

"VICTORY" FLOUR--THE HIGHEST GRADE MILLED

OUR THEATRES

THE CRESCENT. A great holiday programme is advertised by the Crescent Picture Palace to-day, "His Nemesis," a present day society drama, is produced in two reels by the Kalem Company with an all-star cast. The Luoin Company presents a strong story of the underworld, "The Thief in the Night," featuring Ormi Howley and Earl Metcalf. A great Western feature is "His Desperate Deed," an interesting Biograph story, the cast includes Kate Bruce and Harvey Carey. All the Essanay comedy stars appear in "A Coat-Tale" or "The Bargain Sale Purchase," this is a clever and laughable comedy. Mr. Dan Delmar sings two numbers (a) "I've a Cabaret at Home" (ragtime number); (b) "You're the Sweetest Girl in Ireland," Irish March ballad. On New Year's Day doors open at 1.30 and 6.30 p.m.; shows start at 2 o'clock and 7 o'clock.

THE "COBIN" IS O. K.

Yesterday, shortly before 2 p.m. the three steamers Meigle, Argyle and Lonsburg towed the stranded steamer Coban off the rocks and towed her to the Reid Nfd. Co's pier, where she berthed. The ship is pretty badly damaged about the stern, but is not leaking and after discharging her coal cargo will be towed to St. John's to get repairs.

HERRING PLENTIFUL IN GREEN BAY.

By the Prospero we learn that herring are very plentiful at Springdale, Halls Bay and other parts of Green Bay and that the fish are of very large size and splendid quality. Quite a number of vessels including the Kite are at these places taking cargoes.

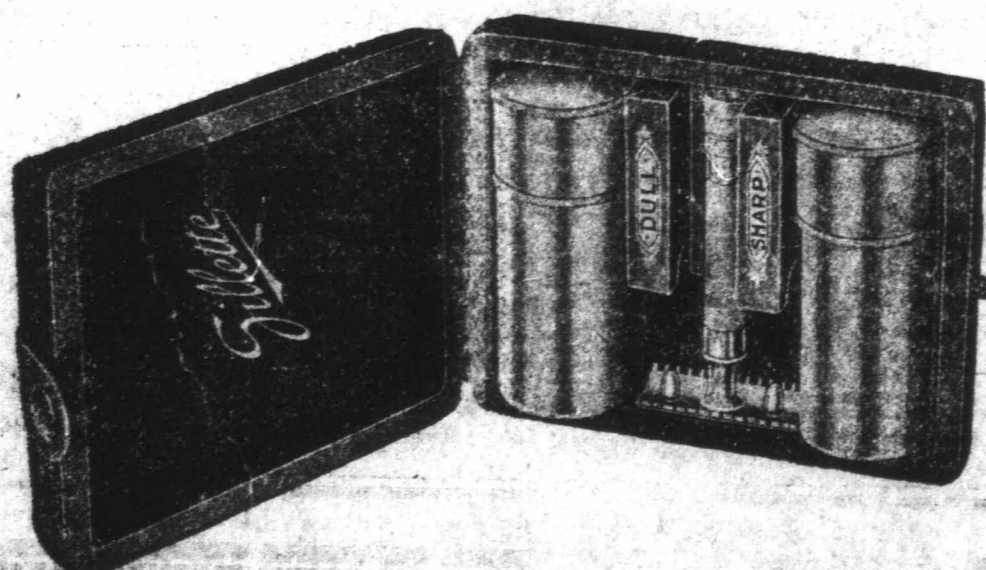
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Catalina Council Growing Stronger

Coaker's Work Appreciated by Men of Catalina--Annual Meeting Held and Officers for 1916 Elected--Extends Season's Greeting to all Other Councils

(To Editor of Mail and Advocate.) Dear Sir,--Now that the time for mutual congratulations has arrived, I cannot even in the presence of this great European conflict and the frightful slaughter of mankind which has been brought home to our own doors, allow this opportunity to pass without taking up the universal refrain and wishing the President and all the members of the F.P.U. the compliments of the season. And let us all earnestly pray that the end of 1916 we will see this great war ended with victory for the Allies, and that peace on earth, good will towards all men will be the result.

