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## BOER FORCE OPPOSING METHUEN

**Composed of 15,000 Men.**

LONDON, December 8.—Some interesting light on the position of affairs along the western frontier is thrown by a dispatch issued by the Boer agency in Berlin. The dispatch says: Commandant Prins Loss' force is near Jacobsdale, between Modder River and Riet river. General Cronje is still on the northern bank of the Modder river, his rear being protected by the fortified positions at Spyfontein. The hills between Modder river and Spyfontein, and those between Jacobsdale and Riet river are occupied by Boers. Commandant Delarreis' force is stationed between Gras Pan and Honey Kest Kloof.

If this Berlin dispatch is correct, and it is especially significant when judged in connection with general Forrester-Walker's advice to the war office, there must be 15,000 Boers around Methuen, who is believed to have 11,000 men. Kimberley, however, possessing an armored train, can materially assist Methuen by harrassing the Boers from the rear.

LONDON, December 8.—The following advices from general Methuen's forces at Modder River, dated Tuesday, December 5th, has been received: "Boers are seen daily passing between the Spytfontein and Jacobsdal laagers. They frequently fire at patrols. The mounted infantry received a severe fire from a hill while patrolling six miles towards the north. There were no casualties. An hour's cannon firing has been heard at Kimberley."

LADYSMITH, December 7.—Via Wienen.—The British casualties at Ladysmith since November 1st are reported as 5 officers and 26 men killed, 15 officers and 130 men wounded, with 3 missing. The Boer forces are still around Ladysmith in large numbers, but all within the town are well and cheerful.

PRETORIA, December 7.—The following dispatch, dated today, has been received from the Boer laager near Ladysmith: "The British are advancing on Colenso, but last night passed without an attack. There was a desultory cannonade begun on Ladysmith, but the cannons at Ladysmith replied vigorously to our fire."

FRERE CAMP, December 8.—The trestle bridge is finished and trains are now traversing it.

LONDON, December 9.—The Times has the following from Modder River: The river is low and the railway bridge is rapidly approaching completion. The first train will cross tonight. After an extraordinary exertion the pontoon bridge has been completed.

CAPE TOWN, December 6.—It is announced that colonel Elliott, commanding in the native territories, is arming natives by imperial authority, with a view to assisting the defensive forces. The troopship Columbia has arrived, bringing a portion of the troops landed from the troopship Ismere when the latter went ashore in St. Helena bay.

LONDON, December 8.—The Boer force near general Gatacre is reported as follows: At Dordreicht, 80; marching from Jamestown to Dordreicht, 700 with six guns; at Stormberg, 1500; at Waterfall, a large force, strength unknown; and Kolteno, about 8000. Lord Methuen reports casualties on December 6th on patrol duty, lieutenant Tristram and four men of the Twelfth Lancers as missing, and four men wounded.

### Son Will Accept the Will.

NEW YORK, December 8.—The contest of the will of ex-judge Henry Hilton, instituted by his son, Henry G. Hilton, who was cut off with the interest of $25,000, which he was to share with his wife, has been abandoned. Mr. Hilton's attorneys have effected a settlement on his behalf with the other heirs, by the terms of which he withdraws his objection to the probate of his father's will. The necessary steps to carry out the agreement will be promptly taken and the witnesses to the document will present their affidavits and nothing will then stand in the way of the proving of the will. Thus the litigation over the distribution of the Hilton millions is no longer in prospect.

### Beet Sugar Crop for the Year.

WASHINGTON, December 8.—The entire crop of sugar cane and beet for 1899-1900 will amount to about 6,000,000 tons, about the same as last year, according to carefully prepared statistics, submitted to the state department by United States consul Diedrich at Adgeburg, Germany. The consul's figures show that so far as beet sugar is concerned while the best produce in Europe is larger than last year, perhaps by 250,000 tons, the sugar extracted owing to defects amounts to about the same. The total produce of sugar is placed at 5,300,000 tons against 4,977,000 last year. Total product of cane sugar is set down at 2,700,000 against 2,851,134 tons last year.

### Canada Hits Them Hard.

NEW YORK, December 8.—Members of the New York State commission who have visited Chicago and other western cities to secure testimony from prominent shippers regarding the decline in New York's commerce and the best means whereby the state can regain its lost trade have returned to this city. Alexander R. Smith, secretary of the commission, when questioned as to the details of the trip said: Considering the attitude assumed by the trunk line railroads it was the unanimous expression of Chicago shippers that the salvation of New York's commerce rested upon the manner of the state's improvements of its canals. It was also suggested that the railroad differential against New York and the lighterage and other port charges in the City of New York, if legislation could be devised to that end, be largely reduced if not wiped out. The consensus of opinion seemed to be that unless the Erie canal were so enlarged as to accommodate boats of 30,000 bushels capacity, the improved Canadian canals would steadily increase the exportation of grain via Montreal and Quebec.

## BRITAIN ANXIOUS FOR METHUEN

**Boer Strength is Unknown.**

LONDON, December 9.—Lord Methuen's restoration of the railway has lifted a load of anxiety here, but the feeling is general that danger still threatens his force. It is gathered from the brief official dispatch that commandant Prins Loss' contingent was taken from the forces acting from Belmont, and southward from Modder River. It is quite possible, however, that reinforcements were sent from Belmont, merely as a precautionary measure. There is little other news of any importance. Reports continue to come from Ladysmith that dissension exists among the Boers, and especially that the Orange Free State troops are discontented. There are also all kinds of rumors of movements of commandos from place to place, but the fact is that little is known here regarding the actual position of the Boer forces.

LONDON, December 9.—General Forester-Walker has sent the following dispatch dated Friday evening, to the war office from Capetown: "Telegraph and railway communication to Modder river has been reopened. A battery of field artillery and a battalion of infantry were dispatched from Modder river against commandant Prins Loss' force of 1000 Boers with one gun, who has destroyed the railway. Our losses were fourteen wounded. Belmont has been strengthened by infantry, two guns and a cavalry regiment, and troops from Naaupoort occupied Arundel yesterday.

LONDON, December 8.—According to a dispatch from general Schalkburger's laager, dated December 3, French and Austrian military attaches had arrived there, while the German attaches had gone to join the Boer forces along the Tugela river, where the collision was momentarily expected. Perhaps an explanation of the retirement of the burghers from Natal can be found in a dispatch from Modder river, December 7, saying that a strong Boer force, estimated at 3000 men, was reinforcing General Cronje from Natal. The same dispatch says everything points to the fact that a great engagement would be fought at Spytfontein.

Boers are massing on the hills, where they are vigorously building stone defenses and are digging rifle pits in every direction. The Boer redoubts on Lazeretoe ridge, west of Kimberley are also being strengthened, showing that the rumors of intentions of the Boers to abandon the attempt to stem Methuen's advance are unfounded.

The British have shifted their camp a few hundred yards away from the battlefield and are settling down for the week. Much depends on Gatacre's advance. There is undoubtedly a large concentration of Boers ahead of Methuen. Practically the whole of their Mafeking forces have joined the Kimberley besiegers.

### New Gold Discoveries at Nome.

VICTORIA, December 8.—The steamer Cottage City, from the north today, brought about 100 passengers, but no news of general interest, except that parties recently from Cape Nome are endeavoring to organize at Skagway a company to work Nome properties lately discovered near Anvil, and said to give eight dollars to the pan.

### Found Guilty of Murder.

WINDSOR, Ontario, December 8.—The jury in the murder case at the Sandwich assizes have returned a verdict of guilty, against Levi Stewart for the murder of James Ross on July 18th. Justice Ferguson will pass sentence some time today.

### Wellington Farmer Dead.

GUELPH, Ontario, December 8.—Richard Hewitt, a well-to-do farmer of Puslinch, is dead as a result of being thrown from a rig last night by his horse running away. He was 52 years of age and well known.

### Changes in Pacific Squadron.

VICTORIA, December 8.—Official intimation has been received that H.M.S. Arethusa is to replace on this station her sister ship the Amphion, now homeward bound.

## THE MODDER RIVER ENGAGEMENT

**Described by a Boer Correspondent.**

LONDON, December 9.—According to a special dispatch from Lorenzo Marquez, the Modder River battle is described by a Boer correspondent with general Cronje as one of the fiercest ever experienced. The correspondent says: "General Cronje's wing sustained almost solely the fearful attack of the British right throughout the day. The Transvaalers tenaciously held to their position until seven o'clock in the evening, when the Free State burghers were forced to retire by the heavy concentrated fire of all the British batteries. The Boers freely acknowledged the herculean assaults of the British and the death-dispensing fire of the attacking infantry. They held their position, however, for thirteen hours against the flower of the British army, relying solely upon their Mausers, with which they maintained an uninterrupted rifle fire. The Boer artillery was silenced early in the battle through the overwhelming number of the British artillery."

