

GROCCERS' GUILD.

Mr. Blackstock Talks of Its Intolerable Tyranny. Fear of the Guild Hung Over Entire Trade.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Toronto, Ont., Jan. 8.—This morning Mr. G. T. Blackstock, K. C., opened his argument on behalf of the Crown...

No more glaring, cogent instance of the intolerable tyranny of this organization could be imagined than these letters demonstrated, said counsel.

Mr. Blackstock then reviewed the methods adopted by the Guild in disciplining any firm or company or individual that dared to tread lightly the "suggestions" of the Guild.

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Mr. E. F. B. Johnston, K. C., replying for the defence, contended that the first thing to be considered by the court was the object with which the various members of the guild had entered upon the agreements attacked by the Crown.

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GREAT SPECIAL SALES.

White Sales, Carpet and Curtain Sales and Reduction Clearance Sales at the Right House.

The Thomas C. Watkins store is outdoing every past record this month. Their tremendous January sales are stirring the whole town to enthusiasm.

CAPT. HAINS.

Was Crazy When He Shot Annis and is Now Sane.

Flushing, N.Y., Jan. 8.—Prospects loomed large for a field day for the alienists in the trial of Thornton Jenkins Hains to-day when Dr. L. