not sure that these citizens are not right. From many points of view it could have been wished that the movement for a sewer had taken precedence over that for a lighting system. The Council itself was elected on both issues, with every member of the Bogrd pledged to work for and as far as he could, further both projects. But, as it has happened, the question of lights has come first, or, to be precise, has matured for action before the other. The Council are even now busy with the subject of a sewerage system, and shouldered the responsibility of engaging an engineering expert at a cost of $400 to prepare levels for the main pipelines, together with an estimate of the cost.

Meantime a movement had been on foot for the furtherance of the lighting scheme. As a result a petition was presented to the Council, praying for the introduction of a by-law The Council could only do as they were requested to do, having regard to the public pledges on which they took office. The by-law, which is now before the voters, was prepared in accordance with the will and wishes of the petitioners who represented a large and influential section of the ratepayers. Alderman McKinnell, on Tuesday evening, (and he was speaking for more than himself) wished that the presentation of the by-law to the property-owners for their ballot could have been delayed. He took the ground first that the city stood in greater need of a sewerage system than of electric lights, although he admitted the necessity of the latter and had always been in favor of having them. Again he argued that if both by-laws had been introduced together, and referred to the voters at the same time, the one would have carried the other through. His fear was that the light by-law would not carry by itself, and the expense of putting it before the property-owners would have been saved.

Ald. McKinnell may be right, but we don't agree with him. If the citizens who signed the petition presented to the Council vote as they at that time felt, the by-law will carry easy enough. If they don't, then they themselves are to blame for the expense incurred on carrying out their plainly expressed wishes. But there is another point, the point we started out to make, which should be carefully considered. It is this. While a citizen may hold the conviction that the sewer by-law should have come first that is no reason in itself why he should vote down the lighting proposition. The sewerage system is no further off because the city decides it shall have lights. The adoption of a lighting system does not mean that there shall not be a sewer. The one does not affect the other. Rather we think it will be exactly the reverse. Block the lighting system and the sewer proposition will almost inevitably be rejected. Adopt the new by-law, and the sewer will follow it in a few weeks. The two issues should not be confused. Deal with each on its own merits, and the adoption of both is assured. Judge them together and vote on any consideration of balance and priority and we shall have neither lights nor sewers.

DROPPED DEAD.

Chatham, Ont., April 24.— Thos. Bateman, 53 years old, resident of Northwood, dropped dead while he was grooming his horses.

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BANDITS BOLDLY HOLD-UP CLUB MEMBERS.

Enter Guarded Club House, Line up Members Along the Wall and Rob Club Funds.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., April 23.—Four masked men with levelled revolvers entered the club house of the Indiana Club on Central avenue today, forced the occupants to line up alongside the wall and looted the place of a large amount of money. The occupants were then locked in a room and the robbers then escaped. No definite statement concerning the amount taken can be secured, but it is estimated at between five and ten thousand dollars.

The Indians Club is located along the mountain side. House detectives are employed to prevent any interference with the amusement of the members. But notwithstanding the vigilance of the guard, the robbers made entrance from the mountain side through a window and lined the occupants up against the wall. Many of the guests of the various hotels were in the club house at the time. No individual was robbed of his money, the robbers devoting themselves to the club funds. After gathering up all the money in sight the robbers forced the occupants to enter a small room and then locked the door, then fled. One man finally crawled over the transom from the locked room and then liberated his companions. The alarm was given and the police called on to search for the robbers.

EXPLOSION IN PENNSYLVANIA COAL MINE.

PITTSBURG, April 23.—An explosion occurred early today in No. 1 mine of the Ellsworth Colliery Co. at Ellsworth, Pa. The extent of the accident has not been ascertained.

Shortly after the explosion the coal company notified an undertaker at Montengahela city that four bodies had been recovered from the mine. The company officials, however volunteered no further information.

The cause of the accident is unknown at present. The mine was idle during the suspension of all the western Pennsylvania mines pending the settlement of the wage scale and resumed operations only a few days ago. How many men were in the mine then the disaster occurred is not known, but the number is estimated at 60. Details are slow, and whether the balance of the miners escaped or are imprisoned in the mine, which is reported to be on fire, has not been learned.

LOCAL STEAMER SOLD IN VICTORIA.

Nanaimo, April 23.

Purchaser of Vessel Was Former Buyer of the Boat—Will Act as Cannery Tender.

The steamer Ranger, the small steam freighter of this city, has been purchased for $5,000 from J. Morton and associates of Nanaimo, by the Queen Charlotte Oil Works and Packing Co., for use in general service in connection with the company's plant at Skidgate.

Negotiations for the purchase of the steamer, which have been pending for some days, were practically completed yesterday morning at Victoria by Capt. J. Haan who is handling the deal for the Victoria company which operates the northern fishing and packing plant.

As an odd coincidence this is the second time that Capt. Haan has purchased the steamer Ranger. He previously paid $225 for the hull, in which the starboard machine of the engines taken from the steamer Venture a year or two ago when new engines were placed in that vessel, was afterward placed. The Ranger was then known as the schooner Wishkah and was owned on Puget Sound where she was built for use as a fishing vessel.

During a heavy blow in the strait the schooner was abandoned, and was picked up derelict by a party of Beecher Bay Indians who asked salvage for rescuing the vessel. The Wishkah was abandoned to the receiver of wrecks by whom she was ordered sold by public auction, being bid in for $225 by J. Haan. She was sold by him afterwards, and passed into the hands of the Nanaimo men who yesterday disposed of her.

When the engine taken from the steamer Venture was installed the Ranger was used as a tender to the salmon traps, being operated from Victoria for several seasons. It is for use similarly in tending the fishing camps of the northern oil works that the Ranger is to be used.

The Queen Charlotte oil works and cannery not only put up dog fish oil which finds a ready sale, but also cans salmon, clams and beef. The beef put up by the cannery is brought in from the herds of wild cattle owned by Mexican Tom, a well known northern character.

MORE AMERICANS FOR CANADA

WINNIPEG, April 23.— Hundreds of German Lutherans from Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska are prepaaring to emigrate to the Canadian west. Thirty thousand acres of land have been secured for them in the Tramping lake district. They are a thrifty class of people and will make ideal settlers.

FRISCO MAN ESCAPES BOMB.

OAKLAND, April 23.—An attempt was made on the life of J. L. Gallagher, one of the main witnesses for the prosecution in the San Francisco bribery cases, last night at the home of Wm. S. Scheneck, his brother-in-law, at the corner of East Twentieth street and Nineteenth avenue, east Oakland, when a huge bomb placed in the porch exploded and tore away the whole front of the house. Galagher was upstairs with his wife at the time, and Mr. Scheneck was in a rear room with his wife and four children, and Dr. Guy Brown. All escaped except a boy who was hit in the neck by a flying splinter, and Gallagher's hand was pierced by a missle. The residence was wrecked.

Gallagher was a member of the board of supervisors of San Francisco who confessed to receiving bribes. He was chairman of the finance committee, and according to his testimony, acted as an intermediate between Abe Reuf and other members of the board.

THE MERRY WIDOW HAT.

Yes, cabby, that's my girl inside—
Great Scott! But I am soaking wet;
This rented suit must needs be dried
Before I take it back, you bet.
"Why don't I ride inside?" you say,
No—not because we've had a spat;
She loves me in the same old way,
But wears a merry widow hat.

That's why I asked to ride with you,
I didn't think that it would rain;
Drive faster up the avenue,
I'd like to wear this shirt again.
I'll have to have these trousers pressed,
I shiver like a drowning rat;
And just to think that she's my guest
Who wears that merry widow hat.

The blame thing's twenty inches wide
Across the brim, and has two quills
That take up all the room inside.
This cab her hat completely fills.
There was no room in there for me,
She was afraid I'd crush it flat;
And so I sought your company
To save that merry widow hat.