NEW YORK, December 8.—The most important rumor circulating just now relates to general Joubert, says a London cable to the Tribune. His illness is again reported, and general Schalkbooger is named as his successor in supreme command of the forces around Ladysmith. What military men in London are disposed to believe is that there has been a serious dissension among the Boer generals, and Joubert may be set aside. A council of war is reported to have been held Saturday, with the state attorney from Pretoria in attendance.

### LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

The Canadian Pacific excursionists will arrive in Nelson this evening from Grand Forks. The visitors will be entertained at a combined smoker and minstrel show in the opera house. It will not be so ceremonious an entertainment as a banquet, but the chances are the visitors will enjoy it better and no one will be obliged to talk unless he feels like it.

Owing to the breakdown of one of the great transportation companies that centers at Nelson, THE TRIBUNE is without its usual illustration this morning.

The mine workers at Moyie City have decided to organize a branch of the Western Federation of Miners, and it is not unlikely that James Wilks, secretary of the Nelson Miners' Union, who is district organizer of the federation, will assist the boys to do it in the right way in the near future.

About 70 couples attended the dance given by the miners of the Granite mine last evening in Fraternity hall. Fred Smith, the cook from the mine, catered for the party. The original intention was to hold the ball at the mine and a special train had been engaged to run from Nelson, but the impassable condition of the roads compelled the boys to abandon that idea.

### Dominion Medical Council.

TORONTO, December 8.—At a dinner of the medical faculty of Toronto University held last night was an attendance of over 300 physicians and students. Dr. Reddick, M.P. of Montreal, outlined the provisions of the bill for the creation of a Dominion medical council, to be introduced at the coming session of parliament. Its aim is to create a body like the British Medical Council, the diplomas of which will not only authorize holders to practice in all parts of Canada, but carry weight throughout the Empire. The council will consist of twenty-four members, three from each province. The candidates for Dominion diplomas must have spent four years in studying medicine at some university and one year in clinical work. Men of eminence, like professor Osler of John Hopkins University, will be chosen as examiners.

### Mayoralty Candidates in Toronto.

TORONTO, December 8.—The ballot papers for the mayoralty will in all probability contain the following names: E. F. Clarke, John Hallam, E. A. Macdonald, John Shaw. E. F. Clarke will be a candidate. His friends, who have been urging him run, obtained a promise from him today that if they can show him that there is a general desire on the part of the citizens for his services he will enter the contest. In order to show that the people want him, a requisition will be prepared today and circulated for signatures. Upon the success of this Mr. Clarke's decision depends. There can be no doubt of a hearty response on the part of thousands of his friends, and the candidature of Mr. Clarke may be taken as a fact.

### Maurice A Bucke Killed.

KASLO, December 8.—A private telegram was received here today, announcing the death of Maurice A. Bucke of this city, in Jardiene, Montana. The death is believed to be the result of an accident.

## ENTERTAINED AT GRAND FORKS

**Feasting and Speechmaking.**

GRAND FORKS, December 8.—Grand Forks was en fete tonight on the occasion of the visit of nearly 200 guests of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company from the Pacific Coast and points in the Kootenays. The complimentary banquet tendered by the board of trade at the Yale was a brilliant affair. The speechmaking was of a high order. Victoria, New Westminster and Vancouver were represented by upwards of eighty-five representative business men, while Kaslo, Nelson and Rossland contributed large contingents. The party is in charge of F. W. Peters and Allan Cameron, assistant general agents of the C. P. R. at Nelson and Vancouver, respectively. After inspecting the Grand Forks smelter tomorrow, the visitors will leave by special train for Nelson. The excursionists, who on their arrival were serenaded by the local brass band, expressed themselves as delighted with the heartiness of their reception. Richard Armstrong, president of the board of trade, presided. Among the speakers were senator Reid, Thomas Earle, M. P.; A. B. W. Hodges, superintendent of the local smelter; J. J. Campbell, of the Hall Mines smelter; S. S. Fowler, Nelson; Hon. T. Mayne Daly, mayor Goodeve, Rossland; and F. Buscombe, Vancouver.

### Georgia Defeats Prohibition.

ATLANTA, Georgia, December 8.—By a vote of 26 to 15 in the senate today, state prohibition was defeated.

### CANADIAN NEWS IN BRIEF.

It is reported at Montreal that the Religious Congregation of Jesus and Mary drew $40,000 from the Hochelaga branch of La Banque Ville Marie on the day of failure.

Alfred Fairbairn, of the Montreal Street Railway Company, has been appointed comptroller of the Jamaica railway.

B. W. Folger and lawyer Bawden of Kingston are on their way to Fort William, where they will ask the municipality to give them a bonus to put up a copper smelter and iron furnace.

John Y. Payzant has been elected president of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

The Canadian banks doing business in Newfoundland have imported a quarter of a million dollars in gold coin, fearing a panic, as for the past week heavy withdrawals of gold have been made from Harbor Grace, Belle Isle and other sections, and it is feared that the panic may spread to St. John's.

Imports passing through Montreal customs house for the month of November show an increase over the same month last year of $866,896.

### A Swindler With Many Names.

CHICAGO, December 8.—The police state that a string of evidence has been completed which shows that Herman Valentine, the alleged hotel swindler now under arrest in Chicago, is one of the most extensive forgers ever apprehended in this country. A list of 113 different names under which Valentine operated, the dates of the visits and the cities was found in a notebook in the man's pocket. Letters of complaint from hotel keepers and the chiefs of police in over 200 cities corroborates this list.

### A Quebec Boy Killed at Belmont.

QUEBEC, December 8.—News has been received here that Bertie Nathan, formerly a member of the Quebec High School Cadets, and of the Eighth Royal Rifles, who enlisted in the Grenadier Guards some years ago, was killed at the battle of Belmont, South Africa. He was born and educated in this city.

### Mutiny Reported From Manila.

MANILA, December 8.—There has been a mutiny of the native police in one of the towns of the island of Negros. An American officer was killed. No particulars have yet been received.

### British Labor Leaders Will Attend.

NEW YORK, December 8.—A special dispatch from London says that James Haslam of the Miners' Federation and Alexander Wilkie of the Associated Shipwrights have sailed for this country to attend the approaching convention of the American Federation of Labor as fraternal delegates representing the British trades union congress. The two visitors will be entertained several days by the New York labor unions previous to their leaving for the Detroit convention. Messrs. Haslam and Wilkie are said to be among the most prominent and representative labor leaders ever sent to this country on a similar mission. Mr. Haslam, as secretary of the Miners' Federation, was one of the directing forces in the famous miners' strike in 1893, the biggest labor fight in the history of England, when more than 350,000 men were out. Mr. Wilkie is at present general secretary of the Associated Shipwrights' Society, one of the most conservative and influential of British trades unions. In 1877 he presented the workmen's side of the case in the arbitration proceedings which ended the great strike and lockout of the Clyde shipwrights. His remarkable able and efficient conduct of the case called forth the hearty commendation of some of the foremost members of the Scottish bar who represented the employers. Since that time he has been in the front in every important question affecting the interests of the shipbuilders, both on the Clyde and on the Tyne.

## FIGHTING THE BOERS WITH INK

**The Correspondent's Campaign.**

NEW YORK, December 8.—The Tribune has the following dispatch from London: General Cleary is gradually preparing to turn the Boer position at Colenso and relieve Ladysmith, while lord Methuen holds general Cronje's forces at Spytfontein and Jaconsdal, and general Gatacre is playing with the Free State raiders among the Dutch villages of the disaffected district of Cape Colony. The variations of these three themes continue to occupy the attention of military writers for the London press. Evidence is found of general Buller's controlling mind in directing the British campaign for the expulsion of the Free Staters from Cape Colony and the relief of Kimberley. Premature action either on Modder River or on the southern frontier of the Free State would tend to diminish the pressure now being brought to bear upon the enemy's camps around Ladysmith for a withdrawal of a portion of these commands to the passes of the Drakensburg range.

