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THE PASSING SHOW.

A Review of Local and Foreign Events and Topics
by the Editor.

The Valencia Wreck—The Lid On—Social Vampires—The American Press—Crank Legislation—A Mexico Renaissance—Bernard Shaw on Marriage—Sarah Bernhardt Honoured—A Brilliant Canadian Girl—Bobbie Burns—Spasmodicus Involuntas—Kalen Island, Cayenne Pepper.

The attitude of the Dominion government with reference to the protection of life on the West Coast of Vancouver Island stands condemned not only by their political opponents but by every member of their own party who is conversant with their record, and who has not allowed the instincts of common humanity to be stifled by the shibboleth of party. It is only necessary to read the manly and dignified protest of the Liberals of Victoria who met on Tuesday last, and asked the government to deprive the investigation into the wreck of the Valencia of any partisan character by appointing an independent commission, to realize that the case must be desperate. And so it is, and yet not so desperate that the Federal government is willing to give the public even that limited amount of satisfaction. No, the enquiry must be conducted by, and the verdict pronounced by, the paid officers of the defendants. A fair measure of the government's conception of what the justice of the case demands. What are the facts? That the west shore of Vancouver Island is a rocky, stormy, coast, upon which the full fury of the Pacific gales breaks, and towards which, from the south part the Umatilla lightship, Beale Point and northwards to Leonard Islands, a strong current flows. The Dominion government alone is responsible for the protection of this coast. How has it discharged its duty? The current in question is not shown on any existing chart, although it is known to all the captains plying along the coast, and in spite of the fact that the soundings all the way from Umatilla lightship to Beale point are so similar in range as to furnish little help in themselves to enable a captain to locate his whereabouts. The only lights between Victoria and the entrance to the Straits of Juan de Fuca, on the Canadian side, are on Race Islands and at Carmanah; the only other lights on the West Coast are at Beale Point and on Leonard Island near Clayoquot. Thus does the responsible authority discharge its obligations for the protection of seafarers along three hundred miles of dangerous coast line. Nor can this supineness be laid at the door of ignorance, because no less than eighteen times during the last ten years has a wrecked vessel sent a cry of warning and distress to the rock-bound shores, and nearly two hundred perishing souls have prayed in vain for the relief that never came. It is not merely the "Horsam and Jetsam" of foundered vessels and sunken cargoes that have strewn the reefs, but one by one the white faced messenger pallid and ghastly, has been tossed by angry breakers on the inhospitable shores which gave no warning, and afforded no shelter. On August 9th, 1895, the S.S. Warrimoo was wrecked near Beale Point; on December 31st, 1895, the bark Janet Cowan south of Carmanah, and seven lives were lost; on January 29th, 1896, the schooner Wanderer in San Josef Bay; on April 26th, 1896, the schooner Katie at Holland Point; on October 3rd, 1896, the schooner Otto near Kyuquot; on November 18th, 1896, the schooner Puritan at Bonilla Point; on January 19th, 1897, the schooner Osprey at Brown's Point at the entrance of Quatsino Sound; on March 26th, 1897, the S.S. Spinster in Sooke harbour, one life lost; on December 8th, 1897, the schooner esta near Nitinat; on December 10th, 1897, the S.S. Cleveland at Lyall

Point; in June, 1898, the schooner Jane Grey at Kyuquot, all the passengers drowned, probably ten; in 1899 the barkentine Uncle John near Carmanah, at precisely the same spot as the Valencia; on November 16th, 1900, the barque Highland Light at Kyuquot; on October 26th, 1903, the S.S. Wempe Bros., at Bonilla Point; on February 11th, 1904, the schooner Emma Utter near Leonard Island; on December 13th, 1905, the Pass of Melford at Amphryrite Point, 25 lives lost; on December 13th, 1905, the King David on Bajo Reef, seven lives lost, and on January 22nd, 1906, the S. S. Valencia, between Carmanah and Beale Point, 117 lives lost. The significance of this list is not apparent until it is analyzed, then we find that of eighteen total wrecks only six were attended with loss of life, the passengers and crews getting safely to shore in twelve instances. What a comment on the terrible sacrifice of life on the Valencia, with 36 hours in which to effect a rescue, if only the necessary appliances had been available. This record clearly proves that the West Coast is only dangerous because unprotected, and that if the victims of twelve wrecks could get safe to land with such appliances as are ordinarily carried, then with the modern contrivances used wherever intelligence and humanity have been brought to bear on life saving not one life need have been sacrificed on the Valencia. The Federal government has evidently never heard that "Prevention is better than cure." Instead of at least a dozen lighthouses on the West Coast they have just three. These are not equipped with lifeboats, lines, crews or anything by means of which a helping hand can be extended to perishing men. No wireless station for B. C. although the government have twenty in operation on the Atlantic coast and the St. Lawrence. No fog horn, although the Lister has been in use all over the world for many years, and can be distinctly heard for twenty-five miles. It may well be asked what, then, has the Federal government done; well, it must be admitted that it has voted, and presumably paid, \$10,000 a year to a Salvage company to enable them to rescue vessels and to increase their business, but it neglected to insert a clause in the contract requiring as much as one cent to be spent on life saving. It furnished the funds to hire a tug and cruise this dangerous West Coast with a cargo of whiskey for the debauchment of the electors of Mr. William Sloan's constituency. It caused instructions to be wired to Mr. Paterson, keeper of Bamfield station, that he must give news concerning the wreck of the Valencia to Liberal papers only. It appointed its own paid servants to investigate its own criminal misdoings. It refused an independent enquiry. Finally, it expresses its "sympathy" with the survivors and the relatives of the victims. What more could the most paternal government do? What more could the province expect from its "solid seven" representatives? They never promised any attention to wrecks, and coast protection. They were returned on a guarantee that the result would be speedy construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, and it is "humming." The whole story is sickening, and stands alone as an unexampled illustration of the callous indifference of a responsible government in the face of appeals the most in-

sistent and intolerable of all that rend the heart of humanity.

Our remarks of last week on the subject of Mayor Morley's reform propaganda have been misunderstood in some quarters, although it seemed to us that they were clear and to the point. The position is that the mayor's conduct has been consistent with his pre-election pledges, a rare enough virtue in Canadian public life to be noteworthy. No sooner did he find himself in office than he proceeded to do exactly what he declared on the platform during the campaign he should do, namely, "put the lid on," which means stop gambling and close saloons on Sunday altogether. However much any section of the ratepayers may disagree with this policy they cannot complain that it has been sprung upon them as a surprise. There is not a voter in the city who did not know that Mayor Morley would follow this line of action if elected; therefore if blame there be it rests not on him but on the ratepayers who elected him, and since it required a majority to place him in power it is simply a case of majority rule, to which no valid objection can be raised in civilized society. There is, however, one other point not to be lost sight of—the mayor is not legislating; he is simply administering the law, a thing he has sworn to do, and surely if a man is allowed to have a conscience he may be allowed to act on its dictates. Probably some of the kickers are not aware that the police have to subscribe to the following oath when taking office:

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Let us be reasonable. Is it fair and can it be defended that we should ask a chief magistrate and the whole police force to violate their oaths of office and connive at breaches of the law because we do not agree with some of its provisions. Obviously there are only two courses open to people who object to the present laws regulating gambling and the liquor traffic, either to get these laws amended or to elect a complaisant mayor who will wink at their non-enforcement. As long as they are on the statute books they should be enforced. Failure to do this brings the statutes into contempt and weakens the whole moral fibre of the community. The Week is by no means enamored of the laws as they stand and would welcome certain changes more in line with the general sentiment of the community, but it is still less enamored of any systematic evasion of its provisions and enactments as detrimental to the public interest.

"High Society" is not entitled to an does not receive much sympathy from the average man and woman. Its foibles, its selfishness, its extravagance, its luxurious ease, and too often its gilded vice, have brought it beneath the contempt of the majority of honest men and women, who in some way have to toil in this work-a-day world, and manage to retain their regard for purity and the homely virtues which are scarcely fashionable now. Still whatever the shortcomings of the "nouveau riche" and the "jeunesse dorée" one cannot but rejoice at the Nemesis which overtakes social vampires like Colonel Mann of Town Topics fame, who has prostituted a noble calling to the vilest uses and indirectly pandered to vice and crime by rendering them immune from exposure. This precious scoundrel, who has fattened on the blood money of American millionaires for years, has at last been "laid by the heels," thanks to the courage of Mr. Collier, and if he gets even a tithe of his deserts he will cool them

in a felon's cell for a long term. His course of procedure was inimical to every social interest, and would ultimately have found imitators in every class. The old adage comes in appropriately, "good riddance to bad rubbish."

The American press receives a lot of harsh criticism at the hands of Englishmen and Canadians, most of which is richly deserved. Its sensationalism, its exaggeration, and, oftentimes, its manipulation, stand out prominently and disgust thoughtful readers possessing any sense of decency. The American press, however, is improving, and, impelled by the irresistible influence of an advancing public opinion, is slowly but surely emerging from that period of worse than medieval darkness and ignorance in which it has lingered altogether too long. Half a dozen papers could be named today which are a credit to journalism, such as the New York Evening Post, the Philadelphia Ledger, the Minneapolis Journal and the San Francisco Examiner. To these on a smaller platform may be added two Washington state papers, which are rapidly forging to the front as fearless exponents of public opinion and independent critics of things as they are and as they ought not to be. We refer to the Spokesman Review and the Seattle P. I. It is refreshing in view of the graft and wire-pulling which are the usual concomitants of a so-called inquiry to find the Seattle P. I. roundly rating the Pacific Coast Steamship Co. for their delinquencies in connection with the wreck of the Valencia and reporting fully the most damaging evidence adduced in the enquiry now proceeding. This was hardly expected and stands out in favorable contrast to the action of the Federal government in its endeavour to balk an independent investigation lest it should reveal the turpitude and flagrant neglect of the responsible parties. For once the despised alien is shaming men who are British subjects, but who, let us hope for the credit of the race, cannot claim British ancestry.