Excuse me, cabby, if I swear.
Just take a look at her and see
How snug and warm she is in there.
Then take another look at me.
Why, Job would lose his patience now,
If on this box with you he sat
With water dripping from his brow,
To save a merry widow hat.

If I don't catch my death of cold
And lie upon a bed of pain,
It's not my fault—as you behold,
Confound it! Will it always rain?
Next time you come to call for us—
You have the number of her flat—
Please bring along an omnibus,
There should be room for me in that.

GODERICH CHAMPION.

World's Roller Skating Champion is Given Great Reception in Ontario Town.

Goderich, Ont., April 23.— The greatest demonstration ever tendered here was given to the world's champion roller skater, Wiggins, on his return from Guelph last night after having defeated Connery by nearly three miles, in a total distance of 163 miles, covered in ten hours. He is prepared to defend the title against all comers.

CHAMPION IS WILLING.

Toronto, April 23.—G. S. Lyon, amateur golf champion, says he is perfectly willing to represent Canada at the Olympic games, but could not afford to meet his own expenses.

BUCKET SHOPS TO CLOSE.

Albany, April 23.—The bill making it a felony to run a bucket shop was passed today by a party vote in the assembly. It now goes to the governor.

COMMITTED SUICIDE.

Guelph, Ont., April 23.—Percy Perry, son of Principal Perry, of the high school at Watertown, committed suicide by shooting himself at Fergus yesterday. He was employed as a clerk in the branch of the bank of Toronto. No reason can be assigned for his rash act.

LYNCHED IN CALIFORNIA.

Los Angeles, April 23.— Jos. Shipman, who shot and killed Jas. Arnold last Sunday, was lynched at Skidoo, Cal., last night.

INVESTIGATION OF PAPER TRUST.

Washington, April 21.—The house adopted today Speaker Canon's resolution authorizing the appointment of a committee to investigate the so-called "Paper trust," and the general subject of wood pulp and the manufacturing of printing paper.

SPORTING NEWS

SPORTING CAUSERIE

It is not so many weeks ago that Ladysmith people in general and the Editor of the Standard in particular were told that they did not know how to take a beating. They were told this by the sporting man on the Free Press as a result of passage at arms between him and the Standard reporter as to an incident that occurred in the game at Nanaimo on January 11th. All that remains for the Standard man to do now is to pass that exhortation back to its author.

Pretty near the only correct thing in the Free Press report is the final score. Fortunately for Ladysmith there was no getting over that. A column of excuses and a heap of misrepresentations never affected It. Nanaimo at least were beaten. There is then only the question of their deserts.

So far as this is concerned the Free Press man has never a shadow of doubt. It was only by the greatest luck that Ladysmith won. Individually and collectively the players with the striped shirts showed inferior work. All this comes with the worst of bad graces; and proclaims a bling partisanship which is the very reverse of true sportsmanship.

Then again, and all by way of introduction, this writer says that "leaving all the superiority that the Nanaimo eleven displayed over their opponents out of the question, and not considering the crippled state of the men, the locals should at least have had a draw." The only reason advanced for such an assertion is that referee Mahoney did not give a penalty for a foul which the Free Press man alleges to have been committed. The "poorest sort of a referee" would have given it. Possibly. That is the only kind of referee that would have given it.

Really such assertions as these, unsupported by either reason or argument, childish, purely and utterly puerile. A hard luck story wants something to support it. These asseverations of superiority in play, of the best team losing, need to be borne out by evidence and fact to be worthy of notice. Where did Ladysmith's luck come in? Where and when and how was the horseshoe needed? Where did the Nanaimo outshine the Ladysmith men? At what part of the game was it noticeable? Can it be argued for a moment that the refereeing of the game had anything to do with the result.

I am ready to take up an argument, and never above looking at the other fellow's point of view, but these cock and bull stories of missed penalties, of luck and horseshoes are too reminiscent of the days of mudpies and childhood to be seriously discussed.

But after the luck and referees, comes the used-up legend and the "cripples." Paddy Hewitt was lame undoubtedly, but so was Hartley and Ladysmith played a substitute. Farmer, too, it seems, could not get up half speed. Had these two been all right, there would, of course have been a different result to the match. More even than all this had "Don and his backs not been favored by an unusual amount of good luck, there would without doubt have been four goals put in." So now it appears Ladysmith won by a stroke of luck, of luck on the play as a whole. The referee also helped Ladysmith. Then it was the crippled state of Hewitt and Farmer that accounted for the defeat. And finally it was a mere matter of unusual good luck that stopped four goals from going in.

As near as I can reckon all these separatti accounts up Nanaimo morally won the game by 103 clear goals. The result could be shown to be larger; but, in a case like this, a score or two of goals amount to nothing. They never appear on the referee's report. All the same it is a pretty nice boiling of nonsense to be dished out as serious comment on such a splendidly contested game as was that on Recreation Park on Saturday.

It would be easy to make an interesting story out of the contradictions contained in the report, but it would serve no good purpose. The point is that a ten minutes' steady pressure, even if it immediately precedes the final whistle, does not entitle a club to claim a moral victory no more than it establishes an individual and collective superiority of play. In all that whirling ten minutes Don Morrison never handled the ball. There was no hard luck story raised at Victoria, even though for the third time in succession the home boys lost the toss. No more was there an hullabaloo raised when their forwards failed to get through from quite as desperate a rally, although Bradshaw, as distinct from Morrison, was kept constantly busy, and on one occasion stopped four shots inside of four minutes.

After all it merely amounts to this, that the defence is equal to the attack. The fact is that Arthur Morrison played a great game, a game which I have never seen bettered on the Island. The period of the pressure was only ten minutes. If it had been an hour and a half no more could have been said of it Take it all through, the game was fairly even, and for a large part of the time, open. There were times when Nanaimo seemed to be out of the game, as witness the first fifteen minutes of the second half. That they were right in it the last ten minutes there is no denying.

I will go further. I never thought the black and yellows had such a spurt in them. They played up desperately, even fiercely, but they were just as hotly repelled. On such occasions there is always a pack in front of goal, and scoring is more difficult to accomplish than when play is open. That was what happened on Saturday. Taking the game right through, however, and counting the chances missed, the play comes out fairly even with a slight advantage in Ladysmith's favor.

The same writer had a few things to say in the next issue of the Free Press. The first states that the defeat of the Nanaimo United team on Saturday evidently did not cause much sorrow in this city, and judging from the crowd about the streets on Saturday night when the band was playing, it would scarcely have been known that they had lost Well, I was there, and Heaven save us all from experiencing such delirious happiness. We have all been there, and there is nothing more pitiable or more painful on earth than your plug's attempt to conceal his disappointment behind a wintry and watery smile. A Nanaimo despatch to the "Times" speaks of "bitter disappointment," which was somewhere near the truth. We had some here three days before.

Says this writer: The Sixth Regiment Band of Vancouver was out to meet the Nanaimo team on Saturday morning when the latter was expected to arrive. The Nanaimo team with the exception of two men, had gone over the day before, and Con Jones seemed somewhat disappointed. What an amazing amount of blushing modesty! There was another football team on the boat, and Con Jones knew it was coming. Con also knew that the Nanaimo men were there, for they had pestered his life out to stop the other team from getting on the boat. After all the band may have been meant for the Ladysmith club. At any rate we knew it was going to be there.

"So many times have changes been made in the past week or so in the People's Shield matches, it is indeed difficult to tell what teams are eligible to compete and what are not." Well, there is no difficulty in regard to one team, and that is the team that takes up the whole of the Free Press man's eye-space.

Referee Mahoney's work on Saturday was quite the contrary to that of the 11th when at Oak Bay, for there he was very strict and on Saturday he was loose and allowed many fouls to pass. Poor Tim! What a falling off is here. Very clearly you are no persona grata with Nanaimo. All the same I will venture the remark that not only was the Mahoney of Oak Bay the Mahoney of Recreation Park, but that his work was the same.

