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PRISON LABOR. Councillor Lewis has abundantly vindicated his fall labor policy.

more or less last year than the year before has nothing to do with this matter. The extra expense is due to other causes, except that perhaps the prisoners sat more when they work than they did when they led an idle life in their cells.

It is not supposed that a prisoner who has worked a month in the park will always be an exemplary citizen thereafter. He may, as Councillor Christie says, beat his wife when he is set free.

But at least he has been well and usually employed during his term of imprisonment, and if he is again convicted of wife beating there is more work of the kind for him. The chances are much better for the improvement of his character by a regimen of wholesome outdoor work than by a period of enforced idleness in close confinement.

If Councillor Christie can find a means of reforming this man so that he will not beat his wife he will do well, but until something better than healthy outdoor work at some useful task is found let that go on.

MR. STEAD AND THE THEATRE. Mr. W. T. Stead, editor of the Review of Reviews, abstained from playing nearly his whole life. Now he has been to the theatre and advocates the endowment of the stage so that the people may have a free performance at least once a week.

He favors an organized effort to make the theatre a power for culture, refinement, morality and religion. In his usual impetuous way, Mr. Stead says: "I have not found the theatre abominable. It is the good side of the theatre that saddens me, because the better the play the more monstrously wicked it is to confine it to the handful of people who can afford to pay modern prices. The poor ought to have the theatre open to them. When I think of what the theatre could do as an agency of culture and civilization, and when I see this miserable derelict vessel, which might have been a veritable ark, in which religion, morality and art have found refuge, converted into a mere haunt of selfish folk, intent solely upon passing the time, my heart burns hot, and I could almost weep over such abominable neglect, such absolute sacrilege."

A BETTER PREFERENCE. The Board of Trade adopted a wholesome resolution when it proposed that there should be no more Canadian preference on goods landed at foreign ports or from foreign ships. Those members of the board who thought that the purpose could be accomplished by allowing only half or two-thirds of the preference to imports through the United States seem to miss the point. If the proceeding is fully effective the effect on the foreign port would be the same if the discrimination were small as if it were large. As the country boys say, "one may as well be hanged for an old sheep as a lamb."

With flour, sugar, meat, butter, eggs and nearly all other provisions unusually dear, with coal and wood a good deal higher than they used to be, and the weather such as to increase the need of fuel, the ordinary working man reads with interest the announcements of the prosperity of the country and the comfort of the people.

This winter is not allowing the temperature of last year to remain as a record. The prospects favor a January with a lower average temperature than that of 1904. Which is hard on the coal bin.

P. S.—The above paragraph was written last night.

Mr. Wilfrid Laurier is reported to be in excellent health, but his right arm is a cause of grave anxiety. He will address a public meeting in support of the Ross candidates, but it is possible that he may not use the anatomical figure of speech.

Mr. Foster has already done the government an ill turn. He allowed the debate on the address to close the first day, thus disclosing to the country that the government business was not ready—Sun.

The Glasgow Chamber of Commerce endorses Mr. Chamberlain's preferential tariff policy. The members are evidently of the opinion that the measure would be a good thing for the Scottish industries.—Sun.

Misgovernment of the Yukon is producing its natural results. The revenue from the district was less last year than in any other since 1898.—Sun.

YOU CANNOT HIDE. (By Fanny Rogers White.) The world is full of sunshine, Is full and running over; It shines in all the cities, It shines in fields of clover. You may hide away in the darkest wood, Away from the blue of the sky; But you may be sure a sunbeam Will find you by-and-by.

In life there are days of darkness, When the sun seems to hide its face; But if you creep out of the shadows You will find the sun in its place. There never was yet a teardrop The sunshine could not dry.

FIGURE THREE IN HER LIFE.

Unusual Things About 92 Year Old Woman Who Lives in Brooklyn.