The General Assembly of the State of Ohio, or at any rate a section, has gone mad. Inoculated with the virus of Dr. Eliot Norton, some members have introduced a bill, under the provisions of which persons suffering from incurable diseases or from injuries from which there is no hope of recovery, may be legally chloroformed to death or killed in any other way which physicians may design. A clause should be added classifying those persons who should be fit subjects for the treatment proposed, and the first on the list should be "crank legislators."

Two news items which appear side by side in an American journal possess special interest for Canadians. The first tells of Canadian investments in Mexico, the second of the entry of the United States Steel Corporation into the country of the Aztecs. Many people owe all their knowledge of this, one of the most fascinating countries in the world, to Lew Wallace's books, "Montezuma," or "The Fair God." A few have read of its fantastic tradition and its fabulous riches in the pages of Prescott. All who have taken even a glimpse into its history have been fascinated with its rich lore and have found the glamour of its subtle interest thrown over them. It is the one old corner of the New World which has a

glorious and only half revealed past. The twentieth century is witnessing its rejuvenescence. Instead of the hidden treasures of the Incas it is the buried treasures of nature that are being unearthed. Mountains of iron and copper, of silver and gold, are being dug and delved. Rivers are being dammed, waterfalls harnessed and railways built, all to enable one of the richest mineral sections of the continent to enter the industrial world and emerge from the period of indolent ease and enervating luxury which has lasted for more than a thousand years. It is a veritable renaissance. More than \$70,000,000 of Canadian capital has been expended in the republic during the last ten years. President Diaz has proved himself a particularly strong and wise ruler. Under his guidance both life and property have been rendered safe. The latest move is by the U. S. Steel Corporation, who have purchased the famous Iron Mountain of Durango and hope to establish there another Pittsburg, which will dominate the South American trade and in course of time all trade passing through Panama to the Orient. Truly "The thoughts of men are widened With the process of the suns."

We have our own ideas on the subject of marriage and have no hesitation in expressing them. If the conclusions of Bernard Shaw are correct we have everything to learn on this subject of perennial interest and vital importance. Until, however, he can find at least one other fanatic as crazy as himself to support his views we shall continue to hug our sweet delusions and to believe that we may possibly be as near the truth as he is after all. The following quotation from the sage's latest utterances will justify our temerity in venturing to differ from him. He says: "It is a woman's business to get married as soon as possible and a man's to keep unmarried as long as he can. The confusion of marriage with morality has done more to destroy the conscience of the human race than any other single error. Marriage is the most licentious of human institutions; that is the secret of its popularity."

That Sarah Bernhardt is a great actress no one will deny. That she is a great woman may well be a subject on which opinions will differ. To have elicited a personal advertisement from the Premier of Canada probably settles the matter for rather more than half of the people of this Dominion, though whether the verdict will be accepted with the same childlike faith throughout the world may also be a matter of opinion. Harvard University shares the opinion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and at Boston last week presented the divine Sarah with a gold medal "in recognition of her great services to French life and history." The medal has heretofore been given only to men of eminence, Sarah being the first woman to receive one. Shades of Rousseau, Voltaire, Bossuet, Hugo, to say nothing of Georges Sands! And the books were closed.

The Montreal Herald has on its staff a writer who regularly contributes literary sketches possessing a rare grace and distinction. They are characterized by beauty of diction and loftiness of thought, and through them runs a vein of philosophy not unlike that which pervades Hain Friswell's "Gentle

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At The Street Corner

By THE LOUNGER

What is the Tourist Association about? I saw a spirited notice in one of the papers the other day, which would incline the casual reader to suppose that this association had been working hard for the benefit of Victoria. Imagine my astonishment when I was talking to some gentlemen who had arrived from Winnipeg. One of these was kind enough to give me his opinion on the matter. Apparently our Tourist Association neglect the Manitoba district in favor of California, where they flood the tourist resorts with pamphlets. I learnt that advertisements of the excellent climate of Los Angeles had been published broadcast in Winnipeg, and that there had been people staying in Victoria, on their way through, who had been induced to remain here because they did not think that they could better themselves. They had never had any news of this place. Whose fault is that? I believe that the Tourist Association have a secretary resident in the town who has achieved a big success in the States on tourist lines. Somebody should give him a gentle intimation that it would be better for Victoria if a few more "glad hands" were extended to our neighbors of Manitoba. By the way the little tin god of Canada (which runs on wheels) might do something in this line by granting a long term return ticket from Manitoba to the coast; there are many people who would be glad to take advantage of their offer provided that they gave a six months' return ticket.

Is it true what I hear whispered about town? People say that Mrs. Jenkins is after all really disqualified from sitting on the school board as a trustee. I am informed that on the strength of a dog licence, taken out by a neighbor, she was qualified to vote, but was not thereby qualified to sit. She has no property. That is what some people say; my business is to report what I hear on the street corner; and I heard that.

I do not pose as a moralist; I often give vent to very severely moral suggestions which are given to me by others. But in this case I am going to give voice to my own personal opinion. I think that the practice of allowing small children to tour about the country in a theatrical company should be discontinued. It is not fair to any of the parties concerned, especially the manager. The children, and I speak from a considerable amount of experience here, as I have been more than once associated with stage prodigies, are in nearly every case ruined from a point of view of future life; they are taught to believe that they are stars. As children they earn good money, but when they come to older years they find that they cannot get the wages they expect. The audience on the other hand, flock to the theatre to see the "kids" play, and because they realise that they are only "kids" they kindly applaud stuff which would not be tolerated for a moment under any other conditions.

I was glad to see in a local paper that Mr. Levy is going to enlarge his premises and open a really first class restaurant on Government street. This is a thing which Victoria has long wanted; there are several places where it is possible to get a satisfying meal, but not many where the guest feels that the accommodation is quite "up to the mark." All luck to Mr. Levy on this venture.

"Blood is thicker than water." A dispatch from Reno tells that Princess Chinquilla, who not so long ago was nightly entertaining Victorians at the "Grand," discarded the habiliments of civilization and garbed as Mahala went out amongst the Plutes. The restraints of civilization were for the time forgotten; for the first time in many years she was able to speak the tongue she first heard when strapped to the back of her mother. "I am an Indian," she said, "and I like all Indians. I wanted to see my people here, and so I went." White people might learn something from this sort of language.

"What is the difference between a stamp and a lawyer?" I was asked the other day. I failed to answer. I knew that both were sticky, but that did not constitute a difference; so I gave it up. "Well, the first is legal tender," I was told, "and the second is a legal tough."

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fe1 R. J. McDONELL.

Notice is hereby given that, 60 days after date, I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situate on the mainland, opposite Kalen Island, Skeena District, B. C.: Commencing at a post planted on the north side of Kloyah River, about 50 feet from its mouth, and marked "W. McK's N. W. corner"; thence east 80 chains; thence south 40 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 40 chains to point of commencement; containing 320 acres, more or less.

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Hazelton, B. C., Dec. 8, 1905.

JOHN C. K. SEALY, Locator.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described lands, situated about three miles southeast from Little Canyon of the Skeena river and adjoining Copper river, described as commencing at a post marked "initial post" of L. Shaw, southwest corner, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains south, thence 80 chains west to point of beginning, containing 640 acres, more or less.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 25, 1906.

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JOHN DOREY, Agent.

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SAFE AND SOUND

On dit that a movement is on foot to raise the sum of \$1,000 for the purpose of presenting a suitable testimonial to the inspector of hulls at the port of Victoria for having condemned the steamer Charming and notified the owners that she must be taken off the Sound run until a new hull is built. We hear that this ancient tub has been sunk twice and resurrected twice with a new name. Last time it was suggested that it should be rechristened "The Charmed Life." If resurrected this time it will be renamed the "Hully Gee." By the way, condemned vessels are not an entire loss to the steamship companies, and the hull of the Charming might join its mate, the hull of the Clallam, which was built into a residence on Shoal bay for Mr. Hall. What price the "Whatcom" for the boneyard? On the principle that prevention is better than cure, it would "cost" less to sink this rotten hulk empty than with several hundred passengers on board.

HOODLUMISM.

One of the results of the injudicious training of children in this country is the steady growth of hoodlumism. Recently there have been numerous complaints on this score. Chief Jarvis of Nelson has had his hands full on several occasions. During the municipal election in Grand Forks a fortnight ago the police had trouble also. We believe it due to two causes—the surrender of the schools to women teachers and the neglect of parents to enforce discipline at home. Martin Burrill has this to say on the subject: "The fact of the matter is there are youngsters, little and big, in the town whose disorderliness has been steadily growing worse, and we are reaping the fruits of an habitual laxity on the part of those whose business it is to keep them to check. Everyone will make allowance for exuberance of animal spirits, but the boy who is allowed all sorts of licenses on the streets and in public meetings runs a serious danger of being a public pest later on in life. When Harold Nelson was here he saddled the faults of the juveniles on the school teachers, but where the jurisdiction of the teacher ends that of the parents and public officials begins, and there is need, and sore need, of a strong lesson or two being read along these lines."

