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NO FRESH TIDINGS FROM SOUTH AFRICA

The Boers Say Ladysmith Is Still Holding Out.

THE OUTLOOK GLOOMY

Relieving Forces Cannot Leave Durban For Want of Enough Cavalry and Artillery.

London, Nov. 26.—The position in Natal remains full of perplexities which the censorship has increased. Although a division and a half have now reached Durban, that place is practically powerless until supplied with cavalry and artillery and until these arrive the situation will undoubtedly remain grave.

With three beleaguered garrisons in Natal besides Kimberley and Mafeking and no signs of successes in the immediate future it is no wonder the outlook is regarded as distinctly gloomy tonight, and that the most possible is made of General Methuen's success. From no other points can even a semblance of success be reported. Mafeking is apparently in a worse plight than the British have hitherto cared to admit, and it is difficult to show it can be relieved for some time to come.

While the official dispatch from the Boer head laager outside Ladysmith, dated November 24, showed the town was still flying the Union Jack on Friday, the hopeful tone of the message and the evident anticipation of the speedy reduction of Ladysmith is not calculated to cheer anxious relatives. The reported silence of the British guns has also again aroused fears of a shortness of ammunition and the fact that the Boers have just placed in position another siege gun shows that they have not yet done their worst. The arrival of the German officers, some of whom it is understood, gained large experience in reducing fortified places in 1870-71, is calculated to lead to a change of tactics which will add to the suspense of the sorely tried garrison.

The situation in the northern portion of Cape Colony is about as unsatisfactory as it can be. Boers are turning up in all directions. A Capetown dispatch received at a late hour tonight reports that the enemy have blown up a railway bridge between Rosemead Junction and Middleburg with the object of preventing an advance from Port Elizabeth. This was effected by a small commando which, it is stated, remains in the neighborhood. The effect of blowing up this bridge will tend to isolate Naauwpoort which was recently reoccupied by the British and must delay the advance of the troops just arrived at Port Elizabeth.

London, Nov. 25.—The Transvaal war has reached a stage where even British interest somewhat flags. The advance of the troops to the relief of Ladysmith, Kimberley and Mafeking, is necessarily clothed in secrecy, and the past week seems to have altered but little the conditions described in the despatches. Even if General White holds out until relieved it will only remove a picturesque phase of the campaign and does not mean that it will hasten its speedy end. The Boers, it is claimed, are not likely to risk the deciding battle of the war until they have got General Buller's invading force into a position believed to be favorable to them, or until they are driven into a corner, which promises to be a matter of months.

Pretoria, Nov. 25.—An official dispatch from the Boer head laager outside Ladysmith, dated Friday, November 24, says:

"The garrison at Ladysmith was strangely quiet yesterday. The cannonade today hardly evoked a response. The balloon no longer soars. The third big cannon which the Boers have baptized "Suzerainty" was placed in position today. The officers have arrived. The Boer generals think they will encompass the fall of Ladysmith at the end of this week. There was a terrible thunder storm last night. Four Boers guarding a cannon were seriously struck."

LORD SALISBURY'S LOSS.

London, Nov. 25.—The death of Lady Salisbury has called out the most sincere expressions of sympathy and appreciation of the Premier's personality from all sections. The fear that his loss would cause Lord Salisbury's premature retirement does not appear to be based on fact, though Lady Salisbury was a great help to him in public life.

FEELING IN GERMANY.

While Pleased With Kaiser's Reception Germans Side With the Boers.

Berlin, Nov. 25.—The visit of Emperor William, to England, although more or less discounted before hand, has occupied public opinion this week above all else. Even the most rabid anglophobes found little fault with the reports of His Majesty's reception, some papers commenting in a friendly way on the evidences of good will and sympathy shown the Emperor, even by the lower classes of the English, that augured well therefore for a firmer and clearer understanding between the two countries. It is significant that one of Germany's noted professors publishes a strong argument in favor of a German-British-American alliance, while Herr Barth does the same. The press comments on the South African war, generally are imbued with ill-will for Great Britain. The Deutsche Zeitung assumes the success of the Boers and advises President Kruger to insist as the terms of peace, on the cession of Delagoa Bay to the Transvaal which it adds, will "lead to a better German policy in South Africa."

PROFESSIONAL CYCLISTS.

A Batch of Them Arrive and Will Compete in New York Races.

New York, Nov. 25.—A contingent of professional cyclists who come to this country to compete in in-door meets in this and other cities, arrived here today on the American line steamer St. Paul. They were Victor Breyer, the manager, Geo. Banker, formerly of Pittsburg, Pa., now of Paris; Jean Fischer, P. Chavelier and Marcus, all men who have established records in Europe. There were also Harry Meyers, champion of Holland, Jean Tommasselli, Italian champion, Ed. Taylor, French champion and Emile Poyre, whose professional name is Pastaire.

The riders will compete in the six-day race at Madison Square Garden.

ACCIDENT TO FITZ.

His Hand Crushed—Serious Effects Feared.

Janesville, Wis., Nov. 25.—Robert Fitzsimmons met with a serious accident here yesterday which may seriously affect his ring career. He was entering the Hotel Meyers by the front door. The door is of heavy oak and has a strong spring to keep it closed. He reached out behind him, thinking to close the door, when it closed on his hand with a crunch. The ex champion was taken to Dr. King and no one was allowed in the doctor's office while the hand was being bandaged. Fitzsimmons was about the city nearly all day with his bandaged hand. Members of his company are reticent as to the extent of the damage to his hand.

TO PROMOTE GEN. SHAFTER.

Washington, Nov. 25.—The President will ask the incoming Congress to pass an act retiring General Shafter with the rank of Major-General in the regular army. He has already been retired with the rank of Brigadier-General. This purpose of the President is the explanation of Gen. Shafter being in the volunteer service up to this time, it being felt that his chances would be brightened by his retention in the active army until Congress has an opportunity to act.

ELECTRIC CARS COLLIDE.

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 25.—Two Detroit rail electric cars collided tonight at the north of Warren Avenue and 23rd Street, injuring six people. Of those hurt Mr. Otto Reiskert, received internal injuries, and ribs broken and his condition is serious.

MANSLAUGHTER.

Wilmington, Del., Nov. 25.—Monty A. Cole, of Sherbrooke, Que., was tonight found guilty of manslaughter, for the killing of Wm. A. Montague, of Wyoming, Del., with a baseball bat last May.

WILL IMPORT COAL FREE.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 25.—It is stated that Finance Minister De Witte has sanctioned the importation free of duty of 135,060,000 pounds of coal, owing to the scarcity which prevails in the Warsaw district.

U. S. LUMBERMEN ARE TURNED DOWN

The Ontario Law Is Upheld By Justice Street.

AFTER NICKEL LANDS

British Admiralty Negotiating for Those Yet Unpatented—Wirelets From All Over Canada.

Toronto, Ont, Nov 25—Justice Street has dismissed the action of the United States lumbermen who were seeking to have the law regarding cutting of logs in Ontario declared unconstitutional.

New Glasgow, N. S., Nov. 25—A banquet is to be tendered the Hon. Mr. Fielding here on Tuesday next. The event will be made an important one politically.

London, Ont. Nov. 25.—George Harding, accused of causing the death of one Gowanlock some months ago has been convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to eighteen years in the Central prison.

Montreal, Nov. 25.—The body of Patrick John Clarke, 30 years of age, was found dead this morning in a lane in the east end of the city. It is evidently a case of suicide. In his pocket was found a card on which was written: "Do not let my wife or mother-in-law have my children." He was formerly an employe of the St. Lawrence Advertising Company.

Sherbrooke, Que., Nov. 25.—Hon. Geo. Foster and Mr. Caron, concluded the eastern township Conservative campaign here last night.

Toronto, Ont., Nov. 25.—An order-in-council has been signed opening negotiations with the Imperial authorities under which the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty may obtain an interest in the still unpatented nickel lands of the Province of Ontario for the manufacture of armor plate and other material for the equipment and protection of war vessels.

Montreal, Nov. 25.—The skeleton of a full grown person, which to all appearances was buried 50 years ago, was found at Outremont, a suburb of this city, by workmen yesterday. The skeleton was in a good state of preservation.

Barrie, Ont. Nov. 25.—Charles Tribble, of Orillia, aged 12 years, is dead as the result of popping his head on the track from under the railway bridge near Atherley a week ago, when an engine struck his head inflicting an ugly wound.

Toronto, Ont., Nov. 25.—Vincenzo Sarlo, and wife, Italians, have been convicted of witchcraft, and will be sentenced Monday.

Toronto, Ont., Nov. 25.—The Ontario tanners have decided to adopt the same terms as those of Quebec regarding mode of payment, etc.

Toronto, Nov. 25.—The Methodist Mission board has decided to co-operate with the Methodists of the United States in urging upon the Japanese Government to adjust the recently adopted regulations regarding the schools of that country, which are claimed to be unjust to the Christian Churches.

ELECTRICIAN KILLED.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Nov. 25.—John Sheffield, aged 75 years, an expert electrician employed at the Union Carbide Works here, was instantly killed this afternoon receiving a shock of over 2,000 volts. Sheffield lost his balance on a step ladder while fixing wires and fell against the terminals of a switch. Sheffield's home was in Kingston, Ont.

ELABORATE PRECAUTIONS.

London, Nov. 25.—The Princess of Wales and Duke of York met the Emperor and Empress of Germany at Wolferston station and they immediately drove to Sandringham. The most elaborate precautions were taken to guard the route from the station to Sandringham, a distance of three miles, policemen being stationed at every yard.

