

LOCAL MATTERS OF INTEREST.

SATURDAY

Registrar Jones reports that during the week five marriages have been recorded. There were twenty-one births and fourteen of the infants being males.

Harry Priest made a gallant rescue at Sand Point last night. Clarence Foster, a white laborer, was knocked overboard from the Donaldson Line Kaskatia. Priest went over the side with a rope and rescued Foster after considerable difficulty.

The enforcement of the quarantine against live stock from the United States still continues and shows signs of becoming more rigorous rather than letting up. The skins of wild animals have been included among the articles prohibited and the local authorities have been given instructions to take any steps that they may think advisable to protect the port.

There were fifteen deaths in the city last week. Consumption claimed one-third of the victims and the others were due, one each, to the following causes: Epilepsy, pneumonia, influenza, acute gastritis, cardiac failure, pleuro-pneumonia, pneumonia of the lungs, inflammation of uterus, accidental suffocation, cerebral hemorrhage.

Ald. W. E. Scully, manager of the United Ice Company, in conversation with The News yesterday, stated that the ice on Spruce Lake was now about five inches thick. The company expected to start cutting operations about the first of the new year providing the weather is such that the snow ice house at the lake is completed.

A pitiful sight was witnessed last evening by passersby on Water street. About nine o'clock an Englishman, who apparently was about to depart for the other side, entered a saloon and invited two women and a child in. The party took a drink the woman giving the child sips from their glasses. On emerging again the party proceeded down Water street towards King street.

At the time the woman and child drank at the bar there were several men present. Such a sight, particularly in the presence of a little girl of about seven years of age, has seldom been seen here.

Having on board nearly 1,700 passengers the big C. P. R. steamer Empress of Ireland, under command of Captain P. V. Forster, left for Liverpool about 12:45 a. m. today. The steamer was loaded to the utmost in all the different cabins and established a new record for carrying of passengers, taking away the largest number that ever left a Canadian port.

A farewell sermon was preached in the Coburg street Christian Church last night by Rev. F. E. Flinn. He leaves tomorrow for Charlottetown. In his remarks last evening he said that the difficulties that he met with since coming to the city constituted the principal reason why he was seeking another field of labor. His ministrations had been criticized, he said, but his aim had not been to please the people so much as to preach the Gospel.

He gave a sketch of his life and said that since coming to the Coburg street Church, the difficulties he had met were so many, peculiar, and so difficult to overcome that he had made up his mind to seek a new field and let another try to overcome them.

In reviewing his sermon of the Sunday evening previous, the Rev. A. B. Colco, speaking to the congregation of Wesley Street Baptist Church last night, stated that he regarded it as highly unfortunate the increasing of water rates, whereby the poor were chiefly affected. "When the conditions do not warrant such an increase," he went on, "the thing assumes more serious proportions, becoming inequitable. And although not conversant with the conditions here existing up to the recent advance, I should say that the resumption of the old schedule in the interests of the poor is most desirable."

MONDAY

Resolved that Protective Tariff is the best interest of Great Britain. This was the subject debated in the King's College Law School Saturday evening. Leonard Conroy, supported by Horace A. Porter, and Earl Logan, of the affirmative side of the question, while F. H. Todd, J. D. K. Haesen, G. H. Adams, H. and Harry Saunders, favored the negative. B. L. Gerom acted as judge and awarded the decision to the affirmative.

Mr. and Mrs. John McCracken, of 111 Chesley street, have announced the marriage of their daughter, Margaret Catherine, to Samuel R. Wilson, of Toronto. The ceremony will take place on Wednesday evening, December 13th.

Evangelist Williams closed a most successful four-weeks' engagement at the Tabernacle Church, last evening. At the regular evening service the church was packed to the doors. At the close of the service six candidates were baptized.

H. A. Powell, K. C., returned from Fredericton on Saturday evening. In conversation with a reporter for The Sun, Mr. Powell stated that he was in communication with Judge Landry, chairman of the Central Railway Commission, and expected that a date for the resumption of the inquiry would be decided on today.

