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### ADMIRALTY COURT ESTABLISHED

First Case Tried and Decided at Vancouver, B. C.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 19.—An admiralty court has been established in Vancouver and the first case under this jurisdiction was tried yesterday before Chief Justice McCall. The action was brought by Charles S. Dean, a seaman, against F. R. McD. Russell, as registered owner and Charles E. Crockett, as master of the steamship City of Columbia. The admitted facts showed that Dean shipped on the 7th of May last under Captain Crockett at \$50 per month and that he was discharged at Queen Charlotte Sound on the 8th of November. The defense claimed, however, that Dean had deserted the ship at Vancouver in August and had re-shipped at \$30 a month on the 7th of September. On cross-examination of Crockett it appeared that Dean had been on the ship at the time and was working at the time when Crockett claimed he had deserted. The court gave judgment in favor of the plaintiff for six months at \$50 per month.

### LEGITIMATE TRADE ACTION.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: General trade and prices as a whole maintain the even balance which has been a leading feature for some time past and it will require the advent of distinctly new features to affect any basic changes. Trade in general is large for this season of the year, but speculation is quiet to the extreme of dullness in some lines and especially in those branches of speculation which go to radically affect financial affairs and therefore the volume of bank clearings.

### CHARGE THE DEAD WITH LARCENY.

Two Victims of the Sea Believed to Have Been Criminals.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 19.—John and Thomas Brew, supposed to have been

lost in a storm off the northern coast, are said by the police to have left behind, in a shack formerly occupied by John Brew, a quantity of odds and ends which the police claim to have identified as having been stolen from various Vancouver stores and residences which have been entered by burglars. There is a collection of tools sufficiently large and varied for a well equipped carpenter shop.

### SAID TO BE ALUM POISONING.

Serious Cases of Illness Reported From the Use of Impure Baking Powder.

Johnstown, Penn., Tribune. The poisoning of the Thomas family, of Thomas Mill, Somerset Co., four members of which were reported to have been dangerously ill by impure baking powder used in mixing buckwheat cakes, has been further investigated. The original can with the remainder of the baking powder left over after mixing the cakes was secured by Dr. Critchfield. The powder had been bought at a neighboring country store, and was one of the low priced brands. Dr. Critchfield said that the patients had the symptoms of alum poisoning. As the same kind of baking powder is sold in many city groceries, as well as country stores, Dr. Critchfield thought it important that a chemical examination should be made to determine its ingredients. He therefore transferred the package of powder to Dr. Schill, of this city, for analysis. Dr. Schill's report is as follows: I certify that I have examined chemically the sample of "Flyer" baking powder forwarded to me by Dr. Critchfield. The specimen contained alum. Dr. Francis Schill, Jr., Analyst. Alum is used in the manufacture of the lower priced baking powders. It is a mineral poison, and for this reason the sale of baking powders containing it is in many cities prohibited.

### WHAT WE HAVE IN PORTO RICO.

Government Commissioner Reports His Investigations.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Henry K. Carroll, special commissioner for the United States to Puerto Rico, under appointment by the president to investigate the civil, industrial financial and social condition of the island, has made his report. The report states that Puerto Rico has an area estimated at from 2,156 to 2,389 square miles. The climate is tropical, but not torrid. The thermometer rarely rises to 100 degrees, the highest monthly average on record in nine years in San Juan being 96 degrees. The mountains are generally covered with verdure and even the peaks are gardens of the husbandman. The death rate is moderate. The population in 1897 numbered 396,000. The population of the Spanish military troops occupying the islands, and the penal population. A comparison of the census of 1887 and 1897 shows that the colored race is decreasing, the whites now numbering 61 per cent of the whole. The Catholic was the state religion and at the time of the American occupation there were only two churches of any other faith in the island. The public charities are few and poorly supported. Crime is not excessive. The statistics of birth in 1897 show that about 48 per cent are illegitimate. At most of the hearings held by the commissioner persons insisted that the fees exacted by the priests were too heavy for poor people, who preferred living together unwedded than to meet all the conditions of ecclesiastical marriages. These persons it was said are rarely untrue to each other.

The Puerto Ricans, the report says, are a kindly, hospitable, polite people, very sociable and always ready to do Americans a friendly service. One of the greatest needs of the island is said to be good roads.