KEREMEOS, THE GOLDEN.

A new townsite has been laid out in this Garden of Eden, and we shall be surprised if a single lot remains unsold in six months from now. It seems a pity to plant a town here. A model rural village, with every house in its ten-acre lot would be an ideal condition for Keremeos the Golden.

THE ROSSLAND GASOMETER.

Mr. Smith Curtis has earned the popular cognomen of "the Rossland gasometer." For a man who has retired from politics he inflated a fairly large gas bag at Ymir, but after floating all over the province it has finally fallen to earth as empty as when it started. Mr. Curtis seems to have learned nothing since he went out of politics three years ago, not even that his own statement as to that shifting section line in the Flathead valley will carry no weight against the sworn affidavit of John McLatchie. If Mr. Curtis must talk, and it seems to be his safety valve, he might try to give the public something new.

A COMPETENT OFFICIAL.

Mr. W. J. Goepel was spoken of in the house as a most competent and able auditor. He is more than that, one of the hardest working and most incorruptible public servants in the province. He who would get the better of Mr. Goepel must rise early. He is at present inspecting the agencies in the Similkameen.

MONEY IN FRUIT.

Those who think that the talk about fruit growing in Kootenay is more or less hot air may be surprised to learn that it is a profitable industry. The

Kootenay Ice, Fruit and Poultry Company, with headquarters in Nelson, has just paid its fourth dividend of 10 per cent. per annum. Not a bad showing for an infant industry.

THE COAL CITY.

Fernie is forging ahead at a great pace and is easily one of the most prosperous towns in the interior. The yearly balance sheet, which has just been published, shows a balance of assets over liabilities amounting to \$1,282. The recent municipal election was productive of a strenuous fight, and the coal company's nominees were beaten all along the line. The council is now composed of pioneers who have been with the place from the grass roots up and can be implicitly relied on to protect the ratepayers from the most corrupt and tyrannical corporation in the West.

THE CAPITAL OF KOOTENAY.

Nelson is one of the loveliest little cities in British Columbia and is also one of the most progressive. John Houston has contributed more to its prosperity than any man, and it is a matter of keen regret to all but his political opponents that he is not now presiding over its municipal affairs. Those who think that his party are appreciably weakened are counting without their host. A careful scanning of the returns of the late municipal election shows that sixteen votes transferred from the one ticket to the other would have given his old progressive party the mayoralty and a majority on the council. This margin is narrow enough to demonstrate the vitality of John Houston's influence. Apropos of the growth of the city, Nelson now takes the position as the third city of the province. The gross postal revenue from the Nelson postoffice for the year ending June 30th was \$16,292. New Westminster comes next with \$12,343; Vancouver leads with \$38,016, and Victoria follows with \$56,771.

SHATFORD TO RETIRE.

The Hedley Gazette is responsible for the statement that Mr. R. W. Shatford will retire from public life at the close of the present session. It is understood that his extensive business interests in the Okanagan valley require the whole of his time. His retirement will be regretted both by his constituents and by the house, as he has been most energetic and businesslike in his attention to his parliamentary duties. It is probable that E. Bullock-Webster of Keremeos will contest the seat in the Conservative interest, although many people would like to see the veteran settler, Frank Richer, in the field, and he would make a much stronger candidate.

SELFISHNESS PERSONIFIED.

The farmers in the upper Okanagan, or at any rate some of them, are complaining because the government veterinary inspector has slaughtered a number of horses which he found to be suffering from glanders. Such a kick is unreasonable, surely. The only ground on which an objection entitled to one moment's consideration could be based is that the diagnosis of the inspector was wrong. Failing that, it is the height of selfishness to protest against a course in which the government has no option once the existence of the disease is established.

THE FIGHT FOR A PASS.

It is astonishing how eager the rival railway companies are for possession of the passes over the Hope mountains. Up to a year ago it was impossible to induce anyone to build. The Maclean Bros. have had the Coast-Kootenay charter five years and have done nothing. Now the V., V. & E. people have got to work they suddenly find that they want the same pass. Whatever may be thought of the V., V. & E., assuredly the Coast-Kootenay company are not entitled to the slightest consideration. It is a scandal that they have been allowed to hold their charter so long.

ANOTHER ST. EUGENE.

F. M. Black and Charles Mackay of

Nelson have formed a company for the purpose of tracing the St. Eugene veins under Moie lake. If they succeed, and there is no geological improbability, they will have a second St. Eugene.

MUSIC AND THE STAGE

The Pollards have come and gone, and there is no doubt that a large proportion of the population of Victoria availed themselves of the opportunity of seeing these talented Lilliputians. Their work was well executed and the Geisha was undoubtedly very ably performed. Next week the Mack Swain Theatre Company will occupy the boards, presenting on Monday, February 5th, and following days the "Lady of Lyons," "East Lynne" and the "Sidewalks of New York."

There is a great opportunity for Victorians who intend visiting Vancouver in the near future to see some really good work in "grand opera." Henry Savage on Thursday, February 15th, at the opera house, Vancouver, will open with "Lohengrin;" on Friday he will stage "Rigoletto," finishing on Saturday with a matinee performance of "Tannhauser," and an evening performance of "Faust." The rates will be from \$1 to \$3, and there will be special excursion tickets issued from all quarters.

The Watson Stock Company last Saturday evening concluded a very successful tour on the Island. At the opera house in Nanaimo and Ladysmith they were received on each evening by crowds. So successful, in fact, was their tour that they purpose a repetition of it very soon. That their return was welcomed was very evident from the numbers seen in the Watson theatre at their performance of "Sherlock Holmes." This reproduction of three incidents in the life of the world-famous detective was staged with great success by the popular company. Richard Scott as Sherlock Holmes put in some of his best work; Harry Pollard in the role of Professor Moriarty was also distinctly good, while Albert J. Watson as Sidney Price was absolutely inimitable. During the latter part of the week they appear in "British Born," and on Monday next they will represent a farce comedy entitled "A Victim of Circumstances," concluding with the sensational comedy drama, "The Irish Widow."

At the Grand theatre the "great hit" has been the performance of Marshall and Lorraine, who have held the boards in a very clever Bowery skit. The lady is to be complimented on her extremely able representation of "the tough girl." Marshall plays the actor in distress. The Hades Russian dancers at this theatre have been giving a very effective, pretty and national display of their country's dance. Ostrander certainly is entitled to his claim that he is the king of the mandolin. Miss Alice Wildermere appears in the song, "Leave Her Picture on the Wall," which she rendered with her usual good taste. The Cox family, represented by three girls and a boy, give a very good turn in a "surprise quartette." The boy does a solo in which he is irresistible.

At the Savoy theatre the hits this week have been Maude LeBlanche, the balladist; Weaver and Bryant in their sketch, "The Gay Mr. Howell;" but certainly the great event of the week has been the performance of the Malvern trio. The acrobatic feats of the last mentioned have been marvellous; those who have not witnessed them should make a point of attending tonight. Next week the Savoy will offer an entirely new and attractive programme.

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Vancouver.

A DISGRACE TO VANCOUVER.

Vancouverites take the greatest delight in showing their city to tourists and visitors and proudly point to its fine buildings, parks, etc. But there is one thing to which they do not point. Vancouver's sidewalks are a public disgrace to any modern city. In front of one business block we find a nice piece of concrete walk; in front of the next block will be rotten old boards which absorb the rain and slush in the wet season. This is the case all over the business section, but in the residential sections we find long stretches of fine concrete walks. Why do not the city fathers build some of these walks where they are most needed and would be most used? Granville, Hastings and Cordova streets all have their share of disgrace. On Granville street, near Dunsmuir, there is one piece of sidewalk which would disgrace Steveston, and on the northeast corner of Homer and Hastings is another bad piece. Cannot something be done to remedy this state of affairs?

A few weeks ago Victorians were smiling at Vancouver, for Vancouverites had to be good on Sundays and no drinks after 1 a. m. Now Victoria has got a pair of the same boots, and it's Vancouver's turn to smile, but the residents of the Capital City cannot see where the joke comes in.

For some time past reports have been current that everything in the local militia was not as it should be, and these reports have become so frequent that in our next issue The Week will deal with the question, giving the charges and the replies by the proper officers.

IMMENSE NEW DOCKS.

Much speculation was caused a few weeks ago when it was announced that A. H. B. Macgowan, M. P. P., had purchased a large piece of waterfront property just west of the sugar refinery. It was reported that the deal was on behalf of the Great Northern railway, who would construct docks there. This report was promptly denied, and since that time the real estate speculators have been guessing. Mr. Macgowan has nothing to say regarding his plans, but The Week is reliably informed that in the course of a few weeks construction of immense new docks will be commenced on the property. The docks will be the finest and largest in Vancouver, and construction will be rushed with all possible despatch. These docks will be used by the new New Zealand-Canadian liners and possibly by the China-Mutual and some other large steamship lines. Whether or not the Great Northern railway will have any special privileges, in connection with these docks, is not known.

