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City and District.

G. R. Maxwell, M. P., has been entertaining the people of Union and Comox with instructive and amusing lectures on "Matrimony."

The Indians are having a high old time a big qualicum. A large number being gathered from all parts of the island for a potlach.

We are pleased to notice that Messrs Hicks, well known in Nanaimo, delighted the people of Union with their solos in a cantata given there last week,

Our readers are reminded that a new business is being opened in the store recently occupied by W. M. Langton, by Stevens Brothers. An advertisement in this issue will give all particulars of the articles carried.

A meeting of the supporters of Mayor Davison, as a candidate for the Mayoralty for 1897 will be held in the building lately occupied by the Cuban Cigar Manufacturing Co., on Skinner street, near the City Hall, on Tuesday evening Dec. 8th. All interested in making the choice of the peoples party complete, should attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Grant of Union celebrated their china wedding last Friday evening at which many of the residents of Comox and vicinity were present. It is just twenty years since Mr. Grant and Miss Gnevis were married by Rev. Simon McGregor at Victoria, since which time they have lived in Nanaimo and Union.

Word was brought down by the city of Nanaimo that an Indian had brought the body of a klootchman from Denman island to Union. It appears that she had been killed by a rifle bullet piercing the left arm and passing through the body. It is not known whether the shooting was by accident or not, the inquest was expected to be held yesterday.

The Burglary.

Last Tuesday night the Magnet Cash Stores were burglarised, and a considerable quantity of booty obtained, consisting watches, cutlery, etc, besides a small sum of money. Entrance had been effected by the back door, and considerable effort must have been made as the door is stronger than ordinary, and was also protected by a strong iron bolt in addition to the lock. The discovery of the burglary was made by night watchman Trounce about 3 a.m. on Wednesday morning, he at once gave an alarm, but the rascals had left. With reference to this burglary it might be stated that some persons were seen acting suspiciously near Spencer's store late on Tuesday evening. It appears that there were five or six of them divided up into groups on different parts of the street, on a given signal all went into the Grand Hotel bar where they had drinks.

On Wednesday the Esperanza was chartered to go in search of a sloop which had been in the harbor for a few days and which left rather suspiciously late Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning. This sloop was noticed by the crew of the City of Nanaimo becalmed south of Dodd's Narrows. Provincial Constable McLeod and Constable Neen of the city police accompanied by Messrs. Jas McGregor, W. K. Leighton, H. Simpson and others formed the valiant squad to secure the burglars.

After cruising down as far as Cowichan Gap, and keeping a sharp lookout, without discovering a sign of a sloop, night came on and it was decided to return home. When Dodds Narrows were reached on the return journey the tide was flooding and Provincial officer McLeod had to stand at the steamers bow with a lantern so that Capt. Foreman could see to steer clear of the rocks, whilst Constable Neen and the others were looking with consternation at the raging waters. However, the staunch little craft came through all right, and a sigh of relief came to all aboard on finding themselves in comparatively smooth water, and one at least made a promise to give a whole dollar to the church collection next Sunday.

It is still thought that the burglars left town by boat whilst some are of the opinion that the booty is still in the city.

Dan McLeod used up.

A Chicago despatch says that Dan McLeod of Nanaimo was seriously injured in attempting to throw Jack Rooney five times in an hour. In trying to secure the fifth and final fall, McLeod's side was fearfully lacerated and he was injured internally to such an extent that it is feared he will never be able to wrestle again.

Central Hotel Restaurant

Sunday, Dec. 4, 1896

Mid-day Dinner from 12 to 3 o'clock.

TWENTY-FIVE CENTS.

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SOUPS:
Olympian Oyster

FISH:
Boiled Cod and Anchovy Sauce

BOILED:
Ox-tongue and Caper Sauce

RELISHES:
Celery.

SALAD:
Cold Slaw

ENTREES:
Beef a la Mode
Baked Brains
Orange Fritters

ROASTS:
Sirloin of Beef and Brown Potatoes
Leg of Mutton and Dressing
Leg of Pork and Apple Sauce
Mallard Duck and Cranberry Sauce

VEGETABLES:
Boiled and Mashed Potatoes
Green Peas Carrots

DESSERT:
Jelly Roll and Cream Sauce.
Lemon Cream Pie Hot Mince Pie

Provincial News.

At the city council meeting, Vancouver, the by-law to raise $60,000 for water works extension was carried.

The board of trade, Vancouver, are considering the offering of a bonus by the city for a smelter to be erected in the city limits.

The board of trade, Vancouver, have prepared an address to be presented to Hon. Messrs. Blair and Davies on their arrival in Vancouver.

The Rev. H. Turner who was injured at Lytton last month is slowly improving. He is receiving medical attention at St. Luke's Home, Vancouver.

It is possible that in the near future the municipal league will take up the matter of having the corporation of Vancouver managed by commissioners appointed by the Lieut.-Governor of the Province and the vote of the people.

Mr. C. S. Bailey died at Kamloops on Sunday. Mr. Bailey started business in Vancouver shortly before the fire, but left Vancouver to reside at Kamloops for the benefit of his health, some eighteen months ago, being married upon the eve of his departure.

The projectors of the proposed smelter have wired to Vancouver from England that the necessary money to build the smelter has been raised, and that the smelter would assuredly be built. It is understood that the company who are to build the smelter have not completed arrangements with the C. P. R. as to freight rates, etc., but that this would be done at a very early date.

A letter has been received by the council, Vancouver, from several ratepayers calling the attention to the fact that Mayor Collins had made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors, and also that Alderman Shaw had absented himself from the meetings of the council, and claiming that under the provisions of claus 15 of the consolidated acts of the incorporation of the city both these gentlemen were disqualified from retaining their seats. No action was taken in the matter, the latter being laid over for the acting mayor to obtain the opinion of the city solicitor before the next meeting of the council.

Rates go Up.

The American line steamship company has issued a circular list of the revised rates of fare of that company. The winter rates are increased from £17 to £20, children half fare, and the age limit is reduced from 12 to 3 years. Reduction on general tickets are discontinued. The other trans-Atlantic companies will adopt the same rates and regulation.

On Monday last the agreement entered into last month in London by all the great trans-Atlantic steamship companies went into effect, and as a consequence rates are advanced from $10 to $15. All the lines are parties to the contract and advance in rates, the abolition of commissions paid to agencies and the lengthening of summer season hope to divide an extra million dollars or two between them. In past years the summer season only included May, June and July; but now it is proposed to extend it so as to include April, May, August and September. Then the 10 per cent, reduction allowed to passengers buying excursion tickets is abolished. It was formerly possible for a passenger to buy an excursion ticket to Europe on American lines for $120. Now the lowest rate obtainable is $150.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH.

