

Local and Other Items.

IT COMES HIGH.—According to a Vancouver, B. C., despatch, heroic efforts are being made to prevent the sale of whiskey to Indians at that place. A fine of \$250 was imposed on a man who sold one glass of liquor without a license.

WHISKEY KILLED HIM.—A young man named John Sewick, drank fifteen glasses of whiskey in New Britain, Conn., saloon one night last week on a wager. The next day he was found dead in his bed, presumably from the effects of the liquor.

AN ISLANDER LECTURES.—Mr. George B. Gordon, a native of this province, lectured before the Canadian Club of Harvard University lately on "The Lost Cities of Central America." The lecture is described as highly interesting and instructive.

SOCIAL.—A grand social and entertainment will be held in Afion Hall, West River, on Monday, Feb 13th. A good programme, a spacious hall and a grand time is assured. Proceeds in aid of ball fund. Admission 10 cents. Ladies with baskets and pies free.

FOUND THEM EASY.—James McNally, a noted New York green-good swindler, has made public a farewell address as a criminal. He announces that he will henceforth run a hotel. He states also that in his career as a swindler he only circumvented persons of his kind, namely, other crooks. He says he found them easy game.

FIXING THE RICH BABY.—The doctor hurried in and called the druggist to one side. "I've just been called to attend the Croesus baby," he said, "and I've given a prescription that calls for nothing but paregoric. When they send it over here you must tell them it will take at least an hour to put it up, and the cost will be \$3.50. That's the only way to make them think I'm any good, the medicine's any good and you're any good, and I want to keep their business."

A CAT AND THE GRIP.—A case came before a judge in London some days ago in which \$25 was charged for professional attendance on a cat which had got an attack of the "grippe." When the evidence came out that the animal was given two bottles of Scotch whiskey and 21 pints of beer, and that in spite of all the cat died, the judge preached a homily on maudlin sentiment about domestic pets. The moral of this is plain, and it is that even though a cat has nine lives he cannot stand too much strong drink.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.—At a meeting of the Emerald Branch of the B. I. Society, held in their hall on the 5th inst, the following resolutions of condolence were unanimously passed:

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God in wisdom, to remove by death, Mr. John Smith, of Mailwood, Lot 29, brother of our esteemed brother members, Messrs Mark A. and Mathias Smith,—

Be it resolved, that the members of this society hereby express their heartfelt sorrow for the loss sustained by his family and friends, and the community in general in which he resided, and that we extend to them our sympathy and condolence in their sad affliction;

Be it further resolved, that these resolutions be spread on the minutes of this society and that copies of the same be sent to the bereaved brothers, and to the press for publication.

Committee on Resolutions: F. P. Murphy, Pres; Geo R. McMahon, Treas; P. J. Hughes, Sec. protem

Negotiations at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The impression has prevailed that the Joint High Commission might at an early period confirm the action of the sub-committee on Alaska granting Civa a strip of territory on Lynn canal near Skagway. Gen. Foster is the American member of that sub-committee who engineered the concession, and others of the American commission promised to Senators who were interested in the Alaskan question to "see Mr. Foster further" before they would consent to it in the Joint High Commission. Nevertheless, they might act differently in the commission, but if they have done so it does not seem possible to confirm the fact. The excitement over affairs in Manila has taken the attention of the American commissioners for the last few days. The agitation over lumber and pulp has died out as far as influences outside the commission are concerned, and if much progress is being made it is not apparent.

Answer not Satisfactory.

SIR,—Being one who is trying to solve "A Pupils" question in arithmetic, I am not satisfied with "Mack's" solution. Where and how does he get 301? ANOTHER PUPIL.

A COLONIAL VALENTINE

TO A BELLE IN 1770

There's not a daisie in ye town
But distanced is complete
By Polly in her prim grave gown
That fits her forme soe neatie.
I wou'd I were ye golden piane
That clasps her frocke securelie,
So I might kisse her dimpled chinne
When downe she lookes demurelie.

Ye little ruffe at her wriste
I envie for its mearresse
To her faire hand, which oft hath kisse
Those toils of puckered Sherrresse.
And when I see her shy browne eyes
Thro' filmy lashes glarcinge,
Within my sober Quaker guise
My heart is set a-dancinge.

And when upon ye windy square
By happe chance I meet her—
We "thee" and "thou" each other there—
(Sure language ne'er was sweeter.)
If I behold her eyelids falle
Beneathe my glances steeadie
I cannot help but hope withal,
Since we are "Friends" already.
How often have I longed to looke
Within ye silken Shaker
That bends above ye singinge-booke
Of this most levelle Quaker;
But ah, pietie reproves
My al-too-ardent passion—
I fear some times yet Spirit moves
In every worldlie fashion.

For in the citie where ye Penn
Before ye sword hath honour,
Ye rascals of Kinge George's menne
Had best not gaze upon her;
For tho' I am a manne of peace,
And tho' my hearte is tender,
I'd challenge all ye Colonies
If need were to defend her.

See, Polly, if I'm moved to-daye
By Sainte instead of Spirit,
To tell my tale to thee, I praye
That thou wilt deign to hear it;
'Tis only that Sainte Valentine
For thee find me discovers
That we should walk as thine and mine—
Not Friends aloe, but lovers.—

JENNIE BETTS HARTWICK in the February Ladies' Home Journal.

Stanley Stuck in Ice

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