SWINDLER MILLER IS STILL AT LARGE

Banks are All Notified to Hold His Funds.

HIS MAIL IS STOPPED

He Received Thousands of Dollars Daily Through the Mail—One of His Victims Has Died.

New York, Nov. 25.—There was a tin sign today on the front door of the syndicate headquarters at 144 Floyd Street, Brooklyn, which read: "Closed on Saturday."

Various reports were current regarding the whereabouts of W. F. Miller, the ostensible head of the syndicate. Yesterday Miller disappeared at noon, having learned that the King's County grand jury had indicted him for conspiracy with intent to defraud, and that a bench warrant had been issued for his arrest. It was said that Miller came to the borough of Manhattan and escaped under the eyes of detectives. Some think he is in Manhattan, others think that he has by this time left Greater New York far behind, either by European steamer or by railroad train.

His brother Louis Miller, cashier of the Miller syndicate, who was arrested last night when the police raided the office of the concern was taken to court today and held in $1,000 bail to answer the charge of having aided his brother in defrauding creditors, $8,500 having been found by the police, which they allege the prisoner concealed in the house adjoining the Franklin Syndicate offices.

All day a crowd of excited depositors held the fort at 144 Floyd Street, which was well guarded by police, some of whom had themselves been enriched by the interest of 10 per cent. a week on earnings they had placed in Miller's hands for investment. Floyd Street was a scene of great excitement. The crowd was made up largely of women, some of them had remained throughout the entire night, hoping that "the young Napoleon of finance" would return with his extraordinary dividends and pay them their interest or their principal. At midnight, Friday, overcome by excitement and her losses, Mrs. A. M. Cheney, who is said to have lost the savings of a life time, dropped dead. Several women fainted and today the police had much difficulty in keeping back the surging mobs. Early today he police sent out a general alarm for the apprehension of William F. Miller as follows:

"Arrest for grand larceny William F. Miller, 36 years of age, five feet, five inches, 140 pounds, dark moustache, small side whiskers, broken nose, mixed gray suit and overcoat, light alpine."

The police also sent out a general alarm for the apprehension of Cecil Leslie, Miller's private secretary, who acted as his press agent, and who is, in a measure responsible for the recent publication of the story of Miller's greatness and his imaginary process in Wall Street. All the banks in the city were notified by police today to hold any money in their possession, deposited to the account of William F. Miller, or the Franklin syndicate, pending the development of the indictment of Miller and Leslie. The police also sent out detectives to keep an eye on certain banks and trust companies where Miller is supposed to have money on deposit. Notwithstanding the fact that Miller withdrew from Wells, Fargo & Co.'s bank more than $100,000 about Thursday, the police placed detectives in this bank believing that he still had deposits there. Regarding the report that Miller had placed $100,000 in the German Consulate, the acting German Consul-General Kuhen said today that Miller had not deposited any money with the consulate, and that he had no knowledge of the matter. According to Wall Street bankers nearly all of the country depositors of the syndicate left both principal and interest in the concern and will lose all they have invested. A pile of telegrams six inches high lay in front of Postmaster Wilson of the borough of Brooklyn today. Each one was a plea to stop payment on a money order or to hold up a registered letter. All of Miller's mail has been held up. He received 500 ordinary and 50 registered letters daily, on an average. His money orders varied from $5,000 to $13,000 daily. Almost every town in the United States seems to be represented in the list. All of the sums sent now in the hands of the postal authorities will be refunded.

THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

Bradstreet's Summary of the State of the Markets.

New York, Nov. 25.—Bradstreet's today says:

A striking illustration of the underlying strength of the general business situation is furnished this week by the course of prices. Almost without exception values of staples remain firm at previous quotations or manifest a still further pronounced tendency toward a higher level. This, too, has occurred in the face of a rather smaller distribution in the ordinary trade channels than has been noted in recent weeks. So far as autumn and winter trade is concerned the complaint of unseasonably mild weather restricting retail distribution is reported from many cities. But, rising superior to this, and to the unquestionably smaller distribution at first hand, is the accentuated strength of textiles, particularly cotton goods, which reflect some additional strength of the raw product, due to smaller receipts and better foreign advices, but in a larger measure also portray the influence of active demand coming on a market exceptionally bare of stocks. A further advance in print cloths, a feature this week, has brought the quotation for standard grades up to three per cent. a point not touched for four years past. Raw wool is higher on the week at all markets on active demand shared in by the manufactured material for which a good fall demand has been experienced and in which further price advances are expected. The American market for wool is still claimed to be the cheapest in the world. The dullness in heavy winter goods produced by the present warm weather has not as yet served to impair confidence in wholesale lines.

Cereals remain on the whole dull and uninteresting, and price fluctuations are within an exceptionally narrow range with quotations ruling about what they were one year ago. Copper is strong on a perceptibly improved demand chiefly in electrical lines.

Coffee has advanced on the fear of interruption of shipments by quarantine restrictions and also because of reduced receipts at Brazilian ports coupled with stronger European advances.

Iron and steel are seasonably quiet after a year of unexampled activity, but the price changes recorded serve to impart an appearance rather of irregularity than of weakness, some makes of steel, particularly plates and sheets, being lower, while Bessemer pig iron is higher on the week. Authorities in the trade consider prospects of maintenance of present conditions of prices and demand during 1900 as quite favorable. A feature of the market is the presence of what might be termed supporting orders, which will be forthcoming at small recessions. Despite prophecies of checked export trade a large foreign order for rails is reported placed this week. Coke production is on an unexampled scale and arrangements for next year's supplies are reported completed, but the iron ore situation is yet to be settled, though a doubling of last season's early agreed on price is not unlikely. Notwithstanding a total estimated production of 48,000,000 tons of anthracite coal this year, an increase of 12 per cent. on last year, the demand has been so good that stocks are at a minimum. A good volume of business is done in hardware, more particularly at western points, and the spring outlook is confidently regarded.

Wheat (including flour) shipments for the week aggregate 3,688,677 bushels against 5,450,007 bushels last week, and 5,285,567 bushels in 1898. Since July 1 this season the exports of wheat aggregate 85,466,546 bushels against 89,124,033 bushels last year, and 101,438,679 bushels in 1897-98.

Business failures in the Dominion of Canada for the week numbered 38, as compared with 19 last week, 27 in this week a year ago, 34 in 1896, and 52 in 1895.

WANT BIG DAMAGES.

Washington, Nov. 25.—Claims have been filed up to date on account of damages sustained by American citizens through the Spanish war to the amount of $25,000,000, and the president is expected to submit a recommendation to congress in his message looking to the creation of a commission to adjudicate these claims and make provision for the payment of such as are found to be legitimate.

POSSIBLE SOLUTION OF CHINESE QUESTION

Great Britain, U. S. and Japan are in Line.

FRANCE ALONE HOSTILE

But as Russia Seems Favorable She Will Have to Come In or Lose All Her Influence in China.

London, Nov. 25.—As a result of the United States request to the Powers for an assurance guarding the maintenance of the open door in China, the Associated Press is prepared to say that negotiations have been entered into looking to a more permanent and important international agreement than any as yet mooted. According to reports, in consequence of Russia's and France's failure to reply satisfactorily to Washington's request, the United States has decided to take up the Chinese question still more vigorously. The co-operation of Great Britain to this end, it is asserted, was secured and upon the initiative of the United States efforts were set on foot to secure not only assurances to the United States, but a definite agreement between the European Powers themselves.

Such an understanding to the average European statesman has long seemed utopian, yet today the Associated Press is informed on good authority there are fair chances of Great Britian, Russia, Germany and Japan, in conjunction with the United States, becoming signatories to a treaty delimitating the spheres of political influence in China and determining their policy in that quarter of the globe, based on the "open door" principle. Such is the scope of the negotiations.

France, apparently, has exhibited the greatest opposition to this plan so far, but assurances have been received from Russia, and her apparent willingness to enter into an agreement has given rise to the belief that France is not necessarily a stumbling block, for if Russia enter into the agreement, France, it is asserted, is bound to follow or render herself powerless in the far East. It is understood that the United States, Great Britain and Japan have already arrived at an understanding.

DRAWING TO A CLOSE.

The Career of the Philippine Insurgents Seems About Run.

Manila, Nov. 25.—The movement against the insurgents in the island of Panay has resulting in driving the enemy to the mountains. The troops engaged consist of two battalions of the Nineteenth Regiment, a battalion of the Twenty-Sixth Regiment, 18 regiments of Gordon's mounted recruits and Bridgman's battery of the Sixth Artillery. The Americans in all lost five men killed, and 38 wounded. General Hughes, Colonel Carpenter and Colonel Rice commanded during the fights.

Thirty-two insurgents were killed in the engagement and the natives reported that nineteen cartloads of wounded were taken away. Among the Americans killed was one lieutenant of the Eighteenth Regiment. Aguinaldo with part of his family escaped north with two hundred men passing between Young and Wheaton. Young is still in pursuit. Aguinaldo's mother and oldest child were separated from the rest of the party. The mother is lost in the woods and the child, four years old, is with Wheaton's troops. Two thousand dollars in gold belonging to the mother was captured and is now in the Manila treasury. MacArthur has captured the insurgent director of railroads who endeavored to destroy the railroad to Dagupan, also Captain Lawrence, an Englishman, who worked Aguinaldo's Artillery.

LABOR MEN IN.