Mr. and Mrs. Tidy of Ninth avenue entertained a large number of friends at their home on Friday evening in honor of their silver wedding.

The "pioneers'" dance in O'Brien's hall on Thursday evening was a great success, a large number of old-timers and many others being present.

Mrs. Powell Roberts was the hostess of a large "at-home" at her residence on Seaton street last Friday afternoon.

The rooms were most tastefully decorated for the occasion.

In Christ church on Wednesday morning the rector officiated at the marriage of Charles H. Wilson and Miss Eva M. L. Peters. The happy couple took the afternoon boat for Victoria, en route for Puget Sound and California for the honeymoon.

Last evening the Garmet Workers and Laundry Workers' unions gave a dance in Pender hall.

The annual ball of the Electrical Workers' Union will take place in Pender hall next Monday evening.

The annual ball of the Vancouver Pipers' Society took place in Pender hall on Tuesday evening and was a grand success. Several Scottish dances were on the programme, but this was well arranged and everybody went away voting the pipers to be "jolly good hosts."

Mrs. Ponsford of Broughton street entertained a large number of her young friends at a party on Thursday evening. Dancing and games made a pleasant evening pass quickly.

Mrs. Steele was the hostess of a charming card party at her home on Friday evening.

The Misses Lawson gave a small dance on Saturday evening in honor of their guest, Miss Wilson of Victoria.

The marriage of Mr. Jesse James Montman of Ladner and Miss Sarah Abbott took place in this city on Tuesday evening. Rev. Dr. Fraser was the officiating minister, and the principals were attended by Mr. Jesse Plevis and Miss Pierce, respectively.

DEACON JOSHUA'S PRODIGAL SON.

It was a raw day in late April and there was a cheerful fire in the grate at Bingham's, before which sat a council of the elders of the district, reinforced by several of the clergy round about. The colonel's gout was so much better that he was able to be out with his cane to lean on, and he hobbled over to Bingham's and entered, as was his wont, unexpected and unannounced.

He was greeted courteously by the assembly and offered a seat, but not—rather probably through accident than intent—next to the fire. The colonel did not appear to notice this but glanced good-humoredly over the assembled blackcoats.

"I declare," he said, "I never see a whole lot of ministers and deacons sitting round a fire but I think of living over at Bunktown that year that Deacon Davenport's boy turned prodigal son. Deacon Josh was a very decent, God-fearing man, but he was hasty, pretty middling hasty, and in times of sore trouble was apt to use sharp expressions.

"His eldest son, Bill, gave him a great deal of anxiety. Pretty lively chap was Bill, those days, and he got into the way of going to the circus and seeing the folly of it, as they say. This last dsome time and the deacon got madder and madder about it, and finally Bill came home pretty late and considerably worse for wear, so to speak. The deacon turned loose on him and wound up by showing him the outside door of the house and bidding him go forth and never darken it again.

"But, father," says Bill, "I ain't got no place to go to. Where shall I go?" "Go," says the deacon, just boiling over, "go where you have been going for the past year, right straight to Hades, for all of me."

There was an uneasy sit among the black-coated ones, but the colonel did not pause to apologize for the deacon's language, but went on with his story.

"That's what he told him," he said, "and so far as I know Bill he went. At any rate he wasn't seen around Bunktown for a year. Long before that the old gent repented his haste and would have done anything to get his son back.

"There came an evening 'long about April of that year, an evening rather raw, good deal like this, and they had a minister's meeting over at Deacon Joshua's house. 'Long about 9 o'clock there came a knock. Mandy, the old black servant they'd always had in the family, opened the door and sung out: "Bless the Lawd, if it ain't Marse Bill done come home. Come right in,

Marse Bill, yo' daddy's here, and he'll be powerful glad to see yo'."

"So Bill he came in. Guess Bill had been eating husks for some time by the looks of him. Looked pretty pale and shivered a little. The ministers and deacons didn't think much of the way Bill carried on, and there didn't one of them get up, but Bill's father rushed right out and grabbed him and hauled him into the room.

"Bill smiled kinder faintly and said: 'Well, father, I've been about where you told me to go. You said to right straight to Hades, and I reckon that's about where I've been for the last year.'

"The deacon was a good deal moved, but he thought he'd better treat the matter lightly in the presence of company, so he said:

"You was a good boy to mind your poor old dad. So you went straight down to that place, did you? Well, how did you find things down there?"

"Well, says Bill, looking at the row of black-coats between him and the hearth and shivering again, 'twas about the same down there as it is up here. There were so many ministers and deacons sitting around hat I couldn't get near the fire."

(There was a scraping of chairs as the colonel finished.)

THE LIFE STORY OF THREE FAMOUS MEN.

Many years ago a young man who was living in Northumberland made up his mind to tramp to London to gain the living which was always so easy to find in the city whose streets were paved with gold. He reached Market, Harborough, in a state of absolute destitution and there collapsed, being found by a widow woman leaning against a fence starving. She played the part of the Good Samaritan and took him in to her own house, where a good meal was placed before the hungry lad. She then offered to keep him through the winter if he would do odd jobs in the way of splitting wood round the house. Here he stayed then for the space of six months, at the end of which time he left to carry out his original intention of going to London.

London was reached, but, alas! the streets were not paved with gold for him, and disheartened and penniless he set out for the North again with failure written against his name. On the way he was overtaken by two other men in a similar plight; they, too, found that the country man in London has but a bare chance of getting employment. In the course of conversation he told them of the kindness which he had met at Market Harborough, and as they were then within a short distance of the town they determined to club together for a while and to try their luck there for a little time. This they did. Our hero found quarters with his old benefactress, and while with her conceived the idea of buying small packets of tea and coffee and going round with them to the outlying cottages and selling them on commission; one of the others obtained a job as a carpenter and the third found work in a printer's office. In the course of time the last named was lucky enough to obtain the confidence of his employer to such an extent that he was sent to London to open up a branch printery. The tea and coffee seller made profits out of his commission selling which justified him in starting in business on his own account. The carpenter meanwhile had taken an interest in the local Sunday school, where he had a regular class. At this time railways were only just being generally established throughout the country. An excursion for the Sunday school members was planned and the enterprising carpenter went to the railway authorities and bargained for a reduced fare, provided that enough tickets were guaranteed. He made money out of the deal, and seeing that there was a possibility of a good business he threw up his job and went into the venture entirely. This was Thomas Cook, whose agency afterwards grew to enormous proportions. There is no traveller who has not heard of the great firm of Thomas Cook, and few who have not been glad to avail themselves of the advantages which the agency affords, but the original founder of this concern started in life in the manner described. The printer, who went to London, met with success there, and was the founder of the huge printing and publishing business known as Cassel's. The third man, who was the first mentioned,

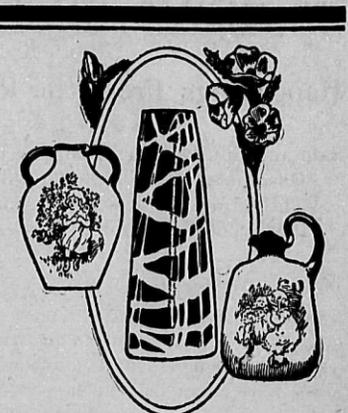
gained a name for himself as one of the big tea men in the United Kingdom, and afterwards transferred his interests to coffee. He was known as the Coffee King in his time, but with his death the name died out and now-a-days the firm is unknown. This is a true story of the early experiences of three men who started life in bad circumstances, but who by the use of pluck, and because they knew how to make the most of their opportunities, won out all right and made themselves honored and respected by all who knew them. The story was told to the writer by the grandson of one of the men.

Kootenay Letter.

Nelson, Jan. 29.—For the past week, nay ten days, the whole of the Kootenay has been immersed in a steaming fog, and a continual drip of tiny drops of rain, marking the presence of a Chinook. Even in Rossland the place of deep snows, there is hardly any sleighing left, and in Nelson it is absent altogether. The bonspiel at Rossland was anything but a success, many of the games going by default, the presence of water on the ice making curling a laborious task. However, with the bad ice, Nelson kept up its record of wins on the keen ice which prevailed during a sharp spell, taking four out of eight events. Rossland secured two, as did Sandon; Kaslo and Greenwood, less strenuous, were prizeless. The chinook has been so protracted that there are fears of the success of the bonspiel at Rossland next week, but it is hardly likely that the present humid weather will continue through the current week. In Nelson the snow has almost entirely disappeared, the willows are in bud and the birds are in the air, a month before their time. Nor has the lake been as yet frozen over, and there has been heard no kick at present from the inhabitants of Trout lake, where, whenever the lake is hard frozen, the people lose touch with the outside world, and then yell for the immediate building of the railroad between Gerard and Arrowhead. That matter is again to come up at the board of trade convention at Cranbrook. There many a grievance will be threshed out, and as it will all be news next week and conventions have been known to change their minds upon occasion it is of little use forecasting their probable action this week.

