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A Bengali policeman has been arrested on a charge of attempted extortion of five cents.

Clothing valued at \$24 has been stolen from the house of a Malay at Beach Road.

A Hokien has told the police that three of his countrymen attacked him in New-market Road and tried to rob him of a gold watch valued at \$180.

The Cornwall Minstrels will give a musical entertainment at Cuppage Road to-night at the residence of Mr Lian Tee, one of the members of the troupe.

The appointment which Mr. J. B. Caruthers has accepted is under Sir Edward Merewether, formerly Resident in Selangor, and now Governor of Trinidad. (M. M.)

A Javanese kebun employed at the Botanical Gardens has informed the police that he has lost property valued at \$175.50 from his house. He accuses a friend from Johore of committing the theft.

Mr J. L. Crockatt, Chartered Bank, who has lately been stationed at Bangkok, is now in Singapore on his way to join the branch at Kobe. Mrs Crockatt accompanies her husband to Japan.


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Mr Percy E Cobham, who was married recently to Miss Treacher, is expected at Taiping shortly, and will take charge of Lauderdale Estate from Mr E. Lauder Watson, who will proceed to England at the end of this month. (P. P.)

The wife of a G.E.R. employee named Humphries has just given birth to twins, making up her and her husband's family to thirty-three. When the couple, then a widow and widower, married they had eight and nine children each.

("Is n't it marvellous!" as poor old Bertram the conjuror used to say)


A handsome Memorial Brass in an oak frame has recently been erected in All Saints Church, Taiping, to the memory of the late Mr A. B. Stephens, with the following inscription:—

In affectionate memory of
ARTHUR BLIGH STEPHENS,
Deputy Conservator of Forests, Perak,
who died in Taiping
On January 7th, 1908.
Aged 52 years.


This tablet was erected by
his Brother Officers.

His Excellency Mgr Zuleski, the Papal Delegate, will leave Johnston's Pier, at 3pm. to-day, for the steamer Pinang which will sail at 4. Accompanied by Mgr Barillon the Delegate will land and visit the missions at Malacca, proceeding afterwards by rail to visit as many as possible of the missions in Selangor and Perak. He will continue his tour by rail so as to be in Penang in time to catch the homeward bound German mail steamer Luetzow, leaving Penang on the 17th instant for Colombo. His Excellency goes to Kandy.


Volume 12 of the Motor Car and Athletic Journal is the anniversary number and also the farewell issue. The journal has to stop. It shares the fate which overtakes practically all 'class' journals in countries where the buying public is few and scattered. It



is almost always hopeless to attempt to run papers in a special interest when the interested section of the community is very small. The farewell of the Editor does not indicate whether the paper has been a financial success, but hints at the decease being due to causes beyond control. There is an excellent chance for some one who wants to amuse himself, has money to spend and wishes to experience some of the pleasures (!) of running a newspaper, to do so now. The journal is apparently waiting for some one to keep it going. Who will step into the breach?



The "Pall Mall Gazette" talks common sense in this comment upon faddist opinion and the Straits Opium Commission Report:—



The report of the Opium Commission appointed by the Straits Government, which has now reached this country, is not likely to satisfy anti-opium faddists but will none the less find favour with those who, while approving strict control of the sale of the drug, recognise that its absolute prohibition is undesirable. Dr Oldham, a Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church who has spent many years in the Straits, and is one of the Commissioners, while questioning the conclusions of his colleagues as to the vast majority of smokers indulging "moderately," is, none the less, "against any sudden measures of repression which would outrun public opinion, disorganize the finance of the Colony, and work harm rather than good to a considerable body of users of opium." Dr Oldham, as a practical man on the spot, deals with things as they are, and forms his opinions on what he sees and knows. Perhaps some of our crazy fanatics here will listen to his counsels of wisdom, though it is hard to drive anything into the heads of the cranks and faddists of to-day.

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