The common estimate of Puerto Ricans is that only one tenth of the cultivable lands are in cultivation at any one time. The soil of the plains and valleys is generally very rich and have borne crops for generations without the use of fertilizers. The

crops most generally raised are, in the order of areas occupied in 1897:

Coffee, 121,176 acres; cane 90,884 acres; tobacco, 4,222 acres. Coffee cannot be raised without shade, as in Brazil. The coffee bushes need five years for full development under the shade of banana or other trees and continue bearing 25 and even fifty years. Bananas give both shade and fruit the first year. Coffee farms are exempt from taxes for the first five years. The grades of coffee are among the finest. The fruits of the island are such as are common to tropical countries. The raising of cattle is an important and lucrative industry. The daily wages of the common field laborers range from 35 to 50 cents native money. Women are rarely seen in the fields. The people are industrious.

Commissioner Carroll recommends that the laws of the United States be extended to Puerto Rico and that a territorial form of government similar to that established in Oklahoma be provided; that the legislative power shall extend to all rightful subjects of legislation, including regulations for the exercise of the elective franchise; that the legal voters of the islands be permitted to elect a delegate to congress, that a commission consisting of three men who shall be natives of the islands, and two of the United States, to be appointed by the president to revise the codes; that the jury system be adopted; that the banking and patent laws of the United States be extended to the islands; that a court of claims be established to adjudicate all claims to property, secular and ecclesiastical, arising under the treaty of Paris; that the rule adopted by the military government as to civil marriages be continued in force; that the Spanish silver coins be retired and the coins of the United States be substituted; that the governor-general and the legislature be required to provide for universal and obligatory education in a system of free schools where English shall be taught and that an agricultural experiment station be established for the island.

### PERRY COLLINS DEAD.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—Perry McD. Collins died last night in this city, aged 37 years. He was a "Forty-niner" and spent many years in California and while living there was a member of the firm of Collins and Dent, dealers in gold dust and general bankers. Mr. Dent of this firm was the father-in-law of General Grant. About the year 1856 Mr. Collins became interested in the subject of an international telegraph, connecting the eastern and western hemispheres, by way of the Bering straits and after remaining some years in Russia, was granted certain rights of way for the construction of a telegraph line over that portion of Russian dominions east of Amoor, on to British Columbia and in a memorial to congress under date of April 12, 1864, he asked for favorable consideration and aid for the project. This bore the endorsement of W. H. Seward, the secretary of state, but the success of the ocean cable ended all further moves in that direction.

### HAY AT CAPE TOWN.

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 19.—Adelbert Hay, the new United States consul at Pretoria, arrived yesterday and will start for his post Saturday.

### GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY TICKETS TO ALL PORTS EAST

Through palace and tourist sleepers, dining and library observation cars. ELEGANT VESTIBULE TRAINS. No. 4 "Flyer" leaves Portland at 3:45 p. m. No. 3 "Flyer" arrives Portland at 8:50 a. m. For rates, etc., call or address G. W. LOUNSBERRY, Agent O. R. & N., Astoria.

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Girls who have to stand on their feet most of the time work as hard as any day-laborer yet they do not get what is rightly called exercise. Some confining indoor occupation gives no exhilaration to the nervous system, nor active circulation to the blood. It wears, tears and drags a woman's life away. The whole physical system grows sluggish and torpid under it.

No wonder so many sales girls and factory girls and housewives suffer from indigestion and constipation and bilious troubles. No wonder they are subject to the diseases of the delicate special organism of their sex. The wonder is rather that they can stand it as well as they do.

But "a poor weak woman," as she is termed, will endure bravely and patiently agonies which a strong man would give way under. The fact is women are more patient than they ought to be under such troubles.

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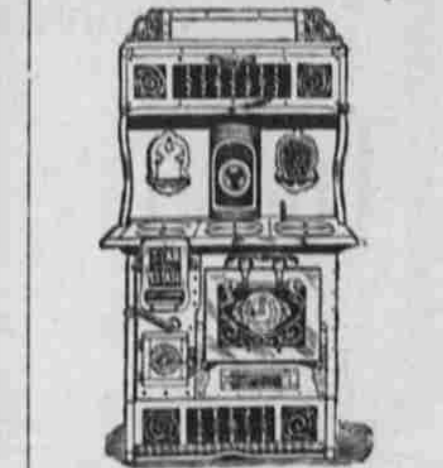
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5:00	11:35	1:30	4:00
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