In mining circles this week the immediate interest centres around the peace that has been patched up at Kaslo between the ore shippers to the zinc plants and the Great Northern railway, which advanced their rates from \$1 to \$2.50 per ton. George Alexander, who in reality represented other interests as well as those of his own, made some workable arrangement, which is reported to be none too well satisfied, but which will remain good for the present. In the meantime the Kaslo Board of Trade is taking up the question as to whether the Kaslo & Slocan railway should not be declared a railway operating for the general good of Canada, and therefore within the jurisdiction of the railway commission. This is another grievance which will be ventilated at Cranbrook at the convention of the associated boards of trade. The Boundary is largely interested in the issue of the struggle between the West Kootenay Power & Light Company and the Cascade Power Company. The former wishes to supply the industries of the Boundary with power. Now, this is outside the charter of the company, and is a distinct invasion of the charter of the Cascade Company, which is operating on Kettle river. The excuse of the former company is that the latter is unable to supply the power necessary because of the deficiency of the water of the Kettle river. This deficiency is denied by the Kettle River Company, but that concern admits, however, that there have been one or more occasions of limited duration, when, from exceptional causes, there was a deficit of water. Should the West Kootenay Company win out it will practically have a monopoly of the business. Practically power can only be generated on the Kettle river and the Kootenay. Power could be generated on the Pen d'Oreille river, but there no mines or industries of sufficient size in the immediate vicinity to warrant the establishment of a large plant, and moreover the river is tied up on a charter given some years ago to Sir Charles Ross. And that settles it.

Politics are only second-hand here just now. The Liberals looked forward to the attack made by J. A. Macdonald, but that gentleman chose to make his attack on Premier McBride on grounds all more or less easily answered, and has not scored a success. The fruit men here have no kick on the McBride government. Quite the reverse. If he will give the fruit fair this year a liberal donation he will have their support to a man. There is a kick about the growing cost of schools, but it is not a large-sized one, most farseeing citizens perceiving that schools are a cheap luxury, and in reality education is a paying investment. As to Kalen Island there is little heard about the matter, the legal



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light in which Mr. Macdonald looked at it being unconvincing to the lay mind. Smith Curtis, however, averred recently in a stump speech at Ymir that the deal meant the granting of the whole of the foreshore to the purchaser for twenty-five miles, which, if true, would mean that the owner could charge a cinch price on all vessels unloading at Canada's new port. If such a statement were true it would be the concern of every Canadian, let alone every British Columbian to raise a protest. In fact the general idea is that Premier McBride by having a surplus of close on half a million has done more than passing well, and will take better chosen efforts than the present to upset his rule.

The most important event in mining circles during the past week has been the location of the ledge on the War Eagle mine. That ledge went down strong for several hundred feet, split and then split again, finishing up by going out. After the late management had spent a small fortune hunting for it in every place but the right one, and in the meantime shipping ore from filled up stopes at the upper levels, calling attention meanwhile to its supererogatory goodness of management, the present staff, knowing that other veins of the camp had flattened, i. e., ceased going down at as steep an angle, thought the War Eagle vein might have done the same, and crystallizing thought into action recovered the vein and found it strong. Which means that the War Eagle has about 600 feet, along the vein, of backs which it was not supposed to have a few months ago.

A MASTERPIECE.

Of recent years we have had such splendid "howlers" that it is quite impossible to expect any better. But, personally, I always regard as the masterpiece that glorious answer to the inquiry, "Who was Esau?" The text ran: "Esau was a gentleman what wrote fables and sold the copy-right for a mess of potash."

EVER FAITHFUL.

A gentleman once possessed a valuable sporting dog which was extremely clever in the retrieving of dead and wounded game. It had, in fact, never been known to lose a bird when brought down by the gun. The owner, however, was a remarkably bad shot, and one day, on firing both barrels hastily at a rabbit which ran unexpectedly across his path, he heard a mournful howl. The next moment his dog appeared carrying a black object in his mouth, and laid it carefully at his master's feet. The animal had retrieved his own tail.

Right and wrong are hard to determine as the location of the line of a woman's waist, as it depends upon the fashion at the time.

The Banker's Conscience.

Duplicity of being was probably discovered some centuries after the creation of mankind, but it was left for Stevenson in his clever brochure, "Doctor Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," to bring it forcibly before the nineteenth century public.

Duplicity of conscience, on the other hand, originated with Father Adam and Mother Eve, and has been revealed right down the ages up to the present; the most dramatic example probably being in the "Acts of the Apostles" when Ananias received his well-merited punishment.

The most astonishing point in connection with duplicity of conscience is the fact that few who practice the art of sin, call it which you will, realize either its inception or the extent of its progress, and even if they do in some measure comprehend the danger, modern methods and codes of honor have made it only too easy to shuffle out of any responsibility by the assertion, that in acting as they did, they were not doing so in the personal or individual sense, but were merely acting in the impersonal and corporate sense.

To give an example, every business man and woman of to-day is familiar with the saying "a company or corporation has no body to be kicked and no soul to be burned," and not only are they familiar with the saying, but know only too well how frequently it is put into practice, how, under the cloak of this gigantic duplicity, otherwise most honorable men will hide wrongdoing. To put it shortly, what they would never dream of saying or doing as individuals, they do not hesitate to say or do as corporations or servants of corporations.

We have been led to make the above remarks for the reason that during the inquiries made before writing our previous article entitled "A Clog in the Wheel," and after its appearance, we have received amongst numbers of most practical examples and suggestions, a quantity which dealt more with banking from a psychological standpoint, hence our present title and this article.

In order that our readers may fully grasp our meaning, we will give a few concrete examples.

Our first is that of a father interviewing the manager of a leading bank with regard to his son's start in life as a clerk in the bank. All is perfectly satisfactory, when it suddenly occurs to the father he has not yet mentioned the subject of salary. He does so and receives the reply:

"Ten dollars per month."

He is astonished, as he is aware what he himself is paying for labor in this city. He points out that it is an absurd sum for a youth of his son's qualifications to start with, to which the manager merely replies:

"Well, you see, rates of wages here are governed by what we pay in the East, and what we can get clerical labor for from abroad."

The father wisely decides he cannot afford the honor of having his son work for this wealthy corporation at this low rate of salary.

A few weeks afterwards he is seeing the same manager on a subject not quite so pleasant, and yet a very necessary one, namely, an extension of his overdraft. Here again all is satisfactory excepting one item, a very important one. He expostulates at the rate of interest, and to his utter amazement is met with this response from the manager:

"Yes, it may look high, but, you know, our interest is governed by rates in the West."

Example 2. Another bank and another manager. Private office; usual scenery. Characters: The manager and one of the bank's customers who has neglected to meet a note.

Manager has a very important air; he addresses the customer almost in the same tones as a judge would address a criminal in the dock, as follows:

"You know this is a very serious matter. Your name was on that note, as an honorable man you should have met it."

But we will not follow him through the sermon. It consists of a string of platitudes which every manager learns as he passes up the banking ladder.

The customer is silent, but suddenly remembers a little matter, and gently asks the manager concerning the payment of an account of some business friends on the other side of the inter-

national line for certain work done.

"Why, my dear sir," replies the manager, "I understand you do not get anything out of that, and that the concern in the States is defunct. We are certainly not going to pay that account; the thing is dead and gone."

"But you know you signed the contract," replies the customer. He produces the same and shows the manager the signature and continues: "You know as an honorable man, or at least as an honorable corporation, the bank should fulfill its obligation. It is exactly the same thing as my note."

"Tut, tut!" responds the manager. "It is an entirely different matter. The one is a signature for cash had, and the other is merely a signature for work to be done."

Example 3. A partner in a highly respectable business house sees an opportunity to make a considerable extra profit in a certain purchase, provided he has the necessary spot cash. On referring to his bank book he finds he has not got the full amount, trots briskly over to his bank and interviews the manager, and to his astonishment is met with the following response to his request:

"I am very sorry, but we have instructions from the head office not to advance money for the purpose you mention, as it is practically assisting you to compete against ourselves."

Our friend could not quite grasp the force of the argument, but left it at that; in a few days' time he was in Vancouver; in talking matters over with his Vancouver partner he casually asked him how he financed the same operation.

"Why," responded the partner, "I have no difficulty about that. I simply go to the bank and they let me have all I want for that purpose."

Business men will understand the pith of this when they are told both these banks are branches of the same bank, who evidently make fish of one city and flesh of the other, the security in both cases being the same.

The foregoing examples may seem very commonplace and mild, but we have purposely selected those which are least likely to give offence, as it is not the purport of these articles to cause friction but merely to expose the evil effects of a system which is training scores of business men in the art of duplicity, and which sooner or later will reflect on the whole community. We came across a number of examples where the evil effects of this system have been in many cases the ruin of bright and active business men and the cause of great pain and suffering to their families.

The banker will say in defence that a man has nobody but himself to blame. We have no hesitation in saying that could the entire facts of every case be placed before an impartial judge it would be found that in seventy-five per cent. of the cases the bank is more in fault than the sufferer.

Neither do we throw the blame on those human machines entitled bank managers; they are merely the product of an iniquitous system which permits a corporation to commit acts which in their case are more often than not entitled good policy, but which in the individual would receive the harsher title of duplicity.

These men are not entirely oblivious of this dual translation of straightforward practice. Frequently an irate customer will tell them in no uncertain voice the exact meaning of their conduct, and give it its true name, and just as frequently the excuse is the same.

"We are not acting for ourselves; we are acting for a corporation," or, in other words, having eliminated the individual, they are no longer bound down to the individual sense of right and wrong.

This excuse is a difficult one enough to handle under modern business conditions when the directors of a bank are living in the midst of their customers; the difficulty is very greatly intensified when those directors are living thousands of miles away, and are entirely beyond the control of the only cure for the evil, the public conscience.