Another mud-pie story: "It appears there happened another gross infringement of the rules on a Ladysmith player in last Saturday's match, that was allowed to go unnoted, for when the Nanaimo men were attacking one of the red and whites' backs to save, struck the ball out with his hand in the penalty area." Why such an awful thing should have happened on an unoffending Ladysmith player I for one cannot tell.

All the same there is handling in the game, (this apparently is what is meant), and sometimes the referee sees it. At other times he has no earthly chance of catching it. I saw Harley once and Cruickshanks once deliberately play the ball with their hands; but Mahoney didn't, and there's an end to it. It should at least be remembered that a referee has only two eyes and is never to blame for what he cannot possibly see.

As for this particular story—well, it makes two penalties, which, with the four goals that luck stopped from going in and the two that Jimmy should never have scored makes the game 8 to 0 in favor of Nanaimo. If only this misguarded writer had turned his ingenuity in inference and deduction to the study of mathematics he would by now have had a cinch on a professorial chair. It's a pure waste of genius applied to football.

In Thursday's edition, under the heading of "Why They Lost," this writer says: "Eclipse of form" has lately so often been used by the Standard, as the cause of the defeat of the Ladysmith football team for the Island championship, that it becomes quite a stale expression. The Standard knows, as well as almost everybody else does, that Ladysmith was beaten by a better team, and that it was the powerful Nanaimo defence that kept them from scoring a goal." I have just been trying to say as much about "Why They Lost" In any case the Standard man never made himself a conspicuous kind of a fool by claiming superiority for the home team after it was beaten, by prating of cripples, or inventing hard luck stories. I would suggest a three weeks' rest for this worried writer, preferably in the bottle that Farmer had Adam in. Jimmy is out now!

THE WORLD IN BRIEF.

Bernard Shaw is said to be a candidate for parliament.

The state railroads of Italy have a mileage of 7800 miles.

A campaign against tricky oleomargarine dealers is on in Chicago.

A hot fight is going on in Freeport, Ill., over the saloon question.

It is estimated that there are living in New York city 122,658 divorced persons.

Tolstoi asks that no fuss be made in celebrating his 80th birthday anniversary.

The tramp menace is becoming a serious one in many sections of Lancaster, Penn.

A runaway horse in Bay City, Michigan, slid down a flight of iron stairs and was uninjured.

A Chinese gardener of San Francisco has produced an onion absolutely devoid of smell.

Seven men in Missouri have been fined and imprisoned for keeping negroes in bondage.

Burno Robbins, an old-time circus man, born in Union, N.Y., in 1837, is dead at Chicago.

Considerable damage was done by an explosion of powder at the University of Minnesota.

The blowing up of a building in Center Point, Ind., is attributed to feeling over the liquor fight.

It has been decided by Salisbury, Eng., town council to supply coffee to policemen on night duty.

The Turkish Sultan and his entourage are panic-stricken over the finding of a bomb in the harem.

The students of New York university went on strike because one of their number had been suspended.

Accident insurance is compulsory among the workmen of Holland and sickness insurance voluntary.

The territory of New York city has doubled its population since 1882. It is now estimated at 4,250,000.

Princess Stephanie of Belgium has invented an improved apparatus for gas stoves. It is being patented.

An unofficial estimate places at about 8,000,000 the number of telephones now in use in the world.

England spends $40,000,000 a year for eggs and poultry, for one half of which she is dependent on foreigners.

An anchor has been dragged up at Calais which is believed to have belonged to the Spanish Armada.

The entire peach crop of Northwestern Missouri is believed to have been killed by the severe frost.

Boquet de la Grye, the French savant, proposes to communicate the time to ships at sea by wireless.

No other island in the world is connected with the main shore by as many bridges as is Manhattan.

Three people were made seriously ill in Newark by eating fried liver. Ptomaine poisoning was the cause.

The Turks are manifesting great delight in automobiles, but their poor roads make it difficult to use them.

Solfatara, a semi-extinct volcano near Pozzuoti, Italy, has opened a new crater and is pouring forth gases.

A fire engine supplied to Whitham parish, in Essex, Eng., in 1829, has been sold by the district council for $15.

Henrietta Crossman gave her first performance of The Country Girl in Detroit. The play was written in 1675.

The Salar Grande salt mine in Chile covers an area of 80,000 acres and contains 14,000,000,000 tons of pure salt.

The police of Providence R. I. having taken acensus of the unemployed, find there are 8,000 idle persons in the city.

Two hundred Boers with their families are reported to be on their way to take up land in British East Africa.

Corridor carriages for immigrants passing through Britain are now provided on the North-Eastern railway.

A Nottingham, England, miner has patented a safety pit cage, which is said to be a great advance on all others.

Duringa fire drill test in a New York school 2,600 reached the street by eight fire escapes, in exactly two minutes.

The White Horse Inn at Munden, Essex, Eng., has been in the occupation of one family named Deeks for a century.

Barbers of Vienna wish to induce their patrons to wear a beard like the emperor, which is known as the Kaiserbart.

Dissatisfaction with the quality of blasting powder furnished to them provoked 1,000 coal miners at Duquoin, Ill., to strike.

The total area of Africa is estimated at about 11,500,000 square miles, of which Great Britain owns 2,713,910 square miles.

The oldest shoeblack in London Eng., is a man named Whitehead, who has stood at Wellington street, Strand, for 40 years.

Within 84 minutes the Glasgow fire motor pump reached a fire at the Bankier distillery, Kilsyth, 16 miles away, recently.

Caroline C. Gray, one of the last survivors of the Princess Alice disaster of 1879, has just died at Clapham, Eng., aged 81.

HOSPITAL FIRE.

Grand Rapids, Mich., April 21. — A despatch from Big Rapids says the Mercy Hospital in that city is burning. Thirty patients were in the hospital when the fire broke out. The hospital is conducted by the Sisters of Mercy.

EMPLOYEES' LIABILITY BILL.

Washington, April 21.—As a result of an opinion rendered to the president by Attorney General Bonaparte at the cabinet meeting today, it is believed the president will sign the Employees' Liability Bill.

CAMPAIGN FUNDS.

Washington, April 21.—The McCall bill requiring publicity of campaign contributions, was today reported on favorably to the house by the committee on election of the president, vice-president and representatives to congress.

ARMADA AT LOS ANGELES.

Los Angeles, April 21.—By order of Mayor Harper, today was a general holiday in Los Angeles in honor of the visit of the Atlantic fleet. The feature of today's program was an auto parade through the principal streets of the sixty officers who were entertained at the banquet last evening.

FISHED FOR SUCKERS.

New York, April 21.—Thos. O'Conner and Francis O'Conner, known as Francis McLean, were found guilty by a jury in the United States circuit court today on two counts of an indictment charging them with using the mails to defraud. Judge Holt sentenced O'Conner to fifteen months in Clinton prison, and suspended sentence on Mrs. O'Conner. The O'Conners were charged with sending circulars throughout the country by mail stating that they had information on the stock market and could advise clients that the latter could not fail to reap big profits.

DESPONDENT SUICIDES.

Toronto, April 24.—Despondent over the death of her child, Mrs. A. H. Ridge yesterday committed suicide by inhaling gas.

DIED FROM BLOOD POISONING.

Brampton, Ont., April 24.—J. H. Searths, section foreman on the G. T. railway, is dead from blood poisoning, as the result of a rail falling on his foot and bruising it.

GOOD FOR WHEAT.

WINNIPEG, Man., April 24. — A nice warm rain has been falling all over Western Canada since last night. It will be excellent for seeded land. About sixty-five per cent. of seeding is done, and the rain is just what is wanted.

POLICEMAN MURDERED.