Second Sunday in Advent. Celebration of Holy Communion at 8 and 11 a m 2.30 p. m. Sunday school. 7 p. m. Evensong and sermon. Rev. Mr. Bosanquet, preacher. Rev C E Cooper, will preach in the evening.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

Second Sunday in Advent, December 5th. 11 a. m., matins, Litany and sermon. 2 p. m., Sunday school; 7 p. m., Evensong and sermon. This evening, (Friday), Boys' Brigade at 7.30; Choir practice at 8.30.

WALLACE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. T. W. Hall, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p.m. Sunday school and Bible class at 2:30 p. m. Morning subject: "The benefits of Christian Fellowship." Evening subject: "Dancing viewed from a Christian standpoint."

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. W. A. Gunton, pastor. Services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday school and Bible class 2:30 p m. B Y P A, Tuesday evenings at 8 p m. Mid-week meetings for prayer, exhortation, testimony and Bible study, Wednesday evening at 8 p m, Everybody is welcome to all these meetings.

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sabbath school and Bible class at 2:30 p. m. Preacher:—Rev David H Reid.

SPIRITUALISM.

Spiritualists' Hall, 1. O. O. F., (new block). Sunday evening next at 7:30 p.m.

HALIBURTON STREET METHODIST CHURCH.

Services at 11 a m. and 7 p.m. Sunday school and Bible class at 2:30 p.m. Rev. J. D. P. Knox, pastor.

Y. M. . A.

The following is the programme of the entertainment at the Y. M. C. A. on Saturday evening, Dec. 5th: Thos Keith, Chairman; piano solo, W J Spear; song, C Bamford; song, J Carroll; boxing exhibition, Geo Chapman, Geo Merrifield; song, Wm Jones; wrestling exhibition, (catch-as-catch-can) Jim Swanson vs H McKinnon; step dancing, J Pethrick; song, S Mottishaw; trio, the scavengers brigade, J Carroll, J McKinley and Geo Gray; club swinging, H Stewart: song. C Bamford; banjo specialties, A Fox; song, Wm Jones; humorous boxing contest, J McKinley vs Geo Gray. God save the Queen. Piano accompanist, W J Spear; time keeper, C Santi; J Merrit vs A Norton. Admission 10 cts.

The MAIL and Weekly Globe for one year for $2.65 if paid in advance.

News of the Day.

A fire at the residence of John Auld, Montreal, resulted in the death of Mrs. Auld on Tuesday.

The petition against the election of Mr. A McNeil for North Bruce, and the cross-petition against Dr. Bonnet, the defeated Liberal candidate, have been both dismissed by consent of counsel.

Mr. McGee, clerk to the privy council, is on his way to St. Johns, N. B. to swear in Senator McLelan, the new Lieut. Governor of New Brunswick. Mr. King ex M. P., succeeds him as senator.

The Canadian Gazette asserts that inquiries made in the highest quarters failed to disclose any intention on the part of the Duke and Duchess of York to pay a visit to Canada in 1897, as it has been stated and widely published that they would do so.

Some anxiety is felt in Ottawa regarding Surveyor Ogilvie's long delay in reaching civilization from Alaska through the route which he undertook to explore to the coast. Last year he had to turn back, finding some twelve feet of snow and unendurable cold against him.

The Controller of Inland Revenue has notified the Manitoba branch of the Dominion Alliance of a decision in favor of the petition for the closing of a brewery at Neepawa with-holding the Dominion license. Hon. Mr. Joly has decided not only to refuse to renew the license, but also to decline in future to grant brewery licenses in any local option town.

Application has been made to the department of Marine and fisheries for a supply of salmon eggs to be sent to Honolulu. The department will accede to the request by sending a shipment from the hatchery at New Westminster B. C. It appears that there are many rivers and streams in Sandwich Islands in which it is thought salmon would thrive well.

The first death from the blizzard in Manitoba was received on Wednesday. The aged father of George Crawford of Manitou, reached that place on Monday from Whatcheer, Iowa, and started to walk to his son's farm, some four miles distant. The cold was very severe and the old man was evidently overcome and took shelter in a snow bank where his corpse was found.

Small Debts Court.

Thursday before J. H. Simpson P. M. A C Cambell vs E V Chambers Plaintiff, a job printer, who has been working for the MAIL publishing company sued for $10,62 wages for over time. The evidence of the plaintiff showed that he had worked some hours over time nearly every day for over a month, but could not prove amount of time not having kept any memorandum.

The defendant had engaged the plaintiff to do job work at $60 per month, but had never told him to work over time. He might have worked over time but it was not on the orders of the defendant. Plaintiffs hours for leaving work was 6 o'clock, and if he was wanted for over time he would have been told, and his time would have been kept and paid for. Mr Chambers was willing to allow him for 12 hours, and a verdict for $4,50 and costs was given.

The Fitzsimmon-Sharkey Fight.

San Francisco, Dec 3—When the decision in the Fitzsimmons-Sharkey fight was announced, the crowd did not at first grasp the situation, but when it dawned upon them that the decision had gone against Fitzsimmons, such a howl of indignation went up as seldom has been heard in this section. Hisses, curses, groans and hoots filled the air. On the platform and in the ring, both Fitzsimmons and Julian was jumping about trying to make themselves heard. Although their words were indistinguishable, their actions were expressive enough, for dismay and disgust were vividly portrayed. Fitzsimmons indignantly denies that he had fouled Sharkey. He said he had fought fairly and there was no temptation to him to commit a foul as he knew he had his man going. Sharkey could not be seen, as he was carried into the room by his seconds and found there by the doctor, who then examined the sailor. Fitzsimmon's fighting all through was in marked contrast with that of Sharkey. Bob broke away promptly from clinches and made no attempt to strike. The New Zealander showed himself master of his craft and cunningly kept away from the sailors mad rushes, poking his long left into Sharkeys face whenever he got too near. Sharkey could not get inside the long thin arm which, when straightened out, was like a bar of steel. It was a lively fight from the start. Bob was even more aggressive than Sharkey and kept his man on the move all the time.

Washington, Dec. 2—The Secretary of the Treasury to-day, with the approval of the President, issued an order removing the restrictions heretofore placed on the importation and sale in the territory of Alaska, except the islands of St. George and St. Paul, of breech-loading rifles and ammunition suitable therefore. This action was taken in compliance with numerous requests from various sections of the country.

The Land o' The Leal.

