

THE STAGE

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

At the Brisco Opera House—
The Scarlet Mystery—Dec. 13.
Charley's Aunt—Dec. 15.
Miss MacIntyre's Recital—Dec. 17.
Dolly Varden Co.—Dec. 24.
Rennie Marks Co.—Dec. 25-29.
Return of Morris-Thurston Co.
New Year's week—Dec. 31 to Jan. 5.

"THE WAYWARD SON."

One of the most pronounced successes of the season in comedy drama, and one that will interest patrons of the theatre for many seasons to come, is the beautiful romance "The Wayward Son," which will be the offering at the Brisco on Tuesday.

This play was originally produced four years ago at the Bowdoin Square Theatre, Boston, and received the highest praise from the newspaper critics of that city; the play is the same style as "Arizona," and "Blue Jeans," although the plot and story are vastly different, it has the quality of excitement in its dramatic situations without yielding to melodramatic elaborations. It introduces the most ludicrous of comedy with out forced introduction, besides it has a quaint story, and a pretty romance. A picturesque atmosphere and wholesome sentiment. People's prices will prevail, 15, 25, 35 and a few at 50 cents.

Special cars from Wallaceburg.

THE SCARLET MYSTERIES.

The bare announcement in any town in England that the "Scarlet Mysteries" are to appear is sufficient guarantee for the public, owing to the reputation this company enjoy, that they may depend upon an entertainment after their own hearts—cultured, refined, thoroughly amusing and, best of all, different from any other show. In this country they come to us as strangers, and have yet to prove their quality, but the association of Mr. Edward Branscombe's name, who is known to us, should be ample recommendation as to the qualifications of the artists who have elected to surround themselves in the mystery of masks and musketeer apparel, and from the English credentials which they show, it is safe to say that the opportunity afforded next week to obtain an evening's fun and merriment at the expense of these red-robed gentlemen and their quaint jests will be sure to be a veritable prize amongst them—should on no account be missed, for it is rare to meet with an entertainment so entirely free from the least trace of vulgarity, and, at the same time teeming with mirth and revelry.

The company play at the Brisco Opera House on Thursday, Dec. 13.

A FINE ADDRESS

The regular monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held on Wednesday afternoon and the members were favored with an address given by Mrs. Herries, of Bradford, Eng., a delegate to the World's W. C. T. U. convention recently held in Boston. Mrs. Herries referred briefly to the great curse of drink in her own land, more dreadful because so many women are enslaved by it, thus becoming more of a menace to posterity, and also alluded to the crime and disgrace of the opium traffic which rested upon England. But the women in the Temperance ranks are working faithfully, and thousands of children are being trained for temperance work in the Bands of Hope. She said: "It is not enough for children to be on the temperance side because mother is; train them to do active, aggressive work for temperance." She gave several interesting incidents of the world's convention, and graphic word-sketches of some of the delegates who had come thousands of miles to receive the inspiration of the great gathering, and learn W. C. T. U. methods of work in the land which was the birthplace of the organization.

The party of delegates who visited Washington were most kindly received by President Roosevelt. Mrs. Herries and her party visited Quebec and Montreal. At Quebec they were entertained by the Mayor and Lady Mayoresse, and most kind attentions shown them. And best of all, the Mayor of Quebec is himself a temperance worker.

Mrs. Graham, president of the local union, assured Mrs. Herries that it was in the hearts of the Chatham white-sabbioners to do as much for the delegate who had come our way, but time and circumstances not permitting the union giving themselves the honor of showing a fitting welcome to the world's convention, and the executive, she asked that the wish might be taken for the deed, and that Mrs. Herries would carry away with her the kindest wishes of co-workers in Chatham.

A CARELESS SHOT

On Saturday afternoon half a dozen of Wallaceburg boys were out shooting with a couple of rifles on the McCarron farm just west of the old Forhan Park.

On this farm is a small house occupied by Indians with their families from Waipio Island. The Indians are engaged in taking out ten acres of beets for Mr. Chas. McCarron.

While one of the little Indian girls was standing near a window with a baby in her arms, suddenly the report of a rifle sounded and a bullet came crashing through the pane. The bullet came so close that the flying fragments of glass cut the little baby's head. The injured baby was a son of James Aquash. No other damage was done, although the inmates, as may be supposed, were badly frightened.

The boys claim that they were shooting at a bird in a tree close by. During the last few years there has been several sad fatalities right in this district due to the careless handling of fire arms, and it is to be hoped in the future greater precaution will be taken in the handling of guns—Wallaceburg News.

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BOILER EXPLODED

Conflagration Follows—Over \$500,000 Damage At Lynn, Mass.—Eleven People Seriously Injured.