Many people will say that the public conscience does not work in these days as it did in our forefathers' time. Such however, is not the case; there never was a time when the public conscience was more active. Commissions and punishments in connection with insurance scandals and combines in the States, rings and stock exchange frauds in England, and latterly illicit trade combinations in Eastern Canada go to prove our statement; but not only does the public conscience act in this prompt and visible manner when fully awak-

ened, but also silently, though nevertheless surely, when apparently asleep. If our readers will carry their memory back over the past twenty years and make a mental comparison between the standing of the bank manager and the bank directors of that time and of to-day they will be astonished at the difference. Twenty years ago the bank manager and director was one of the foremost men in the country in politics, in philanthropy, and in all sections of the business community he stood in the front of life's battles, honored and respected and the leader of honest men. Where is he to-day? There are a few isolated cases where he holds the same position, but in all such it will be found he is a survivor of the old days. To-day he is almost extinct in the honorable positions mentioned, and reason is not far to seek. The community at large regard him no longer as a friend and one of themselves, but rather as an enemy and a necessary evil. This feeling is not only expressed in words but it is proved up to the hilt by the fact that we no longer desire our bankers to hold the honorable positions mentioned; we do recognize an incongruity.

If further proof is needed of this silent condemnation, here is another. The time was when the bank manager gave up the career of banking he was certain to step into a high public position. In these days there are none so poor to do him reverence." The cause of this decay in the standing of bankers is due to the fact that men of talent, individuality and of a high sense of honor, who have adopted a banking career, are weeded out by modern banking tendencies which require a machine without conscience and not a man.

Mrs. J. Herrick McGregor was hostess at bridge on Monday evening last, the guests being Mr. and Mrs. Clute, Dr. and Mrs. Fagan, Mr. and Mrs. Fowler, Nelson; Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes and Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Beaven.

Mr. Cuthbert Worsfold spent a few days in the city this week, returning to Westminster yesterday.

Mrs. and Miss McLagan, Vancouver, are in the city, Miss McLagan having undergone an operation for appendicitis at St. Joseph's hospital.

The many friends of Miss Gaudin will be pleased to learn that she is progressing rapidly after her illness, but is still a patient at St. Joseph's hospital.

Miss Wark is visiting Mrs. Gaudin, "Isla Villa," Craigflower road.

Invitations are issued for the wedding of Miss Trixie Hannington and Mr. Lawford Richardson, to take place February 14th, at Christ church cathedral at 8 p. m.

Invitations are issued by the bachelors for a dance to be held in the Assembly hall on Tuesday, February 13th. This is to be given as a return dance to the members of the Invitation Dancing Club, who have entertained the bachelors during the season.

Mr. Hedley is the guest of Mr. Levenson, Carberry Gardens.

Mr. and Miss Levenson entertained a musical coterie of friends at supper after the concert on Thursday evening.

Mrs. Kerr, Yates street, was hostess at a smart luncheon given on Wednesday last, the guest of honor being Mrs. Charles Wilson, Vancouver. Covers were laid for ten. The table decorations were charming, consisting of lilies of the valley and violets, most artistically arranged, and the menu cards were hand-painted in the same flowers. After luncheon the guests adjourned to the drawing room, where the bridge tables were in readiness, this room being done entirely in yellow daffodil. The guests were: Mrs. Charles Wilson, Mrs. McLean, Mrs. Gaudin, Mrs. Davie, Mrs. W. S. Gore, Mrs. T. S. Gore, Mrs. C. M. Roberts, Mrs. Troup and Mrs. Grahame.

By a regrettable reversion of figures, we stated in our last issue that Mr. Anthony Anderson, of the New York Life Co., was to be found at No. 47 Government street. Our attention having been drawn to this error, we now take pleasure in informing those interested in the well known Life Company, that their representative is to be found at No. 74 Government street, where a hearty welcome will be given to all.

Mr. James Maynard, of Douglas street, has now some splendid boots on sale. Maynard's shoe store has always been celebrated for the excellence of its shoes, coupled with very moderate prices. Mr. Maynard has now some sample spring boots which he is selling at cost price. It is well worth anyone's while to go and try them.



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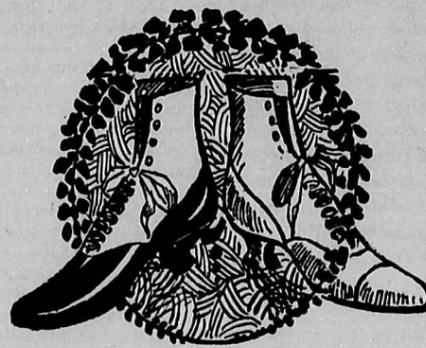
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A Lady's Letter

By **BABETTE.**

Dear Madge:—I can quite imagine your anxiety, but don't worry too much over the behaviour of the marriageable but giddy niece you have taken under your protecting wing. She will settled down one of these days and make a good wife for some lucky man. I am afraid I can't help you in this line. Of a truth my personal experiences were so absurdly brief as to be hardly worth relating.

Reared at a certain boarding school, with the other girls, I was taught to take immediate alarm whenever a horrid man appeared on the horizon (which horrid man we all secretly considered such a dream) and to screen ourselves behind the governesses, like sacred birdlings biding from the ken of a hawk. As the natural result, most of the birdlings were engaged at 17 or 18, and I, even I, among the number.

I suppose it is possible for a girl to love two men at a time. But, my dear, I am told it takes a genius to do it. I dare say your niece thinks twice of putting all her cargo in one vessel; one frail ship, battling against hungry waves on the ocean of life. She may think it best, in the language of the bookmaker, to "hedge a bit."

Yes, ornaments of various sorts are still worn in the hair. With a high coiffure, a semi-garland of small roses terminating above either ear in a bunch of the same flowers and possessing a fringe of green buds, looks well fastened across the back of the head. Decidedly fetching is a pair of bat's wings in black gauze and glittering jet, pinned securely in front, while a stiff true-lover's knot, in iridescent sequins lends itself equally well to any style of hair-dressing. Wide soft ribbon is occasionally threaded through the hair and tied in a bow above the forehead. Nothing as handsomer than a high ivory or tortoiseshell comb powdered with diamonds in conjunction with a jeweled slide, and a string of pearls, if skilfully manipulated, can be rendered extremely becoming. Madame Kosche, on Douglas street, has a number of these pretty hair ornaments in stock.

Now with regard to the immediate business of early February, I find even bridge neglected by all the women of my acquaintance for sales. The bargain-hunting microbe is, in fact, abroad, and every body is severely bitten thereby. One of the most fascinating sales of the moment is the white wear sale at Campbell & Co., Fort street. Here everything dainty in the lingerie line is wonderfully reduced.

The gentleman at large who does not know his way almost blind-fold to Finch & Finch, the well known gentlemen furnishing store, has missed a good deal, for comfort combined with smartness are the essential characteristics of everything turned out by this exclusive firm. It is needless for me to again remind you of their artistic and gentlemanly assortment of ties, an accessory to man's dress, which to my mind deserves great consideration. I once knew a young lady who declared that she could always tell a man's character by the style of tie he wore. One of her sayings was 'By his tie (so) shall you know him.'

I remember some time back telling you of Dixi Tea. Now I wish to recommen to you Dixi Coffee, which is a blend of Government yard, and Arabian Mocca, sold only by Dixi Ross & Co. for 40 cents a pound. This mixture is simply delicious, and is liked by every one on account of its delicate natural flavor; moreover as a housewife I can heartily commend it on the score of economy. It seems to go such a long way, owing doubtless to its concentrated character.

I know that your heart will rejoice when I tell you that there is no longer any need of smuggling Sorosis' boots and shoes over from Seattle, for they are to be had at the Paterson Shoe Company. Of course you already know the superior quality of this high grade make of ladies' shoes, and I am told that a well known French actress sends all the way to America for the Sorosis boots.

Speaking of French actresses reminds me of how these people are said to have always ridiculed the late Sir Henry Irving's way of walking about the stage. I am told that when the "divine Sarah" was asked to act with this celebraty, her answer was: "Now, I will not introduce le Hak wok into Shakespeare!" (cat!) But to come back to our shopping gossip, let me tell you to be sure and take a peep in at Challoner & Mitchell's this week and inspect their splendid showing of Wallace silverware, which to my mind is the best make of silver-plated tableware on the market—it wears a life time. One must always see that every thing is perfection about one's tableware. A well set table with good servicable silver, a simple vase of good cut glass, with a few flowers and fine napery, speaks volumes for the housekeeper and hostess. Before marriage, it is said, a woman is judged by her flirtations, afterwards by her dinners. Another thing that is necessary to make a dinner an absolute success is good wine. Pither & Leiser have the best selections of French wines, and it is a well known fact that their stock is always "par excellence" in quality.

If you are looking for new rugs, carpets, etc., go to Weller Bros, and take a look at their carpet department. Their Turkish and Oriental rugs fairly make a long for the "gold midas." It is a most noteworthy fact that through many hundreds of years the Persian art of weaving rugs has held unrivalled supremacy in the whole world. The social conditions, the natural surroundings and artistic temperament, resulting from these, have all contributed to the development of an art that has learned to rival the charms of nature on a ground of wool with fadeless dyes, and set up a standard that has remained the undisputed possession of the master weavers of Persia. Weller Bros. carry in stock a nice assortment of the following weavers and makes: Iran, Royal Antique Shirvan, Royal Monsoul, Ker-man and others.