I'm wearin' awa', John,
Like snaw-wreaths in thaw, John,
I'm wearin' awa'
To the land o' the leal,
There's nae sorrow there, John.
There's neither cauld nor care, John,
The day's aye fair
I' the land o' the leal.

Our bonnie bairn's there, John,
She was baith gude and fair, John
And, oh! we grudged her sair
To the land o' the leal.
But sorrow's sel' wears past, John
And joy's comin' fast, John,
The joy that's aye to last
In the land o' the leal.

Sae dear's that joy was bought, John,
Sae free the battle fought, John,
That sinfu' men e'er brought
To the land o' the leal.
Oh! dry your glist'ning ee, John,
My saul longs to be free, John,
And angels beckon me
To the land o' the leal.

Oh! haud ye leal and true, John,
Your day is wearin' thro', John,
An' I'll welcome you
To the land o' the leal.
Now fare ye weel, my ain John,
This world's cares are vain, John,
We'll meet and aye be fain
I' the land o' the leal.

—Caroline Lady Nairn.

A Conjugal Difference.

It is impossible to say that ever since they were first married, now some three years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Winkington had lived in a manner which could, by any stretch of politeness, be called harmonious. Tracasseries had commenced within a month of their wedding day, and had continued without intermission ever since, until something like positive estrangement had resulted between husband and wife. This, of course, was a very lamentable state of affairs, but there was abundant reason to account for it. No one could question that there existed between the parties what is known in the comprehensive Divorce-court phrase as serious "incompatibility of temper." Mr. Winkington, who was some years older than his spouse, and had not married until comparatively late in life, was immovably rooted to certain bachelor habits of which Mrs. Winkington most strenuously disapproved—especially his proclivity for flirtation. And a particular casus belli in this line had been introduced a few months ago, when a certain pretty widow, Mrs. Sturford-Meade by name, came to live in the neighborhood. Mr. Winkington had at once begun to show her decided attentions—attentions which, in spite of his wife's protests, he rather increased than relaxed as time went on.

Now Mrs. Winkington was of a very jealous nature, and the fact of her husband admiring another woman was quite enough, by itself, to make her dislike that other woman most cordially. But in the present instance there were collateral circumstances, which tended to increase her jealousy and dislike in a unusual degree,

Until the widow had taken up her abode at Eastborough, Mrs. Winkington had enjoyed the undisputed rank of premiere beauty in the local society. But the new-comer speedily set up a strong counter-claim. There was no question but that she was a very good-looking woman; and, rather curiously, she was of much the same style as Mrs. Winkington. In height, there was scarcely half-an-inch's difference between the two ladies, while in general build, contour of figure, color of hair, and other leading 'points,' there was so much resemblance, that from a back view they were not infrequently mistaken. In face, indeed, they were not a bit alike—the widow's somewhat irregular features, and merry, dancing eyes being in strong contrast to the more correct, and less frivolous, type of beauty which characterized Mr. Winkington. But, if the former had the more vivacity and greater conversational powers, the latter had the 'pull' of her in the department of dress; for, having a handsome fortune of her own, Mrs. Winkington was able to command the services of a fashionable, and consepuently exorbitant, London modiste; whereas the widow, whose income was strictly limited, was fain to put up with the inferior skill of a local dressmaker.

It was decidedly amusing to note the mutual behavior of these two rivals when they met (as they constantly did) at social gatherings. With what distant formality they bowed to each other; what scathing criticisms both of word and look they passed on one another; what exultant triumph, or envious mortification—according to circumstances—was to be remarked in their faces, when a regenade beau deserted to the enemy's camp, or the admiring attentions of some great social personage were successfully secured.

Just now, both these ladies, in common with the rest of the local 'society,' were anxiously looking forward to what certainly promised to be the smartest function held in the Eastborough neighborhood for many a long day, viz., a grand garden-party at Laverton Castle, the seat of the Earl of Leighton, which a Prince of Royal blood was going to grace with his presence.

Ever since she had received the invitation, Mrs. Winkington had been in a perfect flutter of excitement at the prospect of meeting his Royal Highness. She had been three times up to London to see Madame Corsetti, her modiste, about a new gown, and had at length decided upon an elegant toilet of fawn-color and pink, which—Madame said—would become her to perfection. This toilet, in all its minutest details, she never tired of descanting upon to her lady friends, and even so far honored her husband as to give him a description of it, and to ask him how he thought it would suit her.

That gentleman, however—selfish brute that he was — betrayed the most apathetic indifference on the subject, saying in answer to her question, that he knew nothing about such matters and cared less; but that, so far as his opinion was worth anything, he should have thought she had dresses enough and to spare already, without needing to spend thirty guineas on a new one.

Now, Mrs. Winkinton's temper was none of the best, and to be met with this sort of reply, when she had rather gone out of her way to do the civil to her husband by consulting him at all, nettled her into a violent heat at once.

'Oh, of course, you don't care a straw how I look,' she retorted, with angry sarcasm. 'You have no eyes for anyone but that odious, flirting widow. I wonder, Mr. Winkington, that you havn't more self-respect than to carry on with her as you do. Perhaps you are not aware that your name and hers are being mentioned together, with the most damaging insinuations, by every on in Eastborough!'

Her husband looked quietly up at her over the newspaper which he was reading, and deliberately yawned. He was of the most placid, imperturable temperament, and besides, had now grown so used to being reproached by his wife for his liason with the fascinating widow, that it did not disturb him in the very least.

'Really, my dear,' he answered, yawning again, as though the subject were not worth discussing. 'How often must I tell you that I don't care a penny-farthing for the paltry gossip of this little, miserable town?'

'That's all very well, Mr. Winkington,' she cried, with increased anger—for her husband's calm and impervious indifference always enraged her intensely. 'But if you don't care on your own account, you might at least have some regard for me and my peace of mind; especially, sir, as I believe, that the scandals floating about concerning you and Mrs. Sturford-Meade are by no means so wide of the truth as you would like me to think.'

'All right, my dear,' he rejoined, placidly, 'if you really believe that, of course I cannot help it.' And, then he added with a lazy smile, which was still more provoking. 'Supposing, Arabella, I were to grow as violently jealous of every man you flirt with as you are of poor Mrs. Sturford-Meade — what would happen then, eh?'

His wife positively trembled with indignation at his words.

'Jealous!' she exclaimed, with a shrill laugh, meant to be contemptuous, but really betraying ferocity more than anything else. 'Jealous, indeed? And of that creature? That is a likely thing. Ha! ha! ha!'

'Well, Arabella,' he asked, 'if you are not jealous, why the devil are you making all this fuss about her?'

