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#### GRAIN SHIPPING IMPROVES

The shipping of grain from this port is increasing and vessels are coming more frequently. At present there are three in port and ments on the Ambrose Small mystery serve? Whom can it reasonably serve? another is expected to arrive tomorrow. The little setback owing to as follows: the blocking of the line by snowslides is unimportant as this can easily be made up. If the present speed is maintained there will be ed and that they know the murderer, Every railway is looking for feeder: more grain shipped this year than last.

#### BRITAIN AS A PROTECTOR

It seems only a few months ago that everything British was ing for his recovery if alive, and \$15,000 of giving large land grants to get rid of under boycott by the Chinese. Then came the split between the par- to reward anyone who can show how he it? What does the P.G.E. mean to that ties and thousands of Chinese flock to the British territory for protection. It has been a habit for years for Chinese refugees to fly the old Grand Opera House, now about but a place to squander a large portion to British territory where the vengeance of their political opponents to be dismantled, some evidence did of the taxation raised in the district could not reach them. It is the only place where they can secure appearance, but that either through line is to take the business out of the justice.

Yet there are many Canadians who think Britain should withdraw from Chinese territory. They see no value in the naval sta- imagination could hardly offer a theory comeone will take it over. This probtion of Hong Kong or the concession at Shanghai. And yet it is the Chinese themselves who are the first to take advantage of the protection of these areas.

#### FROST IN EUROPE

Western Canada and United States is not the only cold area this winter. Europe is having her share. Zero weather is playing racing men and other sports, and from pleting or operating the road the norhavoc with the waterpipes in France, and England is revelling in winter sports.

Cold weather has its advantages although a great many of the hiding. older people feel the piercing winds or the cold nights. It is telegraphed from London that the English are engaged in winter sports. They forget the unpleasant aspect, the cost of coal and everything but the winter sports and enjoyments that come with the cold. Pos- that they displayed all the industry of vince where a highway could be consibly we might do the same.

### SERVICE OF LIBRARY

To some people anything they get free they do not appreciate. At the Prince Rupert public library books are loaned free of charge on condition that they are returned within a reasonable time, after which a fine is imposed. Most people appreciate this, return their sistance asked. It had been supposed the more important, either locally, probooks in good time or pay the fine. There are always exceptions to that the missing man had absented every rule. In connection with the work of the library, there are himself for a period, as was not infre- cial highway connecting Prince Rupert borrowers who take away books and do not return them. Some- quent, and it was only after this period times they leave town and take the books with them or leave them had been unduly prolonged that there the P.G.E. Ry.? with a neighbor who fails to return them. Occasionally a book is was any alarm. lost or destroyed while moving house or damaged to such an extent that it cannot be returned. In such cases the book should be paid that led them to the former secretary

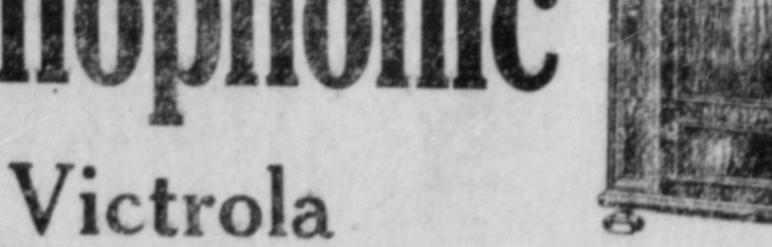
Just now the library board is trying to secure those books that stealing bonds from him. But, contrary fit of the district in which they are are not returned. There are not very many because the average to expectations, the solution of the located. person appreciates the service the library is giving and sees that the books come back regularly. Possibly a word to the wise may be sufficient. It has to be remembered that to keep a library book is The police had to make a new start. Prince Rupert as its Pacific Coast outstealing and theft is an indictable offense.

### SYSTEMS OF VOTING

The proportional representation system of voting by which a second choice is expressed by voters, is not in favor in Edmonton ELKS STAGING where the people have decided against it by a majority of over a thousand. The system is rather complicated and a great deal of work is involved in connection with the count.