These are the best explanations offered by military men in London clubs for the continued inaction of both lord Methuen and general Gatacre, and it is always easy to follow them up with the reflection that time is on the side of the British army, with its superior discipline and systematic arrangements for supplies, and heavily against the irregular organized Dutch forces. While theories like these are a poor substitute for war news, the veteran officers are glad to accept evidence that the generals are no longer in hot haste to attack the enemy in strongly fortified positions without manœuvering for protection for the infantry from a deadly fire directly in front.

The official news includes the casualty list in the sortie from Kimberley on November 28, when the Boer laager was surprized and captured. This was a serious fight, for 22 were killed on the British side, and 31 wounded. South Africans readily identify two names in the list of killed. Major Scott-Turner was a gallant rough rider who had seen much hard service in Matabeleland and Khodsea, under Forbes and Carrington. He was a fine horseman and a man utterly fearless, with an inborn love of adventure. Lieutenant Wright was famous as one of the coolest and most expert riflemen in South Africa and a match for the best hunters among the Boers.

An official bulletin has also been received from general Buller respecting the losses of the enemy, which he estimated at 800 killed and wounded before Ladysmith on November 28, and 130 in Hildyard's fight at Willow Grange. These estimates were accompanied by a general charge that the enemy did not admit more than one-tenth of the losses suffered. As general Methuen has telegraphed in a similar way respecting the Boer losses at Modder river, it was evident that the war office had suggested that something should be said by him and general Buller to counteract the effect of the publication of the heavy casualty lists on the British side. Cues for the reports had come from London, where the officials were annoyed by Dr. Leyd's Brussels bulletins showing the insignificant Dutch losses as an offset to the terrible havoc wrought among the British battalions.

### Building Up Business.

The Cherry Hill druggist and baker have clever ways of building up trade. The former gives a stick of candy to every child that brings him a prescription to fill, or that makes a purchase of five cents' worth of drugs. The baker gives a small cake for each purchase of a loaf of bread, a tart for a transaction involving ten cents, and a cream puff for each quarter's worth of business, this child in every case being supposed to represent papa or mamma. No matter what may be the orders from home, the youngster could not be persuaded to deal with any other baker or druggist in the neighborhood.

### C. P. R. Returns.

A Winnipeg dispatch says C. P. R. land returns for November, 1889, show that 42,030 acres were sold for $140,490; for the corresponding month last year the sales were 25,979 acres for $82,918.

## MACDONALD WILL BE PREMIER

**No Hope for Greenway.**

WINNIPEG, December 8.—The revised returns from the several constituencies throughout the province make it clear that the Greenway government has been overthrown. The best that the Greenway party can claim is sixteen seats, and Hugh John Macdonald may now be said to have realized the hopes of the Conservative leaders at Ottawa in being at the head of a Conservative administration in the prairie province. The strength of the respective parties tonight is Conservatives 20, Liberals 16, Independent 1. The elections in Gimli and Dauphin constituencies take place on Thursday and Friday next, and in view of the general result throughout the province it is generally conceded that they will return Conservatives.

### Transportation Facilities Good.

"The last serious impediment to travel to and from the Klondike will be overcome this winter," said J. L. Reddick yesterday. Mr. Reddick has lately returned from that part of the country, and spoke enthusiastically of the transportation facilities afforded the Dawson people. "When navigation opened this season just passed, the White Pass railroad were running their trains over the pass, and in July connected navigation on the Yukon with the wharfs at Skagway. When navigation opens next June the railroad will lay its freight on the Yukon river below White Horse Rapids, so that the two great drawbacks to traffic in the Yukon country will have been successfully overcome. The railroad company are working a force of 300 men at present, and the grading is almost completed to the second terminus. Next summer it will require not to exceed five days to travel between Dawson and Skagway. The government telegraph line from the Coast to Dawson was completed in November, and has eliminated the feeling of isolation that has always been so sorely felt in the Yukon metropolis during the long winter months. Then we are promised a weekly mail service as soon as the winter trail is broken over the ice."

### Intend to Establish a School.

Two representatives of the order of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace arrived in Nelson yesterday for the purpose of making arrangements for the opening of a private school in this city. This organization has charge of the Sisters' hospital in Rossland, and several months ago they were requested to open a school in Nelson. It is in compliance with this request that they are now in Nelson. Just what form the scheme for the establishment of the new school will take will probably depend upon the assistance which the sisters receive. They announce that it is their intention to erect a suitable building in the spring, but in the meantime they will probably rent temporary quarters. The course of instruction in the new school will comprise all the usual branches of a thorough English education, together with bookkeeping, stenography, typewriting, and plain and art needlework, with special studies for younger children. The teaching staff, it is announced, will be composed of those holding certificates from the education department, Whitehall, London, who have had wide experience in preparing pupils for examination at English universities and colleges.

### Molly Gibson's Title Clear.

The long standing dispute as to the title to the Molly Gibson group of claims at the head of Kokanee creek has been settled by an order of Mr. justice Irving, vesting the title to the property in the name of Samuel W. Ray. When the Molly Gibson group was purchased several months ago by Rufus Pope and his associates an adverse action was started by William N. Callanan as the owner of the Nashville, Charleston and Westminster mineral claims. To dispose of the claim negotiations were opened by Samuel W. Ray to purchase the Callanan interest, and eventually Callanan agreed to sell for $18,500. He afterwards refused to carry out the agreement of sale, and accordingly Mr. justice Irving was applied to for an order vesting the title to the property in the plaintiff Ray. This was granted with costs. This order removes the cloud from the Molly Gibson title and will doubtless give a stimulus to the present owners in the development of the property.

### The Yellowstone Mill is at Salmo.

H. E. T. Haultain, superintendent of the Yellowstone mine, stopped in the city over night while enroute to Rossland. Mr. Haultain reports a temporary delay with their work on account of the recent rains. The machinery for a ten-stamp mill is hung up at Salmo and the company will not attempt to move it farther until the snow comes. Little has been done in the mines for the past two months awaiting the arrival of the stamp mill. Mr. Haultain says he hopes to have everything in operation within two months

### All Favor the Open Door.

LONDON, December 9.—The Berlin correspondent of the Standard says: All powers concerned have favorably received the proposal of the United States regarding the maintenance of the open door in China, each offering to sign the desired assurance if the others will do so.

## Chamois Vests,

**Chest and Lung Protectors**

These are goods that are now in demand, and those with weak chests and lungs should not neglect to wear them. They are a great comfort and save many dollars in cough cures, and in a great many cases save the life of the wearer. If you prefer the Chamois Skins to make your own protectors we have all sizes to choose from.

## Razor Strops

In order to get a comfortable shave it is as important to have a good strop as it is to have a good razor. Our line of strops cannot be equaled anywhere—made of either Horsehide or Porpoise hide—they are soft, pliable and smooth and will give you excellent results. We also keep a line of good English Razors, which we can recommend.

## Toilet Articles

Our immense stock of Toilet Articles is too numerous to mention here in detail, but comprises all the latest requisites that complete the ideal Toilet Table, such as Face Lotions, Face Powders and Cosmetics; Hair Preparations of all kinds; Manicure Preparations and Sets; Powder Puffs and Powder Boxes; Atomizers and Toilet waters.

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# 20 per Cent Discount

*In order to reduce our stock previous to stock taking we have concluded to offer a discount of 20 per cent for cash on all goods in the drug line, with the exception of Patent and Proprietary Medicines, until Saturday, the 23rd instant. Herewith we give a list of some of the more important lines which we think it will pay you to look into. These goods are not old and shop worn, but on the contrary they are all fresh new goods, purchased in the best markets and cannot be excelled.*

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*Wholesale and Retail Druggists*
*and Dealers in Assayers' Supplies*

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REMEMBER, THIS DISCOUNT WILL ONLY BE GIVEN UNTIL THE 23rd INSTANT, AND IS FOR CASH ONLY. MAIL ORDERS WILL RECEIVE IMMEDIATE AND CAREFUL ATTENTION

## Prescription DEPARTMENT

We wish to draw special attention to not only our facilities for compounding all prescriptions, but to the fact that we are the only firm in the interior of B. C. who carry chemically pure drugs and chemicals. These goods cost more than the poorer quality carried by other firms, but our prices are no higher and our customers are sure that they are getting pure drugs.

## Soaps

For years we have made a specialty of Toilet Soaps and have found that our sales of Soap are steadily increasing, and we have now in stock a large quantity of very fine goods which we are offering at a very low price. Our stock comprises the leading lines in English, French, Canadian and American makes, and we are sure it would pay you to give this line your attention.