'That's right, sir,' she retorted savagely. 'Swear at me to your heart's content. I'm far too well accustomed to it from you to mind it! . . . Jealous, indeed? The idea! I'd as soon be jealous of a a kitchen-maid as of that vulgar coquette. But for all that, Mr. Winkington, I do not choose that my husband should go running after such a woman, and scandalize decency by airing his infatuation for her before the eyes of the public.'

"Don't be foolish, Arabella," he returned. 'If I want to do the civil to the pretty widow, I shall—whether you choose or not. I don't interfere with your harmless flirtations, and it is really unreasonable of you to expect to do so with mine.'

He said this not at all hotly or like a man speaking in anger, but with the unruffled, superior calmness of one who did not think the subject worth losing his temper about. And this tone, always so irritating to an angry person goaded his enraged spouse to something approaching frenzy.

"Your mind is quite made up on that point then, Mr. Winkington?" she demanded, after an awful pause during which she had vainly tried to wither him with the glance of her "basilisk eye."

"Quite, my pet," he replied, with cheerful decision.

"Very well," she said, solemnly, and with an intonation of portentous meaning. "Whatever happens after this, you will have yourself to thank for. Remember, there are limits to wifely endurance!"

Then, without another word, she drew herself up to her full height and marched out of the room with stately swing, banging the door violently behind her.

When she was gone, Mr. Winkington threw himself back in his chair with a sigh of relief, filled and lighted his pipe, and puffed away for some minutes in contemplative silence. A placid, though not particularly amiable, smile—probably of satisfaction at the result of the scene with his wife—played about his lips. Naturally of a phlegmatic disposition, he seldom found much difficulty in keeping his temper, especially when he saw that he annoyed others by doing so. And, knowing from experience that nothing irritated Mrs Winkington so much as to meet her reproaches with placid indifference, he always assumed that air on the numerous occasions when she blew him up.

"Phew!" he soliloquised, after a bit. This sort of thing is all mighty well; but I don't know that I shall be able to stand it much longer. The constant dropping of water will wear out a stone, they say; and, dash me, if the constant dropping of Mrs. W.'s ill-temper isn't beginning to wear me out seriously. Ah, Jonathan, my boy! I'm afraid you were not strictly prudent when you exchanged the profane condition of bachelorhood for the holy estate of matrimony. Money, even when coupled with good looks, may be precious dearly married. Nag, nag, nag!—worry, worry, worry! from morning till night,—yes, and confound it, at night, too; for a matrimonialised victim hasn't even his hours of repose to himself—why, twenty thousand a year would scarcely compensate for it. If the past might be undone, I guess I should be a single man again. As that, however, is impossible, there's nothing for it, I suppose, but to take life as easily as existing circumstance will permit. By Jove!" (glancing at the clock) "Halt-past three. I think I shall go down to the club and spend the rest of the afternoon there. With Mrs. W. in her present humour, there's no security for me at home.

As he spoke, he rose from his chair, stretched himself, settled his tie and collar in front of the pier-glass, then went out into the hall, and taking his hat and stick strolled away in the direction of his club.

It was considerably after seven when he returned. As he let himself into the house with his lachkey, one of the maids, who apparently had been on the watch for him approached him, with an expression of mystersous importance on her face, and handed him a letter.

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Provincial News.

Dr. Lewis Hall is seeking election in Victoria as a member of the School Board.

Ranchers around Vernon have commenced to feed their cattle. There is an abundance of hay in the district, and cattle are not likely to suffer from lack of feed.

Rev. Dr. Campbell, pastor of the Frst Presbyterian Church, Victoria received a despatch on Sunday that his daughter in Minneapolis was dying, and Dr. Campbell immediately left for that city.

The barristers of Victoria have decided to tender a banquet to Hon Justice McColl. The date is not yet fixed, but it will be arranged so that Messrs. Davies and Blair, and the members of the Behring Sea Commission can be present.

David Diamond, who recently left for the upper country, turned up a Nicola. From there, he started to walk to Lower Nicola, in spite of being advised not to do so, as the snow was deep, and the mercury about 25 deg. below zero. He was found later on, with hand, feet, and face very badly frozen, but no further particulars could be obtained.

There is a scarcity of fuel in Rossland on account of the cold weather, and wood has gone up from $5 to $6. Many of the contractors have found it more profitable to sell to private customers than to the mines with whom they had contracts, have not fulfilled their contracts which has seriously affected the operation of a number of the mines.

The Grand Forks Miner publishes the following:—Once more we wish to warn those who are turning their eyes toward this section as a place for investment and settlement. This is not a poor man's camp. If you have money to invest there is no better place on earth than right here and no better time than right now, but if you are thinking of coming here in search of work, take our advice and stay where you are. There are plenty of men already here to handle all the work which will be done this winter.

A man named T. Johnston reported to the police that he was held up on Keefer street, Vancouver, at two o'clock Saturday morning and robbed of $50. He stated that he had $150 on him at the time, but that the highwayman said $50 was enough for him. The police were endeavoring to locate Johnson and get some particulars, as the affairs at present has a rather incredible appearance. On Thursday night a man was held up in the East End and robbed of ten cents, all the money he had, and a loaf of bread.

On Thursday last as a train was near North Bend a Chinaman was seen walking along the track. The snow has been cleared off the rails, forming a narrow passage between the solid banks of frozen snow. The distance was too short for the train to pull up and the unfortunate Celestial had thus no means of escape. Jumping to one side of the track, he endeavored to dive into the snow, but it was frozen too hard and he was caught by the train and most horribly mangled, pieces of the body being strewn for a considerable distance along the line. Capt. Pittendrigh held an inquest, at which a verdict of accidental death was returned, the railway employees being exonerated from all blame in connection with the matter.

Foreign News.

Dr Jameson, the leader of the Transvaal raid, now undergoing a sentence of fifteen months' imprisonment in Holloway jail, and whose sickness has previously been noted, is announced to be in a critical condition.

In the French chamber of deputies the Premier, in presenting a bill providing for a grant of twenty million lire to the Prince of Naples, the heir apparent, who has just been married to the Princess Helene of Montenegro, said that King Humbert had decided to re-imbusse the treasury in an equal amount from the civil list. The announcement was greeted with loud cheers.

The result of the election in the United States has brought a windfall to the town of Speyer in the shape of a donation of $35,000 from Mr. Henry Villard. The pastor of that place has recently been trying to obtain subscriptions to a fund with which to establish a sick childrens' hospital, and Mr Villard was approached during his recent stay there. He promised that if McKinley were elected he would give the whole sum required. This promise has been kept and the foundation stone of the new hospital will be laid next spring.