Friday was the 92nd birthday of a venerable woman of Brooklyn in the dates of whose life the figure 3 has played an unusual part. Mrs. Blank, whose home is on Bedford avenue, at the No. 1413, was born Jan 13, 1813. She was 12 years old when she came to New York, from East Chester, her native place. The date of her marriage was Feb. 23, 1831. The date of her first housekeeping experience was on the 13th day of the month. Forty-six years ago her husband died on Jan. 3. At present Mrs. Blank's daughter is 53 years old, and her eldest daughter 73, which is the age also of her youngest brother. Mrs. Blank's mother lived to be 92 years old, and her first grandchild was born on Sept. 13.

"Sometimes I think it's curious myself," Mrs. Blank told a visitor from the Eagle. "If there's any luck in 3's I must have had it, but I don't know." She is a sane and sensible old lady, and the luck might well be the quality of looking 65 at the age of 92. When her visitors tell her this, the bright face smiles a little and there comes a vigorous shake of the head.

"They do tell me I look as young as my daughter," is the reply, "but I know better than to believe that. I've got my bearing erect and steady. Nevertheless the signs of age are remarkably faint. Eyesight and hearing are scarcely affected, while the aged woman's voice is crisp and fluent and her bearing erect and steady."

Mrs. Blank can look back upon a time when Canal street ran a real canal and when she had her early residence on Charlton street, opposite the old residence of Aaron Burr, which had been converted into the pleasure garden of the Tivoli. Manhattan, was like a sparsely sited woods.

"When I moved over to Brooklyn," said Mrs. Blank, "I moved from the woods into the city. I was very young then. I remember the day I came over to Brooklyn in a horse boat. Once I crossed over the Grand street ferry to go to Fourth street and I looked as if I should never be able to find my way. There was a man driving a wagon full of milk pails and I asked him about a car. 'The cars do run,' he said, 'but you never can tell how long it will take. You must better jump in here.' And I did, all dressed in my black satin and my best cloak, and I rode to the place in that milk wagon."

"I haven't any false pride about such things," the old woman continued. "I hold to folks going straight and keeping in the lines of the day. Yes, I do, but I don't care. I haven't any patience with those that would rather put on airs than tell about the things they've really done in their lives."

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Sewing and knitting and fancy work are favorite occupations of this busy old person and she answers when one inquires whether she reads much. "Yes—too much." Bed shoes, bedroom slippers and Afghan covers find their frequent way to her friends. "I used to have to do all plain sewing, and I did the busy work, even the collars and cuffs for all our family. That was before sewing machines. And now I like to do fancy work, now when anybody can have a machine."

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"How do I feel about living to an old age?" she asked the reporter. "Well, I don't believe there's any one in this world unless something's all wrong with him, who really enjoys living to an old age. I used to read the papers of people 60 years old dying and I used to think: 'Why, that's right enough; it's time. Yet now I don't feel any reason at all why I should die. I'll live so long as I can because I'm naturally of a contented disposition and don't worry too much about the griefs of this life.'"

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CANADIAN MILLERS

Alarmed at U. S. Proposition to Admit Our Wheat Duty Free.

There is a proposition before the United States government to admit wheat free of duty to the American market. This proposition is viewed with considerable alarm by Canadian millers.

The representative of one of the leading Canadian milling firms was in the city yesterday and, speaking of the probable effect of free wheat into the United States, said that the exportation of large quantities of wheat to the United States would greatly stimulate the Canadian market. The wheat would undoubtedly profit. On the other hand, the millers would have to pay higher prices for their wheat and hence they would be compelled to raise the price of flour. It may degrade the standard of Manitoba wheat. The American millers would probably supply the home market with Manitoba flour and export their own or a mixture.

The arrangement that has been in effect for the past year has been a very satisfactory one. The American point of view. The millers of the United States have been slow to a rebate of duty amounting to 8 per cent of the total duty when they export an equivalent in flour. This arrangement has, however, only applied to export business, but under the proposed new law the Canadian interests will be more seriously affected, but unquestionably the wheat grower will very materially benefit.

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White Sheetting, 25c. Grey Sheetting, 15c. They're cheap.