Lublin, Russian Poland, April 24. —The murder of a policeman yesterday was followed by the arrest of three men working in local factories where the policeman found stores of ammunition and melonite bombs.

BROKERS SUSPEND.

New York, April 24.—The suspension of T. A. McIntyre & Co., brokers, and members of the New York Stock Exchange, and of the New York Cotton and Produce Exchange, was announced on the stock exchange today.

OTTAWA APPOINTMENT.

Ottawa, April 24.—Dr. Barnes, travelling inspector of the meat inspection bureau of agriculture department, has been promoted to take charge of inspectoral work for the Dominion under the meat and canned food inspection law, in succession to Dr. S. H. Ward.

D. A. R. MEETING.

Ottawa, April 24.—The programme of the D.A.R. meeting this year is to be the same as last with the addition of a match for cadets according to announcement of the committee yesterday.

TOWN DESTROYED.

Memphis, Tenn., April 24.—A tornado swept over Walls, Miss. at two o'clock this morning, and is reported to have destroyed the town. Three people are reported killed and several injured.

SUIT OVER COBALT SHARES.

Toronto, April 24.—Taking of evidence began in the non-jury assize today of a suit, S. S. Sharp, of Uxbridge, to compel W. J. White, of New York and his wife to complete purchase of a million shares of Cobalt merger stock for $150,000. Mr. White claims that a clause in the agreement giving him the right to withdraw from the agreement in inspection of property was unsatisfactory, was struck out of agreement by plaintiff after he had signed it.

ATTACKS FAMILY WITH A HATCHET.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., April 24.—Louis Fleckenstein, a well-known German resident of this city, attacked his wife with a hatchet early today fatally injuring her and then hung himself. He is believed to have been temporarily insane.

REPORT UNTRUE.

That Five Russian Warships Have Been Ordered in England.

St. Petersburg, April 24.— A report published in England to the effect that the Russian government had ordered five warships from a firm of Clyde ship builders is untrue. The admiralty has adopted the principle that all battleships should be constructed in Russia, and it is impossible that any vessel has been ordered either here or abroad for this year, as the Duma intends to reject the estimates on the new battleships. The program for 1909 will probably be small.

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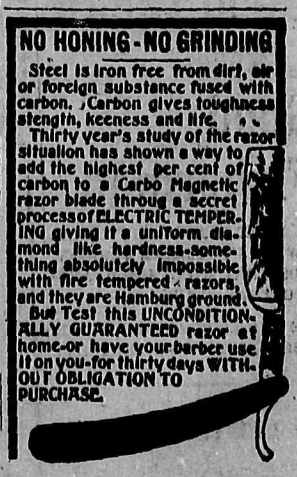
Thirty year's study of the razor situation has shown a way to add the highest per cent of carbon to a Carbo Magnetic razor blade throug a secret process of ELECTRIC TEMPERING giving it a uniform diamond like hardness—something absolutely impossible with fire tempered razors, and they are Hamburg ground.

But Test this UNCONDITIONALLY GUARANTEED razor at home or have your barber use it on you for thirty days WITHOUT OBLIGATION TO PURCHASE.



SOLE AGENTS:

Ladysmith Hardware Co.

DORMANT PROTESTANTS.

NEW YORK, April 22.—The opening campaign for the several thousands of unchurched Protestants in the city was inaugurated last night at a mass meeting held in the Metropolitan opera house under the auspices of the evangelistic committee and was attended by five thousand persons of all denominations.

Several ministers took part in the exercises which marked the beginning of the fourth session of the tent and open air evangelistic movement. The Rev. Dr. Smith, superintendent of the committee, outlined the plans for the coming campaign, stating that it was proposed to erect twelve big tents in the city during the summer. The tents will be put up in various parts of the city and one will be pitched on Wall street.

RUNAWAY TRAIN KILLS SEVERAL.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., April 22.—Four Italian laborers were killed, two fatally injured and eight others less seriously injured today by the wrecking of a runaway train on the Lackawanna Lumber company's log road near here. There were 25 Italians riding on the train when it ran away.

The accident was caused by the failure of the reverse lever on the engine to work. The train gained terrific speed and after running a mile, jumped the track at a sharp curve. The engineer and fireman escaped injury.

EVERY ORGAN OF BODY OUT OF PLACE.

Heart, Kidneys and Other Organs Scattered About Body in Unbelievable Ways.

BALTIMORE, Md., April 22.—Surgeons in John Hopkin's hospital during an autopsy on the body of Judge McKeighan, of St. Louis, were astonished to discover that instead of the usual setting of the organs, those in the body were scattered about in unbelievable ways. His heart was turned in a position the reverse of normal, his kidneys were united by a ligament in the shape of a horseshoe, and the liver was upside down with the gall bladder on top. Many of the smaller organs were a chaos of entangling cords and fatty substances.

How the judge lived with such a strange transposition in his body, appears marvelous. Surgeons are mistified at it. Whether he was born with his organs in abnormal positions, or they were put in this state by some freak of nature, is not known. Judge McKeighan lived to be 66 years old, and was considered one of the ablest lawyers of the United States. His brain did not seem to suffer from the state of his organs, and he was able to eat heartily until within a few weeks of March 1, when he was brought to the John Hopkins hospital in a critical condition. He had become seriously ill in St. Louis in February, and his physicians were quite unable to fathom his symptoms. He was finally brought here where an operation was performed, during which discoveries were made of such a startling nature that the family consented to the autopsy, which was performed shortly after death.

TO THE VICTOR BELONGS THE SPOILS.

NEW YORK, April 22.—T.P. Morrissey, the winner of the Boston Marathon race, will be given a big reception when he returns to his home in Yonkers this evening. The Mercury Athletic Club, accompanied by the different athletic associations in the city, will meet him at the station and escort him to the Orpheum theatre whereMayor Warren will make an address, congratulating the young runner who has won the honor of representing the United States in the Olympic games to be held in London in June.

TARGET PRACTICE COSTS. $640,000.

LOS ANGELES, April 21.—The reports of the ordnance officers of the battleship fleet, just completed, show that the cost of the recent target practice at Magdalena Bay was but $640,000.

The target work was most comprehensive and satisfactory and at comparatively small cost, in view of increased efficiency. It is regarded as a splendid investment.

AUTO RACE FAKE EXPOSED.

Machine Alleged to Have Crossed Continent Carried Most of the Distance in Box Car.

PORTLAND, April 21.—"Lifting a Record, or Two Thousand Miles in a Box Car," should be the title tagged to the story of the race of the French automobile car Werner which reached Seattle yesterday in what it's drivers claimed to be an independent effort on the part of the owners to defeat the regularly entered cars in the New York to Paris contest, according to a story published here.

The Werner car is in charge of Maurice Dreighe and Max Hohman, correspondents of the Paris Journal, and in an interview yesterday declared that the Werner car was the only machine that made the entire trip across the continent on its own wheels. But an auto enthusiast in Oregon City declares that the car came to that place in a box car from St. Louis and that it made the trip from Columbus, O., to St. Louis in the same easy manner.

FINDS HIS WIFE DEAD IN BATH

SAN FRANCISCO, April 20.— As she was leaving the bath at her home on Ellsworth street, Berkeley, Saturday night, Mrs. William H. Walters received a fatal shock from an electric light and was probably instantly killed. She was discovered at five o'clock yesterday morning by her husband, who awakened at that hour and missed her from his side.

Walters, who is a landscape artist and nurseryman, retired Saturday night when his wife went to the bath. Early yesterday morning he awakened and began an investigation which ended in the discovery of her lifeless body in the bathtub. He summoned policeman H. P. Lee from his residence next door and the body was removed to the branch morgue, where an inquest will be held.

According to the position in which the woman was found she had completed the bath and was about to leave the tub. In reaching to grasp the chain which controlled the electric light she received a fatal shock and fell lifeless in the water. Here she lay the rest of the night.