Brisbane, Queenland Nov. 25.—The ministry has resigned as an outcome of a vote of the assembly in connection with the construction of railroads. The Governor has summoned Mr. Dawson, leader of the labor opposition, to form a new Cabinet.

LI HUNG CHANG AGAIN.

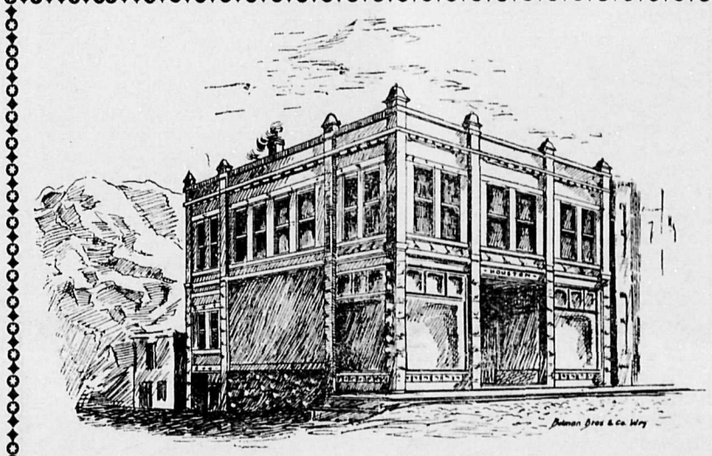
Berlin, Nov. 25.—A dispatch from Pekin announces that an imperial decree has been issued appointing Li Hung Chang, Minister of Commerce,

THE BUSIEST WEEK

In our history has just passed. Last Monday morning we opened the doors of our New Home and already have felt the effect of an advantageous location, by a remarkable increase in sales. Of course that is not the only reason 'Tis a well known fact that though we do not advertise prices cut in two,

We Certainly Undersell all Competitors.

Whether it is that we are satisfied with a small profit or that we watch every expenditure, the fact remains that our prices are and always have been the Lowest in the City.



OUR NEW STORE.

For the coming week we quote you prices that will surely attract. The goods are new and you have the brightest light of day to aid your keen scrutiny

Dress goods at 15c. per yard regular price 25c.
Dress Goods, regular 35c. for 25c per yd.
300 Dress Lengths in all the latest Cloths and shades, price from $3.50 to $15.00 each.
Heavy Skirting, regular price 20c., selling now at 10c. per yd.
Apron Ginghams at 10, 12½ and 15c. per yd.
Ladies Wrappers from 1.00 to $3.50 each. All reduced in price.
Ladies' Cashmere Hose, extra value from 25 to 85c. per pair.
Ladies' Cashmere Gloves, 35c. up.
Ladies' Kid Gloves, at 1.00, 1.25, and $1.50 each. Every pair guaranteed.

Ladies' All Wool Underwear, in cream or grey, at $2.50 the suit.
Ladies All Wool Combinations, regular price $3.00, selling now for $2.50 the suit.
Children's Underwear in All Wool and Half Wool Vests and Drawers and Combinations.
Large White Quilts, regular price $1.25, this week 95c.
11-4 White Quilts, regular price $1.50 will sell for $1.25.
Special values in Bed Spreads at 1.75, 2.50, 3.00 and $5.00 each.
Good Heavy Cretonnes, regular price 12½c. our price 10c.
Art Muslins, 10, 12 1-2 up to 20c. yd.

Lace Curtains, regular price $1.25 at $1.00 per pair.
Lace Curtains, regular price, $1.50 at $1.25 per pair.
Special Values in lace Curtains at 2.50, 3.25, 3.75, up to $8.50 per pair.

Our Men's Furnishing Department was never so replete with values as at present
Heavy Union Underwear $1.50 suit.
Extra Quality Underwear $1.80 suit.
All wool Underwear 2.50, 3.50, up to $5.50 the suit.
Men's Cashmere Socks, Wool Socks, Top Shirts, Sweaters, Night Shirts Pajamas at 20 per cent. less than regular price.

Cash and One Price to all. Money refunded if Goods are not satisfactory.

MARTIN O'REILLY & CO.

Houston Block — Baker Street.

GOODS AT HALF PRICE...

We still have some goods left from the Bankrupt Stock purchased at Sandon at a low rate on the dollar, and consequently we can defy competition.

Here are a Few of Our Prices:

Dress Goods Fancy Mixtures, regular price $1.75, sale price $1.00
Dress Goods, Fancy Mixture, regular price $1.50, sale price 75c.
Dress Goods, Fancy Mixture, regular price 75c. sale price 40c.
Table Damask at 25c per yard.
Children's Wool Hose 10c. per pair.
Ladies' Wrappers at $1.25.
Black Henrietta, worth 75c. sale price 50c.
Black Henrietta worth 50c. sale price 35c.
Pink Flannelette 7c. per yd.
Ladies' Fancy Blouses, Velvet Collars, regular price $1.50, sale price 80c.

Miner's Shoes, reg. pr.	$3.00	sale price	$1.50
Overalls	" $1.00	"	50c
Oxford Shirts	" 1.25	"	50c

Men's Tweed Suits, regular price $12.50, sale price $7.00.
Men's Heavy All Wool Tweed Pants, regular price $3.50, sale price $2.00.

For want of space we are going out of Ladies' and Children's Footwear and will clear these off at cost

Children's Shoes	regular price	$1.00	sale price	$ .75
Ladies' Oxford Shoes	"	1.75	"	1.00
Ladies Strap Shoes	"	1.75	"	1.00
Ladies' Button Kid Shoes	"	2.00	"	1.25
Ladies' Button Kid Shoes	"	3.00	"	2.00

The Balance of Our Ladies' Capes and Jackets

at less than cost. All other Goods in our store at Greatly Reduced Prices.

A. FERLAND & CO.

THOSE LYDDITE SHELLS.

Stated to Be Less Barbarous in Their Effects Than Shrapnel.

The use of lyddite as an explosive does not violate any of the principles of the St. Petersburg Declaration of 1868, by which the Powers only renounced the employment of any projectile of a weight below one pound, which is either explosive or charged with fulminating or inflammable substances. Therefore its use in artillery shells is perfectly justifiable. The high explosive known as lyddite is described by the Daily Graphic as nothing else than picric acid brought into a dense state by fusion. Picric acid is a bright yellow substance freely used in peaceful industries for dyeing purposes. It is obtained by the action of nitric acid or phenol or carbolic acid. It burns very violently, and owing to the tremendous blast produced by the explosion, the destructive effect of a bursting shell filled with it is some eleven times greater than that of a shell filled with powder.

All lyddite shells are equipped with percussion nose fuses only, hence their explosion takes place on impact in the following fashion—The percussion fuse ignites a picric powder exploder, which in turn ignites the bursting charge of lyddite, the detonation of the fuse and of the two explosives inside the shell being instantaneous. The picric powder exploder is inserted in a recess left in the lyddite for that purpose. Lyddite shell is to some extent less barbarous than shrapnel exploded by powder, for, though widespread, its death-dealing effects are due more to air-concussion than to the wounding effects of the flying fragments. In other words, in the case of a lyddite shell bursting in a group of men, the greater number will be killed, not by pieces of the shell, but by the blow of the suddenly compressed air.

COLENSO AND ESTCOURT.

Description of the Towns and Surrounding Country.

Colenso is the most northern hamlet in Weenen Country, from which it is separated by the Tugela River. Weenen is triangular in shape and slopes N. E. to the Tugela. It is a purely farming country, the rearing of cattle, sheep, and horses being the chief occupation. Wheat and Indian corn grow well in those parts of the country which are irrigated. Estcourt, Weenen, Colenso, and Weston are chief villages.

Colenso in 102¾ miles from Maritzburg, and during its occupation by the Durban Light Infantry and the Durban Naval brigade two forts have been erected commanding the railway and road bridges respectively. From Colenso the railway stretches south with a slight up gradient through Chieyly and Ennersdale, which is a side station serving the country in the district of Estcourt. From Ennersdale, 3,913 feet above sea level, there is a very slight descent to Estcourt, 27¼ miles from Colenso, with an elevation of 3,833 feet.

Estcourt is the market town and center of Weenen County, and is charmingly situated at the junction of the Great and Little Bushman's Rivers. It is 145¾ miles from Durban, and is well placed for purposes of defence. Most of the buildings are of hewn stone, and well built. It has three hotels, four churches, and the population is estimated at 400. To the south of the town, on a steep hill, across the river, is a strongly built fort, occupied by the Natal police. The Natal Royal Rifles, numbering over 300 were dispatched here from Maritzburg in the middle of October, and formed a camp near the railway station, just off the main street. Extensive earthworks have been thrown up on both sides of the railway line, and the position is a good one to hold facing north to "The Berg." There is a good supply of Maxims, and altogether the site is well chosen as regards defence and communication with the base. A few miles northeast of Estcourt lies Weenen ("The Village of Weeping"), historically interesting as the scene of the massacre by the Zulu King Dingaan of 600 Dutch immigrants in 1837.

From Estcourt the line winds south. The gradient is upward through open grasslands, with occasional belts of stunted mimosa trees, till it reaches Highlands Station, 4,953 feet above the sea, one of the highest points on the line. Five miles further south is the Mooi (good) River, the finest stock and agricultural center in the Colony. On the banks of the Mooi River is Weston, the most southerly settlement in Weenen County.

WILLING TO OBLIGE.