The Mayor of Windsor a Prisoner.

Windsor, Nov. 30.—The unusal spectacle of a mayor standing in the prisoners' dock at police court like a common felon was witnessed today, when Mayor D. W. Mason stood up to answer to a charge of having assaulted Alderman Sheppard on Tuesday night. He was found guilty and $10 and $.25 costs, or twenty days imprisonment at hard labor.

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(Signed) BALDWIN H. WAKE.
Sept. 15, 1896. JOHN BASIL

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News of the Day.

La Patric expresses the hope that Mr. Laurier will not accept Knighthood if it is offered to him.

Caleb Durning a resident of Toronto for over forty years, and well known in Ontario, is dead.

A number of employees of the C. P. R. repair shops in Montreal have been discharged as there is no work for them.

A number of temporary employees on the railways, post office and agricultural departments walked the plank on Monday at Ottawa.

It is stated that Hon. Mr. Smart of Crandon has been appointed Deputy Minister of the Interior in succession to Mr. A. M. Burgess.

The writ for the bye election in North Brandon has been issued. The nomination takes place in December 12 and the election on the 19th.

Two lads named Clarke and Patorn were drowned in the Rideau canal while skating. A gallant effort was made by a companion to rescue them.

Charles Tupper Hillson, inspector of buildings for the Intercolonial railway, has received notice that after December 31 his services will not be required.

A young man named Topham accidentally shot himself while prospecting in the Lake Dauphin country, Manitoba. The bullet hit him in the forehead, killing him instantly.

Charles Seager, of Goderich, has been appointed to investigate certain charges against Mr. Guillet, M.P., in connection with the superannuation of the customs collector at Cobourg, Ont.

William Steinway, the noted piano manufacturer, died on Sunday in New York from typhoid fever. He was thought to to progressing towards recovery, but had a relapse and expired.

The finance department has run out of new one dollar bills, hence the dirty ones at present in circulation cannot be called in. It will be a month before a supply of new ones will be available.

John Crerar, of Hamilton, has been appointed commissioner to enquire into the circumstances which resulted in the election of a member to represent the electorial district of Algoma on the 30th day of June instead of the 23rd of June.

Richard Nagle, lumberman, of Ottawa, died on Monday at Peterboro, where he was staying with his daughter, Mrs. Phelan. The deceased ran once for the federal house in this city. He was a Liberal. He leaves a fortune. A family of three married daughters survive him. He was about 70 years of age.

Hon. Mr. Tarte and party returned to Ottawa, Monday night. The Minister says what impressed him most in the West was the feeling of confidence among the people. He was surprised to find so many young men settled out there all willing to work. Immediately on reaching the city Hon. Mr. Tarte paid a visit to his leader.

Inspector Sweetnam, although a Tory, has been compelled to make a strong report against officials of the Quebec postmaster for their actions during the last election campaign in passing through the mails electioneering matter, against the law, so as to assist Tory candidates. The result will be their dismissal as well as civil and criminal prosecutions.

Application will be made next session for an act to incorporate a company with power to construct, operate and maintain either a standard or narrow gage railway, for the purpose of conveying passengers, freight and ore from a point at or near Revelstoke on the Pacific railway thence northwards following the valley of the Columbia river to a point at or near the junction of the Canoe river.

Early on Monday morning a man giving the name of Martin Meredith, who said he was a Pennsylvanian miner, and was visiting a friend named Edward Droban, was found in an old scow at the foot of West Market street, Toronto with the soles of both feet frozen. He was removed to the general hospital, when he told a story that he was attacked by footpads on Front street about nine o'clock on Sunday night, and robbed of $7.

A most distressing accident occurred on Sunday night at Langdon, near Calgary. Miss Pennock operator at the place was alighting from the front of the caboose of a freight train going east, when she slipped on the snow and fell under the train, both her legs being badly mangled. She was taken to the Calgary hospital. Dr. Mackie found it necessary to amputate one leg and she is now in a critical condition.

The Westminster Gazette, in an editorial thanking the city of Glasgow for its early subscriptions for relief of Armenians, and announcing that another appeal for £100,000 will shortly be made by Mr Gladstone and the Duke of Argyle, concludes: "It is only right to add that the unceasing exertions of Sir Philip Currie, British Ambassador at Constantinople, and his consular staff, have alone enabled the American missionaries to pursue their labours of mercy unmolested.

Mr. Beausoleil, M.P., have given a statement to the press supporting the school settlement. If he had the authority he said, he would ask the Catholics of Manitoba to give it a fair trial and accept the settlement. Premier Laurier, he says, has got a better settlement than probably any other politican could have got. Mr. Beausoleil is the only Liberal member of the House who was supposed to have any objections to the settlement. He does away with that supposition by giving it his support.

It is by no means settled when Mr. Laurier will visit England. It is possible he may have to cross the Atlantic this winter, but he is not anxious to visit England until next year. Public business, however, chiefly the fast Atlantic steamship question, may render it imperative for him to go. If the journey can be avoided the visit will be postponed until after next session, in which case Sir Richard Cartwright will accompany him. Strange to say the premier has never visited Europe.

Mr. Bourrassa, M.P., returned to Ottawa, Saturday night, having left Hon. Mr. Tarte and his party at Calgary. Mr. Bourassa, is very enthusiastic over his trip through Manitoba, the Northwest and British Columbia. Referring to the school settlement Mr. Bourrassa says he was at Nanaimo, B.C., when it was made public. He then endorsed it. To your correspondent he said that he read the published interview with Mr. Prendergast and agreed with every word of it. Mr. Prendergast was, in his opinion, the authorized representative of the minority.

Reaping a Harvest.

With the exception of Victoria, all the cities of the Northwest are suffering from the usual winter epidemic of burglaries and highway robberies. Victoria's exemption is due, no doubt, to the vigilance of the police force and the fact that hoboes without money find it more diffictlt to reach here than they do to reach the cities on the Mainland. Victorians, however, should continue vigilant, for no doubt as soon as the crooks make a haul in other cities they will come here.

In Seattle there have been twelve burglars, four grand larcenists and two highwaymen arrested during the past two months. Some of them have been convicted and others will be. A few will plead guilty as soon as they are given an opportunity to do so. All but a small percentage of the stolen goods have been recovered. The only big robbery committed where the thieves succeeded in getting away with their plunder was that which resulted in the loss of several typewriters. They were likely slipped out of town, as the police have scoured the city for them and failed to find them.