LOCAL NEWS. At the Guelph Agricultural College this year is a representative of the government of the Orange River Colony, South Africa. He is a young Boer, Netling by name, and he is here to study hardy farming methods. He reports that the Ontario agricultural experts in the Colony now are doing fine work, and are receiving support from the Boer farmers.

"THE STRONGEST MAN IN MAINE." Charles V. Hill, of Biddeford Pool. Probably the strongest man of his Day.

Maine has had no man in years with great physical strength than Charles V. Hill, who died at Biddeford Pool a few days ago. The Record says that in his prime he was the strongest man ever raised in that part of the state. He was born with a rugged make-up and when a young man began to go in for the sort of training that makes strong men stronger. At his father's stable on the Pool road he had fitted up a sort of a gymnasium, and there he and his brothers, who were good strong young men, used to practice all kinds of stunts.

One feat that Charles used to perform was to tie one of his brothers, who weighed about 160 pounds, hang to his shoulders while he climbed a rope hand over hand to the ridgepole of the barn. He had pondered the dumb bells and weights which seemed to be but playthings in his hands. At all manner of lifting tests he displayed wonderful strength and it is claimed "that his lifting he had nearly equalled the world's record. When he followed the sea he frequently matched his strength against the strongest men who could be found and always came off victorious. He had a tremendous grip, and at turning wrists or any other test of strength in which the grip of the hand came in to play he had no rivals. There is no end to the stories old timers have told about the great strength of Charles Hill, and even in later years, when broken down by suffering from his injury received while in the navy, he still possessed great strength.

It is the story that when he went to sea with his father, Capt. Waldo Hill, a negro member of the crew assaulted him with his fist killing him. He was not a large man, standing perhaps five feet, eight or ten inches in height, and when at his best weighing perhaps 130 or 150 pounds. He had a great depth of chest, but aside from this his form gave no indication of his great strength, except when the clothing was removed from the body; the muscular development was remarkable. He was a very quiet and reserved man with a heavy gruff voice, seeming to those who did not know him to be but on the contrary, gentlemanly and scrupulously correct in his speech. He was not in the least boastful of his great strength and never sought trouble with any man. Of late years he lived almost a recluse at the Pool and had almost dropped out of sight, except to down river people.

Katherine—Do you think raw oysters are healthy? Kidder—I never knew one to complain. He (eventually)—I would go through anything for you. She (sweetly)—Well—let's begin on your bank account.

DEATHS. ORAM.—In this city, January 17th, Daniel E. Oram, aged 55 years, leaving a wife, three sons and two daughters to mourn their loss. Funeral on Sunday from his late residence, 164 Metcal street at 2.30 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.

CARNALL.—In this city, on Thursday, Jan. 19, James Henry Carnall, aged 66 years, leaving a wife, three sons and two daughters to mourn their loss. Funeral on Saturday at 2.30 p. m. from his late residence, 79 Princess street.

ANDREWS.—In this city, on Jan. 18th, 1905, Ellen Held, aged 10 years, 1 month, eldest daughter of David G. and Mary A. Andrews. Funeral on Friday at 2.30 o'clock from her father's residence, 456 Main street.

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FISH AND GAME PROTECTION. D. G. Smith, of Chatham, is at the Royal. Mr. Smith is here to make arrangements for a meeting of the North American Fish and Game Protective Society, which will be held here in February. The association will be in session for two or three days and papers will be read and discussed.

Mr. Smith and Hon. A. T. Dunn were waited on by Ald. Bullock and R. B. Emerson last evening and discussed matters in connection with the convention. It is probable a formal welcome will be extended the visitors by the civic authorities.

It is expected that about seventy-five members from all the Canadian prov-

INCLOSURE. The annual general meeting of the shareholders of Jas. Pender & Co. Ltd. will be held at the office of the company, Charlotte street (extension), in the City of Saint John, N. B. on Wednesday, first day of February, 1905, at three o'clock, p. m., for the election of Directors, and such other business as may legally come before such meeting.

H. RUSSELL STURDEE, Secretary. Inclos and some of the states of the Union will be in attendance. Representatives of the chief transportation companies will be present.