The Galena (Kas.) Republican relates that many years ago a number of Peoria Indians organized a show company and made a tour of the East. They were mostly half-breeds and all were thoroughly educated in English, but it was stipulated by the management that they must talk only in their native tongue, and when they got on their war togs they looked savage enough, indeed. Among the company was Will Labadie, well known in Galena. In almost every town some of the audience would remain behind to get a better view of the awful savages. One night Labadie had taken his seat in the orchestra box after the show, and four or five young women who were standing near commenced to comment on his personal appearance.

"How would you like to kiss him?" said one of the maidens, with a titter.

"Oh, girls! let's all do it just to see how it would go to kiss a real Indian!" exclaimed one more daring than the rest, whereupon Labadie turned calmly to them and said:

"Ladies, nothing could afford me more pleasure than to give you a practical illustration of the osculatory accomplishments of the red man."

There was a chorus of little screams, a swish of skirts and the theater was empty.

PRONOUNCED IN SECTIONS.

The Flemish philologists have introduced a new term into their language. In Flamish an automobile is a snevhrgfvslcmzrngibeoolcesuneoenstzuhuig.

Wholesale Houses.

NELSON, B. C.

AERATED AND MINERAL WATERS

THORPE & CO., LIMITED.—Corner Vernon and Cedar Streets, Nelson, manufacturers of and wholesale dealers in aerated waters and fruit syrups. Sole agents for Halcyon Springs mineral water.

NELSON SODA WATER FACTORY—N. M. Cummins, Lessee. Every known variety of soft drinks. P. O. Box 88. Telephone No. 31. Hoover Street Nelson.

CIGARS

KOOTENAY CIGAR MFG. CO.—Corner Baker and Hall Streets, Nelson, manufacturers of "Royal Seal" and "Kootenay Belle" brand of cigars.

COMMISSION MERCHANTS

H. J. EVANS & CO.—Baker Street, Nelson, wholesale dealers in liquors, cigars cement, fire brick and fire clay, water pipe and steel rails and general commission merchants.

GRAIN, HAY AND CEREALS

BRACKMAN & KER MILLING CO. LIMITED.—Front Street, Nelson, wholesale dealers in flour, meals, etc., and hay and grain. Mills at Edmonton, Victoria and New Westminster. Elevators on Calgary & Edmonton Railway.

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KOOTENAY SUPPLY CO. LIMITED—Vernon Street, Nelson, importers, wholesale grocers.

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NELSON, B. C.

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Ladies' and Gents' Clothing cleaned dyed, altered and repaired.

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DR. E. C. ARTHUR, City

Nelson Daily Miner

THE USUAL MISREPRESENTATION.

Among recent visitors to British Columbia, to spy out the mineral resources of the Province, in order that information of them might be conveyed to the English reading public, was Mr. J. W. Broomhead, of the London Financial Times. In his contributions he necessarily referred to the Eight-Hour law; it would have been impossible to give anything like a faithful representation of the mining situation without doing so. With unfaltering fidelity to its favorite policy, a local paper seized on some remarks, with the object of misrepresenting Mr. Broomhead's views in regard to the law and to the various circumstances arising out of its operation. What his views are we shall best gather from words written by himself. The following extract is from a letter which he sent to his paper from Kamloops:

"Since the new Eight-Hour mining law came into force in May last the miners in this district have been on strike. Formerly the wage for a ten-hour day was 14s., but the miners here claim the same wage for eight hours. For this reason the mines in the Slocan are at present shut down, and as most of the miners are personally interested in claims, they see that this law, by raising development costs, will reduce prices for these, and many to whom I spoke were opposed to it. The mining camps are in the mountains, far removed in many cases from any other dwellings, and they say that they would rather receive the 2s. per day extra for the extra two hours' work than loaf about with nothing to do for so many hours daily. The passing of this law was more the work of the agitator than the miner, for even amongst the miners there is considerable diversity of opinion about it, and the result has been to considerably reduce the value of the prospectors' work. If the Government persist in this course, it will result in lowering instead of raising wages, as such a course has done in Queensland."

Mr. Broomhead was quite right in saying that many of the miners were opposed to the law, but it is probably true now that an immense majority of them support the Unions in standing out for the new scale. Since the date of his letter they have permitted themselves to be coerced into the position of defenders and upholders of the law. They know, however, that under the circumstances of it it is a piece of unwise and unfair legislation. They may not yet begin to realise the final effects of it, but whatever conditions it may create at the beginning there can be little doubt that the Queensland experience will be repeated here and wages will go down instead of up. Those who wage an unrighteous war are bound to lose in the end. To take advantage of a law fraudulently passed to exact unjust demands may meet with success for a time, but in the long run disappointment and defeat will surely overtake it.

We do not think that readers of The Miner are in danger of wasting their sympathy on the Boers, but they will be none the less interested in an estimate of their character made by a person who knows them well. In a letter to The London Times Mr. George Lacy says: "I first went to South Africa in 1862, and I know it as not half a dozen others have known it prior to the railroad era. I know the Boers, root and branch; stock, lock, and barrel. I have hunted with them in almost every hunting ground in South Africa; I have fought for them; I have traded with them throughout the Transvaal and Free State; I have dug for diamonds and gold with them; I have been with them on their land commissions and surveys; I have lived in their houses, and been a guest in many hundreds of their farms. I have written the biographies of all their explorers and the history of many of their greatest deeds. And with all this knowledge of them my estimation is that they are the craftiest, most hypocritical, most dishonest, most untruthful, cruellest, most ignorant, most over-bearing, most immoral, and stupidest race of white people in the world." Mr. Lacy does not confine himself to this bald statement, but proceeds to give evidence in support of every count in his indictment. And he does it most conclusively. The Boers are a bad lot.

Mr. Maxwell is one of the six men who represent British Columbia in the Dominion Parliament. He was taken ill a month or two ago and had a rather bad time of it for a spell, but happily recovered. The Province newspaper of Vancouver made his misfortune the occasion for parading a subscription list for the payment of his debts. The good feeling of The Province and of the contributors is manifest by their action; Mr. Maxwell is a person whom many esteem and who doubtless deserves the regard of his friends; but we cannot understand a member of Parliament putting himself on the charity of the public in order to have his personal debts liquidated. We should be sorry to say anything to the gentleman's disparagement, but the reputation of the Province is involved and it is but right that attention should be called to the extraordinary character of the whole affair. We do not think Mr. Maxwell and his friends, in making public appeals for subscriptions, have shown a proper regard for the seemliness of things. If he had first resigned his seat in the House it would then have been a matter exclusively their own.

The dispatches convey the intelligence that Mr. Luxton, of Winnipeg, has been made editor-in-chief of The St. Paul Globe. Mr. Luxton was the founder of The Winnipeg Free Press, which grew under his management from a small beginning in 1871 into one of the most prosperous and influential newspapers of the Dominion. How his connection came to be severed is a long story, but in every circumstance of it his sturdy independence and unswerving rectitude of character were conspicuously in evidence. The ability which built up and maintained The Free Press as a newspaper of the highest standard will make The Globe a power in St. Paul.

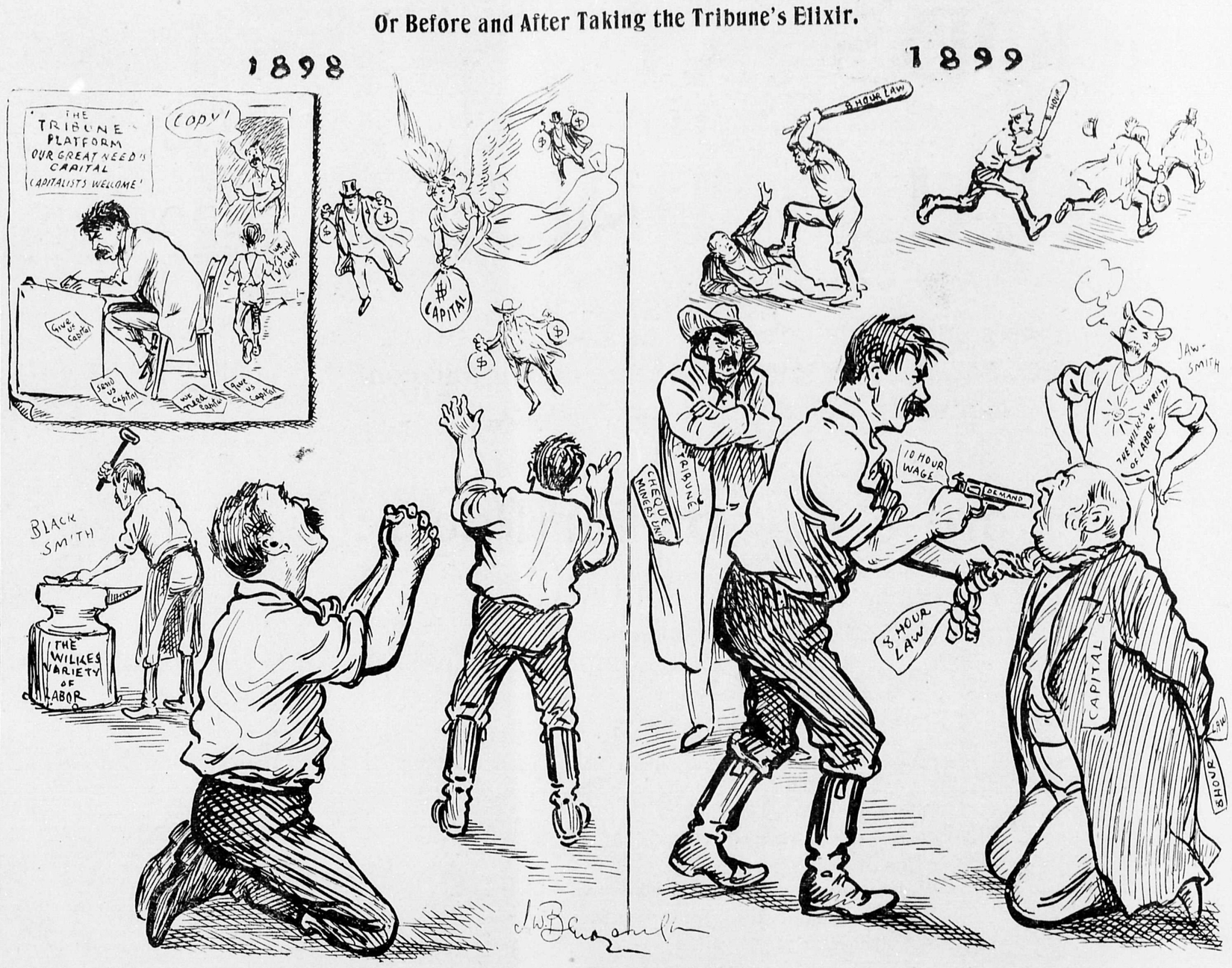
Last session of Parliament an Address of the House was passed for copies of the correspondence relating to the offer of the Government of British Columbia respecting the Pacific cable—the famous offer of a million in aid of its construction. The Return has just been printed, The Miner's mail of last night containing a copy of it. It was published in full at the time in most of the leading newspapers, a fact which affords a rather significant commentary on the dispatch of Parliamentary business.