Lynn, Mass., Dec. 7.—The explosion of a boiler in the four-story factory building of the F. J. Harney Shoe Mfg. Co., and the fire which immediately followed destroyed fourteen buildings in the West Lynn manufacturing district, causing a total loss estimated at about \$520,000. Eleven persons were injured, one, Miss Cecile Trandberg, an operator in one of the factories, having her skull fractured. She is in a critical condition at the hospital.

That no lives were lost or more people injured is attributed to the fact that the explosion occurred before the factory operatives had assembled. Twenty minutes later there would have been 600 employees at their machines. The flames spread with great rapidity, driven by a south-east gale, and swept through the district in West Lynn. A general alarm summoned help from Boston, Salem and Saugus, and after two hours of fighting, the flames were under control.

The cause of the explosion is not known. Many thrilling scenes were effected, the police department being especially conspicuous for its heroism, while the fire fighters devoted their efforts to keeping the blaze confined to a narrow territory.

The Harney Co. loss \$300,000, with insurance of \$250,000; Tufts & Friedman, \$150,000, insurance \$60,000; John H. Owens Co., \$45,000, insurance \$25,000; Jacobson & Jacobs \$20,000, insurance \$12,000; Russell factory \$5,000, insurance \$4,000. The losses in the other buildings were apparently small.

ANOTHER WONDERFUL CASE.

Here is Something That Will be Welcome News to Many a Discouraged One.

"For several years I have been troubled with gas around my heart, sickness of breath, in fact, if I walked my usual gait, my breath would be so short I would be compelled to make several stops during my walk."

"Of late my food did not digest properly. It turned sour in my stomach, causing me great distress; often, too, I had disagreeable attacks of belching gas and heartburn."

"I was bothered with severe pains across the small of my back and the least bending or turning would cause me to almost cry out."

"I was induced to try Dr. Leonard's Anti-Pill and from the very first found relief."

"For the last three months I have had no recurrence of my former complaints, so I am bound to say Anti-Pill has indeed cured me."

This is the voluntary statement of Wm. H. Reed, of 165 Queen St., Kingston, Ont.

All Druggists sell Anti-Pill. The Wilson-Fyle Co., Limited, Niagara Falls, Ont.

The remedy that cured such an extreme case is surely worth trying.

Well-to-Do Farmer Arrested.

Peterboro, Dec. 7.—Lawrence Plund, a well-to-do Harvey Township farmer, was arrested yesterday for severely beating Dennis Daly at the home of Lawrence Twomey, in Ennisville Township. Daly was alone at the time. His life was despaired of, but Wednesday night he rallied. It is now expected that he will recover.

Six Months For Motorman.

Montreal, Dec. 7.—Samsregret, the motorman whose car killed John Morrison, and who was found guilty of manslaughter, was sentenced yesterday to six months.

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How a Montreal lady cured her husband of drunkenness with a secret home remedy.

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OIL NOTES

A fine well was struck on the farm of Mrs. W. Finn, lot 2, concession 5, for the Coste-Symmes and Doud syndicate. It is flowing 50 barrels per day, without being shot, with three dry holes three-fourths of a mile distant—two on the Gleason and one on the Holiday farms. This is only the second well so far struck in Raleigh.

The Burgess well at Valetta broke loose last week from the force of the gas, blowing up 400 feet of pipe and wrecking the derrick. It will likely be converted into a gas well. On the Tremblay well in Romney, where a heavy flow of gas was struck at 262 feet, causing the burning of the derrick, the flow of the water has checked off the gas, and another derrick has been erected, and boring will recommence to-day.

The Broadbent well at South Buxton is now down about 1,200 feet, the fishing log having been completed. The work is being proceeded with and it is expected the well will be brought in some time this week.

The Alex. Farquharson well is good for about five barrels per day. The Saginaw Oil & Gas Co. brought in their well No. 7 on the H. Marshall farm, which is good for 20 barrels.

On the James Stevenson farm well No. 8, on the Barnard, Argue, Ross, Stearns Co. lease, is a 25 barrel production.

No. 8 on the Canada and United States Oil Co., on the John Stevenson farm, is good for 25 barrels.

Miller & Warner's No. 1 well on the F. C. Denison farm, south half lot 8, concession 11, was drilled in and is a good producer, 30 barrels per day is its record.

On Dillon's farm, south half lot 9, concession 3, near Chatham, a dry hole has been struck and the work was abandoned.

At a depth of about 1,000 feet, owing to leakage of gas from the casing, it was necessary to pull the casing on the Purdy farm. As yet there are no oil indications whatever.

The well on the Angus Grant farm, Middle Road, this side of Valetta, came in last week and proved a dry hole.