Walters states that his children have previously experienced shocks from touching the chain, but as they were always slight he anticipated no danger.

Besides the husband, Mrs. Walters leaves three children. She was about 40 years of age and had lived in Berkeley with her family for some time. Walters is the proprietor of a large nursery at Ellsworth street and Ashby avenue.

EASTERN LEAGUE STARTS ITS SEASON.

Providence, R.I., April 22.— The majority of the clubs of the Eastern League get away today in the pennant race for 1908. Rochester today opens the season in this city, Montreal plays at Baltimore and Buffalo at Newark. Toronto will play its initial game tomorrow at Jersey City. The schedule provides for 140 games, the season to close September 20.

THE SUNDAY LAW IN ONTARIO.

TORONTO, April 23.—According to a ruling of Magistrate Kingsford in the police court yesterday it is alleged to be illegal for machines to sell chewing gum on Sunday. Three shopkeepers were convicted, without fines, for permitting automatic cent machines to be left out over Sunday in the doorways of their stores.

IN MEMORY OF MURDERED YOUTH.

OAK RIDGE, Va., April 22.— The first anniversary of the death of Theodore Estes, who was shot and killed by Judge Wm. G. Loving, for alleged betrayal of his daughter, was observed today by the unveiling of a handsome monument erected in memory of the young man. The fund for the monument was raised by an association formed for the purpose, composed almost exclusively of ladies who believe that young Estes was innocent of the offence charged against him.

The killing of young Estes by the judge occurred at Oak Ridge station on April 22 of last year. Judge Loving was at the time manager of the Oak Ridge estate of Thomas F. Ryan, the New York millionaire. According to the testimony at the trial Judge Loving's young daughter had told her father that young Estes drugged her and wronged her while out driving. The father immediately hunted up Estes and without asking for an explanation shot and instantly killed him. On the strength of his daughter's testimony he was acquitted of the charge of murder.

A LITTLE THAT WAY.

Mr. Hayson (to daughter)— Hang it all, Sally, I'd like tew know what thet Silas Slowson's intentions is! Why tew-day's the fourteenth anniversary of your courtship!

Sally (coyly) —Must be as how Silas don't believe in early marriages, pa.

CUTE KID.

"Yes, Tommy," said his mother, "you've been a very good boy today."

"All right," cried Tommy, eagerly, "gimme a nickel then."

"Oh no."

"Why, ma, you told me Willie Nexdore was good for nothin', an' you don't want me to be like him, do you?"

KILLED WHILE PLOWING.

Oak River, Man., April 22.—A fatal accident occurred at E. Henry's, near here yesterday. Chas. Haines, a farm hand, was killed by the horses running away, while he was fixing a gang plow.

SUDDEN DEATH.

Toronto, April 22.—Wm. Archibald Kerr, member of the firm of Blaike, Ash & Cassidy, died suddenly yesterday as a result of an operation for appendicitis. He leaves a widow and three children. His widow is a daughter of D. R. Wilkie, general manager of the Imperial Bank of Canada.

BAR MERRY WIDOW HAT.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 21. — For the first time in the history of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church, just across the Kansas-Missouri line, women attended services without that part of a woman's apparel most criticized by other women.

More than twenty women went through their devotions with bared heads. It all came about through an injunction issued a week ago by the aged priest, Father Kuhls, who declared that "Merry Widow" hats had no place in the church of God, and that they did not go well with the crucifix. He asked that any woman who wore a hat measuring more than two feet in diameter to leave it with the sexton before entering the church.

Following these instructions, about half a cord of "Merry Widows" were stacked up in the anteroom of the church, while their owners listened with bared heads to the reading of the Litany. No word of complaint was heard as the women filed silently into the little edifice. Occasionally a smile went round as some comely young woman merged from the anteroom after complying with the admonition of the priest.

Father Kuhls was absent from the city yesterday. The young priest who conducted the service, made no reference to the absence of the "merry widow" hats.

Few "merry widow" hats were worn by the women churchgoers of Topeka and other Kansas towns today.

This is due to the requests made by many ministers who, in previous sermons, denounced this headgear, and asked the women to remove the hats during the service.

Several Topeka ministers have spoken of the "merry widow" abomination, and publicly requested the women to wear another style of hat to church, or to remove the wide brim vaciety before entering the pews.

BENSON FRAUD IS EXPOSED.

WASHINGTON, April 22.— Further evidence tending to show that John A. Benson paid attachees of the general land office to rush his claims through that department was introduced today at the Benson-Hyde land fraud trial.

William Ivalk, a clerk in the general land office, swore that Benson gave him 10 cents per acre for putting land claims through.

Woodford Harlan, who testified yesterday, said today that his conscience hurt him after he realized he had been used as a tool by Benson, and that is why he "peached." Attorney Campbell, for the defence, made Harlan admit that he lied to get Benson into trouble.

MURDERER STILL AT LARGE.

London, Ont., April 22.—Up to a late hour last night, Moyer, the slayer of Col. Sergt. Lloyd, was still at liberty, nothing having been heard of him since Sunday morning, when he was seen near Thorndale. It is feared that he has cheated justice by committing suicide.

GASOLINE BOAT BLOWS UP ON WEST COAST.

VANCOUVER, April 22.—The gasoline schooner Clara C, of Tacoma, 46 tons, Captain Hanson, caught fire Sunday night at nine o'clock off Cape Scott, and in ten minutes blew up and sank. The crew escaped in boats and were only fifty feet away when the vessel went skyward. The boat is a total loss. The crew were rescued by the halibut steamer Celestial Empire, which reached Vancouver this morning.

CATHOLICS HOLD A DUAL JUBILEE.

Grand Rapids, Mich., April 22. — Special services were held in all the Catholic churches of the Grand Rapids diocese today in celebration of the jubilee of the diocese and also the twenty-fifth anniversary of its bishop, the Rt. Rev. Henry Joseph Richter. The diocese of Grand Rapids, a sub-division of the diocese of Detroit, was formed May 19th, 1882, and Bishop Richter was consecrated April 22 of the next year.

A BEAUTIFUL FIT.

A second hand clothes dealer was selling a suit of clothes to a very meek and easily satisfied customer. All went well until the trousers were tried on. Then:

"Ain't they a bit on the big side, mister?" asked the customer timidly.

"Big? No fear. Beautiful fit. Let me brace 'em up. There! Now they're lovely; and comfortable too, I'll lay; ain't they?"

The customer wriggled.

"Not bad, mister," he said meekly, "but a little tight under my arms."

ACCIDENT AT ROSSLAND.

ROSSLAND, B.C., April 21.— An engine, tender and flat freight car and a box car attached to the passenger train plunged through the first twin bridge across Sheep creek, north of Sheep creek Falls, on Monday morning, carrying down with them J. Goliphon, the engineer and J. Olsen, the fireman. They escaped from the wreck, but the fireman sustained a broken leg and other injuries, while the engineer was severely bruised and shaken up.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE OF A YOUNG CHILD.

Aged 2½ Years, Wanders for Two and a Half Days Without Food. Wanders for Miles.

MEDICINE HAT, April 22.—Mary Norquay, aged 2½ years, who wandered away from home in the Gross Venture district on Saturday, was found today. Mr. Coan, living six miles away, was working in a field when the child walked up. She had been without food for two and a half days, and had wandered on the open prairie during that time. Fifty men have been scouring the country since Saturday. It was feared a wolf had carried the little one off.

RALPH SMITH HAS NEW BILL AT OTTAWA.

To Provide for Eight Hour Day of Railway Telegraphers—Nothing to be Done This Year.

OTTAWA, April 22.—Ralph Smith, member for Nanaimo, yesterday introduced a bill to amend the Railway Act. Its object is to provide for an eight hour day for dispatchers and all classes of telegraph men on Canadian railways.