In Portland, Vancouver and Tacoma there has been a run of all sorts of crimes. Tacoma is having a little rest just now, but for awhile crime there ran riot. Highwaymen and grand larcenists and burglars were making hay. People were held up at prominent places in and about the city and relieved of their possessions. Chief Smith, of that city, is as good a man as ever handled Tacoma's force, but he was unable for a time to cope with the criminals that infested the city.

Vancouver is suffering the worst from the crooks. Reports are being sent out daily of the town being turned upside down, but it is said that the half has not been told. Tommy Wallace, Seattle's notorious crook and ex-convict, was working there for a time. He "turned" a number of "tricks" but was finally captured with others. "The others" broke jail and were never captured, but there were new crooks to take their places.

The name of a half dozen Seattle crooks could be mentioned, who, during the last few months, found it too warm in Seattle and who are now, according to reliable information, working in Vancouver.

In Portland the crooks have things their own way. Two of the best detectives on the coast are Joe Day and Charley Griffin. "Doc" Robinson, who used to be a sporting man down in California, is Portland's new chief of police. He let Day and Griffin out and since then the crooks have been enjoying a regular feast.—Colonist.

Freight Train Wrecked.

Helena, Mon., Dec. 1.—A freight train of thirty cars, loaded with timber and shingles, going west, got beyond control near the East Mullen tunnel on the Northern Pacific road, yesterday evening. Twenty-six cars were scattered along for a distance of eight miles, where the engine left the track. Edward Jarbeau, the head brakeman, was thrown down an embankment with several cars and killed. Fireman Young jumped and received a broken collar bone, and he also received other injuries. Engineer John Flynn's leg was broken and he also received other injuries. Conductor John McBean's thigh was broken, his back wrenched and shoulder thrown out of joint. It was the worst wreck ever known to the Northern Pacific railway in point of damage to the track and rolling stock.

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They Were Hurt When Their Neighborly Advances Were Repelled.

"We're going to have some neighbors at last," said Mrs. Hawle to her husband, when he came home to dinner the other day. "There's a family moving into the house across the street."

"What kind of looking people are they?"

"Well, one can hardly judge yet, but I guess they're disposed to be neighborly. One of the little boys came over a few moments ago to borrow our broom. He said theirs hadn't come yet, and here he comes again."

"Ma wants to know if you could let her have the loan of a tack hammer and a few tacks?" he said, appearing at the open door.

"And she wants to know if you have such a thing as a carpet stretcher and a floor mop with a handle to it. She'd like to borrow 'em if you have."

All of these articles were given to the boy, and the Hawle's were at the dinner table when he again appeared.

"Pa wants to know if he can have the loan of your axe and a few tenpenny nails an' a screw driver, an' ma would like a cup of coffee an' your coffee mill and some cups."

"Better send her the coffee pot also," whispered Hawle to his wife as she left the table to supply the boy's demand.

Ten minutes later a long, lank girl appeared at the open door of the dining-room.

"Henry forgot to ask for the loan of your coffee pot when he got the coffee an' maw would like it. Our things ain't come yet, and we'd like to borrow a loaf of bread an' a skillet an' a washboard, an' maw says she will oblige you in the same way some day."

Just as the Hawle's were about to leave the table the boy appeared for the third time.

"Ma would like the loan of a needle and some black No. 40 thread an' a cork-screw an' a butcher knife an' a drawn o' tea; she don't drink coffee. An' pa wants a little smokin' tobacker, if you have it, an' the Free Press, and a shoe brush an' some blackin' an' a handsaw. He says he wouldn't bother you but he knows you want to be neighborly, an' he'll do as much for you some day. Him an' ma are comin' to call soon as we get settled, an' he said to tell you that we intend to neighbor with you straight along."

The girl appeared at this moment and said:

"Maw forgot to tell Henry to ask could you loan her a nursing bottle an' a nipple, an' a pint of milk for the baby. An' her an' pa's going down town, an' she'd like the loan o' a parasol an' three or four hairpins, an' pa would like to borrow a No. 16 collar an' a copy of The MAIL, an'—"

"You go home and tell your father and mother that they can't borrow another blessed thing here," said Mr. Hawle. We didn't mind loaning you any of the other papers, but we draw the line at the MAIL. It's too valuable a journal to allow out of our sight."

Then the woman came across the street to the Hawle's gate and called out:

"Purty neighbors, you air! But I said to my husband this morning that I didn't like the looks of ye, and that I didn't keer nothin' about neighborin' with ye, an' you've showed yourselves to be just the narrow, contracted, onneighborly set, that I made up my mind ye was, an' I don't want ye to come a-nigh me. An' I've fetched back yer old tack hammer an' yer mouldy Free Press, it has no news in it, an' I didn't want to be beholdin' to ye for nothin!"

"And the other things we never saw again," said Hawle when he told the story afterwards.

North Bruce Election Contest.

Southampton, Dec. 1.— The North Bruce election trial was continued to-day. Several Indians living on the Indian reserve testified to having received an offer of money, or to having received extra timber and exemptions from dues on condition that they would vote for Mr. McNeil. John Crow, Indian agent, denied having taken any part in the election either on behalf of Mr. McNeil or any other candidate.

One of the reasons, alleged by a prominent storekeeper of Cordova street, Vancouver, for the failure of the police to capture the burglars and footpads who have been making night hideous in the city is the fact that the members of the force carry no lanterns, and if they are in search of a supposed suspicious character are compelled to first obtain a light from a match and continue the chase with a tallow candle. This statement comes as a surprise to many and goes far to remove from the shoulders of the patrolmen the onus of immunity from capturing enjoyed by the crooks. But upon whose shoulders does that onus now rest? Is the question which is being asked on every hand.

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Provincial Politics.

