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(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Kuala Lumpur, 23rd December.

It is a great pity that the Biograph Company which opened at Malacca Street on Friday night has not been sufficiently patronised. The show is being leased by some Chinese Babas.

On Saturday night last, a Straits-born Chinese while walking along Petaling Street was assaulted by another who has been promptly arrested. No reason could be assigned for the assault.

A building resembling a Hospital, with outhouses, near the Pathological Institute, and which has been completed for some months is still untenanted. The people who reside in the vicinity can give no idea as to the ownership and the purpose for which it is to be used.—A veritable white elephant.


A SYNDICATE with a capital of \$15,000 has started operations in Sungei Besi, where nearly 100 coolies are employed. Shaft sinking is the method employed in working the mine. The land belonging to Towkay Loke Yew which has been sublet has been bored with, I hear, very satisfactory results.

It is freely remarked that owing to the limited numbers of those present for the formation of the Literary and Debating Society, the lack of interest evinced by the younger generation who were conspicuous by their absence was sadly disappointing, and this in view of the fact that the Federal Inspector of schools considers oral capabilities a stepping stone to success at the Clerical Examinations.

Kuala Lumpur, 26th December.

THE Convent School will be re-opened on 1st February, 1904.






ANOTHER Surgeon from home is expected by the Selangor Medical Department.

THE Indra Rupawan staged for the first time "Romeo and Juliet," which attracted a good house on Friday last.


MR. San Ah Peng, the General Manager of the Bentong Farms, and Mines belonging to Towkay Loke Yew, is on a visit to his son here.

MR. Pratt, the Assistant District Officer Tanjong Malim, who left a few months ago for the benefit of his health has returned to his post.




It is said that the Government will build 40 sets of quarters for bachelors and married clerks in the vacant ground near the Slaughter House.

THE holidays have attracted a goodly number of people from the Straits and outstations. The Hotel and Rest House were fully occupied and great inconvenience was felt by visitors who had no friends here to stay with.




MR. Logan Tod, the Executive Engineer Kwala Kubu having returned from leave, his *locum tenens* Mr. Moullin will revert to his former appointment at Kajang, relieving Mr. R. Charter, who will take up his appointment as Clerk of Works, Kuala Lumpur.

A Chinese butcher and his clerk, for attempting to bribe Mr Von Donop the Secretary of the Sanitary Board into granting a license for the sale of meat at their private dwelling, were fined \$150 and \$100 respectively, and the bribe offered, \$100, was confiscated.




THE huge mining engine for the mine at Salak belonging to a local Towkay where nearly 300 coolies are employed, has already arrived. It was supplied by Messrs. Howarth Erskine of Ipoh, and is said to have cost over \$20,000. Mr. Pak Hoy, mining engineer will fix it up.


THERE was a faction fight at Batu Road on Friday last between some Sikhs and Pathans. The solitary constable on beat present had to whistle for assistance, when all the braves were arrested. The crowd that followed the arrested numbered close on a thousand.




MR. San Ah Weng who has recently removed to his new house at Batu Road, is one of the few Chinese who unreservedly adopts European style. He dresses, eats and furnishes his house in a fashion




and furnished his house in a fashion un-
mistakeably European. This transformation
took place after his visit to Europe.




On 24th evening, Mr. Elton who lives at
Ampang Road, left his bicycle as usual on
the verandah and the next morning when
he wanted to use it, it had vanished. The
matter is now in the hands of the Police.
This is by no means the first instance of
bicycle theft here, several similar cases
having taken place before.



A CHINESE Baba here is seriously con-
templating the formation of a Theatrical
Company on the same lines as that run by
Wayang Kassim. My informant states
that arrangements have already been made
with some of the actors of the different
bangsawans for their services, and that the
stage sceneries are in the hands of an
European artist.




THE Sanitary Board authorities have is-
sued a circular letter to several of the rate-
payers in town whose buildings are laid
with water pipes, asking whether they
would be prepared to pay at the rate of 20
cents per 1000 gallons of water in addition
to the meter rent of \$8 per annum. The
want of water in private dwellings and shop
houses is a question that the Chinese rate-
payers particularly are greatly concerned in,
and it is believed that they will notify their
willingness to accede to the terms.



THE Chinese visitors from Penang, Perak,
Province Wellesley and China, were enter-
tained to a sumptuous dinner on Saturday
night last by our popular townsman Mr.
Khoo Hock Cheong at the residence of Mr.
Eu Tong Sen. The menu was a long one
and consisted of various dainty dishes, which
were served in European style. The table
decorations were of a high order and the
dining hall was brilliantly illuminated. The
host received his guests in a fashion dis-
tinctly English. On his right sat Mr. Yeah
Cheam Chye while on his left sat Mr.
Foo Choo Choon. The order of precedence

was well regulated. Amongst those present
were Messrs Lim Kek Chuan, President of
the Penang Chinese Chamber of Commerce,
Ong Cheng Kung tin ore smelter, Wong
Kong Soo, representative and agent of Mr.
Eu Tong Sen, Kee Tak Kow, planter of
Valdor Estate fame, Teo Hong Lim, great
shipping agent at Swatow, Yew Swee Guat,
Cheah Boon Teat, Wong Pak Hoy and
others too many to mention.

At the conclusion of the dinner Mr.



Mr. Hock Cheong rose and delivered a short and appropriate speech and drank to the health of the guests of the evening. The entertainment was brought to a close at 10 p.m., when all who were present declared the dinner a huge success.

It is interesting to note in this connection that Mr. Hock Cheong has broken the spell of conservatism and introduced speeches after dinner, which the Penang Chinese gentlemen present would be sure to adopt.