## Rubber Goods

We buy our Household and Fountain Syringes, Hot Water Bags, from the best makers, and we might state that quality in Rubber Goods is of the first importance. Also, we have a large assortment of Ladies' Rubber Gloves, which we especially recommend for keeping the hands in good condition during the cold weather.

# DRESSMAKING

On Monday morning, December 11th, we will open our new dressmaking parlors with Madam Fleener, late of Minneapolis, in charge. As Madam Fleener was for many years fore-woman for Madam Buschane, of Minneapolis, we can safely guarantee our many customers perfect satisfaction in this line.

## MARTIN O'REILLY & CO.

HOUSTON BLOCK, BAKER STREET. TERMS CASH

# Handkerchiefs

Our Silk Handkerchiefs for Christmas trade are now to hand
A large assortment to select from, 15c and up.

MEN'S OUTFITTER
Sign of the RED HAT, Baker St., Nelson

## J. F. WEIR


## The Tribune.

THE local Liberals do not seem to understand what caused the turnover in Manitoba. Too many Conservatives and too much Sifton did the business. Now that it has been shown that Sifton cannot carry his own province, the Laurier government should see that a man from the West with influence is given a seat in the cabinet. British Columbia, with six members in the house of commons, is fairly entitled to cabinet representation, and no member of the British Columbia delegation comes nearer voicing the opinion of his constituents than the member from Yale-Cariboo, Hewitt Bostock. The district which he represents is a large and an important one. It has sufficient population for two members; but, apparently, the representation cannot be increased until after the next census is taken. Then why not even up matters by giving the present member a chance to get to the ear of the government? Bostock for a cabinet position! should be the rallying cry of every resident of British Columbia.

How many merchants and corporations doing business in Nelson practice what they would have the newspapers of the town preach? How many merchants and corporations doing business in Nelson make a regular practice of sending to eastern Canadian printing offices for their office stationery? It is safe to say that there are as many merchants and corporations who do this as there are individuals who send to Eaton's for household articles. The printing offices of Nelson turn out good work, and their prices are not higher in proportion than the prices charged by merchants for their goods. There is no business carried on in Nelson that pays out as much money in the town in proportion to total business done as does the printing office. The three printing offices in Nelson pay out fully $2500 a month for wages alone, 90 per cent of which is spent in the town. The three papers printed in Nelson use their best efforts to bring trade to Nelson, and in return many merchants who are directly benefitted by these efforts make a regular practice of diverting trade from the Nelson printing offices to printing offices in Eastern Canada.

### Adding New Laurels to His Fame.

General Lloyd Wheaton, who has been giving Aguinaldo the hardest chase he has yet received from the American forces, is adding new laurels to his fame by his present vigorous conduct of the Filipino campaign. Years ago he suppressed the Fenian raid at Fort Pembina, Manitoba, for which he received the thanks of queen Victoria. At Vicksburg during the civil war he was provost-marshal, and won unstinted praise for his masterly handling of the office. When Fort Blakely was besieged he led the final charge through the embrasure and was the first to enter the enemy's lines. For this heroic conduct he received a medal of honor. It is not generally known that general Wheaton entered the civil war as a captain and returned colonel of the Eighth Illinois. He was born in Michigan and appointed to the army from Illinois in 1861. He was a major in 1863, and after the close of the war became colonel of the Twentieth Infantry. For civil war service he was honorably mentioned in the "Records of the Rebellion," also by general Hancock, and also by the secretary of war. He was with Custer in 1874 and at Fort Assiniboine, Montana, until 1866.

### Joubert is American Born.

General Piet Joubert, commander-in-chief of the Boer forces, was born at 1105 Arch street, Philadelphia. His father was a Frenchman, who fell in love with and married a girl in the south of Holland. He and his family went to South Africa a number of years ago. The general has visited this country—first in 1883 as agent for a large financial company, and again ten years later, when he was official representative of the Transvaal Republic at the World's Fair at Chicago.


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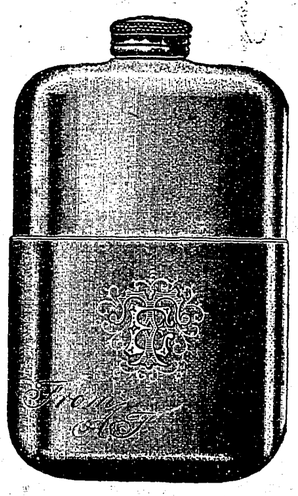

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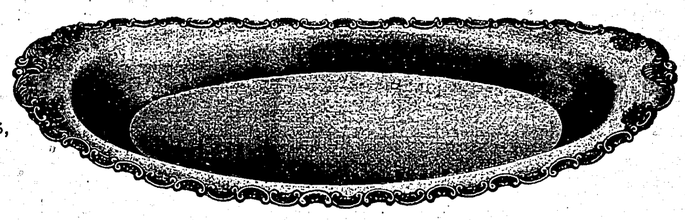

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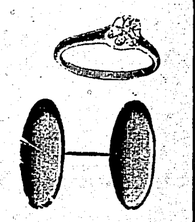

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### GRAVE AND GAY STORYETTES.

Laurence Gronlund, the socialistic writer who died a few weeks ago in New York, was a thorough pessimist. One evening, after he had denounced the modern industrial system in savage terms, a friend remarked: "It is not so bad as Russian despotism, is it?" "Not quite; the former is the worst possible; the latter the worst conceivable."

The New York Herald was represented at the Dreyfus trial at Rennes by Marcel Prevost. Vance Thompson relates in the Saturday Evening Post that he met Prevost just after the verdict had been announced. Everyone was buzzing, "Dreyfus has been found guilty—with extenuating circumstances!" "What do you suppose the extenuating circumstances are?" Thompson asked. "I dare say his innocence," was Prevost's reply.

An Iola soldier relates that one day general Otis came out on the firing-line and ordered the shooting to cease. A Kansas boy who thought he was doing all sorts of damage to the insurgents, kept on shooting. "Didn't you hear my command to cease firing?" thundered the general. "Who are you?" asked the soldier. "I'm general Otis." "Otis, hell," responded the soldier, "I know that isn't so; Otis never comes out here." And bang went the gun.

Long before the Transvaal trouble, the right honorable Joseph Chamberlain, present minister of state for the British colonies, was famous the world over for his orchids. His costly collection is one of the finest in the world. They are telling the story in Paris now that once he saw a rare orchid, the duplicate of one he had recently added to his own collection. He asked the price. "Twenty thousand francs," replied the dealer. The Englishman paid the money, and then, throwing the flower on the floor, crushed it with his heel.

During the Civil War the law school at Cambridge was presided over by professors Parsons, Barker, and Washburn. They were divided in their political views and each did his best to maintain his opinion. Professor Parker was one day asked: "How do you get along on politics at the law school?" "Nicely," he answered; "we are equally divided." "But how can that be," continued the inquirer, "since there are three of you?" "Easy enough," replied the professor; "Parsons writes on one side and I on the other, and Washburn—he speaks on one side and votes on the other."

Algernon Dougherty, of the United States diplomatic service, has qualities of his own to account for his success as well as being the son of the famous "Silver-Tongued Dougherty" of Philadelphia. One of the rules of the aristocratic Parisian concierge is that while one may ride up in the elevator, one must not ride down. It was Mr. Dougherty who broke down this rule in a house in the Rue de Maturin. He started down, and the concierge stopped the elevator. "It is forbidden." "By whom?" "The proprietor forbids it," said the concierge. Mr. Dougherty drew himself up and said: "Tell your proprietor that I forbid him to forbid me anything!" and rode on down. And now, even the timid maiden ladies on the sixth floor play with that elevator as though it were a tame cat.

The late Dr. Todd, the Irish archæologist, although a great scholar, was not above perpetrating a joke. A learned Englishman once went to Dublin to examine some manuscript in the library of Trinity College, and was introduced to Dr. Todd. One day in conversation the latter told him that there was in Trinity College a curious instance of the survival of a habit dating from the time of the Danes; that at a certain hour of the afternoon a porter went the round of the college ringing a bell and calling out in a loud voice, "The Dane's in the hall," when all the students rushed from their rooms to repel the invaders. The learned but somewhat incredulous Englishman repaired to the college at the appointed hour, and, sure enough, the porter appeared, ringing his bell and calling out "The Dane's in the hall," and the students hurried from their rooms to the hall. It was only some hours later that the Englishman comprehended that this was merely the customary manner of summoning the students to the hall where the dean of the college awaited them, "the dean" being transformed by the Milesian tongue into "the dane."