It may be mentioned here that mistakes often occur when there is nothing more complicated than a cross opposite the name. Deputy returning officers with representatives of the candidates watching Local Lodge Providing Great support of the proposal because of the them make considerable errors sometimes. How then must a system that is complicated and takes days to count be subject to error or manipulation. Simplicity is the first demand in a voting system and proportional representation is anything but simple.

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# SMALL CASE

Missing Magnate's Theatre is Being Pulled Down and his Strange Departure Commented on

Opera House in the hands of the not practical. appearance eight years ago this Decem- province is one that is rich in natural ber of Ambrose J. Small. proprietor of resources both in the B.C. and the Alcircles, is vividly recalled here. Small the finest wheat growing districts in walked out of his theatre on the even- the world, and the fact that this year's Tuesday, Dec. 20, 1927 may uncover some information that desired from the standpoint of revenues will bear upon the cause and direc- with which to build up a great protion of the one-time owner's unexplain- vince and develop it? ed departure from mortal ken.

NEWSPAPER COMMENT

came to his death.

exist for a short period after the dis- while-the only apparent need for the

quaintance. He knew thousands of population outside of Vancouver. stage people who are always travelling | While all this spending of the peoabout. He knew hundreds of jockeys, ples; money is going on either in com-New Orleans to Nome there is hardly thern portion of British Columbia is a city where he could have spent a without a highway and surely no one week unrecognized unless he went into will say that any serious effort has

#### POLICE ABUSED

abused for their failure to solve the ours, and as a trans-provincial highway Small mystery, but we have no doubt surely there is not a route in the prowhich they were capable, and failed through no defects that are not com- the time and money that is being spent mon to all other human beings. They on the P.G.E. Ry, had been given to really were not given a fair chance. It our highway needs for the past few was not until Mr. Small had been years we would now have one connectmissing for two weeks that the fact was ing us with Edmonton and the outside reported to the police and their as- world. Seriously may I ask which is

"The police were then working on a missing bond mystery helped in no respect to solve the missing man mystery.

# BIGVAUDEVILL

Holiday Entertainment on Last Night of the Year

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Come and join in the racket!-Advt. me to use

## SHRINE CLUB HAS OPEN NIGHT WITH GUESTS PRESENT

monthly dinner of the Prince Rupert Shrine Club in the Commodore Cafe, there being about fifty persons in attendance with R. V. G. LePine, president of the club, in the chair. Contributing to the program were E. Smith, S. McPherson and A. A. Connon, W. Vaughan Davies acting as accom-Limited, Toronto, Ont.

### In The Letter Box

FRGES NEW PROVINCE.

Editor, Daily News. The proposal that a new province should be established to include the mortinerm /portion | of | British Columbia and then Fdace River District of Alberta should not be permitted to die for want of support until some reasons are ad-TORONTO, Dec. 20 .- With the Grand vanced to show that such a move is

wreckers, the strange and complete dis- The district suggested for the new this play house and well known in berta portions. The Peace River district Canadian and United States theatrical is generally understood to be one of ing of December 2, 1919, and has not crop exceeded ten millions of bushels, been hear of since. Thousands of dol- with but a small fraction of the dislars were spent and detectives sent trict under cultivation, surely bears out across the continent on various clues the claims made for it as a grain disbut to no avail. The courts have de- trict. The British Columbia portion is cleared Small dead. There are those rich in mines and minerals, coal, pulp who say that the dismantling of the and merchantable timber, fisheries and ancient wall of the Grand Opera House agriculture. What more could be