The F.P.U. at this town is still moving onward and at our two previous meetings new members were enrolled. A short while ago we held our annual meeting and elected our officers for the ensuing year which resulted as follows:

Dougald White, chairman; re-elected; Edward Humphries, dep-chairman; elected; Joseph Tippett, secretary; re-elected; Joseph Sweet, treasurer; re-elected; Garland Clouter, inside doorguard; elected; Job Hicks, outside doorguard; re-elected.

Suitable speeches were then delivered by the above officers which filled all who were present with more determination than ever to stick to the Union, and with such a capable staff of officers in charge of the Council, much good will will be the result.

We also had a visit for Mr. Targett, M.H.A. and with our Friend J. G. Stone good rattling speeches were given--something which our Council will not soon forget. The result of this meeting had a marked effect and to-day this Council is more determined than ever to carry on the good work so nobly begun by our worthy President, Mr. Coaker.

Withing every Council in the Colony every success.--I am, etc.

BETTER TIMES. Catalina, Dec. 24, 1915.

OUR VOLUNTEERS.

The Volunteers were yesterday put through Swedish drill and had various other exercises in the Armory, while two squads did good shooting with the rifle at the South Side. The men are becoming excellent marksmen.

Riverside Blankets and Yarns made up to a Standard, not down to a price.--dec29,6i

Church Services

Cathedral of St. John the Baptist--Holy Communion at 8 a.m.; also on the first Sunday of the month at 7 and 12.15. Other services at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

St. Michael's Mission Church, Casey Street--Holy Communion at 8 and 11 on the 3rd Sunday of the month, and at 8 on other Sundays. Other Services, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

St. Thomas--Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Morning Prayer, 10 a.m.; Intercession Service, 11 a.m.; Preacher, Rev. A. Clayton. Children's Service, 3.45 p.m.; Evensong and Sermon, 6.30 p.m.; Preacher The Rector; Subject, "White Gifts for the King."

Christ Church, Quidi Vidi--1st. Sunday in month, Matins at 11 a.m., 2nd Sunday in month, Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; 3rd Sunday in month, Evensong at 3.30 p.m.; 4th Sunday in month, Matins at 11 a.m.; Evensong at 3.30 p.m. on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month.

Virginia School Chapel--Even'g Prayer every Sunday at 3.30 p.m.

Parish of St. Mary the Virgin, St. John's, West.--Hours of Service in Parish Church.

Sundays--Holy Communion every Sunday at 8 a.m.; also on the first and third Sundays in each month at noon.

Wednesdays--Holy Communion, and Intercessions on behalf of the War at 10.30 a.m.

Fridays--Evensong and Intercessions on behalf of the War at 7.30 p.m. Holy Baptism--Every Sunday at 3.30 p.m.

Public Catechizing--The third Sunday in each month at 3 p.m. Churching of Women--Before any Service.

Sunday School--At 2.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Young Women's Bible Class--Every Sunday; at 2.45 p.m. in the Parish Room.

Brookfield School Chapel Evensong--Every Sunday at 3 p.m. Sunday School--Every Sunday at 4 p.m.

St. Matthew's Church, the Goules, Evensong--Every Sunday at 3 p.m. Asylum for the Poor

Holy Communion--The first Sunday in each month at 9 a.m. Matins--Every Sunday at 9 a.m.

METHODIST

Gower St.--11, Rev. H. Royle; 6.30. Rev. D. B. Hemmeon.

George St.--11, Rev. C. A. Whitmarsh; 6.30. Rev. N. M. Guy.

Cochrane St.--11, Rev. N. M. Guy; 6.30. Rev. C. A. Whitmarsh.

Wesley--11, Rev. D. B. Hemmeon; 6.30. Itev. H. Royle.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church--11 a.m. and 6.30. Rev. J. S. Sutherland.

CATHEDRAL--New Year's Eve: Special Service 11.15. Preacher: The Rector. Collection to provide coals for the poor. New Year's Day: Feast of the Circumcision. Holy Communion 8 a.m.; Morning Prayer 11 a.m. Preacher, Rev. C. H. Barton; Collection to provide coals for the poor. Evening Prayer, 5.30 p.m. 2nd Sunday after Christmas: Holy Communion 7 a.m. and 8 a.m.; Morning prayer at 10. Holy Communion with In. p.m.; Preacher, Rev. Canon Bolt. Intercessions at 11 a.m. Evensong 6.30. C. M. B. C.--The Class will meet as usual in the Synod Building on Sunday at 3 p.m. Subject: "The Three Creeds."