Provision was made last session for the appointment of an additional Judge in the Yukon country. It is supposed that Mr. D. C. Fraser, a Nova Scotia member, is to get the position—in fact, that it was made for him. If faithful campaign service entitles him to the promotion he has already earned it, but as if to make sure that the consideration is ample he has been devoting the past one or two months to a tour of Manitoba and the Territories. With the proceeds of the next session in his pocket, he will be ready to be packed off to Dawson.

Kamloops and Nanaimo are having concerts for the benefit of the Absent-minded Beggar's wife and kids, and we are glad to add that Nelson is not to be behind in the good work. The Nelson Rifles have taken the matter up, and before many days the public will have an opportunity to demonstrate their sympathetic concern for those who are dependent on the brave fellows who are fighting the Boers.

THE REAL "DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE."

Or Before and After Taking the Tribune's Elixir.



HISTORY—One year ago, and in previous years, The Tribune published glowing articles that told of the great things the press and people would do for Capital if it would but come to Kootenay and develop our mineral wealth, thus giving employment to our unemployed. Labor was literally upon its knees, begging capital to come. Capital came. Note the result. Are they doing the great things they promised capital? In the words of John Houston, Kootenay's "Yellow Kid of Journalism," "We aint doin' a ting to him ! ! !"

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OLD-TIME STAKE

INTERESTING FIND AT THE GAS WORKS BUILDING.

A Discovery Post Unearthed, and a Dam and Sluice-Box Dug Out—Relics of Some Old Prospector.

An interesting discovery was made at the gas works buildings yesterday. In digging for the foundation of the big gasometer to be placed in position within a few weeks, the workmen came across an old discovery post, some six feet under ground. The post was fairly well petrified and about four feet, six inches in length, the upper portion being squared for some 18 inches, the prescribed 4x4 inches. No name or date can be traced, the length of time the stick has been under ground obliterating all lettering. A little further excavation revealed what was evidently a dam, the apron, which was traced for about eight feet, being composed of cedar shakes, which were still intact. There can be little doubt that out of this old claim considerable gold was taken, as what remained of the works would indicate that they were well put up and more permanent in character than was usually the case in the early days of placer mining in British Columbia. There is considerable speculation among old timers as to who worked the ground. None of them can remember a claim staked at this particular point, but it is known that early in the seventies, Black Jack (after whom a productive creek in old Cariboo is named) and Dancing Bill, his partner, worked their way up the Kootenay as far as what is now the thriving City of Nelson. That they remained here for some considerable time is also known. When the partners went to Cariboo they were "well fixed," and it is just possible that they made their pile on the claim marked by this identical discovery post. Mose Ireland, who was afterwards murdered at Deadman's Creek, is also known to have been at placer work in the immediate vicinity of Nelson. Some years after his murder a number of Indians were arrested for complicity in the crime. They were in charge of Anderson, who at the time acted as constable, but a lot of their tribesmen came down and rescued the prisoners. Some think that the discovery post was placed there by Mose Ireland, but the appearance of the ground would go to show that the claim was staked before Ireland's time in this section of the Kootenays. The workmen engaged at the excavation are keeping a sharp lookout for nuggets, the prospect of finding a little glittering gold promoting an energy which is highly commendable. When the water begins to flow around the big gasometer a few colors may be found that will create a flurry in placer mining in and around Nelson.

THE NELSON GAS WORKS.

Rapid Progress Being Made on the Buildings—New Material Coming.

Building operations are being very actively pursued at the gas works. The buildings are to be of stone, which is being quarried in the immediate vicinity, and carried to th scene of operations by rail. Tracks are laid from the quarry to the building, thus facilitating the handling of the huge blocks, which are cut and dressed on the ground. The material is a very fine, hard granite, and although difficult to work, makes a beautiful building. The big gasometer has been ordered and will be shipped in sections to Nelson and here put in position. The retort and boiler house are nearing completion, while as fast as the stone can be dressed and put together the other buildings are going up. So far the weather has been favorable, but there is some anxiety lest frost and snow should set in before the masonry is complete. The buildings occupy the block from Silica Street to Victoria Streets, and is admirably situated for gas works, with an abundant water supply, good drainage, and sufficiently isolated so as not to be offensive. Mr. George McFarland is superintendent of the works, under Mr. D. Morris, the resident engineer of the company. It is expected that all will be finished by Christmas, should the weather prove at all favorable.

UNION PERSECUTION.

Miner's Charged With Carrying Firearms to Shoot Union Men.

The hearing of the charge preferred against John McNamara and Phillip Allen, accused of carrying firearms with intent to shoot members of the Miners' Union, was continued at Ymir yesterday, before Messrs. Buckworth and Ross, Justices of the Peace.

S. S. Taylor, Q. C., appeared for the prosecution, and W. A. Macdonald, Q. C., for the defence. A number of witnesses were examined who testified to seeing McNamara carrying arms, but none of them would say that he attempted or intended to use his revolver as charged.

At the conclusion of the evidence counsel addressed the court at considerable length reviewing the evidence. The Magistrates, after a brief consultation dismissed the case.

The case against Philip Allen was then called, but the prosecution declined to put in any evidence, and it was accordingly dismissed.

There was considerable interest manifested in the proceedings. The evidence went to show that the accused are employed at the Ymir mine, and that those brought up to testify against them were members of the Miners' Union. McNamara had been assaulted on a previous occasion by members of the union. It was not denied that the accused men carried arms, but it was shown that they did so for self-protection.

ADVERTISING NOTES.

The sworn circulation of this morning's Miner is 1,900 copies, nine-tenths of which number circulate in Nelson and the Slocan country. The advertiser will naturally know that this number of today's paper is largely in excess of the usual gross circulation of West Kootenay papers, but it will be gratifying to today's advertisers to know that their Miner advertisement will fully cover the field they desire to reach. The paper will speak for itself.

Martin O'Reilly & Co., from their handsome new store, a likeness of which appears in their advertisement, greet our readers this morning with a page advertisement that in its wording is thoroughly in keeping with their straightforward business methods. That their moving was for good will be acknowledged by all who visit their new store. That their stock and prices are right has never been questioned.

On the eighth page of today's paper appears an illustration showing the handsome new Houston Block, now completed. It is the intention of the Miner to each Sunday morning show a picture of one of Nelson's new blocks.

A. Ferland in today's issue announces that there yet remains in his establishment some of the goods purchased from the bankrupt stock at Sandon. He also quotes some prices that will set the careful buyer a-thinking. Mr. Ferland has a large trade in Nelson and vicinity and it is generally known that his reasonable prices have much to do with his business success.

The Canada Drug & Book Co., today begin the announcement of their offerings for the Holiday trade. Commencing the middle of this week this firm will run a column advertisement in The Miner. Their ad will be changed frequently, and their space will during the month contain much that will be of interest to our readers.

The Kootenay Cigar Co., now fast growing metropolitan as to size and as to employes, again present those household words "Kootenay Belle" and "Royal Seal" Union-made cigars—their own and everyone else's favorites.

H. M. Vincent, merchant tailor, has an announcement in today's paper that the well-dressed men of Nelson will profit by reading.

Mrs. McLaughlin, the Nelson milliner and dressmaker, has two advertisements in today's Miner.

The large retail furniture house of D. McArthur & Co, have a space in today's Miner that no reader will escape noticing. The furniture establishment of this company is an honor to West Kootenay, and that their trade is fully up to the possibilities of this section is a fact apparent to all.

AT THE HOTEL HUME.

M. J. Appleby, Victoria; W. H. Brandon, Silverton; O. F. Riebel, Nelson; S. C. Matthews, Montreal; Fred Emerson, Vancouver; F. W. Smith Montreal.

New York Counts on the half shell at the Oyster Bay Lunch counter. JOHN SPEAR, Ward Street.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

The subject of the Rev. R. Frew's sermon at this evening's service at the Presbyterian Church will be "The Creation."