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Mrs. and Miss Keith, of Vancouver, are the guests of Miss Finlayson, Douglas street.

Mrs. and Miss Clapham are spending the winter in California.

Miss Gertrude Dunlevy is spending a fortnight in Victoria among friends.

Mrs. Elliot Hammond King entertained at bridge on Friday evening last. The guests were: Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Irving, Mrs. Berkley, Mrs. Heyland, Mrs. W. S. Gore, Mrs. T. S. Gore and Mrs. Durrant.

Mrs. H. D. Helmcken entertained at the tea hour on Tuesday afternoon last in her rooms at the Driard. The decorations of the rooms and the little tea tables were carried out in red carnation, maiden hair fern and scarlet tuele, the color scheme being greatly admired. An orchestra was in attendance, and vocal numbers were given by Madame Olaudt and Mrs. (Dr.) Helmcken. The guests were: Mrs. Geo. L. Courtney, Mrs. McPhillips, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. J. Pemberton, Mrs. Stuart Robertson, Mrs. Tatlow, Mrs. McBride, Mrs. (Dr.) Helmcken, Mrs. McTavish, Mrs. W. S. Gore, Mrs. T. S. Gore, Mrs. Morley and Mrs. Higgins.

Mrs. John Irving entertained a number of her friends at bridge on Thursday afternoon last, dainty refreshments being served during the afternoon.

On Tuesday morning a meeting of the Invitation Dancing Club was held, when it was decided to hold an extra dance after Lent, as the dance of last week was postponed.

Mrs. Charles Todd was hostess at a small bridge party on Tuesday afternoon last, quite a number of guests being present.

Mrs. Burton entertained at the ever popular bridge on Saturday afternoon last. The guests being Mrs. Bullen, Mrs. Irving, Mrs. Beaven, Mrs. Fagan and others.

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The Arion Club concert on Wednesday was an unqualified success. It is no injustice to say that the honors were carried off by the instrumentalists. Mr. Hedley has vastly improved during the last two years, and his position is now secure. All he lacks is a little more experience, and with that will come the confidence and resoluteness of attack which are the only possible grounds of criticism. He is to-day easily one of the best half-dozen violinists in the Dominion. Mr. Rose is a promising young pianist, with good qualities and fine temperament. He will never be a sensational player, but he will develop into one whom it will always be a pleasure to hear. Madame Clary has everything but voice, of that she is of course not entirely deficient, her upper and middle register being good, but she has practically no low notes, a fatal deficiency in a contralto. Her voice, too, is soulless and lacks timbre, and her enunciation is very defective. That in spite of these disadvantages she scored something more than a "succes d'estime" proves that she had counteracting qualities; these are a splendid presence, temperament, a good style and a pleasing manner. As a singer of pathetic ballads she is altogether out of place; she belongs to the stage, and having an extremely powerful voice would be heard to better advantage in a large opera house. Her accompanist, too, would have been the better for practising a little self-effacement.

"OH, COME THOU NOT A KING."
(A Dialogue.)

"If thou wilt take my ring for thee,
Lo! it shall bring thee everything."

"Yet not enough my heart to please."

"But hearken what 'twill bring for thee.

Give, for thy slave, a hero-king
Whom empresses come worshipping,
Like asters swinging heavily
Along a line of porphyry

'Neath purple, purple canopies.
And golden presents will it bring
From opal cities o' the seas,
And fairy seeds from Araby—

And lo! my love, a mystery
Thine eyes may see within the ring—
Thy hidden fair futurity.
Take for they hand the little thing."

"Oh, come thou not a King for me,
And a Queen's King come not, pritheer,
Nay, but a beggar hungrily,
And a wayfarer thirstily,
A pilgrim halting wearily.
Yea, come an outlaw hastening
From will-o'-wisp amid the reed
When skies are strown with starry seed,

Thy cloak entangled with a briar,
And come without a crowning deed,
And come to me without the ring,
That I may give thee food and mead,
And music for they mood's desire,
And healing hands and heart of fire."
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The management of the Watson theatre has decided to cut out the 35 cent. seats, and hereafter all the lower floor will be reserved for 25 cents with the gallery at 10 cents. This new arrangement of prices is sure to prove popular with the patrons. Next week "A Victim of Circumstances" and "The Irish Widow," two successful comedies, will be produced.

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"Yes, I know I do," meekly replied the doctor, "but if I smoked I would lose the whole of it!"

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It is often the weak man who carries—the biggest "load."

A teacher wished to bring home the lesson of the fate that befell idle people. He asked the class who were the people who got all they could and did nothing in return. There was silence, but at last a little girl, mindful of her home, said: "Please, sir, it's babies!"

It is not always modesty that keeps people from telling the naked truth.

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The head office of the Company is situate at No. 2 Old Broad Street, in the City of London, England.

The amount of the capital of the Company is £1,000,000, divided into 40,000 shares of £25 each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Temple Building, Victoria, and Robert Ward and Company, Limited Liability, whose address is the same, is the attorney for the Company.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 8th day of January, one thousand nine hundred and six.

(L. S.) S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

The objects for which the Company has been established and licensed are:—

(a.) To adopt and carry into effect, with or without modification, an agreement dated the 30th day of June, 1888, and made between Sir Stuart Saunders Hogg, on behalf of the City of London Marine Insurance Corporation, Limited, of the first part; Henry John Jourdain, on behalf of the Ocean Marine Insurance Company, Limited (incorporated under a deed of settlement, dated 29th November, 1859), of the second part, and Alfred Price, on behalf of this Company, of the third part, a copy whereof is set forth in the schedule to the Articles of Association of the Company;

(b.) To insure ships, vessels, boats and craft of every description, and engines, tackle, gear, equipment, stores, freight, earnings, profit, cargo and other matters and things against loss or injury by or through perils of the sea, fire, men of war reprisals, and all other perils, accidents and risks, now, or at any time hereafter, commonly undertaken by marine insurers or underwriters, and generally to carry on the business of marine insurance in all its branches, with full power to effect re-insurance and counter-insurance, as may seem expedient;

(c.) To wholly or partially insure goods, chattels, and effects or all kinds against all insurable risks, and to carry on a general insurance business (but not to assure human life or to grant annuities upon human life), and to do all things necessary and proper in that behalf;

(d.) To acquire and undertake the whole or any part of the business of any person or company carrying on any business which this Company is authorized to carry on, or possessed of property suitable for the purposes of this Company, and to purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire, deal with, and dispose of any real or personal property, and any rights or privileges which the Company may think necessary or convenient for the purposes of its business;

(e.) To pay money by way of compensation, gratuity, reward or otherwise, to or for the benefit of any person in the employment of or formerly in the employment of the Company, or of any person or company from whom this Company shall have acquired any business or property, and to make special grants and payments to or for the benefit of any person in whom the Company is interested;

(f.) To raise money in such manner as the Company shall think fit, and in particular by the issue of debentures or debenture stock, perpetual or otherwise, charged upon all or any of the Company's property, including its capital, and to make, accept, indorse and execute promissory notes, bills of exchange, and other negotiable instruments.

(g.) To sell the undertaking of the Company, or any part thereof, for such consideration as the Company may think fit, and in particular for shares, debentures, or securities of any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this Company;

(h.) To enter into any arrangement for sharing profits, union of interest, co-operation, joint adventure, reciprocal concession or otherwise with any person or company carrying on or engaged in, or about to carry on or engage in, any business or transaction which this Company is authorized to carry on or engage in, or any business or transaction capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this Company, and to take or otherwise acquire shares and securities of any such company, and to sell, hold, or otherwise deal with the same;

(i.) To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

Notice is hereby given that, 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land situate on the south side of the Skeena River, about a half-mile above the Little Canyon: Beginning at a post marked "A. Mackay, initial post, north-west corner"; thence 80 chains east; thence 80 chains south; thence 80 chains west; thence 80 chains north to the point of commencement; containing 640 acres, more or less.

A. MACKAY,
December 8th, 1905.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situate in the Bulkley Valley, Coast District: Commencing at a post planted at the N. W. Cor. lot 618, range five, and marked F. E. HD's N. W. corner; thence south 80 chains; thence east 40 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 40 chains to the place of beginning, being lot 618, range five, coast district.

FLORENCE E. H. DEPPE,
Victoria, B. C., January 9, 1906.

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"Companies Act, 1897."

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The head office of the Company is situate at No. 7, Royal Exchange, in the City of London, England.

The amount of the capital of the Company is £2,000,000, divided into 80,000 shares of £25 each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Temple Building, Victoria, and Robert Ward and Company, Limited Liability, whose address is the same, is the attorney for the Company.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 6th day of January, one thousand nine hundred and six.