The time is near at hand when the members of the British Columbia Legislature will be called together, for what we trust will be the last session under the present regime. If the members of the Legislature will only carry out the wishes of a large majority of the people they are supposed to represent, their first act after assembling will be to promptly pass a note of "no confidence" in the discredited incompetents on the treasury benches. From every part and section of the Province comes the same cry, "turn them out." Apart from all other considerations it would be a graceful act on the part of Parliment to end the agony, by bringing to a speedy end the official life of a government in which the people have not the least particle of confidence. The Turner Government has shown by their career of blundering business methods in everything they have attempted to do, and their masterly inactivity in many things that should have received prompt attention, to be wholly unfitted to be entrusted with the responsible functions of government in the new era which is about to dawn on our Province. Every district has its own particular grievance and dissatisfaction against the powers that be, but Nanaimo's score against the present Government—which is practically a continuation of the Robson and Davie administration—is a serious one, and of long standing. That their tacit consent to the direct and open violation of a statutory law in permiting Chinamen to work in coal mines, has not brought irretrievable ruin on the industrial and commercial interest of this city and district reflect no credit on their honesty or ability as statesmen. The mine-owners who were compelled to meet the unequal competition of Chinese labor employed by those who violated the law, are alone entitled to the credit that two-thirds of the white miners and mine laborers employed by them were not displaced by coolie labor, with the consequent train of disastrous results to other branches of industry and commercial enterprises largely dependent on the employment of white labor in the coal mines. That the present government will never remedy the evil complained of is a certainty beyond conjecture, yet we are placed in the anomalous position of having a representative in the legislature pledged to support an institution clearly inimical to our best interests. Our representative, Mr. James McGregor, is not to blame for this very undesirable state of affairs. He sought election as a government supporter, and on that basis—largely assisted by his own personal popularity—received a majority of the votes cast. But the mandate of the majority at the last provincial election is not irrevocable. What the majority then did, the majority can now undo, and the sooner our citizens come together and instruct their representative to assist, at the next sitting of parliament, to make the Turner administration a thing of the past, the better for all concerned.

Municipal Politics.

In a former issue we suggested the idea of the citizens of Nanaimo casting their party feelings aside in the coming municipal election, and selecting a non-partisan board of aldermen for the incoming year. There can be little doubt but that the course we suggested would have been the wiser one, in view of the fact that there are liable to be some very important questions to come before the council next year. For some reason our suggestion did not meet with general approval, and, judging by the energy displayed already by the ward politicians, the coming contest bids fair to outdo former ones in intensity of partyism. The missionary work in gathering in the wayward voter for registration far surpasses anything done in this direction in former years. Even the soiled doves of Fraser street have been drummed up with an assiduity worthy of a better purpose. The slate-makers are busy hunting up the aspiring candidates for aldermanic honors, and, as might be expected under such circumstances, business abilities and fitness for the position are secondary considerations; his powers as a vote catcher being an indispensable qualification. Nothing definite has been done in the way of final selection, but several new names are mentioned. It is understood that several of the members of the present council will refuse to stand for another term. It is also rumored that there will be a three cornered fight for the mayoralty, Mr. Morgan Harris being spoken of as an independent candidate. The rumor lacks confirmation, and Mr. Harris is, so far, reticent on the subject. Mr. Harris is a deservedly popular man in the city and, if he decides to come out will make things interesting.

Editorial Notes.

Several weeks ago our local contemporary made some damaging charges derogatory to the character of the Rev. D. A. McRae, in that he charged the city with, and received certain sums of money to which he was not entitled. We refrained from commenting on the subject then, expecting that Mr. McRae would allow no unnecessary time to elapse before answering the charges. So far, he has failed to do so, and we must confess that, under the circumstances, his silence for such a protracted period of time is to us inexplicable. Mr. McRae is living in Los Angeles, California; the paper containing the charges should reach him in less than one week; his reply could be received in Nanaimo in another week; the charges were published five weeks ago. What are we to think? Mr. McRae is the last man of whom the people of Nanaimo would expect a dishonorable act, but candor compels us to say that his silence looks suspicious.

By the Spectator.

The announcement in the MAIL that the Methodists of Haliburton street church purpose instituting a reading room in the vestry of their church, will give much satisfaction, and it is certainly a move in advance. It has always been a great mystery to me that the churches have not used their property to greater advantage for their members. Of course the old idea that the sacred house ought only to be used for the worship of God, and that the only way to worship Him is to preach and pray and sing, is giving place to a wider conclusion, namely, that the cultivation of the mind is as much a moral duty as the devotional exercises of the church. The absence of the importance of mental improvement in the teaching of preachers, and the conclusion of many professed Christians that education is no part of the Christian system, has led to the necessity for institutions that contain these two, such as the Y. M. C. A. and the young men's athletic clubs and reading rooms, the demand for the same coming from young men standing connected with the church.

The Methodists of Haliburton street see clearly that if they are to retain their young people some provision must be made by the church to meet the demands of the present age. I hope the example set by these people will be adopted by other churches, so that the necessity for forming Christian institutions outside of the churches, containing facilities for physical, mental as well as moral improvement of the young people, may not exist. But the fact of the great necessity for provision being made by the churches for young people who are professed members and attendants of the same, suggests to me the advisability of the City Council directing its attention to supply the wants of many people who are interested in physical and intellectual culture. Nearly every city in the civilized world has its public library containing the wherewithal to meet the cravings of those who would not appropriate the same even if all churches were prepared to make provision for them. In this city the work of the Y. M. C. A. could be managed by the churches with great profit to the young people, and the church itself, and the city could take control of a public institution that would do away with the need of a few having to support one. We are very far behind in this matter. Every city in the province, excepting Nanaimo, has its public reading room and library. Our council certainly has assisted the Y. M. C. A., and such help has partly made it possible for the doors of that room to be open to the public. But why not own the institution, thus providing a shelter for the benefit of every citizen and visitor who wishes to take advantage of it?.

Now is the time when a sense of this need is being provided for by the churches for their friends. Let the city buy up the stock and library of the Y. M. C. A. and manage a public institution in such a way as to induce young men and women to come under influences that will help to build up a character, and make them acquainted with modern thought and progress. It must and will prove a good investment for the city and community.

The Turner Government—Turn Them out—Why?

BY W. MARCHANT.

One of the chief faults of the present local government is the very serious one that they have no policy. As far as the general public can judge, the party in power has never laid its platform before the people. Each member of that party is "a law unto himself." They may be, and are, as wide as the poles asunder in their views upon political economy, and each M.P.P. has as much right as any other to be the mouthpiece of his party. The representatives of Victoria, for instance, can very reasonably declare that the government is pledged to the British Pacific Railway, while some members of the same party can as reasonably declare that it never formed part of the ministerial program.

It is true that the opposition party is not one whit better. There is no cohesiveness, because they have neither policy, platform nor party flag. The leader, an excellent, honorable gentleman, has never formulated his views upon provincial politics. We are in, say the ministerialists, and we are to keep in. We are out, cry the Oppositionists, and we are to get in.

And the general public very rationally declare that it is a case of "six of one and half-a-dozen of the other." True patriots cannot help being sorrowful over the present want of management and waste ful use of public money. Politicians cry out for a change. Statesmen of clear thought and honest purpose should discern the evils and suggest the remedies.