It is said that the recently organized Licensed Victuallers' Association will take an active part in the approaching municipal elections.

All persons entitled to be registered as voters for the City of Nelson can have their names placed on the list upon making the necessary affidavit. Blank forms can be had on application at the City Hall. The last day for registering will be the 30th of the present month.

During the past week the Canadian Pacific Telegraph Company opened an office in Greenwood City, to which town their line was recently completed. The company will construct branch lines to Phoenix and other towns located on the spurs of the main line which are under construction. It will push its line on to Penticton when the railway is constructed to that point.

The Smelter Brass Band gave an open air concert last night from the balcony of the Nelson House. There was a large turnout to enjoy the music, which was really good. The programme consisted of six marches and two waltzes viz., "The Charlotte," "Young American," "Don Juan," "Caramba," "High School Cadets" and "American Medley" marches; and "The Brook" and "Mamie Reilly" waltzes.

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AND

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TO THE

OPERA HOUSE BLOCK

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Canada Drug & Book Co.

There was one drunk at Police Court yesterday morning, who was fined $5 and costs. It was possibly the cheapest night's lodging he has ever had, as the man while drunk had a considerable sum of money in his possession of which he would probably have been relieved.

The City Clerk yesterday received a copy of the resolution passed at the meeting of the Board of School Trustees on Friday evening, asking the Council to petition the Government to make Nelson a separate school district, and deed the City block 94 for high school purposes.

Mr. C. W. West was round again yesterday with his petition praying the Council to submit a by-law to raise funds sufficient to put the City wharf in a safe and sound condition. The petition is liberally signed by the local merchants, and will probably be handed in on Monday.

No Rugby football team will go to the Coast this winter as intended. This is not on account of any difficulty with the Coast clubs, who have shown themselves more than generous, but because it is impossible to get a representative team together. Several Rossland players were to have gone with the aggregation, but now they are unable to go, and three or four of the best Nelson players are also prevented by business reasons, while several others are uncertain whether or not they will not also be prevented at the last moment. Thus the project has dropped. It is naturally a disappointment to Mr. Haines, the captain, who has been unremitting in his efforts to promote the success of the game here.

The short tale of a dog is briefly told by Mr. Jeff Steele, an employe at the Granite mine. It appears that the dog and his master were coming in to town from the mine the other evening, and took to the railway track. Arriving at one of the curves, they heard a train approach, and to save himself the man of steele jumped from the track to find himself in a pool of water several feet below. The dog was about to follow his example, but ere his tail cleared the track it was caught under the fore wheel of the engine, and needless to say, severed from the body. But the rest of this particular canine landed on his anxious master in the pool below. No search was made for the missing tail, but the poor dog is going round, a la Manx cat, bemoaning the loss of his appendage. Mr. Steele declares that it was the narrowest shave he has ever had.

Defective Glasses.

Glasses exactly right two years ago may be far from right to-day.

The eyes change. We will examine your eyes free, and will only recommend a change if absolutely beneficial.

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YOU NEED RUBBERS NOW

And want good ones—Rubbers that will wear all winter. We offer you the best made, at a most reasonable price.

Come in and ask us about them.

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BEARDSLEY'S SHREDDED CODFISH

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Evening train connects to and from *Main Line and points north*, and (ex. Sun.) from all points in BOUNDARY COUNTRY.

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23.00 Lv.	NELSON	Arr. 16.20

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MEN OF MARK.

W. T. Wardell, treasurer of the Standard Oil company, is a strong Prohibitionist.

Colonel Ponsonby, the military attache of the British legation, has introduced golf in Constantinople.

William H. Rickard, the noted Hawaiian revolutionist, who died a short time ago, was one of the martyrs to Hawaii's lost cause. He was a Cornishman by birth.

Captain Edward J. Hardy of Company M, Twentieth Kansas regiment, is said to be the youngest commissioned officer in the Philippines. He is only 23 years old and has won his way from the ranks to a captaincy in a year.

Major William P. Biddle, a Philadelphian, who has been decorated with one of the Dewey medals, is one of the illustrious Biddles of the Quaker City. He is a son of Captain John Biddle, who served with distinction in the civil war.

John Elbert, the first engineer to take a locomotive west out of Chicago, died on Aug. 20. He went to Chicago in 1842, taking with him the first engine to leave the east. It was named Pioneer and is now on exhibition in the Field Columbian museum.

General Funston's mail is probably the largest in the Philippines. There are quantities of letters of congratulations from friends and strangers, requests for autographs, political advice, stock of newspaper clippings and countless gifts of every description.

James T. Palmer, who was said to be the youngest enlisted man in the Confederate service, died recently. He was a powder monkey on the Confederate steamer Morgan, commanded by Captain Fry, of Virginius fame, and served in the action of Fort Blakely, Mobile bay, in April, 1865, being then 6 years old.

The will of George W. Clayton, who died not long ago in Colorado, provides for the establishment of an institution to be known as the George W. Clayton college. It is to be conducted on the plan of Girard college, Philadelphia, and will maintain and educate orphan boys from their admission until they are 18 years of age.

Lord Charles Beresford, like all Irishmen and sailors, is full of fun. His first exploit in the house of commons was to hide one of the boots of an old M. P. who suffered from gout and used to take off his footgear for ease. When the division bell sounded, the old gentleman had to hobble into the lobby with one boot on.

Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, who has been appointed chief justice of Massachusetts, was hardly out of Harvard college when he joined the Fourth battalion of infantry, Major Thomas G. Stephenson. The poem which he delivered on class day was written at Fort Independence, where the battalion was quartered.

The Hon. Daniel J. Ryan, who has been chosen director general of the Ohio Centennial exposition, to be held in Toledo in 1902, had charge of the Ohio interests at the World's fair. Mr. Ryan was born in Cincinnati and is 44 years old. By profession he is a lawyer. He has served in the Buckeye legislature and as secretary of state.

JEWELRY JOTTINGS.

Straight sticks with long caps of gold or silver are noticeable among umbrella and parasol handles.

To seafaring taste is dedicated a pair of cuff links of which one half of each is a coil of rope and the other half is a pilot wheel.

A pair of hearts paves in pearls, or in pearls and turquoises, pearls and coral, etc., make an important showing in newest brooches and clasps for neck and belt.

Snake rings for men are shown in great number. A serpent coiled six times round, with a ruby, emerald or diamond set in the head and with brilliants simulating the rattles, forms a handsome wide band.

Gold stickpins, which are just the thing that every woman will want, have appeared in sizes ranging from that of the small brass pin of everyday use up to round headed affairs in what was once shawl pin size.

Straight hairpins in brilliants are in again. The most important measure about two and one-fourth inches in length and three-eighths in width; others are still longer and narrower. Dainty little bars no longer than the diameter of a tiny round brooch are set with pearls and turquoises in alternation.—Jewelers' Circular.

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POLITICAL QUIPS.

When in doubt, the politician denounces the trusts.—Chicago Record.

Politicians are now busy getting their impromptu speeches ready for the fall campaign.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Furthermore, Senator Stewart firmly believes that John Sherman wrote the bordereau for the crime of '73.—Washington Post.

The responsibility is now thrown upon the shoulders of the representatives in congress. Speaker Reed has resigned.—Detroit Free Press.

The man who is worth a million may be a man for all that, and, if the stories are true, he may be a United States senator for less than half that.—Detroit Journal.

CROP LADEN KANSAS.

Out in Kansas a farmer who was walking through his wheatfield had one of his legs broken by having a wheat stalk fall on it.—Nauvoo Rustler.

Some miscreant out in Kansas chopped down a cornstalk and felled it across a railway track. Fortunately it was discovered before a train came along, and no lives were lost.—Kansas City Journal.

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ODD TALKS WITH OLD TIMERS.

The First Prisoner, the First Fire, and the First Funeral.

"I was reading your 'Odd Talks with Old Timers' in Wednesday's Miner," said an early settler yesterday, "and have sent copies to the people alluded to—for I know them all. Your informant didn't make the mustard plaster strong enough, as the mustard was mixed with brandy as a sort of voucher that it would do its work. I saw poor — knocking round for days after without a vest and his coat unbuttoned, and 'twas said that it cost $8 for cream and cooling ointments to heal up the seat of the supposed cramps. He had a hot time of it.

"And talking of heat, reminds me of the first fire we had in Nelson. It was in the year 1892. The fire broke out in Carney's store down in the west end of the town, and it spread so rapidly that Jack Bordeau nearly lost his life. The store was run on general lines and had a but her shop attached. Jack was at the rear preparing supper, and before he knew what was going on he was surrounded by the flames. We had a hard job to get him out. There was no fire brigade in those days, and our water supply was limited. The reservoir, such as it was, was about where John Houston's house now stands. A bucket brigade was formed, but without water and but few buckets available, the building was soon reduced to ashes. That was the first fire.

"The first prisoner arrested in Nelson was in 1891, so you see that even in the early days this Nelson of ours was a law-abiding place. I forget the fellow's name, but we had no jail, and he was handcuffed to a tree, the stump of which is still standing at the rear of Frank Tamblyns place on Baker street. The arrest was made by Mr. Giffin, who was constable, recorder, and everything else at the time. As the fellow was handcuffed around the tree he could do nothing but stand up and receive the jeers of everybody passing. It appears he had some chewing tobacco in his pocket and as the people passed by he would call upon them to put a hand in his pocket and give him a chew. Of course he met an accommodating chap to do so. Having remained a day in this position he was liberated, and vowed he would never go to jail in Nelson again."