A law providing for a nine-hour day was enacted a year ago in the United States and came into force last month. Mr. Smith remarked that nothing could be done with this legislation this session as it had just been put into his hands by a parliamentary representative of the railway men at Ottawa. He strongly supported the bill and was sorry nothing could be done with it this session.

NANAIMO BOY WINS HIGH HONORS.

Wm. Dick, Son of Inspector Dick, Wins Dawson Scholarship at McGill University.

Nanaimo, April 22.

Another Nanaimo boy has brought distinction to himself and to his city by taking high honors at his University. He is William Dick, son of Inspector Arch. Dick, of this city, who has been taking the mining engineer's course at McGill University.

Mr. Dick is in his last year, and a telegram was received today announcing that he had won the Dawson scholarship, one of the big plums of the scholarship list.

Young Dick is to be congratulated on his success, at Canada's biggest university, and against such a wide field.

In reference to the above a special despatch received from Victoria just before going to press says:

Victoria, April 22.—William Dick, son of Inspector Dick, has won Dawson fellowship at graduation in science at McGill. Is highest honor in science. Provides means for travelling among smelters and mines for six months, and for six months' experimental work in university at conclusion.

NATIONAL SERIES OF TEXT. BOOKS.

TORONTO, April 22.—In welcoming the Ontario Educational Association to the city last night, Minister of Education Payne, announced that the movement was going forward to improve the text books of the province and give them to the public at reduced rates.

It was his dream to have a Canadian series of readers and that the government was in negotiation with other provinces on the matter. The attendance at the convention this year was very large.

VICTORIA DOCTORS IN TROUBLE

VICTORIA, April 22.—Dr. Garesche, a dentist and well known automobilist of this city, has been arrested charged with having procured a performance of abortion on a young girl here.

Dr. R. H. Carter, charged with having performed the abortion, is being sought by the police.

CRIMINAL ASSAULT.

Hamilton, Ont., April 22.— John Swaltow, of Grant avenue, was arrested yesterday on the charge of attempted assault on a seven year old girl. It was for this offence a man was beaten and thrown over the side of the mountain last Friday.

DOCK MANAGERS ADOPT OPEN SHOP.

CLEVELAND, O., April 22.—At a meeting yesterday of the managers and superintendents representing the Lake Erie ports of importance, resolutions were adopted declaring the open shop principle be adopted and adhered to in the docks. It was announced that there would be no change made in wages or hours.

The ore shovellers will get 14 cts. per ton, which is the rate that has been paid for the last 5 years, and men on all the docks will work ten hours a day.

POPULAR.

"Your husband," he hazarded, "is an inventor?"

She tossed her golden head.

"Yes," she said, her red lip curling. "Some of his excuses for coming home late at night are in use all over the country."

$125,000 FOR E. & N. RAILWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Victoria, April 22. — One hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars will be spent this summer in improving and modernizing the seventy eight miles of roadbed of the E. & N. railway between here and Nanaimo, and this work will start at once and be rushed to completion as fast as possible. This is the important announcement that was made yesterday morning by one of the prominent officials of the E. & N. railway.

It was announced yesterday that in the estimates that had been approved by the president of the company, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, in the large appropriations that had been brought down for the present year and passed by the board of directors of the C.P.R. was the item containing the appropriation of $125,000 for this part of the system.

The greater part of this outlay will be expended upon the improvement of the roadbed and particularly upon that part of the line where wooden structures are used in crossing streams, the intention being to replace these with permanent steel structures. The larger part of this improvement will take place at the other end of the line and most of it between Ladysmith and Nanaimo although much work will be done in building new bridges across the Chemainus and Cowichan rivers.

On this part of the work, new stone piers will be built and steel bridges will supplant the present wooden structures. Then about a mile on this side of Ladysmith the present obsolete crib work will be torn down and replaced by a large arch to cross the stream that flows into Oyster Bay at this point.

The replacing of the old wooden bridges by the modern ones will only be made this year where the bridges are found to be most in want of repair and those that have lately been constructed ,will be the last ones on the line to be removed.

Another important move that the company has decided to make will be in the building of new fences along the line and in this matter it is stated that not less than forty miles of new fencing will be constructed during the season. For this improvement alone some $20,000 has been submitted and approved by the directorate, This fencing will be used this season where the country is most settled and where any stock is kept by the settlers in the vicinity. It is understood however, that the company will eventually fence in the entire length of the road, although it will be impossible to do all of this work during the present summer.

SENATE WRESTLES PROHIBITION.

Constitutional Lawyers are Preparing to Have Fling at State's Right and Constitutional Problems.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—The constitutional lawyers of the Senate are preparing to have their fling. Arguments about the "plans of the fathers," and state's rights will be worked overtime when that body comes to tackle the measure from a judiciary committee intended to destrict the traffic in intoxicating liquors between "wet" and "dry" states.

When the various bills on this subject were being considered by the committee there were almost as many divergent views expressed as there were members. The bill that finally got out of committee was a compromise. Instead of giving a "dry" state the right to hold up shipments of liquor at the state border, as desired by the prohibition forces, it merely prevents a railroad from acting as the agent for the consigner, and requires the full name and address of both consignor and consignee to be inscribed on the package.

SITUATION ON PERSIAN FRONTIER IS SERIOUS.

St. Petersburg, April 22.—The situation on the Persian frontier is considered here to be steadily becoming more serious despite the check to the Persian brigands on April 20, when the Russian forces drove the bandits back with heavy losses. The rising is gradually spreading, and the other mountaineers are fleeing to the assistance of the Shaksetan and Beglivin tribes against whom the operations are being conducted Col. Konovaloseff, the Russian chief of staff of the frontier guard, who for years has been stationed on the Persian frontier believes that the struggle will not be terminated until the Persians have received a lesson like that of years ago when a Russian punitive expedition killed over a thousand tribesmen and compelled two tribes to sue for peace. No aid is expected from Persia, as the tribesmen neither acknowledge nor fear the government at Teheran.

HEIR TO $50,000 DIES PAUPER.

SEATTLE, April 22.—Unaware that a legacy of $50,000 awaited Willis A. Chapman, penniless and sick, he died at the Wayside hospital yesterday. While Chapman, who was 53 years old, was slowly sinking to his death, friends were searching the city to acquaint him with the news which would have spelled comfort to a wanderer.

Two weeks ago Tim Chapman, a bachelor uncle, died in Illinois, leaving farm lands valued at $100,000, to his brother's sons, Willis A. and Lewis Chapman.

SHE WAS HUMAN.

Until my sweetheart ate with me
I liked to think she fed on air,
Ornectar and ambrosia fare,
With now and then a sip of tea.
But when at last I chanced to see
Mylady at her dinner, I
Watched soup and steak and (horrors!) pie,
All disappearing daintily.
It was a shock, as you'll agree,
Yet to her side I straight repaired,
And spoke the words I'd never dared
Until my sweetheart ate with me.

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MAKING THE MOST OF IT.

Mifkins— I hear that Peckham's wife has left him.

Bifkins—Yes.

Mifkins—Does he think she will come back?

Bifkins—I guess so. Anyway, he told me he was going to enjoy life while he had the chance.

NOTED PROFESSOR DEAD.

Paris, April 22.—Emil Gebhardt, a noted professor of literature died here yesterday. He was born in 1830.

GERMAN RADIUM SPRING.

About eighteen miles from Carlsbad is the small town of St. Joachimstal, where the Austrian government has one of its tobacco factories, and about three miles from that town, up in the hills, at a place which is difficult to reach, are the imperial uranium works, which have become famous during the last few years on account of the radium discovered in the uranium stone. There is also a government factory at St. Joachimstal, where chemical colors are made from the uranium and shipped to all parts of the country. About two years ago the imperial managers of the uranium mines made a report to the government authorities that the water of the mine was found to contain radium, and medical experts have since declared that these waters are of high medical value in certain diseases.

