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ice conditions the Harkins Co. will not remain here Monday, Tuesday or Matinee.

Harkins Players,

Including — MISS MARJORIE DAVIS Spectroire of Popular Plays.

Vaudeville Comedy Surprises, MZELLE."

DON'TS. Anything that takes place, where it is not miss the Vaudeville Theatre in St. John's. Specialties will be introduced to your friends what these surprises are. "MAMZELLE," and be surprised too.

WEDNESDAY—Just one Continuous Laugh, by Mine."

and them—they got them—from Orphan—hired them—stole them—but they got "Jimmy."

GOOD-BYE NIGHT—The hit of the season, MERRY."

50, 50, 20; Matinees, 30, 20.

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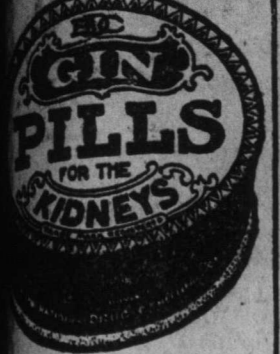
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Pain in the Back



...and all irregularities of the ...

Need for a Constructive Railway Policy.

...ing Telegram.

... "A railway is everything ... A railway is not ... a country generally ... of special advantage to par- ... facilities."—Sir E. P. Morris.

... Premier said many things ... not so during his long and ... political career, but among ... remarks to his credit, expressing ... the above will survive ... the multitude of high-sounding ... he gave expression to will ... forgotten.

... this remark now as it is ... appropriate to the subject ... the efficient operation of our ... system.

... country the railway is well ... It is of especial ad- ... particular localities, but it ... advantage to every lo- ... the boundaries of this ... Transportation facilities ... are a most important ... of the development of its in- ... and commerce.

... is an industrial enter- ... function is to afford to in- ... and society the transportation ... It aids industry by integ- ... eration. To this country the ... an industrial agency par ... a vitalizing force in the de- ... and advancement of our ... and internal commerce as well ... means of communication ... the outside world.

... way system is a national ... thing, not a private venture. ... operation operating it is, to all ... and purposes, the servant of ... But instead of being a na- ... tion, operated in the best ... of this Dominion, under the ... management it seems to have ... transformed into a private en- ... and operated as a personal ... Its management have a ... conception of its relations with ... as regards the utilization ... transportation facilities.

... appear to be working on the ... that the railway is to be ... for the sole convenience of ... The Government should ... be being operated for the ... of the public and the in- ... of the internal life and in- ... of the country.

... way system has cost us ... millions of dollars. It repre- ... greater portion of our na- ... It is, or should be, if ... managed and efficiently op- ... our greatest national asset. It ... constructed for the sole pur- ... huge fortunes for the ... ing monopoly.

... times in our history has the ... maintenance and efficient op- ... of the road meant so much to ... We are to-day practi- ... upon the cross-coun- ... for communication with ... world. The serious de- ... of steamship tonnage has

almost completely deprived us of re-liable and continuous ocean communication with the neighbouring continent. Transatlantic traffic is reduced to a minimum. The supplies which we formerly received from England and other European countries have dwindled to very small proportions, and the outlook is even more gloomy than the most pessimistic amongst us would predict a year ago. We cannot, with any degree of certainty, depend upon trans-atlantic traffic to meet our requirements in manufactured commodities.

Our steamship communication with Canada and the United States has been seriously decreased during the past year, and there is no certainty that the situation, which is now gloomy enough to cause serious misgivings as to our future supplies of the necessities of life—food, fuel and clothing—will be relieved to any extent. On the contrary there is the probability that conditions will be even worse in the matter of tonnage. We must also calculate on the real menace of submarine warfare invading our waters during Germany's final effort in her death struggle. That she will attempt to strike at American shipping on this side of the Atlantic in the effort to cripple the United States and Canada's transportation facilities, is not improvable.

We are, therefore, confronted with a serious problem in the maintenance of our lines of transportation. And the chief of these is our railway communication across the country.

For these reasons our railway transportation and management should be treated as a matter of national interest in which every citizen is personally interested.

Recent events have disclosed to the people of this country that a spirit of personal interest, and the promotion of factional advantage dominates the minds of responsible officials of the system. It has been demonstrated in an unmistakable manner that the general interests of the public are being disregarded, and the trade of the country made to suffer by private intrigues which apparently are as inimical to the efficient management of the system as they are to the interests of the general public.

The operating department of a railway is the most important of the whole system. It demands men at its head who are thoroughly conversant with their duties and have a practical knowledge of the work from the ground up.

To be efficiently operated a railway must have men in control who know their duty thoroughly and are conscious of their responsibility.

The record of the Reid Newfoundland Company's operation of our railway during the past few years has been such as to call for drastic action on the part of the authorities, but nothing has been done to remedy matters.

The Government have a duty in this connection. It is to awaken the Company to a sense of its responsibilities to the people of the Colony. To suppose that the men now in control of the management of the railway will move in the matter of procuring more efficient operation is a foolish mistake. We have had concrete evidence of that during the past two months.

Yours truly,
Feb. 19, 1918. ARGUS.

When you want something in a hurry for tea, go to ELLIS—Head Cheese, Ox Tongue, Boiled Ham, Cooker Corned Beef, Bologna Sausage.

Casualty List.

(Received February 18th, 1918.)
At Wandsworth.

1985—Private Louis M. Fennell, St. Brendan's, B.B. Trench Fever.

J. R. BENNETT,
Actg. Minister Militia.



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Convention Service.