"The first funeral in Nelson was that of Bart Henderson. He died in 1888, and was buried about where the C. P. R. office now stands at the west end of Baker Street. We had no parsons here in those days, and Bibles and prayer books were scarce. But luckily for Bart, he was a Free Mason, and the brethren had their own mystic service at the grave, and afterwards put a fence round to mark the resting place of a jolly good fellow. This marked the place as a burial ground. The next to be interred there was a man who was accidentally shot at Forty Nine Creek. A sportsman took him for a deer and fired with fatal effect. The accident occurred on the Queen Victoria claim, on the other side of the river. A lot of us went down for the body and took it across. As it was late when we got over, we buried the body, so as to prevent the wolves getting at it, for there were lots of them around then. Next morning we dug it up again and brought it to Nelson, where we gave it decent burial. But the body didn't long remain there. The man's mother came in from Minnesota and took it back for interment. There were a number of other bodies buried in this, our first graveyard. Later on when the old cemetery was marked, all these bodies were removed there, Mickey Burns, who was in town up to about a year ago, having the contract for removing them. You know these same bodies were again removed about eighteen months ago to the new cemetery, which I suppose will be their last resting place."

LIFE IN A BOER CAMP.

Times Correspondent Describes Their Manners and Customs.

A special correspondent of the London Times describes his stay in a Boer camp as the war was breaking out, his letter being dated Capetown, October 18:

The confidence of the Boers in the certainty of their success was unbounded. They never doubted for a moment that, having once crossed Laing's Nek they would march straight down to Durban destroying the mere handful of British in their path. As for Cape Colony, that would rise on every side to welcome them. Only a few of the more educated among the Pretorians contemplated the possibility of defeat, and even they, after a week in the camp, were caught by the general contagion. Their confidence was based chiefly on the excellence of their rifle shooting and on the enthusiastic spirit which animated the whole country. As to the former I had no opportunity of judging, though I confess to feeling a little doubtful about it, when I heard them quoting the events of the Jameson raid as an evidence thereof. On one occasion I tried to test the Boers' capacity for estimating distances, for which they are so celebrated. I took a distance I guessed to be 700 yards, and asked perhaps a dozen Boers and Pretorians to tell me what it was. I was surprised to get every possible estimate from 350 to 700 yards, the majority judging the distance to be about 500 yards. On stepping it I found it to be 650 yards. It is quite possible that if any very heavy engagements take place in which the Boers are themselves exposed to a severe fire, the quality of their markesmanship will fall very much short of their reputation.

The arrangements of a Boer laager are very different from those of an English military camp. The chief difference lies in the fact that among the Boers every man is supposed, as far as possible, to look after his own affairs, to bring his own wagon and horses, and to some extent, his own provisions. The Government provides tents, blankets, mackintoshes, forage, and provisions for distribution to those who want any of those things, but no one is obliged to take them. On the other hand, there is no limit to what any individual may choose to bring for himself. There are no fixed regulations as to messes, but friends club together as they please and have meals when they like. There were many small parties in the Pretoria laager who had managed to make themselves most comfortable, who had spare tents, abundance of tinned and fresh provisions sent from home, and Kaffir servants to cook their food and mind their horses, and who consequently had very little to do the whole day long besides eating, talking, and sleeping, except perhaps, to go out for a ride. There were no drills or field exercises, except a parade on the President's birthday and even at this attendance was by no means obligatory. Guards, however, were put round the camp regularly every night, and from each of the camps a detachment of 20 or 30 horsemen was sent every 12 hours to relieve the patrols stationed along the Natal frontier. There was very little discipline or method in the camp, but plenty of willingness, and a natural instinct for doing the right thing, which served very well in their place. After I had been there two or three days the whole camp was broken up and shifted a couple of miles to bring it near better drinking water, and to find new grass for the horses. The whole operation went off perfectly smoothly, without a single order being given, except the order that the camp was to be moved. Every man looked after his own affairs, and in three or four hours from the time that the order to break up was given the new camp was complete and cooking was going on busily. In action the operations of a Boer commando are directed by the commandant and the Field Cornet or Field Cornets, but in camp the chief work devolves upon the corporals, of whom perhaps there are half a dozen in our laager. The corporal looks after the stores, distributes forage, rations, and ammunition, supervises the removal of baggage, the erection of tents, the drawing up of the wagons on the sides of the laager, the tethering of the horses—in fact, most of the operations of camp life. He has also disciplinary power to the extent of imposing small fines or strokes with a stirrup leather for contravention of his orders, though the power is not often exercised.

The Pretoria laager was especially interesting owing to its composition. Only half of it consisted of Boers properly so called, the farmers of the Pretoria district; the other half was composed of the citizens of Pretoria itself—lawyers, clerks, shopkeepers, and Government officials. Between the two there was a great difference. The townsmen of Pretoria are in most ways very much more English than Dutch, in their life, their thoughts, and, not least, their language. Many too, among the Pretorians in the camp were English-born Burghers who had been commandered and could not well refuse, and still more were originally from Cape Colony. The ordinary language of conversation in the town half of the camp was English though efforts were made by many to keep up Dutch for patriotism's sake, especially when some of the real Boers were near. At night, while the Boers chanted interminable psalms in Dutch, the Pretorians whiled away the time by singing comic and sentimental songs in English. Many of the younger men among the Pretorians are fine athletic fellows and reputed to be good shots, but the real strength of the Transvaal lies not in them or any of the miscellanous Hollander and German or Irish volunteer corps, but in the old back-country Boers, the men who took part in the rising of 1881, and who learnt their shooting in the days when game was plentiful and cartridgs too expensive to be lightly wasted.

The whole force in the laagers dotted about within a few miles of Sands prut amounted to between 8,000 and 10,000 men, comprising the Pretoria, Heildelberg, Middleburg, Krugersdorp, Standerton, Wakkerstroom, and Ermelo commandos, the State Artillery, and corps of Hollanders, Germans, and Irish. This is the body of troops that has now advanced into Natal over Laings Nek and will defend that position when the British troops begin their advance. The State Artillery detachment consists of 16 Krupp guns of the latest pattern, and some 300 men. The Boers have taken some trouble with their artillery since the Jameson raid. The artillerymen are certainly a fine body of men, and excellent riders. They themselves are convinced that they will do great execution and very much surprise the British. But the old Boers look upon artillery as a dangerous innovation which may seriously hamper the freedom of their movements.

THE QUEEN'S FAREWELL.

The Queen's farewell to the Highlanders ordered to the Cape from Balmoral reminds one of a story which is told of how Her Majesty saw the Guards off 45 years ago when they left London for Malta, en route for the Russian war. They marched past in front of Buckingham Palace, the Queen and Prince Albert looking on from the balcony. As the last company was going by, the Queen young, girlish, impulsive, stooped down, took off one of her shoes and threw it among them with the old English idea of giving good luck. Even the discipline of the Guards broke down, and a dozen men scrambled for it. Who actually secured the Royal token of good luck was never known. Probably the guardsman who carried it off with him was among the killed or missing of some Crimean battlefield, and his knapsack was plundered by marauders who had no idea where the little satin shoe had originally come from.

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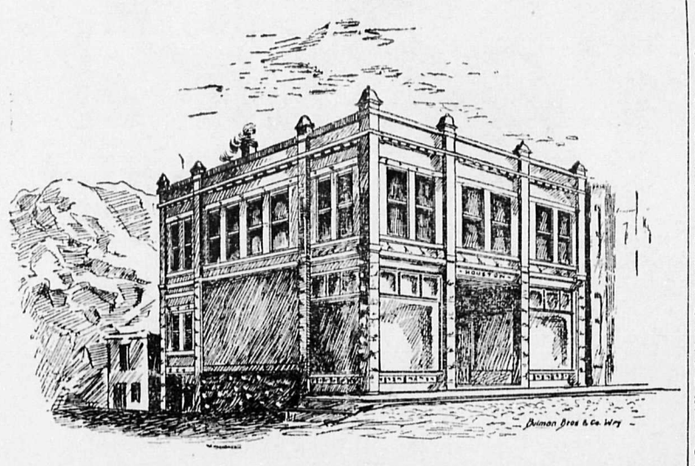

The Houston Block is one of the handsomest and most substantial buildings in the City. It is situate at the corner of Baker and Josephine Streets, and about two years ago the foundation, which is of stone, was built. Early in June last building operations were resumed, and pushed with all due haste to completion. The finishing touches are now being given to the interior, and the whole will be taken over from the contractors in a day or two. The building has a frontage on Baker Street of 50 feet and on Josephine street, it fronts 70 feet. As to the style of architecture—well, it is Houstonian, but is well laid out, the architects being Messrs. Ewart & Carrie. The main entrance is from Baker Street, and is 14 feet in width, narrowing down to six feet at the stairway, which leads up to the first floor. This is lighted from the roof and is divided into ten rooms with lavatories, etc. On either side of the main entrance are stores, with a width of 23 feet in the clear and running the full depth of the building. The corner store is occupied by Martin O'Reilly & Co., and is stocked with a full line of drygoods, and fitted up with electric lights which throw their rays from the ceiling. The second store is to be taken over by J. A. Irving & Co., grocers, while the basement is occupied by the Nelson & Kootenay Electric Supply Co., as office, storerooms, workshops, etc. The front is of local red pressed brick, and the trimmings of marble, from the quarry on Kootenay Lake, opposite Kaslo. All the stone cutting was done in Nelson, and very creditable work it is. The interior work is of natural wood—cedar and fir—with artistic finishing, and is as neat looking at it is substantial. The Nelson Saw & Planing Mill Co., were the contractors, and the estimated cost is $13,000.