(L. S.) S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

The objects for which the Company has been established and licensed are:—

(a.) To carry on the business of marine, fire and life assurance in all and every of the branches of such businesses as at present carried on by the Corporation and any future development of such business respectively, and to grant assurances and contracts of indemnity against any and every description of loss or liability whatever, and to undertake and transact any

business now or at any time ordinarily writers, and to lend money on mortgage or bottomry;

(b.) To acquire and hold without any license in mortmain and to deal with and dispose of on such terms and conditions and in such manner as the Corporation may think fit any lands of any tenure in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland or any interest therein;

(c.) For the purpose of business premises out of England, to acquire, hold of and dispose of any lands of any tenure in India, any colony or dependency of the United Kingdom or in any foreign country, or any interest therein, and from time to time to sell, lease, exchange or otherwise dispose of any lands or any interest in lands so acquired, or any part of the same, on such terms and conditions as the Corporation may see fit;

(d.) To enter into and carry into effect contracts for amalgamating with or purchasing or taking over the whole or any part of the business or property of any company or society authorized to carry on business which the Corporation is authorized to carry on, or for undertaking and performing all or any of the contracts, liabilities and engagements of any such company or society;

(e.) To procure the Corporation to be registered or recognised in any country, state, or place abroad, and to make investments or deposits and comply with any conditions necessary or expedient in order to carry on business there;

(f.) To form or assist in forming out of the United Kingdom any company for carrying on any business which the Corporation may for the time being be authorized to carry on, and to hold shares or stock in or securities of any such company, and to guarantee interest or dividends on shares or stock in or securities of any such company, and to dispose of such shares, stock or securities, and to guarantee the due fulfilment of all or any of the obligations and engagements of any such company but so that in every case arrangements shall be made for securing to the Corporation the control and management and benefit of the business of any such company;

(g.) To do all such other things as may be incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects;

(h.) And to carry out the above objects except so far as otherwise expressed, either alone or in conjunction with any other person or association of persons or in any part of the world.

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(g.) To do all such other things as may be incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects;

(h.) And to carry out the above objects, except so far as otherwise expressed, either alone or in conjunction with any other person or association of persons and in any part of the world.

Notice is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described lands, situate on the Skeena river, two miles below Skeena Canyon and adjoining S. B. Johnson's property, and beginning at a post planted and marked J. T. Phelan's initial post, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains to the place of commencement, containing 640 acres.

Dated 8th December, 1905.

J. T. PHELAN, Locator.
LOUIS ANDERSON, Agent.

Notice is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situated on Skeena river, about three-quarters mile below Copper river and adjoining Wm. Bosded's pre-emption, and beginning at a post planted and marked J. W. Graham's initial post, thence east 40 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence south 40 chains to place of commencement, containing 160 acres.

Dated 8th December, 1905.

J. W. GRAHAM, Locator.
A. E. JOHNSON, Agent.

Notice is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situated on Skeena river, one mile below Skeena Canyon, and beginning at a post planted near Singlehurst wagon road and marked S. B. Johnson's initial post, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence north 80 chains to place of commencement, containing 640 acres.

Dated 8th December, 1905.

S. B. JOHNSON, Locator.
Louis Anderson, Agent.

Notice is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land: Commencing at a post marked southeast corner, situated 20 chains west of the west line of the Kitwangah Indian Reserve, at a point where said line crosses the Skeena river, running 20 chains north, thence 40 chains west, thence 20 chains south, thence 40 chains east, to point of commencement, containing 80 acres more or less.

Dated December 8th, 1905.

R. S. SARGENT, Locator.
JOHN FOUNTAIN, Agent.

APPLICATION FOR PURCHASE.

Notice is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situated in Range V., Coast Dist., B. C., viz.: Commencing at the N. W. corner of L. 273, Range V., Coast Dist., and thence Ast. north 20 chains, thence Ast. west 40 chains, thence Ast. east 20 chains, thence Ast. north 40 chains and thence Ast. east to point of commencement.

Oct. 15, 1905.

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Mr. Henry W. Savage's Celebrated Company, With Orchestra of Fifty Under Three Conductors, Coming to Vancouver in "Rigoletto," "Lohengrin," "Tannhauser" and "Faust" for Three Days, Beginning February 15.

The most important society and operatic event in the musical history of British Columbia will be the grand opera festival of three days, beginning Thursday, February 15, at the Vancouver opera house, when Mr. Henry W. Savage's celebrated English Grand Opera Company and orchestra of fifty musicians will be heard for four performances.

Opera lovers in Vancouver and surrounding cities have been looking forward to this rare occasion ever since the first announcement that Manager Savage would send his splendid organization to the Northwest. The company is famous as the largest and most expensive aggregation of artists, musicians and productions that has ever attempted a complete cross-continent tour. The singing forces alone number over 150 people. To convey the enormous equipment of scenery, costumes, mechanical and electric effects a special grand opera train is required.

The company itself is a combination of Mr. Savage's "Parsifal" and English opera companies of last season, there being over a score of leading prima donnas, tenors, baritones and basses in addition to the great singing chorus of nearly 100 voices.

The repertory of operas is the most pretentious ever offered by a company of English speaking artists. Wagner's sonorous music dramas have become the most popular of all the great master-works, and two of them are to be heard. There will be the superb "Tannhauser" with its immortal overture, seductive Venusberg music sung by Venus and the 7 Minstrel Knight, the inspiring "Pilgrims' Chorus," great aria for the beautiful Elizabeth and poetic "Song to the Evening Star" for Wolfran.

"Lohengrin," with its romance of the Holy Grail Knight who rescues the Princess Elisa, with its beautiful "Wedding March," "Dream Song," "Swan Song" and other great harmonies is the delightful offering for the opening night when the Vancouver opera house will be filled with the most representative audience of society and music circles of the year.

For lovers of the florid and tuneful Italian operas there will be Verdi's "Rigoletto," with its exquisite melodies and brilliant ensembles, and for all classes of music lovers there will be Gounod's melodious "Faust," with its sparkling "Jewel Song," "Flower Song," famous garden scene and all its picturesque coloring that has made it the best loved of all French operas.

The performances will be arranged as follows:

Thursday evening, February 15, "Lohengrin."

Friday evening, February 16, "Rigoletto."

Saturday matinee, February 17, "Tannhauser."

Saturday evening, February 17, "Faust."

Opera patrons will be delighted to learn that Manager Ricketts has arranged with Mr. Savage's representative for the sale of season tickets, including a seat for each of the four performances at a reduction from the regular scale of prices that promises to make the opera season the most popular series of performances ever offered in Vancouver by a high class attraction. The scale of prices for season tickets contemplates a reduction of \$1 on all \$3 seats and 50 cents on all \$2.50 and \$2.00 seats, as well as a 25 cent reduction on \$1.50 seats. Music lovers will be quick to take advantage of this generous offer, as it will enable them to obtain seats for all four performances at a \$2 rate, a price that is lower than that at which the company with its superb orchestra appears in any other city on the Pacific coast. Three days will be devoted to the season ticket sale, beginning Thursday, February 8, the regular sale starting Monday, February 12.

The engagement is announced of Charles W. Budder, formerly of the Vernon hotel, to a young lady of the Terminal City. Mr. Budder, who was very popular here, has received many hearty congratulations from his friends in Victoria.

Some men are in the best of spirits only when a lot of spirits are in them.

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SCENE FROM TANNHAUSER

THE PASSING SHOW.

(Continued from page 1.)

Life." The most persistent note is one of tender sympathy, as of one who is keenly sensitive to the pathos of all human life. The "nom de plume" of the writer is Francis Daor and naturally enough it has been accepted wherever the Herald is read that it conceals the identity of a man. Our readers will be surprised to learn that Francis Daor is a bright young girl not yet 24 years of age, the daughter of a well-known resident of Sherbrooke, Que. Her work gives promise of a brilliant future, and in its line is unsurpassed by anything that has emanated from the pen of a Canadian. It is to be hoped that her sketches will be rescued from the file and published in book form.

Scotland has produced one great man, and as a protest against the narrow minded bigotry of so many of his countrymen the world has kept his memory green and has decided that, in spite of his foibles Bobbie Burns is a man. It also concedes that he is a poet, though, thank heaven, not of the Kailyard school. There is probably not another world-poet whose anniversary is so widely celebrated, and to the close observer it is clear that this is quite as much due to the splendid catholicity and tolerance of the man as to the excellence of his literary achievements. Bobbie Burns is the one man who reconciles the world to tolerate his fellow countrymen.

The leader of the opposition in the legislative Assembly occupied a position last Tuesday not unlike that of the hen who thought she had laid an egg because she found one in her nest and straightway began to cackle over it, only to find later that it would not hatch out

because it was a pitcher and in any case it was placed there by someone else. But for the still insufficiently explained state of mind in which Mr. Macgowan held his hand up at the wrong time, and the member for Nelson, after refusing to vote impetuously, pointed to the ceiling. Mr. Macdonald would have been deprived of the opportunity to indulge in a little pleasantry at the expense of the government. Mr. Macgowan has offered several explanations for his temporary aberration which in sympathetic quarters is attributed to "spasmodic involuntariness," from which he recovered the same evening. The member for Nelson has not offered any explanation of his vote up to the time of going to press.

The alacrity with which Hon. Mr. McBride granted a committee to investigate the Kaien Island deal should act as a warning to the leader of the opposition and his man Friday that "there are more things in heaven and earth than are dreamt of in their philosophy." If these gentlemen were well advised they would turn their energies into an entirely different channel, the procuring at an early date of G. T. P. construction in this province. That is their "funeral," and it is moving all too slowly.

"Remember March, the Ides of March remember. The Week will venture on a prediction. The Laurier government rode to Ottawa and power on the G. T. P. agreement. They will ride out on it with a wrecking crew. But neither the leader of the opposition nor the member for Delta will ride to the Pacific Coast on a G. T. R. track for many years to come.

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