During the last fortnight most of the Austrian newspapers have published items according to which the Austrian government is convinced of the high value of these waters and intends to take charge thereof, construct a proper radium spring, and build hotels, which it will control. The view of the government is that the beneficial effects of radium in a number of diseases have been admitted by the medical profession but hitherto the application has been very expensive and treatment difficult. The government believes now that by the discovery of radium in those waters a powerful and at the same time a cheap medium has been found to make the power of radium accessible for bathing purposes.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

(April 24.)

1552— Council of Trent prorogued.

1704— First issue of the Boston News-Letter, the first American newspaper.

1707— Allied English, Dutch and Portuguese forces defeated by the French and Spanish at battle of Almanza.

1791— Benjamin Harrison, one of the signers of the American declaration of Independence, died.

1868—United States government concluded a treaty of peace with the Sioux Indians.

1898— Spain declared a state of war existing with the United States.

Toronto, Ont., April 24.—William Perkins yesterday was struck by a falling chimney and fatally injured.

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UNION LABEL

LOCAL NEWS

A meeting will be held in Mr. T. Lewis' shaving parlors on Monday evening at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of forming a male voice choir. Everybody interested in choral singing is earnestly requested to attend.

The Chinaman arrested in connection with the Temperance House robbery was committed for trial on Thursday evening.

At the time of going to press, there was no news of the condition of Mrs. J. N. Jones.

The Tyee Gun Club held their weekly medal shoot on Thursday afternoon. Young Joe Tassin topped the scoring with 20. Messrs. McDonald and T. White coming next with 17 and 16 respectively. The latter is in great form this season, his scores at the two previous shoots being 23 and 21. Tassin also is doing well, having once before made over the 20.

Mr. Eli Rowland has been very busy these last two days moving his shoe repairing parlor from its old position to a new stand alongside Blair & Adam's store. Mr. D. Johnson, the owner of the lot on which it has stood, is going to erect a pool and billiard room, hence the reason for Mr. Rowland's flitting.

Quite a number of people are making a trip to the old country just now. Only a week ago a party of three set off for Scotland. Another and larger party will leave Thursday for dear old Scotia's shores. There are Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Davidson and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. Allan and family, Mr. and Mrs. Penman and family and Messrs. J. Ford and A. Allan.

Mr. J. M. Morgan, of Victoria, was in town yesterday and left this morning for Nanaimo. Mr. Morgan recently decided to devote his whole time to the teaching of music, and has set up a studio in the Bank of Commerce building, Victoria. He has already established a Male Voice Choir there and when it is stated that Mr. Morgan was the conductor of the Resolven Harmonic Society, Welsh Baptist Choral Union and the celebrated Resolven Male Voice, it will be at once conceded that is is without a rival, either in experience or ability, in this part of the world. It is part of Mr. Morgan's purpose to form choirs here and in Nanaimo, while, of course, he is also seeking pupils for lessons in singing and voice production. It is a great chance for any one who loves singing and desires finished instruction. Mr. Morgan will be in town every Friday and can still take charge of a few more pupils.

Mr. Carter has made a great improvement in his candy store and ice cream parlors. He has pulled down a dividing wall and made two rooms into one. He has thus got a roomer building, with more counter room, and better and more comfortable accomodation for his customers. He has had the whole tastefully and astistically papered and painted by Roedding, and opened out his ice cream business to-day. He now has four alcoves and as snug and dainty a place as could be wished for.

The attention of Standard readers is called to the advertisement of the local foundry company appearing in another column. The foundry makes a specialty of stoves and ranges and is turning out an article which will compare favorably with anything on the market. A good stove makes a bright home and every stove sold by the local foundry carries with it a guarantee. The foundry people are inviting inspection. They want buyers to deal with them direct, and at present are making handsome reductions on every grade of stove. The foundry is well worth a visit in itself and any one desiring a stove cannot do better than look over the foundry stock. Not only will he or she be supporting a local industry, but he will get a high-class stove at a cheaper rate than anywhere else. Don't forget the present offer is only good for three weeks more.

A newspaper man is seldom much of a hand at figures, but it is rarely he makes such mistakes as crept into the last issue of the Standard. However, the total was right which is the main thing. The correct statement of receipts and expenditures in connection with the concert and dance is as follows: From tic. kets, $155.50; from dance, $22.50; from Mayor Nicholson, $3.00. Total, $181.00. Rent of hall $15.00; powder for floor, 50c. Total $15.50. The balance, $165.50.

LABOR NOTES

Representatives of sixty labor organizations have launched the Chicago Equity Exchange, which proposes to distribute farm products direct from the grower to the consumer.

Not until the workingmen of Pittsburg have contributed more money to the project will a labor temple be obtained. At present only $25,000 worth of stock has been subscribed and less than half of this amount has been paid in.

Under the constitution as revised by President Hungerford and Secretary-Treasurer Brinkham, of the International Carriage and Wagon makers' Union, death benefits will be paid the members of that organization in future.

Organized labor has two representatives in Congress who hold membership cards in the Telegraphers' Union. One is Representative Carey of Milwaukee, a Republican, and the other Representative McDermott, of Chicago, a Democrat.

The officers of the Boot and Shoe Workers' International Union report that the organization's moving picture show, advertising the union stamp and showing the process of shoemaking, is being well received in the sections of the country it has toured.

The Cigarmakers' Union will vote on an amendment to the general constitution providing that a member of the International for 25 years can draw upon any local union for $300, the same to be deducted from his death benefit.

At a recent meeting in New York the National League of Baseball clubs decided that the five million tickets to be used during the present baseball season should bear the union label.

An effort to standardize the wages of engineers employed in the various state departments and institutions of Massachusetts is to be made by the Boston Engineers' union, working in conjunction with the state branch of the American Federation of Labor.

All indications point to the largest convention at Boston, next August, that has ever gathered since the institution of the International Typographical Union. Many unions that have heretofore failed of representation are arranging to send delegates.

By a referendum vote the Stove Mounters and Steel Range Workers' International Union has decided to hold a general convention this year. The convention will assemble in Chicago the third week in July.

The Austrian printers and metal workers are nearly all working nine hours a day. The textile and food workers have still longer hours. The women work, as a rule, even longer hours than the men, but this is supposed to be made up by a longer noon time.

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FEATHER WEIGHT FELT HATS IN GREY, BRONZE, DRAB, BROWN, Etc.

Negligee and Silk Shirts in Fancy Colors.

We are making a Special of Fawn Duck Shirts, regular selling price is $1.25. On sale now for $1.00.

Straw Hats in Chip, Imitation Panama, etc.

Prints and Figured Lawns.

A large line of Summer Underwear in Balbriggan, Silk, and Silk and Wool, ranging from 50 cents a garment to $3.50 a garment.

W. F. MORRISON

William's Block

CRIMES OF DREAMERS BARED.

MEDICINE HAT., Alta., April 24.—In the trial for arson, for burning the house of Joseph Leir, against the sect known as the Dreamers, Jacob Heitse, of Irvine, an ex-Dreamer on the stand yesterday, stated that dreams were discussed at the meetings. If the dreams could be executed the interpretation was supposed to be carried out by the Dreamers. If the one who dreamed could not execute the dream someone else was supposed to do it..

Mrs. Schnieder was told that she should burn the Baptist and Lutheran churches at Josephburg. This was not the result of a dream, but the creed was to murder and burn. A Mr. Karlotto made the suggestion and said he would do her a good turn if she burned the churches.

Letters were read at the meetings from God by Jacom Merkell giving instructions to kill and murder unbelievers.

The names of John Lehr, W. E. Martin, J. R. Bouch and Dias had been mentioned for destruction. After Jos. Merkell, jr., did a shooting in Dakota, all the Dreamers were supposed to go armed. All were armed in Canada. The kissing of the Bible in court had no weight with the Dreamers and did not bind them.