MINING NEWS.

Rossland, Nov. 25.—The week has been a quiet one in the camp. Work has been progressing in all the properties as usual. The shipments for the week ending Nov. 25th aggregate 4,884 tons, making a daily average output of 698 tons. The Monte Cristo is to recommence work once more at once, and as a railway spur is now being completed for shipping purposes, it is presumed that shipments will also begin again. There have been many rumors concerning the Evening Star Company, but nothing definite has been given out beyond the fact that arrangements are being made to actively work the mines and recommence shipping next month. Appended is a detailed statement (approximately) of the output of ore from Rossland camp for the week ending November 25, and the year to date:

Le Roi mine, for week, 2,304, for year, 83,592; War Eagle, week, 1,860; year, 57,548; Iron Mask, 180, 5,001; Evening Star, for year, 1,088; Deer Park, for year, 18; Centre Star, week, 540, year, 12,426; Columbia-Kootenay, year, 111; Virginia, year, 100; Mountain Trail, year, 20; I. X. L., year, 75; Coxey, year, 20. Total for week, 4,884 tons; for year, 160,035 tons.

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Rossland, Nov. 25—The Virginia, which is planning steadily and regular shipments, will have a siding of its own for loading the ore. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has completed the work of grading for the new side track, and all now remaining is to lay the rails from the main line to the new shaft. Superintendent McPherson is centering work in the west drift of the 41-foot level. The drift is steadily being driven onward. It is now in about 75 feet and has followed ore all the way. A considerable quantity is on the dump. The plans for future development call for weekly shipments of about 20 tons to the Trail Smelter, where a $6 rate has been secured.

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It is reported that C. J. McCuaig has in view the establishment at Republic camp, a 200-ton mill, arranged that its capacity may be increased to 400 or 1,000 per day, for the treatment of the ores of the various properties there in which he is interested. The mill will be entirely separate from any of the mines, and will be under the management of an independent company. What process will be adopted in treating the ores if positively decided, has not yet been made known.

HEREDITARY CHEWER.

His Mother Chews and Her Seven Year Old Boy Likewise.

Colfax, Wash., Nov. 25.—A sad sight was witnessed at the sheriff's office today when Deputy Sheriff Stewart brought Roscoe Allen, the 7-year-old tobacco fiend from Pullman, to be examined with a view to being sent to the school for defective youth. When the child was brought into the sheriff's office Stewart took from a drawer a full sized plug of tobacco and handed it to the child, whose eyes glistened with pleasure as he asked:

"Can I have all of that?"

The deputy told him to take a chew from the plug, but the little fellow objected saying that was not enough and tried to break the plug in two.

When Sheriff Canutt asked him his age, he asked:

"What comes after six?"

The sheriff answered "seven," and the little fellow said:

"Well, that's it."

He filled his mouth with tobacco and said:

"Now I'll dance for you," and suiting the action to the word, proceeded to dance for the edification of a number who were present. He persisted in spitting on the floor regardless of the warning of the janitor and was finally locked in jail, where he occasionally beats on the door and calls for "Pa," the name he gives Deputy Sheriff Stewart, to come and take him home.

He is apparently quite bright, but is a confirmed tobacco fiend and fairly eats the weed. He is subject to fits and when recovering from a fit calls for tobacco and will not become quiet until he gets it. Neighbors charge his mother and step-father with abusing him, and citizens of Pullman, where they reside, asked the officers to take action in the matter, as the child has become a public nuisance there. His mother chews tobacco and the child has used it constantly since he was three years old.

MURDER AT BAKER CITY.

Baker City, Ore., Nov. 25.—At 12:15 o'clock today A. Lawson, a colored bootblack, shot and killed Hugh Younger, a gambler, on Front Street in front of the Mint saloon. A shotgun was used and the charge entered the body at the heart. Younger walked to the gambling room and fell dead. Lawson gave himself up. He had been gambling, had lost and was drunk. Younger was a "stud" dealer at the Mint. The inquest was held this afternoon. Younger is said to be a cousin of the notorious Younger brothers. A colored woman is said to be mixed up in the affair. The verdict of the coroner's jury was "Premeditated murder."

COLONEL DAVIS DEAD.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 25.—Colonel Geo. R. Davis, formerly director general of the World's Fair, died at his home in this city tonight after a short illness.

THE SMILEY CONCERT CO.

The Smiley Concert Co. will appear at the Opera House tomorrow evening. The performance, which will prove a musical and literary treat, is for the benefit of the hospital fund. Such a programme and such a cause will doubtless pack the house. The two stars of the company are Miss Mildred Walker and Miss Ella Bridgeland. Of Miss Walker the Toronto World says: "Miss Mildred Walker is the possessor of a naturally beautiful soprano voice, which has been most artistically cultivated this being evinced by her artistic conception of the difficult ava 'Connais tu le Pays' from Mignon, and her splendid rendering of Berignani's 'Flower Girl,' and Ambrose Thomas' 'Non Conosci il bel Suol.'" Miss Ella Bridgeland is considered one of the first contraltos in Canada, and has won laurels in Canada's eastern cities. She is a pupil of W. Elliott Hanslam, late of New York, who has formed some of the leading voices of the day. As alto of the famous Toronto Ladies' Quartette, which had for its other members Madame d'Awria, Mrs. Wilson-Lawrence and Miss Edith Miller, Miss Bridgeland appeared in the principal cities of Ontario and Quebec and won unstinted praise for her solo work.

MAKING OCEANS OF DESERTS.

Great Changes That May Be Wrought by the Ingenuity of Man.

Few people realize how completely of late years the surface aspect of this weazened old globe of ours has been altered and improved. The world of today, in fact, differs from the world of our ancestors much as a society lady, in all the glory of fold and frill and furbelow, differs from her savage sister running wild in pestilential woods. As art has transformed the one, so has it the other. Only the "Mme Rachael," who has made the earth, if not exactly the "beautiful forever," at least a pleasant and healthful place wherein to dwell, is no charlatan with a dray load of cosmetics and a glib tongue, but a civil engineer, owning nothing more harmful than a few mysterious looking instruments and a measuring tape. And the marvel of it all is this—that what has been done is but an infinitesimal fraction of that which may and doubtless will be done. Who can doubt, for instance, that the great Sahara desert—that mole upon the world's face—will one day be but a memory? It was an inland sea once. It would not be a very difficult matter to convert it into one again. A canal 60 miles long, connecting with the Atlantic the vast depression which runs close up to the coast nearly midway between the 20th and 30th parallels of lattitude, would do the business beautifully. That water would not, of course, cover the entire surface of the desert. Here and there are portions lying above sea level. These would become the islands of the new Sahara Ocean.

What would be the results that would ensue upon this stupendous transformation? Some would be good and some bad. Among the latter may be mentioned the propable destruction of the vineyards of Southern Europe, which depend for their existence upon the warm, dry winds from the great African desert. As some compensation for this, however, the mercantile marines of the nations affected would be enabled to gain immediate and easy access to vast regions now given over to barbarism, and a series of more or less flourishing seaport towns would spring up all along the southern borders of Morrocco and Algeria, where the western watershed of the Nile sinks into the desert, and on the northern frontier of the Congo Free State.

In a similar manner the greater portion of the Central Australian desert, covering an area of fully 1,000,000 square miles, might be flooded. The island-continent would then be converted into a gigantic oval dish, of which the depressed central portion would be covered with water and only the "rim" inhabited.—London Daily Mail.

STAGE STRUCK PEERS.

An English Duke, following the example of two noble earls, has been attracted by the glamour of the footlights. It is announced that the Duke of Manchester arrived at New York the other day from England, and that he was met by Mr. Frohman's secretary, who conducted him to Frohman's office. It was there arranged that the duke should appear with Miss Julia Marlowe, at the Criterion Theatre, in the play of "Barbara Fritchie." The duke is to receive a salary of $1,000 a week. The Earl of Rosslyn has also recently entered the profession, and the Earl of Yarmouth made his debut on the stage on Wednesday night at New Haven, Conn., under the stage name of Eric Hope.

HOME AT LAST.

San Francisco, Nov. 25.—The United States transport Sherman arrived from the Philippines today. There were 194 discharged and sick men on board the transport. Of the sick, eight died on the voyage.

OH! WHAT A DIFFERENCE!

There appears in the latest number of the Berlin comic journal, Ulk, a cartoon which for once in a way exhibits a touch of humor. It bears the title, "The Wire to Pretoria." A certain man in a tall hat and of portentously lugubrious countenance, with a document appearing from his coat-tail inscribed, "Berlin, Jan., 1897; congratulations raid Jameson," inquiries after an expected message at the official telegraph counter. The dialogue is short but significant. "Anything from Berlin?" "Nothing!"

MARRIED IN ROSSLAND.

The ceremony was performed Friday afternoon that made George W. Henderson and Vida Thayer, husband and wife. The young couple arrived in the city from Nelson on the morning train, and the preliminaries having been arranged, were united in holy matrimony at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. Geo. H. Morden officiating. Mr. Henderson is a native of Priceville, Ont., while the bride's former home was in Brixton, Eng. They will make their future home in Nelson, where the groom is employed as a steamfitter. —Rossland Miner.

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