At the time of the Sioux attack on Fort Ripley, in 1862, the Mille Lac Chippewas assisted the white men, and the secretary of the interior and the state of Minnesota, grateful for this assistance, promised that as a reward the Mille Lac Chippewas should never be removed from their reservation. Only a few years later, the interior department sent a special agent to the reservation, to endeavor to persuade them to move from Mille Lacs to north of Leech Lake. There was quite a powwow, and one of the best-known men in Minnesota addressed a meeting of the chiefs. "My brothers," he said, "the great father has heard how you have been wronged, and he said, 'I will send my red children an honest man to talk to them.' So he looked to the north, to the east, the south, and the west, and he said, 'Here is an honest man,' and he sent me. So brothers, look at me. The winds of fifty-five years have blown over my head and silvered it over with gray, and during that time I have done no wrong to any man. I am your friend, my red brothers, and as your friend I ask you to sign this treaty." When he had finished, one of the chiefs arose and said: "My friend, look at me. The winds of more than fifty winters have blown over my head and silvered it over with gray, but they have not blown my brains away." Then he sat down, and the council was ended.

### Charge on Checks.

NEW YORK, December 8.—The executive committee of the clearing house association, which represents the more important banking interests of the country, has decided to recommend the adoption by all of the members of the association of a bylaw providing for the charging of a regular rate upon out-of-town collection on checks. This action, foreshadowed several weeks ago, after a conference of the largest banking interests of the east, is regarded as the most important that has yet been taken in the matter for out-of-town collection of checks, and is in accord with the action of the New York clearing house association, which put the same rules and regulations into operation recently.

### In Favor of Municipal Ownership.

BOSTON, December 8.—Charles H. Coulter, the newly elected socialist mayor of Brockton, Massachusetts, won by a plurality of 1592 votes. He is 29 years old. He said last night: "The social democratic party, of which I am proud to be a member, declares for the co-operative commonwealth and ownership of all the means of production and distribution. It will be my aim and that of my fellow socialists in the city government to enter a wedge wherever possible for municipal ownership, and see to it that no more valuable franchises are given to any corporation whatever."

### Anti-British Remarks Cheered.

PARIS, December 8.—During the debate today in the chamber of deputies on the colonial budget, M. Firmin Faure, anti-Semite, urged the necessity of strengthening the defences of the colonies and the colonial army, in addition to the system of French-owned cables. He also intimated that British emissaries were overrunning Tunis, disguised as Protestant missionaries, and selling ammunition to the Arabs. His anti-British remarks were heartily cheered.

### Macrum Heard From.

WASHINGTON, December 8.—A. R. Macrum, in a cable message received at the state department, dated at Pretoria, announces that he will sail on the 18th instant, via Naples, for the United States.

### THE BOER'S BIG GUNS.

One of the surprises in the South African war has been the effectiveness of the Boer artillery. Since the fighting began it appears that the Boers have been using artillery with good effect and that they have plenty of good guns. As a matter of fact, the field guns possessed by the Boers are probably the best in the world. They not only have good guns, but they have plenty of them.

It is true, however, that until a few years ago the Boers had no big guns and knew little or nothing about handling them. But the Jameson raid taught president Kruger a lesson. He learned something about the effectiveness of modern field artillery. He determined to equip the Transvaal forces with the best weapons in the market.

The first step was to erect forts at Johannesburg and Pretoria. The former now reposes under the brow of strong fortifications. There are six forts altogether, and they command a broad expanse of country. In these he has placed long range rifled guns of French and German patterns and quick firing guns. He has filled four warehouses with arms and made secret preparations, which include long tunnels underneath the goldfields, so that the town of Johannesburg can be destroyed by one train of powder, for the motto of the Boers is, "Rather a ruined country than no country."

Pretoria is guarded by four forts, one at each of the four corners of the town. Heavy guns of the Krupp make are installed here under the direction of German, Dutch and French officers. Men have been drilled to train these guns effectively, and the town is supplied with provisions to withstand a long seige.

Then Kruger turned his attention to field artillery. He sent agents to France and Germany. They bought the latest and most improved quick firing field guns. Not only did they buy the guns, but they hired German and French officers to go to the Transvaal and teach the young Boers how to handle the weapons.

About two years ago the Transvaal purchased eight batteries, or forty-eight guns, of the latest and best quick firing type from the French firm of Schneider-Canet. These guns were not delivered until a short time ago, but are supposed to have reached Pretoria just in time for use in the present war.

The Schneider-Canet gun fires a 13-pound shell. In practice against targets composed of six wooden frames, each with an area of forty-five square feet, six of these guns fired each six rounds, throwing each shell at an average of forty-six seconds' interval and making numerous hits. An ordinary field gun in the same time would have fired only one or at the most two rounds. The Boers' weapons, therefore, fire three to six times as fast as the ordinary gun with which most batteries of artillery are armed.

Among their new heavy artillery guns the Boers have several big Creusot guns. These are of French manufacture also and it is doubtful if the British have anything better at their command.

There are two types of quick firing guns used in the British army. The first is the Vickers-Maxim, which was used by the troops under lord Kitchener in the Soudan. The other is an adaptation of the ordinary field gun, which is converted to a quick firer by a carriage designed by lieutenant-colonel sir G. Clarke. This gun, it is said, has been found of considerable utility, but is certainly not equal to the quick firers in the possession of the Boers.

Some time ago the Transvaal government purchased three of the most powerful guns in existence. These were also made by the Schneider-Canet firm. Two are of 9.4 inch calibre and one of 12-inch. The latter weighs 66 tons and fires a shell weighing half a ton through four feet of steel. The two smaller guns fire a shell weighing three hundredweight. These guns were bought when the Transvaal government expected to get Delagoa Bay. They are now mounted outside of Johannesburg.

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An Odd Wager.

You would have been very fortunate, my children, if you had known my Uncle Bayle, because he alone knew more stories than you have ever read. My uncle did not live in our little city of Mirepeix—he lived at Foix; and almost every Sunday we would see him coming on his horse, and our joyous cries hailed him at a distance. The servant, my old Jeannette, came immediately to salute our uncle Bayle, who carefully informed himself as to his supper. Then, after having added or changed something in the bill of fare, he seated himself in a large chair of carved wood, which we dragged up to the fire, and without delay we all began to cry, "A story! a story!" On this evening the cry was less boisterous, because we had formed a little conspiracy, and no one dared to speak first. Finally, my pretty cousin Dorothee, the most talkative little girl of the house, and now the grave superior of a convent of the sisters of charity, ventured to cry, "A Ghost Story!" and we replied, all together, "Yes, a ghost story!"

My uncle frowned, and looked toward Jeannette, who was very much confused, and wished to appear absorbed in peppering her chicken pot-pie. It was she, in fact, who had urged us to make this demand.

"There are only fools and rogues who believe, or pretend to believe in ghosts," said my uncle in a severe tone. We all waited in silence, so much authority was there in his words; but a moment of reflection seemed to calm him. We saw him smile, as if to himself, and he added, in a tone full of sweetness: "You want a ghost story, my children? Very well; I will relate one to you which happened to me, so that it cannot be doubted."

We gathered around him closer than usual; the lamp hung by a chain attached to the mantel-piece, and there our uncle told his story.

One autumn evening—it must have been forty years ago, because I was scarcely twenty years old at the time—I was returning from Toulouse. I had arrived almost in front of the Bolbonne monastery, beyond the beautiful woods of Lecourien, when a sudden and frightful storm, like those that come down from our mountains, broke forth. My horse, frightened at the flashes of lightning and noise of thunder, darted into a little by-path, and carried me with him, in spite of all my efforts to the contrary. Notwithstanding his rapidity, I soon recognized that he had taken the road to Saint Gabelle, and that he was leading me there all right; and he galloped on until he stopped of his own accord, as he had started, and I perceived that I was at the door of an inn. I entered. The guests were numerous—a mixed crowd of Spanish merchants and young sportsmen of the vicinity, overtaken, like myself, by the storm. After drying ourselves at the fire—composed of a dozen vine-branches which had been thrown in the fire-place—supper was announced, and we all sat down to the table. At first the conversation turned on the frightful weather. One had been thrown from his horse; another had been detained an hour in getting himself and cart out of a pool of mud. Finally some one exclaimed: "It is an infernal night, just the time for the meeting of witches." This remark, which was very simple, gave place to a singular observation, made in a tone still more singular.