February third, fourth and fifth were decided upon last night as the dates for the first annual poultry show.

Passenger traffic on the Central Railway continues to improve. The road has been greatly improved. P. S. Archibald of Moncton, one of the commissioners, arrived in the city yesterday and is at the Royal. He will confer with J. R. Stone on the subject of the resumption of matters connected with the road.

By passing a resolution yesterday virtually abolishing the present agency of taxing insurance companies with head offices here upon their capital stock the Common Council removed the only hindrance in the way of the Ontario Fire Insurance Company establishing their headquarters in this city.

About 10 o'clock last night a number of young men discovered a man under the influence of liquor lying on York Point wharf, and on examining the top of the wharf were horrified to see a cap lying near the edge. They at once came to the conclusion that some one had fallen over into the slip, and while one went to notify the police others procured lights and descended to the slip, where they found a man lying in the mud. Officer Bowes arrived on the scene and lowered a rope, which was placed around the unfortunate man's body and he was hauled up on the wharf.

TUESDAY

Hon. E. P. Farris, police commissioner, on the 11 P. M. Railway, was in the city yesterday, and in conversation with a reporter for The Sun stated that good order was general throughout the province at the present time. Mr. Farris is accompanied by his sons, Wendell B. and J. W. DeL. Farris of Vancouver. The latter has been visiting his parents at White's Cove and will return for the West this evening. He will visit New York, Philadelphia and Atlantic City en route home. Mr. Farris, though only home about two weeks, spent a most enjoyable time. Chief Foster of the G. T. P. was also in the city yesterday, arriving by the late train.

After fifty-seven years of continuous service in the police department Sergeant John Higwell, the grand old man of the police force, has entered upon a well earned rest. The familiar face was missing yesterday morning; the sergeant having been granted a year's vacation upon full pay. For the past thirteen years the officer had been on active duty, but had been installed in the guard room, latterly being in the guard room. His scores of medals in the city will wish an enjoyable vacation to Sergeant Higwell.

Manager Corbett of the Seaman's Institute desires to acknowledge the receipt of the following amounts towards the maintenance fund of the institute: Joseph Allison, \$25; Mrs. Joseph Allison, \$25; Manchester Robertson & Allison, \$25; James P. Robertson, \$10; H. S. Gregory, \$10. A select company from the Allan Line steamer Corsican, now in port, will give a concert tomorrow evening in the building and the citizens are invited to attend. The management also acknowledges the receipt of a beautiful mounted album head, the gift of Mrs. R. C. McIntyre of 145 Charlotte street.

WEDNESDAY

The death occurred on Sunday, the 13th inst., in Avon, Mass., of Mrs. Charles Mochan, formerly of this city. Deceased was the daughter of the late Henry Cunningham, who resided here. She leaves a husband and four children to mourn their loss. Two sisters, Mrs. E. J. and Mrs. J. E. Cunningham, and a son, Mr. J. E. Cunningham, all of Avon, Mass., were present at the funeral, which was held at Avon yesterday.

A squaw and 16 year old papoose arrived in the city yesterday from the country and made some purchases to take to the home. They were two late to get a west bound train out of the city last evening, and after being refused admittance to the cars they boarded houses the mother and daughter. The last resort sought protection at Central Police Station, where they were given the use of a cell for the night.

The Baptist Home Mission Board held a meeting yesterday afternoon, in which considerable routine business was transacted. The Laymen's Missionary Movement was discussed at some length, and it was announced that Mr. Hobson of Toronto, grandson of the first missionary to China, who met with such splendid success along the St. John River a few weeks ago, would return shortly to take up the work in this vicinity.