Alfred Brost, an ex-Dreamer also gave evidence of meetings. Emanuel Gill told of a dream in which he was to shoot his brother Michael Gill through the window of his residence. Emanuel Gill and young Dias had fought and when the story was told at the home it was decided that Dias was to be destroyed, as well as Michael Gill, who had assisted him. The witness rode with his brother and the prisoner past Michael Gill's place. The prisoner showed the witness a revolver with which he stated he would have shot anyone dead at Gills if they said a word as they passed.

THE RICH DIVORCEE ARRIVES IN NAPLES.

Madame Gould Keeps Much to Herself on Voyage to Avoid Scrutiny of Curious Crowds.

NAPLES, April 24.—Madame Anna Gould arrived here today from New York on board the steamer Freiderich der Grosse, and was met in the harbor by Prince Helie de Sagan.

Madame Gould was quite pale but smiling and apparently contented.

The entire Gould party, accompanied by the proprietor of the hotel where rooms have been engaged for Madame Gould, landed in a special launch and took an auto from the dock to the hotel. This was done to avoid coming in contact with the curious crowds. During the voyage over Madame Gould was very much to herself. Her meals were served in her cabin until the vessel reached Gibraltar, after which she dined in the public saloon.

FIRE WIPES OUT BUSINESS SECTION

Does $100,000 Worth of Damage to Richmond, Vt.—A Dozen Business Blocks Destroyed.

RICHMOND, Vt., April 24.—The entire business section of this town with the exception of two general stores, was destroyed early today by a fire which caused a loss estimated at $100,000. Almost a dozen business blocks were wiped out by the flames and two dwelling houses were also destroyed. Most of the buildings destroyed were two-story wooden structures. No cause for the fire is known.

TORNADO IN THE SOUTH

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 24.—Telegraph and telephone wires are down between Memphis and Walls. The roof of the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley railroad depot was blown off last night and the building otherwise wrecked. A relief train has left Memphis for the scene. Walls is in the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley road, four miles below Lakeview.

WELL KNOWN DOCTOR IS DEAD.

WINNIPEG, April 24.—Dr. England, one of the most prominent surgeons in Western Canada, died at his home here early this morning.

Yesterday Dr. England was attending to his duties as usual, but about midnight was taken ill and died soon after of cerebral apoplexy.

The news of his death will come as a shock to many throughout Canada. Dr. England was born 40 years ago. He graduated from McGill College with high honors. He served a term as house surgeon in the Montreal general hospital. In the fall of 1900 he came to Winnipeg and was appointed superintendent of the Winnipeg hospital, which position he held two years. Since then he has been practising medicine in Winnipeg where he has made a great name for himself.

He leaves two brothers in Montreal. His father, Francis England is still living at Dunham. He leaves a wife but no children.

PERSONALS

Nurse Addie came down from Nanaimo yesterday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Shaw, of Extension, boarded the Victoria train yesterday morning.

Mr. Jennings was a passenger on the Victoria train this morning.

Mr. J. W. Coburn was in town this morning.

Mr. J. M. Morgan was in town yesterday.

Mr. C. Thompson, who was hurt in the mine on Wednesday, is in a very serious condition and he may yet have to go to the hospital.

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A BY-LAW.

A By-Law of the Corporation of the City of Ladysmith.

A By-law for the purpose of borrowing money to construct an electric plant to supply electric light and power to the said City of Ladysmith and the inhabitants thereof and vicinity.

Whereas a petition under Section 69 of the Municipal Clauses Act has been presented to the Municipal Council of the City of Ladysmith, signed by the owners of more than one-tenth of the value of the Real property in the City of Ladysmith, as shown by the last revised assessment Roll, requesting the said Council to raise a sum of money sufficient for the aforesaid purposes

And whereas the Council desire to give effect to the said petition in the manner hereinafter set forth

And whereas the whole ratable land of the said City of Ladysmith according to the last revised assessment roll is $218,320.00

And whereas the whole ratable improvements of the said City of Ladysmith according to the last assessment roll is $238,975.00

And whereas the total amount required to be raised annually by rate for paying the debt which will be created herein and the interest thereon and for creating an annual sinking fund for the repayment of the said debt within twenty five years according to Law is $1,865.30.

And whereas it will require an annual rate of 5.55 mills on the dollar for paying this debt and interest.

And whereas this By-law may not be repealed except with the consent of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Therefore the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Ladysmith, enacts as follows:

1. It shall be lawful for the Mayor of the Corporation of the City of Ladysmith to borrow on the credit of the said Corporation by way of debentures hereinafter mentioned, from any person or persons, body or bodies corporate, who may be willing to advance the same as a loan, a sum of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of $25,000 currency or sterling money at the rate of 4.86 and 2-3rds dollars to the one pound sterling, and to cause all such sums so raised or received to be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the said Corporation for the purpose and with the object hereinbefore recited.

2. It shall be lawful for the said Mayor to cause any number of debentures to be made, executed and issued for such sums as may be required not exceeding, however, the sum of $25,000.00 either in currency or sterling money (at the aforesaid rate) each of said debentures being of the amount of $100.00 or its sterling equivalent (at the aforesaid rate) and all such debentures shall be sealed with the seal of the said Corporation and signed by the Mayor thereof.

3. The said debentures shall bear date of the day after the final passing of this By-law and shall be made payable in twenty-five years from the said date, at such place, either in the Dominion of Canada, Great Britain or the United States of America, as may be designated thereon, and shall have attached to them coupons for the payment of interest, and the signatures to the interest coupons may be either written, stamped, printed or lithographed.

4. The said debentures shall bear interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum from the date thereof, which interest shall be payable half yearly at such place, either in the Dominion of Canada, Great Britain or the United States of America, as may be expressed in the debenture and coupon.

5. It shall be lawful for the said Mayor to cause the said debentures and interest coupons, either or both, to be made payable at such places, either in the Dominion of Canada, Great Britain or the United States of America, as may be desired.

6. It shall be lawful for the Mayor of the said Corporation to dispose of the said debentures at a rate below par and to authorise the Treasurer to pay out of the said sums so raised by the sale of the said debentures, all expenses connected with the preparation and lithographing of the said debentures and coupons, or any discount or commission or other charges incidental to the sale of the said debentures.

7. For the purpose of raising annually the required sum for the payment of the interest on the said debentures during their currency, there shall be raised annually the sum of $1250.00 and for the purpose of creating the sinking fund aforesaid for the repayment of the said debt there shall be raised annually the sum of $615.30.

8. For the purpose of the payment of the said sums in the next preceding paragraph mentioned there shall be raised and levied in each year a rate of 5.55 mills in the dollar on all the ratable land in the City of Ladysmith and on fifty per cent. of the improvements in the said City of Ladysmith during the continuance of the said debentures or any of them.

9. It shall be lawful for the Corporation of the City of Ladysmith aforesaid, to redeem any or all of the said debentures at par at any time after the expiration of five years from the date thereof upon giving six months' notice of their intention so to do, such notice shall be sufficiently given by a publication thereof in the British Columbia Gazette four times and although the holders of the debentures mentioned in such notice be not specifically named, after the expiration of the said period of six months all interest on the said debentures the numbers of which have been published as aforesaid shall cease.

10. This By-Law, before the final passing thereof, shall receive the assent of the Electors of the said Corporation in the manner provided for in the Municipal Clauses Act, and shall take effect on the day after the final passing thereof.

11. This By-Law may be cited as "The Ladysmith Electric Light and Power By-Law, 1908."

Passed by the Municipal Council on the 21st day of April, 1908.

Take Notice that the above is a true copy of the proposed By-Law upon which the vote of the Municipality will be taken at the City Hall Ladysmith on Wednesday, May 6th, 1908, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 7 p. m.

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JOHN PAUSCHE.
JOSEPH TENSZ.

Ladysmith, B.C., March 31, 1908.

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