"Sorcerers and ghosts prefer for their meeting a beautiful moonlight night to a night so unpleasant as this."

We all gazed at the man who said this, and saw that it was one of the Spanish merchants. You have often seen them, my children, with their leggings and short breeches open at the knee and showing their naked, hairy legs. You know what they mingled air of pride and misery they have. He who had spoken had, more than you have seen, that savage bearing which is characteristic of them all. None of us had thought of replying, when my neighbor, a young man with a frank and open manner, burst out laughing as he said:

"It appears that this gentleman knows the habits of ghosts, and that they have told him that they do not like to get wet or dirty."

He had not finished his sentence when the Spaniard threw on him a terrible look, as he said:

"Young man, do not speak so lightly of things you know nothing about."

"Do you think you can make me believe there are ghosts?" replied my neighbor, disdainfully.

"Perhaps," replied the Spaniard, "if you had the courage to look at them."

The young man jumped up, red with anger, but calmed himself, and sat down again quietly, saying:

"You would have paid dearly for that remark if it were not that of a fool."

*That of a fool!"* cried the Spaniard, jumping up in his turn. "Well, then," added he, slapping his fist on the table, and throwing down a big leathern purse. "*Here are thirty quadruples*" [about two hundred and sixteen dollars] "which I offer to lose if within an hour I do not make you see, you who are so positive the face of one of your friends that you will name, let him be dead for ten years, and if, after having recognized him, you dare to permit his mouth to kiss yours."

The Spaniard had an air so terrible in saying these words that we all started. My neighbor alone preserved his laughing, mocking manner, and replied:

"You will do this—you?"

"Yes," replied the Spaniard, "and I will lose thirty quadruples if I do not do it, on condition that you will lose an equal amount if I keep my promise and you acknowledge it."

The young man was silent a moment, then he said, gayly:

"Thirty quadruples! My worthy sorcerer, that is more than a student of Toulouse ever possessed; but if you will keep your word for the five quadruples which are here, I am your man."

The Spaniard took his purse again, and said, scornfully:

"Ah, you back out, my little gentleman!"

"I back out!" cried the young man. "Ah, if I had the thirty quadruples, you would see if I backed out."

"Here are four," cried I, "which I add to your stake."

I had no sooner made this proposition than five or six persons, attracted like myself by the singularity of this challenge, offered to take part in it, and in less than no time the Spaniard's amount was covered. This man seemed so sure of his work that he confided the stake to the young student, and we got ready for the demonstration.

To that end we selected a small pavilion, perfectly isolated, in the garden, so that there could be no deception. We searched it minutely; we assured ourselves that there were no other openings than a window, securely fastened, and a door which was closed in the same manner, and at which we all stood after we had left the young man alone in the pavilion. We had placed writing materials on the table, and took away all the lights. We were eagerly interested in the issue of the scene, and were all keeping a profound silence, when the Spaniard, who had remained among us, commenced to sing in a sweet and sad voice a song, which may be rendered as follows:

"Noiselessly cracking, the coffin has broken in the half-opened tomb,
And the white phantom's black foot is resting on the grass, cold and green."

At the first verse he raised his voice solemnly, and said:

"You have asked to see your friend, Francois Violot, who was drowned three years ago in crossing the Pensagnoles ferry. What do you see?"

"I see," replied the young man, "a pale light which has risen near the window, but it has no form and is only an indistinct mist."

"Are you afraid?" said the Spaniard in a strong voice.

"I am not afraid," replied the student, in a voice no less confident.

We scarcely breathed. The Spaniard was silent for a moment, then he began all at once to sing again, but in a higher and more sombre voice:

"And the white phantom, whose face has been withered by the surge of the waves,
Wipes with his shroud the water from his garments and hair."

The song finished, the Spaniard turned again toward the door, and, in an accent more and more solemn, he said:

"You, who wished to pry into the mysteries of the tomb, what do you see?"

We listened with anxiety. The student replied, in a calm voice, but like a man who is describing a thing as it happens:

"I see this vapor, which grows larger and larger, and takes the form of a phantom; this phantom has the head covered with a veil."

"Are you afraid?" asked the Spaniard, in an insulting voice.

The voice of the young man replied: "I am not afraid."

We dared not look at each other, so great was our surprise, so occupied were we in following the singular movements of the Spaniard, who began to raise his arms above his head, while invoking three times a name horrible to pronounce; after which he chanted the third verse of his infernal song, but in a voice singularly triumphant:

"And the phantom said, in leaving the tomb, 'In order that he may recognize me,
I will go toward my friend, proud, smiling and beautiful, as in my youth.'"

The Spaniard finished his verse, and repeated his question:

"What do you see?"

"I see," replied the student, "the phantom advance—it raises its veil—it is Francis Violot—he approaches the table—he writes—he has written; it is his signature!"

"Are you afraid?" cried the Spaniard, furiously.

There was a moment of silence, and the student replied, with more strength than assurance: "I am not!"

Immediately, as if seized with a fit of madness, the Spaniard sung, with a strange howl, this last horrible verse:

"And the phantom said to the mocking man, 'Come, then, that I may touch you;
Put your hand in my hand, press your heart to my heart, your mouth to my mouth.'"

"What do you see?" cried the Spaniard, in a voice of thunder.

"It comes—it approaches—it pursues me—it extends its arms—it will seize me. Help! Help!

"Are you afraid?" cried the Spaniard, with ferocious joy.

A piercing cry, then a smothered groan, was the only answer to this terrible question.

"Help that imprudent young man!" said the Spaniard to us, in a cruel voice. "I have, I think, won the wager; but it is enough for me to have given him a lesson. Let him keep the money, and be more prudent in the future."

He went away rapidly after these words. We opened the door, and found the student in horrible convulsions. The paper, signed with the name of Francois Violot, was on the table. Scarcely had the student recovered when he demanded to know who was the infamous sorcerer who had subjected him to this horrible profanity; he wished to kill him. He searched for him all through the inn, and darted off like a madman in pursuit of him. And that is the story, my children.

We were all trembling with fright, huddling closely about our Uncle Bayle, not daring to look around. No one had the courage to speak; then I gathered strength enough to say to my uncle: "And how is it, after this, you do not believe in ghosts?"

"Because," said my uncle, "neither the young man nor the sorcerer were ever seen afterward, nor the beautiful quadruples which the other travelers and myself had furnished to cover the wager proposed by the pretended Spaniard; and because these two rogues carried them away, after having played under our eyes a comedy which we believed in like a pack of simpletons, and which I found very expensive, but which will not have cost too much if it enables me to fully persuade you that none but imbeciles or rogues believe or pretend to believe in ghosts."

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## BASEBALL PITCHERS' METHODS.

