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## Editorial Notes and Clippings

### WASTING TIME AT THE COUNCIL.

A stranger in the council chamber last night would indeed have gone from it with an exalted idea of the way in which business is carried on by the Mayor and aldermen. Especially would he have been struck with the eloquence and remarkable ability shown in the discussion (of more than an hour in length) on whether or not the superintendent of the telephone department should discharge a young lady who is satisfactorily filling the position and give it to another who made application.

In most places and in almost every civic plant in the province the superintendent of the department is allowed to hire and discharge his help as he sees fit, but in Prince Rupert it is different. Instead of the superintendent being responsible only to the committee, his

actions are discussed in open council and the aldermen openly endeavor to go over his head and employ and discharge the operators at the switchboard.

Altogether the meeting last night would prove very enlightening to a visitor and student of legislation, but it does not help the ratepayers to any great extent to have the council sit night after night discussing trivial matters while business of import is hurried over.

We are not taking sides with either young lady who was unfortunate enough to appear in the limelight, but we do think that the council could do more effective work did they pay more attention to the important questions of the community and leave these little questions to be threshed out between the committee and the superintendent.

## SINGER FINDS GREAT FORTUNE FLOATING ON MEDITERRANEAN

MME. CAROLINA WHITE FOUND LUMP OF AMBERGRIS WORTH \$15,000 FLOATING ON WATER AND SOLD IT TO A PERFUME COMPANY.

New York, Nov. 4.—It is not every prima donna who finds \$15,000 floating on the ocean while spending her summer vacation in foreign countries, but that is what happened when Mme. Carolina White was idling away an afternoon on a steam yacht in the Mediterranean.

Mme. White, who returned a few days ago to sing in "The Jewels of the Madonna" and

to get a boat hook and haul it aboard.

The jelly fish proved to be a big lump of ambergris, worth \$15,000 to the perfume manufacturers. Mme. White rewarded the sailor who had caught it for her, and when she reached Paris showed her prize to Dr. Mason of Boston.

The doctor is well acquainted with a firm of perfume manufacturers, and he asked the prima



MME. CAROLINE WHITE

"Ysobel," was cruising not far from the Italian coast when she saw what she believed to be a jelly fish. It was something she had not studied at close quarters before and she asked a deck hand

donna if she would sell the ambergris to his friends. Mme. White consented and said she would spend next summer in the Mediterranean in the hope of finding more.

## THE TRIALS AND TROUBLES OF STEWART EDITOR'S EXISTENCE

THE WORK OF GETTING OUT A WEEKLY IS NOT ALL "BEER AND SKITTLES" ESPECIALLY WHEN THE RELIGIOUS EDITOR HAS QUIT AND THE SPORTING, MARINE AND FIGHTING EDITORS ARE AWAY.

The staff has had a busy session the past week. The marine editor was down the canal looking into the case of the flat bottomed shooting punt, "the prickly heat," the society editor and musical critic was up at Bitter Creek reporting a soiree at Harp

and had a call from Jim Broughne to take a look "down Jim's shaft." Jim is down a long way and has struck what he thinks is the foundation of a Chinese temple. Our expert, after a few measurements, ascertained that what had been struck was the pile foundation of the Northern bar cellar, and instructed Jim to call him the moment he broke it. The financial editor took the sporting editor's shift this week and armed with a sawed-off gun put in the biggest part of the time hunting delinquent subscribers. The fighting editor is tied to one of the posts in the basement and muzzled. He is on half rations all week. This increases his already abnormally savage nature. He is fed after the high tide being then in a half subdued condition. Our fighting editor is a big man and doesn't give a damp collar for anything that runs about on two legs. He is equal in fighting capacity to thirteen wild cats wrapped up in a tiger skin, a half starved Scotchman and an Irishman with a quart of whiskey in his 'tween decks. Our religious editor left some time ago because his sal-

ary was behind several weeks and since that time this vacancy continues to remain. When George Matheson comes over from the Naas he may be offered the billet.

While on this line of talk it might be said that in cleaning up the office the other day a bunch of some 500,000 shares in the Sunlight Diffusing & Exploitation company were unearthed. The value of the aforesaid shares is very problematical. (Anyone not exactly understanding this statement please call on the fighting editor about an hour before meal). It is intended to dispose of these shares in the following manner:

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out a grubstake." To the party writing the best essay on last mentioned subject we will give the balance of the stock left in the treasury, and send the paper for one year to the society for the making of aprons for the heathen in darkest Africa.

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