ST. THOMAS'S--New Year's Day. Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Morning Prayer and Sermon, 11 a.m.; Preacher, The Rector; Subject: "The Ideal and the Fact: A Retrospect." Children's Service, 3.45 p.m.; Evensong and Sermon, 6.30 p.m.; Preacher, Rev. A. Clayton.

ST. MARY'S (Southside)--New Year's Eve: 11 p.m. Watch-Night Service with address. New Year's Day: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion with special Intercessions on behalf of H. M. Military and Naval Forces. The offering at both these services will be given to the C. E. Orphanage.

Sunday: 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Matins; 6.30 p.m., Evensong. The Christmas Music will be repeated on Sunday evening.

GEORGE ST. (Adult Bible Class)--On Sunday afternoon a special New Year's Service will be held. An address will be delivered by Rev. D. B.

Our Sick Soldiers Well Cared for

Letters Received by Last Mail Are of a Cheery Nature--"Ours" Holding Their Own With the Best of Them

Within the past few days quite a number of letters have been received in the city by relatives of our soldier lads who are either at the front or in hospital.

Mr. Jas. Buckley, Customs' broker, had two letters from his brother John, who left here in "D" Co's. The first letter dated Nov. 29th, was written from an hospitalship at Mudros, and in it he says that while in the trenches at Gallipoli he received a chill which was later complicated by Jaundice and he was a pretty sick lad when writing, but as he is a good stocky chap and takes the matter as all the "Tommys" do philosophically, he says he will pull through O.K.

He says the deaths of so many comrades affected all but did not daunt them, and he like the other boys who are ill, are impatient to recover and get back to the fighting line.

In his second letter he writes from Kasrel Anni Hospital, Cairo, with several others of Ours where they get the best of treatment with plenty of the best nourishment and kindest attention from doctors and nurses. All the boys with him are cheerful.

Jack who is a nephew of Mr. T. D. Carew of The Mail and Advocate, asked to be remembered to all friends, including Mr. M. O'Regan, with whom he served as butcher.

Mrs. Rodgers, Barter's Hill, yesterday had two letters from her husband, Private Thomas Rodgers, the well-known crier C. C. footballer. He wrote from Fort Manoel Hospital, Malta and says he is getting gradually better, and looked forward to getting back to the firing line in three weeks. In a second letter he states he is so much improved that he is able to be out in the evenings.

He says he and a chum of the Eight Welsh Pioneers go over to Valetta, where if the wounded soldiers are tired after their walk they get tea &c. served them free. A friend of his, Charlie Martin, is in Malta wounded and he intended going to see him. He said Bob Hickey and Geo. Delchaunty two Barter's Hill chums, were well when he left the trenches. He sends greetings to his friends here, and love to his wife and little boy.

Riverside Blankets. The more you wear them the better you'll like them.--dec29,6i

NOTICE

On and after January 4th, 1916, STEER BROS. will close all Departments during Meal Hours, (1 to 2 and 6 to 7 o'clock), until further notice.

Hemmeon. All members are asked to attend. Visitors welcome.

COCHRANE STREET--At the College Hall on Sunday evening (the first Sunday evening of the New Year), the Cochrane Street Congregation will hold their annual covenant service. An address appropriate to the occasion will be given, and at the close the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered. The whole congregation, as we start out on the New Year, is urged to be present.

COCHRANE STREET--The members of Cochrane Street congregation are reminded of the united Watch-Night service to be held in Gower St. Church this evening. This change is made since the announcement last Sunday, owing to the College Hall having been previously engaged for this evening.

WESLEY--At Wesley on Sunday the public will be made welcome. Bright service, breezy topics, brotherliness, are three features of our services. Subject, Sunday evening: "Starting Again." After the regular evening service the Annual Covenant Service will be held. All members are expected to attend if possible.