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THURSDAY

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About eight o'clock last evening fire was discovered in the engine house of holding room owned by the Dominion Coal Company and which was situated on Starr's slip, off Smythe street. The watchman, who discovered the blaze, sent in an alarm from box 7, and shortly after the department arrived the fire was extinguished, about \$50 damage was done to the structure.

Little eight year old Gladys Selby, daughter of Fred Selby, manager of the Opera House Refreshment rooms, was badly injured on Union street yesterday afternoon. The little girl was sent from her home at 35 St. Patrick street, on an errand, and while crossing the street some young coasters who were going down the Wentworth street hill collided with her and as she fell to the ground a sled struck her on the head and rendered her unconscious. She was conveyed to her home and Dr. Addy attended to her injuries. The little girl died yesterday, a time her condition seemed serious.

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John H. Haycock, the present manager of the Dominion Express Company, yesterday in a report for The Sun: "You may safely state that our company is doing at the present time a splendid business. The Christmas rush, though not too heavy yet, is quite brisk. We expect that today and on Friday, Saturday and Monday we will have the heaviest business of our company. The parcels will have to arrive here by next Thursday, so many find it convenient in sending by express to have them arrive at their destination a few days before."

"During the past few years numerous persons have gone to the west, and we find that their friends do not neglect to send them parcels of all descriptions, are being sent out this year in larger numbers. In my opinion the number of parcels being sent by our company to England this year has increased in quantity. You understand that these parcels have all been sent, as the latest steamer leaving here was on Saturday last."

"You ask about the parcels being sent to the States. Well we do not handle much of that part of the business, but we do handle some going to the Eastern States. Joseph Taylor, the representative here for both the Canadian and American Express companies, said: "The Christmas rush with us has hardly started in earnest as yet, except in that going to far away places, in which it is necessary to send the parcels early. We expect that the rush will begin either tomorrow or on Saturday. Both companies hope to send many parcels to the States. We are shipping to all parts of the world and the parcels are of various kinds."

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ONE JUROR BLOCKS THIS MAN'S HANGING

Vote 11 to 1—Prospects Good For an All-Winter Session

PUBLIC IS ANGRY

A GUARANTEED

SUNDAY, Dec. 15.—At an exchange of 110 a day in Northumberland county taxpayers, one juror is preventing the hanging of Angelo Morie, who killed Joseph Delago, a Shamokin resident, eight days ago. The juror is the one who is suspected of the crime, and stands alone for a verdict of murder in the first degree.

As the killing is the 11th in the history of the county, and only two hangings, with every prospect of Morie's escape from the gallows, although the evidence against him seemed conclusive, the public is indignant at the juror's delay in reaching a decision.

The proceedings have become almost farcical, and it now looks as if the record of Henry Fisher, that "they don't hang anybody in Northumberland county," about hits the mark. Fisher is a good authority, for he was convicted of murdering a woman and is now in jail.

Judge Clinton R. Savidge is determined to compel the juror to reach a verdict if it takes all winter. Thomas Purcell is the one who is suspected of preventing the hanging of Morie. He was on the panel in a murder case just before Morie's trial, and was excused because he was called to the district attorney's office to question him on this point, and he was accepted.

"As the days pass the jurors are becoming more cheerful, and the prisoner's hopes are correspondingly brightening. The public is following the tie-up with great interest. Whispers are being made that Morie will be hanged. It looks like a good bet."

One of the taxmen is a member of the Board of Trade commissioners, and is in the city receiving old acquaintances, and incidentally dropping old facts concerning the Saksatchewan burnt that are being pondered over with much interest by those who are with a more pronounced opinion than that which obtains in the prairie provinces.

Mr. Scandlers has been on a business trip to the New England states, where he has induced a number of manufacturing concerns to locate in his home town. He offers no concessions but his wife has evidently gained somewhat in this respect.

Saskatoon, the geographical center of the Canadian West, is reached by three lines of railways tapping some one hundred and forty-five thousand square miles of actual operating territory. This field is its own and can not be entered advantageously by business houses located elsewhere. Nine operating railway routes cover the territory completely and by reason of the competition existing at a minimum cost.