The Stewart-Ainslie well at Glenwood was down 1,315 feet yesterday, and still shows a tremendous gas pressure—one of the drillers stating that it is the strongest gas well he ever saw in Canada.

The Alex. Graham well came in yesterday, and turned out to be a splendid gas well.—Tilbury Times.

The Youth's Companion In 1907

The Youth's Companion announces among the attractions of its 52 issues in 1907

TWO HUNDRED practical papers, serviceable to young people who have their way to make in the world, helpful in their insistence on worthy ideals in every relation of life, useful in the home, particularly the regular series, "Till the Doctor Comes."

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY capital stories—humorous stories, character stories, stories of life on the farm, in the great cities, on the sea, in the wilderness. Among them will be five serial stories by five Companion favorites: Hamlin Garland, Adeline Knapp, Ralph Barbour, Grace Richmond and Holman P. Day. There will be a series also, based upon incidents in American history, illustrative of life and times in America from the first colonial planting to the close of the Civil War.

ONE THOUSAND short notes giving concisely, clearly and accurately the important news of the times in public affairs, and in the fields of science and industry.

THREE HUNDRED contributors giving assurance that every need and every taste among Companion readers will be satisfied.

Everett Hale, Margaret Deland, Col. T. W. Higginson, Commander Eva Booth of the Salvation Army, Gen. A. W. Greely and Jon Perdicaris are among them.

TWO THOUSAND one-minute stories, anecdotes, bits of humor—sketches which take no more than a minute to read. They are always new, always well told, and in great quest by preachers and after-dinner speakers.

A full announcement of the new volume will be sent with sample copies of the paper to any address on request. The new subscriber for 1907 who sends \$1.75 for the new volume at once will receive free all the remainder of the year, 1906, including the Double Holiday Numbers; also The Companion's Four-Leaf Hanging Calendar for 1907, lithographed in twelve colors and gold.

Subscribers who get new subscriptions will receive \$10.00 in cash and many other special awards. Send for information.

144 Berkeley Street, Boston, Mass.

THE CHRISTMAS ROD AND GUN.

Brightest and earliest amongst the Christmas numbers, with a new colored frontispiece and illustrations that are really beautiful, comes the December issue of Rod and Gun and Motor Sports in Canada, published by W. J. Taylor, at Woodstock, Ont.

Christmas stories are in evidence, while not too obtrusive, and the stories of a first Christmas in the Canadian Rockies when, owing to an accident, the Christmas dinner had to be adjourned till midnight; and a Christmas hunting trip which nearly ended in a Christmas tragedy; are not only interesting, but convey morals to every sportsman. The five minutes' dream of a Nature Student on Christmas Eve, the story of an Indian's vengeance and its result told in fine verse, and a ladies' exploring trip only stopped from going to the "further north" for white women by the fact that the broad Saskatchewan was in flood, told in the brightest vein by Miss Tazo, present, with the many other stories, a mine of good things which not merely sportsmen but the whole family circle may enjoy.

LITERARY

Keith's Magazine on Home Building for December deals specially with plaster houses. We have been accustomed to think of a plaster house as one to be built when the owner wants a home and cannot afford to use more costly material. This number of Keith will revolutionize ideas, beginning with "The Evolution of the Plaster House," by Una Nix of Hopkins, an illustrated paper showing exquisite homes in California built in this style, which followed by "Designs for the Home-builder," in which are shown plans and elevations of houses which cost from \$10,000 to cottages costing about \$3,000, all of which are built of plaster.

Study No. 12 of Wall Decorations gives suggestions for the treatment of halls.

All the departments are full of seasonable hints.

Judging by the glimpse ahead which we are given Keith's Magazine is going to contain numberless articles that will be of great value to both homebuilders and home furnishers.

The Christmas number of the Woman's Home Companion is now on sale. There are Christmas stories, one of which, "The Gift of Love," is written by the ever popular Mary E. Wilkins.

There is a poem by the late Eugene Field, entitled, "The Old Blue Bear and the Rabbit," which has never before appeared in print. His son, Frederick S. Field, who tells us he was the Rabbit, describes the writing of the poem.

"Easy-to-Make Christmas Presents," by Grace Margaret Gould, will be welcomed by most women.

There is a complete knitted outfit for little boys, with directions for making each article, that will be a delight to the dear old grandmothers, who love to knit.

The departments of this number are exceedingly attractive.

The Christmas number of Table Talk is full of Christmas delights, commencing with the decoration of a Christmas tree.

"The Christmas Table," by Cornelia C. Bedford, gives an elaborate menu, which is illustrated with tinted sketches of the preparations for the less familiar dishes.