The first Convention meeting under the auspices of the Methodist Church was held last night at Gower Street Church, Rev. H. Royle in the chair. Following the opening devotions, which were in part led by Messrs. W. H. Peters and Samuel Penny, Mrs. Gordon Christian sang "Just For To-day." Reports of the four City Leagues were next presented. These reports in some measure indicated the work that is being done in St. John's by the Epworth Leagues. The forward movement for Missions is being supported by the young people: ships in port are regularly visited on Sundays, during the greater part of year, and good literature distributed amongst the crews; the Poor Asylum and Penitentiary receive every attention, and the young folk are being helped by the various agencies and activities within the League. Mr. Reg. Hearder read an interesting paper on League Work, in which was pointed out both the ideals and the actual work of the League. Following this Mr. Tucker rendered "Remember now thy Creator." After singing hymn 355 the questionnaire was taken up. Questions concerning the success or otherwise of the League; the ability of the Church to meet the needs of its young people, and other phases, brought out many helpful suggestions. That there should be a central place where the young people of both sexes, in St. John's, could meet under Christian influences, and find things of physical, mental and spiritual interest, upon which to build their lives, seemed to be the prevailing idea. At the close of the discussion, a general wish prevailed to have it prolonged. After singing the National Anthem, Rev. Dr. Bond pronounced the Benediction and meeting closed. This evening's subject will be: "The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper." A short address will be given by Rev. D. B. Hemmson on the place of the Sacrament in Christian Worship. All who attend are assured of a very profitable meeting.

Free Offer.

Before ordering, or parting with one cent, I will send to your home FREE OF COST a complete set of THE BOOK OF KNOWLEDGE so that you may look them over along with your family, and see for yourselves the thousands of pictures and the fascinating way that each subject is written.

The Editors, Arthur Mee, London, England, and Holland Thompson, have succeeded in compiling unquestionably the most wonderful publication of its kind that literature and art could produce. They were assisted by Dr. C. W. Saleeby, Harold Begbie, Ernest A. Bryant, Francis Eppa, Ernest Ingersoll, H. G. Fleming, Sir William Peterson, McGill University, Montreal and other well known men. At the Panama Exposition, San Francisco, The International Supreme Jury after passing judgment upon the best educational books, awarded to THE BOOK OF KNOWLEDGE THE FIRST MEDAL OF HONOR AND THE GOLD MEDAL FOR EDUCATIONAL VALUE. Hundreds sets have been sold in Newfoundland and they are now in use in schools and private homes, all are delighted with their investment, no home should be without a set of these books. If you wish to have a set for inspection FREE write at once to Mr. Dawson, Balsam Place, St. John's, who is now here representing the Publishers, The Grolier Society of London. The Educational Book Co., London. Should you decide to order a set we can give immediate delivery from stock now in St. John's (the last shipment that we can get to here).

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Household Notes.

In making tomato puree put a little soda into the tomato to neutralize the acid before adding the milk.

When children's shoes are wet, dry them and apply a little vaseline. They will be quite soft in the morning.

Woolen materials can be cleaned with a dry rubber sponge, care being taken to rub the wrong side of the nap.

To clean light-colored satin shoes, rub the satin with a flannel dipped in spirits of wine, turning the flannel from time to time.

Two thimble-like tips held together by an elastic are a great comfort to the knitter who likes to keep her needles together.

When the hemstitching on bed linen breaks apart, cover it with a row of feather-stitched braid, neatly stitched on at each side.

For pumpkin pie use one egg and three tablespoons of fine cracker crumbs to a pie. It is better than when more eggs are used.

Furnaces need to be studied and watched to get the best results out of them—even after you have secured the coal to feed them with.

ERADICATING WRINKLES.

Wrinkles have been traced to many causes, and in order to eradicate them you must first discover the root from which your particular species of wrinkles have sprung. In the first place wrinkles are a natural consequence of age, for when the tissues beneath the skin lost their firmness, the surface becomes seamed and lined.

The only way to stay the hand of Father Time is to keep the tissues well nourished and the skin clean and healthy. If you have always done this, and wrinkles continue to appear, then they are due to some other cause.

Perhaps your eyes are weak, and to screen them from strong light you twist your facial muscles about your eyes and brows, causing crow's feet and lines across the forehead. Women who need glasses when reading or working should wear them if they desire to keep the skin free from wrinkles.

Headaches are another reason for the skin becoming wrinkled. Every woman knows that at the approach of a headache she involuntarily raises her brows or draws them together. Also the eyes, being affected by the pain, close entirely or partially and the facial muscles become tense. This is a short route to crow's feet and in a year or so, the face will appear old and unlovely.

Consult your physician and find relief from headaches, and then apply plenty of cold cream to your skin. At the first indication of an ache rub the cream well into the skin, not to relieve the pain, but to prevent the skin from feeling the strain.

To get rid of mites, hunt out their entrances to cupboard or pantry and plaster them with a mixture of soft laundry soap and red pepper.

I. O. D. E.

The meeting of the Daughters of Empire held yesterday at the King George the Fifth Institute was largely attended. The Vice-President, Mrs. T. J. Duley, presided. The matter of a summer outing for a period of two weeks to be given the children of our soldiers and sailors was discussed and will be carried out, unless unforeseen circumstances prevent it. This idea is an excellent one and would be of incalculable benefit to the children, should it materialize. In order to assist the financial side the proceeds of the Annual Empire Day (May 24th) entertainment, will be devoted to this project. A report, from the young ladies interested in the collection of eggs, for the use of patients at Waterford Hall and Jensen Camp, was received which showed that generous assistance was being given, the collection amounting to about 1000 eggs weekly.

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