Fourteen wholesale houses, two banks and one manufacturing establishment have located within the past few weeks building operations are being pushed to an enormous extent and the population, which now numbers seventy-five hundred, is reasonably expected to double itself within the next eighteen months.

The map is Saskatoon's greatest advantage accruing from its geographical position alone cannot be duplicated on the North American continent. Its active assets are already the envy of cities ten times its size. The shops of the C. P. R. will cover when completed an area of 500 acres, will employ a host of men, and pay roll being estimated at \$200,000 per month. The G. N. R. has a payroll now of \$60,000, and scores of the large producing concerns help to swell the sums of the men busy to find employment there.

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DUPE WEALTHY WOMAN IN A RARE-BOOK DEAL

Baltimore Manufacturer Named in Case Involving a \$22,700 Loss

A GUARANTEED

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—The names of Mr. Ladd, a Portland, Ore., banker, and of Mr. Emerson, a Baltimore manufacturer, were named by Assistant State Attorney Popham today when he delivered the opening statement in the case wherein Mrs. James A. Patten, wife of a millionaire Chicagoan, charged that Samuel T. Warfield and William N. Cooper defrauded her of \$22,700 in a rare book deal.

Popham declared that Warfield and Cooper duped John M. McFarland, a legitimate dealer in rare editions, into entering the conspiracy. Out of kindness to McFarland, who had been sent to her, the attorney declared, by Warfield, Mrs. Patten signed a contract to take certain books which she was told were worth \$22,700. The deal was made by Emerson. No such sale was made. She was held for the price of the books.

"The way the swindlers worked it was this," said McFarland. "They would pick out some society woman and send one of their men to her home. He would pose as a book agent and inquire whether she had a certain set of valuable books, saying he could sell them at a price much higher than their real value."

"When she replied that she did not have the books, they would then inquire if she knew anybody who did. Receiving a negative reply, the agent would depart. A few days later another agent would call on the woman with an offer to sell her the identical books demanded by the other agent, for about \$10,000. The victim, having been told by the first caller that she could dispose of them for \$25,000, would purchase the books from the second agent, only to learn later from the first agent that the prospective buyer," wife no longer wanted the books."

MAGLURE SCLANDERS HERE FROM THE WEST

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—It was Melba night at the Manhattan Opera House last evening. The reappearance of the Australian prima donna as Mimì in "La Bohème" at this time, after an absence of a year and a half attracted a large and fashionable audience.

When she appeared in the doorway of the act the audience broke out in a storm of applause. It was not a particularly happy moment for a demonstration and the artist went right on with her singing, but at the close of the act there were calls for her to sing a few more songs. Mrs. Melba answered them she had the hand of Mr. Zanatello in firm grip. It was obvious that the tenor was trying gently to get away and leave her alone on the stage, knowing that the public was waiting for that moment. He wriggled and almost got his freedom several times, but Mrs. Melba tucked his hand under her arm and held him. Finally, by a detour she slipped away and stood off at a distance, joining the huge audience in its rousing applause. After the other acts the prima donna was greeted with a rapturous ovation and affectionately.

And how did she sing? As beautifully as ever. That wonderful "Ere, birdie" was sung with a voice of such quality and volume for which she is famous was again heard in all its beauty, and all her vocal effects were achieved so simply, without the least effort. And the audience drank it all in, giving expression to its pleasure at every opportunity.

In and other respects, too, was it a good, spirited performance of "La Bohème." Mr. Zanatello was the Rodolfo, and he precipitated applause by his high notes, while at other moments he was vocally not at his best. Mr. Summacco was an admirable Marcello, Mr. Gilbert a capital Schaunard, and Mr. De Surovara a sonorous Coline. The quartet of Bohemians acted spiritedly, and the humor of the last act was well brought out. Miss Trentini was a very tuneful Musetta and made the most of her value song. Mr. Campanelli conducted.