No parties can possibly govern a country wisely and well unless that party knows what it wants, and means to try and obtain it. The chief want to-day is not so much a party, as a policy; a platform, not a leader. British Columbia needs statesmanship, not political expediency; broad, generous, enlightened and progressive views upon public affairs, and an unswerving allegiance to those views.

After careful deliberation with some of the best and most progressive men of the day, I beg to submit for the attention of your readers, the following as a basis for consideration and discussion:

PLATFORM OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA LIBERAL PARTY.

Land:—All public lands to be alienated only upon strict condition of settlement; where feasible, to be leased for a term of years. All lands to be equally liable for taxation.

Railways:—All provincial railways to be constructed by government, and to be held absolutely as the property of the people. Where possible, railways to be operated by any person or persons under lease from the government. All railways in the province to be periodically inspected by the government.

Education:—The maintainance of the national unsectarian schools over tho whole of the province. The institution of model and normal schools for the better training of teachers. As early as practicable, the founding of a provincial university. Permission to register a townsite should not be granted unless portions are set aside for the purposes of education approved of by the government.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.

The abolition of all special charters and the substitution of a general statute granting full powers of taxation and civic legislation.

Agriculture:—Liberal and judicious assistance on the settlement of the bona-fide settlers; loans of money at very low rates of interest for developing the agricultural resources of the province; the erection of creameries, cheese factories and sugar-beet manufacturies. More attention ought undoubtedly to be paid to cattle, sheep and hog raising.

Mines:—The encouragement of all efforts to develop the mining resources of the province; the removal of all vexatious taxation upon undeveloped properties, and an equalization of all taxes upon mining privileges.

The Franchise:—An equal distribution of electoral power; one factor of population to be taken for cities, and one factor for the rural and mining sections. All British subjects over 21 to be entitled to vote; one vote only for each person. Each person to be entitled to vote for one member only.

Candidates:—All deposits now required of candidates for legislative honors to be abolished.

Incorporation of companies:—Stringent regulations for the formation and registration of incorporated companies; the development of our mining interests being very fruitful in calling into existence many bogus companies, contrary to public interest and the credit of the province.

Taxes:—The abolition of all class taxation, and the use of public money only for public requirements. The appointment of a provincial auditor, who shall hold his office for life, subject only to removal by an act of the legislature.

Such is a rough outline of what I believe the future Liberal provincial party must inscribe upon its banners, and, faithfully adhered to, will carry the party to one of the most sweeping triumphs ever witnessed in the province.

COMMUNICATIONS.

This column is open to the public and we heartily invite the citizens to make use of it for discussing public questions.

We are not responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

EDITOR MAIL.—I also am a constant reader of your paper, and one interested in social and moral reform, and if your editorial in a recent issue on the Duty of Christian Ministers, had anything to do in influencing the Rev. T. W. Hall to make choice of that subject for last Sunday evening's discourge, I also congratulate you on that fact. On these points, and on others no doubt if the truth were known, I am in perfect accord with an "earnest thinker" in your issue of Tuesday last. But Sir, in reading his letter I could not help asking myself, why this laboured effort of disappointment and complaint? In common with many who heard Mr. Hall's sermon, I certainly thought that the points which could be pronounced as open to unfavourable criticism were reduced to a minimum and I cannot forbear therefore in taking exception to the remarks of your correspondent. It is pitiable in the extreme, that "earnest thinker" should not be able to present his thoughts in more appropriate and consistent language. He says that he "was somewhat disappointed that the discourse did not take the course expected by many," and yet in the very next sentence he informs us that Mr Hall took the course which it was reasonable to expect he would take, "from his position as a minister." Are we to infer from this that "earnest thinker" regards being a minister a disqualification for handling the social questions of the day? But whilst "earnest thinker" does not expect the ministry to handle these questions as he would like, yet let us be thankful for the honour of the Methodist Church that at least a Methodist Local Preacher has accomplished the task even though such teaching emanated not from, the Methodist Pulpit, but from the Y. M. C. A. platform, not the first time it has fallen to his lot to stand in the breach. But "earnest thinker" feels sure that "as soon as Mr. Hall thoroughly understands the question, he will not be backward in speaking out." Surely, this must be very gratifying to the rev. gentlemam. Very! to be told that he has undertaken to handle a subject which he does not thoroughly understand; that he ha not "spoken out" as a Methodist Local Preacher has. Now Sir, "earnest thinker" may not have intended any disrespect to the ministry in general, or to Rev. T. W. Hall in particular, otherwise I should have no hesitation in saying that his remarks were most uncalled for, and would suggest that in rushing into print in this way he be a little more guarded in his expressions. Those who heard Rev. Mr. Hall's sermon, and have read "earnest thinker's" letter, will not fail to see that notwithstanding the latter's protestations of agreement in sentiment with the former, yet between the two there is a difference as divergent as the poles:—e, g., in elucidating his first proposition your correspondent very glibly passed from the word "regeneration" to "reformation," as though they were synonymous, but such is not the case, for a man may reform, a thief may become honest, a drunkard may become sober, a liar may eschew falsehood from other causes than a change of heart. Penal laws may and do play an important part in accomplishing this. But I take it that the change referred to by Mr. Hall is of a more radical and permanent nature, and implies a previous condition of heart which it is very humbling to human pride to acknowlege as being the heritage of every one of us, viz, —that of being naturally inclined only to evil. Does "earnest thinker" subscribe to this? I will not further trespass upon your valuable space, although there are other points in "earnest thinker's" letter which I would like to have referred to.

CONSTANT READER.

EDITOR MAIL.—Please allow me space in your paper to clear myself of a falsehood that J. H. Cocking has told concerning a note that he Cocking asked me to endorse for J. W. Rasure for a horse, which I refused, and of which he says he never seen. The Rev. Mr. Gunton, to justify Cocking in his falsehood, said it was impossible for Mr. Cocking to have the note in his possession and still retain the horse at the same time. He also said if I would not confess, for God would never forgive me in this world nor in the world to come, On Wednesday evening I asked the church the privilege to clear myself of the charges, Messrs, Gunton, Welsh and Godfrey would not consent. They would rather the lie be put on me and have the church believe me guilty than to have it come out on those who framed it. I am prepared to prove myself innocent. God's Word says: They who condemn the innocent and clear the guilty are abomination to Him

E. C. COOK.

Man Who Found the Body of Dr. Cronan to go Unrewarded.

Chicago. Dec. 2—The suit of John Rosch, who found the body of Dr. Cronin in a sewer, to recover the reward of $5,000 offered for evidence leading to the conviction of the murderers has been dismissed by the court, the court held that finding the body was not evidence leading to the conviction of the murderers.

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