WHITE ELEPHANT At present the "White Elephant" of The Toronto Mail and Empire com- B.C. is the P.G.E. Ry. Whom does it What is the opinion of competent rail-"There are many people well satisfied way engineers? Why cannot it be unin their own mind that he was murder- loaded on to the C.P.R. or the C.N.R. but no scrap of evidence sufficient to and branch lines. If this were anything justify an arrest has come to light in but an expensive liability, would not all that period despite the fact that one or both these roads be after it. there is a reward of \$50,000 still stand- especially with the announced intention portion of the province proposed to be "It is believed that in his office in included in the new province? Nothing negligence or cunning it was destroyed. proposed new province. It is the an-"Nobody now supposes that the for- nounced intention of the B.C. Governmer theatre magnate is living. The ment to complete the railway unless that would explain his long absence. ably means that the government will There are few cities upon this contin- have to complete the railway and also ent upon whose streets Ambrose Small operate it as at present while we share could have appeared at any time in the in the financial loss with the rest of past 20 years without meeting an ac- B.C., for the benefit of a very small

been made to give us one. Probably there is not a district in the province "Toronto police have been roundly more in need of highway facilities than structed so cheaply. If a fraction of vincially or nationally, an interprovinand Edmonton, or the completion of

Under a new province we should derive a much larger benefit from the cold trail. Later they followed a clew development of our natural resources. by being able to control our forests. of Small, who was found guilty of farms, mines and fisheries for the bene-

### PRINCE RUPERT NEEDED

The Peace River district requires One detective did hardly anything else let for its grain. We require their marfor long months but grapple with the ket for our lumber products, fish products, fruit products, etc. and the exchange would be a fair one. Prince Rupert has the port facilities required by the Peace River district, and it is the natural and logical port for at least that portion of Alberta which is an empire in itself.

Much more might be said in favor of a new province which space does not permit, but I am enthusiastically in "easons already given and my bellef that the majority of the members o both parties in the present B.C. Legisla-Hold everything! Make no date for ture are so tied to the P.G.E. Ry scheme and to the diversion of Peace heatre at 11.15 on December 31 this River grain to Vancouver, that without and suffering humanity, with all its a new province it will be impossible rials and tribulations, that Maguire's class vaudeville. The program will be for either this portion of B.C. or the ommunication, evidently the outcome of Peace River district to obtain a railway | belly full of kicks, grouches and connecting the two without selfish poli- | 3cotch whiskey, should be allowed to ing, amazing, mystifying exhibitions of tical and business interests entering to ass unanswered. In the first place it mental telepathy. Educational and hamper, delay, or eventually divert the 11 becomes a man of his supposed traffic out of its natural route. Let us calibre, who has time and again received

### For Six Years PIMPLES Covered Her Face

Mrs. Albert Stubbs, Newbury, Ont., writes:- "My face was covered with pimples and was so bad I was ashamed to be seen. I suffered in this way for six years, until one day a friend told



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lered on the G.T.P. Ry., and let all upon the government for the time eing for a speedy completion of the keena Highway, and for the support of ailway facilities for the Peace River is rict connecting it with the C.N.R. ine at the nearest point that will serve he entire district. This would be the ecent thing to expect while details re being worked out for the formation f the new province.

M. M. STEPHENS

ANSWER TO DR. MAGUIRE

'ditor, Daily News: Answering foolish contributions to

ewspapers is not my usual pastime, but do not think that in fairness and ustice to our hospital, and to those ngaged there in carrying on a very audable work, caring for genuinely sick indly treatment at the hands of those jurses, to run them down and try to nalign them, simply because the boar aw fit to request him to settle his account, for to me this comes ungratefulness of the first water. He pays cash for his liquor at the government store, and I see no reason why sho should not of compelled to do likewise at the hospital, where they get the dirty end of the deal every time.

As a director of the hospital, I want to refute every statement that he has made, and wish to say, that if there is no more truth in his alleged shortcomings at the hospital than there is in his assertions about the hotel, that I inequivocably brand his whole letter as a poor, miserable, cowardly fabrication from beginning to end, and that he should be jolly well ashamed of himself for causing such nonsense to be put

H. B. ROCHESTER. (It would be better to take any further discussions on this subject to the hospital board, where it rightfully belongs .- Editor.)

Mr. and Mrs. John Flewin of Port Simpson will sail tomorrow afternoon on the Princess Mary for Victoria on a holiday trip.

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