GHASTLY SIGHT ON MONTREAL STREET

MONTREAL, Dec. 15.—The spectacle was witnessed tonight in a crowded thoroughfare of an Italian running among the Christmas shoppers with his throat cut. He was gashed by a razor in the hands of an unknown assailant.

The blood left a trail in the snow and the injured man collapsed within sight of his home. Robbery or revenge was thought to be the motive. The man was taken to a hospital, and it is thought he will probably die. His assailant has not yet been arrested.

BANK FAILURE CAUSED DRAMATIC SCENES

TOLEDO, Ohio, Dec. 15.—Men cried and women fainted in the streets of Napoleon, Henry County, forty miles southwest of Toledo today, when they found a notice of assignment posted on the doors of the Citizens Bank. Dramatic scenes were enacted as the streets rapidly filled with residents of the town and farmers drove in to draw money with which to pay their taxes. President Heller of the bank is now confined in a hospital in a Minnesota town.

The failure is said to be due to over-looked by Cashier Grell to Judge Michael Donnelly, who is president of the Ohio Garman Fire Insurance Company and the assignment is also said to be a direct result of the recent failure of that insurance company. These facts, Mr. Donnelly, it is alleged, were made without the authority of the other officials of the bank.

The Citizens Bank was considered a strong one. It is capitalized at \$71,000 and has an undivided surplus of \$21,000. The deposit amounted to \$28,000.

KING TELLS HOW TO CHECK OPIUM TRAFFIC

Canadian Member of Parliament Interviewed on Way to China

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IT WAS MELBA NIGHT

IT PLEASURES HIM

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—"The Leaves from the Diary of an 'Easy Boss'" may be the title of a volume of personal memoirs soon to be issued from the pen of Thomas C. Platt, senator from New York. Mr. Platt, who is apparently in better health than for many years and is taking the greatest interest in his official work, is preparing to put in writing form his personal recollections, covering a life of unusual activity.

Mr. Platt has told a New York friend of long standing in the last forty-eight hours that he will buckle down to the work as soon as he can throw off the senatorial togs. He has not been an observer of the passing political show for the last half century for nothing. Notes on men and events that passed in review have been made by him and preserved. The senator has a vast storehouse of information in the New York office of his express company.

It is asserted that he will deal very frankly with the Conkling-Platt incident of the Garfield administration and bring to bear correspondence and unassailable testimony to show that the author was far from being a "me too" in that affair. The senator is now disposed to take the public into his confidence on some of the spicier personal phases of his career, believing that the facts will show that he has been more of a victim than an offender.

Senator Platt talks about his prospective literary venture with keenest relish. He realizes that the outlet is likely to take rank among the season's best sellers and will not conceal anything that is likely to make the book readable. In his candor Senator Platt is not serving an advertising purpose or pandering to morbid literary taste, but believes he will pull up his own memory in many spots where he now appears belittled by telling the whole truth.

SHOPLIFTERS' RUSE

PARIS, Dec. 15.—When a woman in an infant in her arms was detected in the act of stealing a shawl at a shop in Paris yesterday, she pleaded that she was utterly destitute and had taken the shawl to keep the baby warm. But the latter proved to be a hollow tin doll containing numerous stones.

WANTED.

MEN WANTED—Reliable men in every locality throughout Canada to advertise our goods, take up show-cards on trees, fences, bridges, and all conspicuous places, also distribute small advertising matter; commission \$4 per day; steady employment to good reliable men; no experience necessary. Write for particulars. EMPLOYMENT MEDICINE COMPANY, London, Ont.

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"ROBINSON CRUSO" IN RUSSIA.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 15.—A plebiscite taken by a St. Petersburg newspaper shows that the books considered most suitable for children there are "Uncle Tom's Cabin," "Topsy's" "Robinson Crusoe." Out of the fifteen books that received most votes six were translations of English works.

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