Pitchers are quite important factors in the game; that goes without saying. It is rather puzzling to the ordinary, every-day citizen that some twirlers are less effective than others, and yet seem to show the same speed and just as good curves; that the same pitcher, without any apparent reason, holds down a team to three or four hits today and tomorrow is hammered all over the lot by the same aggregation; that the man who had to be taken out of the box yesterday puts it all over the identical batters today. While I cannot explain some of these reversals in form, I can say a thing or two about pitchers and pitching in general. While I will not lay it down as my absolute opinion that a pitcher is born, not made, yet I will say that some take naturally to this branch of the game, while others, with ten hours a day practice, never show any improvement. I do not mean to say that any one can ever hope to become a pitcher without practice; on the contrary, a pitcher without practice is an anomaly—an impossibility. In analyzing the constituent elements of a good pitcher, the first thing that is usually found is good speed; not that this is absolutely necessary, for many top-notchers have climbed the ladder with the assistance of the very slowness of their delivery, as, for example, Kilroy. Still, in 999 games out of 1000, speed is the groundwork of pitching. Speed, of course, is capable of development, and is largely the result of speeding, yet it seems to have something in it that suggests a certain natural ability. It is not the biggest man that has the best arm always; it is not usually the stocky-built that develops the speed; the fastest men we have seen in the East are the long, thin fellows, with the long, stringy muscles. Kerwin, I think, was the fastest man ever in this league, and he was nothing if not long. Speed alone will not make a pitcher; he must develop the knack of shooting over a slow one occasionally, without any discernable difference in the effort; he must have at least one curve—one is enough; he must so deliver the ball that the batter cannot get a line on what is coming. Change of speed constitutes the difference between pitchers, in a great measure. It is difficult to describe the effect produced on a batter, who has just been breaking his back after a slow one, by a fast one, coming over with a ring of revolving air around it. The one style of batting will not handle the two deliveries; the eye is puzzled to judge when so great a difference is presented in so short a time. I need not go into the use of the curve, it is patent to everyone; yet I think change of speed is preferable to a barrelful of curves. Working on speed as the corner-stone, the next thing in order is control. Without this quality, there is no pitcher. This, in my opinion, is the great difference between professional and amateur pitchers, and I will venture to say that a man who can put the ball where he wants it, even though he may have no more idea of a curve than a Hottentot, is more valuable than one who can curve around corners. That is "Knotty" Lee's stronghold; that is the salary-drawing feature of every good pitcher. Control is pitching; pitching is control. Plates have corners and pitchers must cut them to be successful. I never met a good pitcher yet who became so by cutting the center of the plate; such men usually have short careers; they last about a day. The great fault of left-handers is that they are generally erratic, and, as a result, comparatively few have reached the top. Becker, I consider as the best of our bunch in this league. It is hardly necessary to remark that a pitcher must have a good steady head and a great deal of heart; the former is absolutely necessary in every game, and at every moment of the game; it is the one indespensible quality that every ball player must have, and none needs it more than the pitcher. Head work for him is nothing more or less than existence as a twirler. A catcher may help him out greatly, but he cannot trust entirely to his partner's strength in that line. Faint-hearted pitchers had better look for something requiring less nerve than twirling. I have known men, who, at a three-base hit, would turn white and go up in the air, for a shorter or longer period, as occasion arose. Every pitcher is liable to get his bumps, and must have a heart large enough to keep him at his work. It is at such a time that he needs coolness, and without it, it is all off. Pitchers are usually weak hitters, because of the nervous strain, resulting from the hard work of delivery. I do not agree with those who would do away with the placing of pitchers on the batting list, and that because he is a factor in the game, and ought to take part in it in its entirety. Many promising young twirlers have been robbed of all chance of success by the greediness of managers, who do not hesitate to work a young fellow out in cold, raw weather, and that for three games a week, if they can. It looks like good grounds for a suit for damages. The older players refuse to do it, and the new comer, anxious to get along and to please, goes in without a murmur, with the result that within a month his arm is gone. A great, and I may add, an almost universal fault among amateurs, is the side delivery. Greater speed and better control can be obtained by the straight over-arm method. Another fault that must be eradicated before any pretence can be made to being a pitcher, is that of differences in delivery for different curves. Young pitchers must learn to throw all the curves with the same hold of the ball, and with the same motions. Practice will effect this in a surprisingly short time. It may be noticed that all these articles end with a recommendation to practice; it is the only way to certain success; it is the key to the whole game.


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## The Whitewater Mines, Limited.

London Review.

The chairman, H. W. Forster, M. P., of this company has recently returned to London, England, from an extended visit to British Columbia, where, with two other directors, Richard Popkiss and F. C. Atkey, he visited the Whitewater mine, Slocan district, and having fully discussed the company's affairs with them, is therefore, in a position to afford the shareholders every information respecting the property. A general meeting of the shareholders has been convened so that they might hear from him his views upon the position generally. The accounts to 31st December last will also be submitted. As the period of development and construction might then be said to have ended, the accounts for the current year will be made up and submitted as soon after the end of this year as it is practicable to do so. The present accounts have been prepared for some time, and would have been submitted before, but the directors considered it would be more satisfactory to the shareholders to delay doing so until Mr. Forster's return. During the period dealt with practically the whole of the work executed consisted in the provision and erection of the mill and its contingent works, the erection of necessary buildings, the extensive further development of the mine, and the re-timbering of the old workings in order to place the property in a safe and thorough condition for future working. This being the case only a small amount of ore was shipped from the mine during that period. The value of the ore shipped is shown as £6974, representing the net return upon 670 tons. Mr. Forster endorses all Mr. Popkiss stated in his recent report, especially as to the prospective value of the property and the efficiency of the local administration, Notwithstanding that every effort was made to erect the concentrating plant, and place the mine in the best condition for systematic working at the earliest possible moment, it was not until near the end of 1898 that milling operations could be commenced, and after that date several interruptions occurred preventing continuous working. The subsequent miner's strike has also been a drawback to the company, because it has prevented revenue from being earned, but the opportunity thus afforded of making necessary alterations in the machinery and in the staff, have resulted in an altogether more economical system. Since June last, owing to the absence of miners, the mill has been treating the low-grade ore from the dumps which, in spite of its low value, has produced profits, a result which can only be regarded as very satisfactory. It follows, therefore, that when the ore in the mine is put through the mill profits will be proportionately larger, both from the fact of the increased efficiency of the mill as well as from the greater richness of the ore. The results which have been obtained are no real criteron of what the property can do, and it is confidenely expected that when underground work is resumed and the large amount of ore now lying idle in the mine can be turned to account, results will be obtained which will be in every way satisfactory.

## No Vacation for Sixty Years.

Chicago Tribune.

Patrick Maloney is 97 years old. He is the oldest employe of the Erie railroad, and is still actively employed as a switchman in Jersey City. He is strong and perfectly healthy, though he has not taken a vacation in more than fifty-nine years. He declares the modern idea that an annual vacation is necessary is not sound, particularly if a man's work is in the open air. One of his sons was an alderman, but old Patrick declares that ambitious men never live long. He instances the cases of several men who started with him in humble positions. They reached high positions, but are all now dead.


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A meeting of the creditors of the said Harry Howard Dunbar will be held at the offices of McAnn & Mackay, barristers, Front street, Kaslo, B. C., on Wednesday the 22nd day of November, 1899, at 3 o'clock p.m.

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## LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

Harvey Watts, who was employed on the construction of the London & British Columbia Goldfields offices, has filed a mechanics' lien against the company's building to secure a claim for $26.70.

Representatives of the local tramway company say that the first car will be started over the company's system early next week. Tuesday, it is said, has been fixed upon as the day for the initial trip, but there is a probability that the start will not be made until a day or so later.

Born at Nelson, on Thursday evening, to the wife of Rev. John Robson, a daughter.

At a Congregational meeting of the Methodist church on Thursday evening seven additional representatives were elected to the quarterly board. There are now 17 members on the board. After the election a lunch was served in the church parlors.

There are twenty applications for hotel and bar licenses filed with the license commissioners for the Nelson district. The board will meet and pass upon these applications next Friday. Seven of the applicants are residents of Ymir.

Local insurance agents say they have not yet received instructions to add the impost of fifteen per cent upon the premiums for new fire insurance. The prevailing opinion is that the city council will be given a chance te repeal the present insurance tax before the companies commence taking ten times the amount of the tax out of the insured.

Mrs. Dr. Arthur won the lamp in the candle contest, which was offered as a prize by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church. The candle burned for 72 hours and 52 minutes. Mrs. Arthur's guess was 72 hours. There were five guesses between 70 and 75 hours, Mrs. Goepel's guess of 74 hours coming second.

Rev. John Robson was a busy man on Thursday afternoon and evening. Within six hours he officiated at a funeral, performed a marriage ceremony, attended an annual meeting of the members of his church, and, lastly, was presented with an addition to his family.

Morrison & Caldwell's new store in the Malone-Tregillus block is nearing completion, as is the mammoth store of the Hudson's Bay Company.

Yesterday H. Byers & Co. shipped from their Nelson store over the Crow's Nest, C. P. R. and Nelson & Fort Sheppard railways and to lake points about 18 tons of hardware. On Thursday they shipped about ten tons. The points shipped to were as follows: Moyie, Poorman Crossing, Salmo, Cranbrook, Slocan City, Silverton, Erie, McGuigan, Porto Rico, Ymir, Slocan Junction and Halcyon.

C. D. Jarvis yesterday received the following telegram from his brother chief Jarvis at Revelstoke: "Fixed O.K. last night. Will be in Nelson on Saturday.

One of O. G. Dennis' former friends in this city yesterday received a letter from O. G. dated Edmonton, in which he described Edmonton as the slowest place on earth, where people work for next to nothing.

### HOTEL ARRIVALS.

AT THE PHAIR.—Arthur O'Leary, Trail; C. D. McKenzie, Kaslo; F. C. Malpas, Victoria.