PERSONALS

The engagement is announced of Miss Estella Bursey of Catalina, to Mr. James P. Escott of the Postal Telegraph staff, city.

Skipper James Galton of Brookfield, who came to town by the schooner J. S. Munn, Capt. Edwin Kean, left for home by S.S. Cabot yesterday.

Capt. Thos. Rideout of Newtown, who came here with a load of fish for the F.P.U. will leave for home by the Prospero this evening.

Mr. A. Broaders, Vice-President of the F. P. U., who has been in town last couple of days, left for Bay de Verde by this morning's train.

Capt. Geo. Bishop of Wesleyville, who is leaving his schooner here for the winter, will leave for home by the Prospero. Mrs. Bishop also accompanies him.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hickman left by last evening's express for a business and pleasure trip to the United States. They will be absent for a month.

Mr. John Leder of Snook's Hr., T.B., is, we regret to state, under going treatment at the hospital here. Skipper John, has been unwell for the past three months.

Capt. Wm. Rideout of Newtown who arrived here recently with a load of fish from Cat Hr., will return by the Prospero. Capt. Rideout was out in the big snow storm on the morning of the 21st. Inst, but came through without damage.

MR. CHAS. OTIS HERE.

The many friends of Mr. Chas. Otis, the advance agent of the Kiar-Urban Co., are delighted to see him once again in our midst. Mr. Otis is looking well and is an enthusiastic over the prospects of the Company as ever and well he might. The Kiar-Urban Co. are about the best all-round theatrical and vaudeville aggregation that have visited our shores in many years and this year they introduce several new and very excellent features.

They begin a month's engagement here on the 10th prox., staging one of the finest pieces in their repertoire--"Within the Law," a show which has had a splendid reception in New York. The Company comprise 14 players and we presage for this very popular combine a most successful sojourn in old St. John's.

BUSINESS NOTICE

M. F. MURPHY, HAIRDRESSER,

WISHES to inform his customers and the public generally that he has sold out his interest in the West End Shop (opp. Springdale Street), and that his friends will find him at his old stand, opposite General Post Office, where he will give patrons his personal attention. dec29,3i

GRENFELL HALL New Year's Sociable

Tuesday, Jan. 4, at 8 p.m. Leading Artists taking part, "THE SUFFRAGETTES" H.M.S. "Calypso" Band. Admission with High Class. Refreshments 30 cents. dec31,2i

Riverside Blankets. Insist on getting them.--dec29,6i

We regret to learn of the very serious illness of Hon. John Harris, who was very grave and it is feared that a fatal termination is imminent.

LOST CATTLE--Strayed from Western Bay, B.D.V., a 2 Year Old RED HEIFER, only white patch is on the belly. The top of one of the horns is sawn off. Finder please notify REV. E. P. WARD, Western Bay, B.D.V. --dec31,3i

WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE

There will be a Watch-Night Service to-night in George's St. Church, commencing at 11 o'clock. A cordial invitation extended to all.

Riverside Blankets are made from selected woods.--dec29,6i

To All Our Customers,--

and they are Many; To all our Friends-- and they are Numerous;

To all Present Wearers of BEAR Brand-- and they are Legion;

To all Future Wearers of that Brand-- and that means Everybody.

We extend Hearty Greetings, and offer our Sincere Wishes for a Happy, Prosperous and PEACEFUL NEW YEAR.

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NOTICE OF REMOVAL AND PARTNERSHIP!

Hon. R. A. Squires, K.C., LL.B.'

ANNOUNCES the removal of his LAW OFFICES to the New BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA Building at the corner of Beck's Cove and Water Street, and the formation of a PARTNERSHIP for general practice as Barristers, Solicitors and Notaries, with MR. J. A. WINTER, eldest son of the late Sir James S. Winter, K.C., under the firm name of Squires & Winter.

Address: Bank of Nova Scotia Building, January 3rd, 1916. St. John's.

Hon. R. A. Squires, K.C., LL.B. Mr. J. A. Winter

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Reid-Newfoundland Co. SOUTH COAST SERVICE.

S. S. GLENCOE will sail from Placentia on Monday, January 3rd, after the arrival of the 8.45 a.m. Train from St. John's, for the usual ports of call.