"Old Southern Recipes for Christmas," by Marie Richmond, contains some of the old recipes for which the Southern cooks were so justly famous.

There are menus for breakfast, lunch and dinner, for every day in the month, with three special Christmas dinners—to suit the capacity of various sized parties. These are followed by illustrated directions for the preparation of selected recipes.

Under "Housekeepers' Inquiries," questions relative to cooking of all kinds are answered by Miss Bedford, former Principal of New York Cooking School.

One feature of this Magazine which particularly commends itself to its readers, is the Monthly Alphabetical Index.

As the Twenty-Second Volume of Table Talk will commence in January, this will be a good time to subscribe for the annual. Published by Table Talk Publishing Co., Philadelphia.

McClure's Magazine for December might almost be called "The Russian number." The frontispiece is a reprint of a painting by Sigismund de Ivanowski, "The Russian Fear." This is used in connection with the opening story, "Little B's Peep," a touching Russian narrative by Mira Kelly. This is followed by "A Salutation to Russia," by Florence Wilkinson.

"Reminiscences of a Long Life," by Carl Schurz, is a most interesting paper.

The stories in this number are, "The Wages of Salvation," "Clancy of the Jack Pot," "The Sorrows of Giuseppe," "On the Ridge," "The Debts of Antoine" and "Jilly-Ann."

The Christmas number of the Cosmopolitan opens with "The One Unfaithful Day," by Ernest Crosby, which is described as a "Thumbril Sermon." This is followed by "The Voyage of the Snark," by Jack London. The Snark, as many of our readers know, is a 45 ft. boat which Mr. London has had built, in which he and his wife, and Mrs. London's uncle are going to make a trip around the world. Mr. London will write the story of the voyage for the Cosmopolitan.

"Caste," by Chas. E. Russell, deals with the problem that is the drawback to India's progress.

There are stories by popular authors and everything has been done to make this a regular holiday number.

The Home Magazine for December is a perfect Christmas number, as will be seen by this partial list of the contents:

The Riding Song of the Magi. Christmas the World Over. A Glimpse of Toyland. A Christmas Dinner. The Evolution of Christmas. Remembrances for Christmas. Easy Made Gifts. Original Recipes for Christmas Dinner.

Presents for Men. In addition to these there are stories, the usual departments, which are up to the usual standard of excellence, and numerous helpful and instructive articles.

The Home Magazine is published by The Bobb-Merrill Co., of Indianapolis at one dollar a year.

Decorations for the Christmas Dinner Table, which is given in the December number of "What to Eat," gives an entirely new idea in decorating the table. The article would have to be read to be copied, but the nucleus is a top house in the centre of the table.

There are recipes for Christmas cooking by excellent cooks.

A collection of Christmas sentiments by some of the best known

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1.25 Waists for \$1—6 doz ladies' waists of fancy mohair, colors white, navy, rose and black, trimmed with tucks and ribbon, perfect fitting, regular 1.50 each, clearing at \$1.

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writers, such as Dickens, Hy. Van Dyke and Robt. Herrick.

Packing the Christmas Hamper is another timely article which appears in this number, which is quite up to its usual excellent standard.

The Christmas number of the Quiver is nearly double its usual size, and is so full of interest that it is difficult to know on which points to touch. Perhaps as Russia has been before the eyes of the public so much this year, "Christmas at the Court of the Tsar" may be what will first attract attention.

There are seven complete stories, and a new serial story by Katharine Lyman is commenced in this number.

In addition there are full page portraits of some of the world's leaders in Christian Service.

The customary departments are, as usual, full of interest.

The Education Controversy in England, by W. T. Stead, which appears in the December number of Review of Reviews, will be read with great interest by English speaking people the world over.

Some of the leading articles for this month are—

Profit Sharing in Practice.

What Have the Russians Really Gained in Two Years' Struggle.

The Praterizing of the Great Nations Through Strikes.

Five Years of Strikes and Lock-outs in Holland, Germany and France.

The December number of the Canadian Magazine opens with Jerusalem and Its Environs, a most interesting article by Jean Templer, which is well illustrated. It touches on most of the places in and around Jerusalem, that are so familiar to us in the Bible.

Worry, the Disease of the Age, the introduction to a series of six articles by Dr. C. W. Saleeby, is a paper that leaves one with much to think about.

Old Christmas Customs in England, is another bright article.

The remainder of the Magazine is quite up to its usual high standard.

When the crooked shepherd slips on the path of rectitude the sheep bleat and the wolves howl.

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Boys' four in-hand and Teck Ties nice patterns, reg. 25c, Monday 10c.

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Swiss Handkerchiefs, very fine quality, neatly embroidered, hem stitched and embroidered edges, reg. 15c. Monday 10c.

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