AT THE MADDEN.—J. E. Kennedy, Kuskonook.

AT THE QUEEN'S.—David Sutherland, Slocan City; Thomas Montgomery, Slocan City; William Hicks, Slocan City; N. Wilton, Robson.

AT THE GRAND CENTRAL.—J. McRae, Granite; M. Carr, Cranbrook; T. Lemhan, Granite; F. Steinberg, Granite; G. Goodlun, Bonners' Ferry; W. E. Guttridge, Vancouver; J. K. Salter, Nakusp; A. Smith, Moyie; D. Hill, Granite; Ed Bjonson, Greenwood; W. J. Tunks, Spokane.

AT THE HUME.—H. J. Wilson, Last Chance mine; F. Forester, Montreal; P. Ross, Hamilton; G. A. Mitchell, Rossland; H. Martin, Hamilton; Fred F. Tracey, Kaslo; W. W. Fallows, Sandon; G. H. Bernard, New Denver; H. E. T. Haultain, Yellowstone mine; G. C. Rowan, Omaha; F. Dickinson, Ymir; F. A. McRae, Seattle; W. E. Boyie, Camp Mansfield; P. M. Hunt, Bonnington Falls; C. O'Donnell, Kaslo; Thomas E. Armistead, Spokane; R. J. Walker, Toronto; W. A. Small, Vancouver; Walter Davidson, Toronto; O. B. Wilkie, Rossland; H. W. Atkinson, Rossland.

### Lis Pendens Filed.

A lis Pendens was filed in the Nelson record office against the Original mineral claim, situated on the north fork of Salmon river, which is described as an extension of the well-known Arlington property. The Original is owned by Joseph B. Dabney, and the lis pendens is filed in a suit for specific performance of contract by C. D. McKenzie of Spokane. The alleged agreement has also been entered upon the records by which it appears that Dabney agreed to sell the claim to McKenzie for $10,000 in payments spread over twelve months. The agreement of sale is a recent affair, there being but a few days interval between the date of the agreement and the lis pendens.

### BUSINESS MENTION.

Tenders wanted for excavating. Apply to the Brackman-Ker Milling Company, Limited, Front Street, Nelson, B. C.

Luminous house numbers $1.00 each. Leave orders with cash at L. Pogue's harness shop, Ward street, from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. H. H. Avery.

Wanted—Experienced dressmakers and girls who can make or finish waists, skirts and coats. Good wages. Apply at once to Fred Irvine & Co., Baker street, Nelson.

Wanted—Dining-room girl at Hotel Phair.

Wanted—An experienced waitress at the Nelson Cafe.

Lady clerk with three years experience is desirous of a position. Address box 688.

For Sale—Dairy—Apply P. O. box 196, Nelson.

Offices to Let—Two offices in Turner-Boeckh block. Enquire room 7 in building.


**Thousands**

In this city alone are testifying as to our efficiency in WATCH REPAIRING. It is worth while listening to. It will save you time and money in the long run. Absolutely no risk. Satisfaction or money refunded.

PATENAUDE BROS.
BAKER STREET.
Watchmakers, Nelson, B. C.

**When It's Winter**

With the sudden change in temperature, colds and coughs are almost certain to develop and the wise person always heeds these signals, and secures a remedy that quickly cures the trouble. It is well to have at hand—ready for immediate use—a remedy that's certain, whose use involves no risk.

These bear the highest endorsements:

*Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil (with hypophosphites of lime and soda), pint bottles, 75c; 6 bottles for $4.*

*Scott's Emulsion, $1 per bottle; 6 for $5.*

*Compound Syrup of White Pine and Tar, 50c and 25c.*

*Laxacold—stops a cold in one day, 25c.*

And all the standard cough preparations.

**Canada Book & Drug Co**
NELSON, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

**Goods at Half Price**

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

HERE ARE A FEW OF OUR PRICES.

Dress goods fancy mixtures, regular price $1.75, sale price $1.
Dress goods, fancy mixture, regular price $1.50, sale price 75 cents.
Dress goods, fancy mixture, regular price 75 cents, sale price 40 cents.
Table Damask at 25 cents per yard.
Children's wool hose at 10 cents per pair.
Ladies' flannellette wrappers at $1.25.
Black Henrietta, worth 75 cents, sale price 50 cents.
Black Henrietta, worth 50 cents, sale price 35 cents.
Pink flannelette 7 cents per yard.
Ladies' fancy blouses, velvet collars, regular price $1.50, sale price 80 cents.
Miner's shoes, regular price $3.00, sale price $1.50.
Overalls, regular price $1.00, sale price 50 cents.
Oxford shirts, regular price $1.25, sale price 50 cents.
Men's tweed suits, regular price $12.50, sale price $7.00.
Men's heavy all-wool tweed pants, regular price $3.50, sale price $2.00.

For want of space we are going out of ladies' and children's footwear, and will clear these off at cost . . .

| | Regular Price. | Sale Price. |
|---|---|---|
| Ladies' Oxford shoes | $1.75 | $1.00 |
| Ladies' strap shoes | 1.75 | 1.00 |
| Ladies' kid button shoes | 2.00 | 1.25 |
| Ladies' kid button shoes | 3.00 | 2.00 |
| Children's shoes | 1.00 | 50 |

The Balance of our ladies' capes and jackets at less than cost. All other goods in our store at greatly reduced prices. . . . . .

**A. Ferland & Co.**
ELLIOT BLOCK, BAKER STREET, NELSON.

**Stoves! Stoves!**

WE HAVE THE FINEST LINE OF
**Coal Heaters**
EVER DISPLAYED IN KOOTENAY DISTRICT

SOLE AGENTS FOR THE FAMOUS
**Cole's Hot Blast Heater**

Our claims for this heater is that it is adapted to any kind of coal, CROW'S NEST, LETHBRIDGE, or ANTHRACITE, burning all kinds equally well. Not requiring the attention of an ordinary coal heater. Economical, durable and simple in construction. See our Steel Ranges for hard and soft coal or wood.

**H. Byers & Co.**
NELSON KASLO SANDON

**WE HAVE STOVES**

But while we are waiting for the cold weather we would draw your attention to our line of
NICKLED COPPER WARE
Including Tea and Coffee Pots (several designs), Enamelled Handle Dippers, Pudding Dishes, Tea Kettles, etc., and the only place you can get them is
**LAWRENCE HARDWARE CO.**

**Xmas Xmas**

A COMPLETE LINE OF FANCY BISCUITS AND CAKES

FIGS
CRANBERRIES
DATES
MAPLE SYRUP
PLUM PUDDING
HONEY, IN COMB
DRIED FRUIT

NEW CURRANTS, CLEANED
NEW SULTANA RAISINS, CLEANED
NEW VALENCIAS, CLEANED
NEW LONDON LAYER RAISINS, 5, 10, and 20 lb. BOXES.
NEW PEELS, ASSORTED ENGLISH MIXED NUTS

APPLE CIDER — All the Necessaries For Your Xmas Dinner — MINCE MEAT

GRAND DISPLAY OF CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE. THE LARGEST STOCK IN KOOTENAY.

**Kirkpatrick & Wilson**
P. O. BOX K. & W. BAKER STREET. TELEPHONE 10.

**Christmas no More**

An apprehension. So many ladies dread the Christmas season it means so much extra work, but it's no more so. The old fashioned way of sitting down cleaning Currants, seeding Raisins, shelling Nuts, cutting Peel, grinding Spice is a thing of the past.

We can sell you Raisins seeded, Currants cleaned, Peels cut, Nuts shelled. Everything ready, no trouble, no extra labor.

If you want up to date Groceries at any time call or write us we lead in prices.

Swiss and Roquefort Cheese now in stock.

Baker Street, Nelson. **M. DesBrisay & Co.**

**Removal Notice**

We beg to announce to our many patrons that we have removed to our new quarters in the Houston Block, the big increase in the volume of our business forcing us to seek larger premises. Thank the people for the patronage accorded us in the past, in anticipation of an increase of this custom in the future, we remain, theirs to command in all lines of groceries.

Houston Block, Baker Street **John A. Irving & Co.**

**PALACE FRUIT STORE**

The largest and best assorted stock of Candies and Confectionery in the City.
G B. Chocolates and Bon Bons.
Lowney's " " " (direct from New York.)
Crystalized Fruits (direct from London, England.)

Corner of Baker and Ward Streets. J. A. McDONALD.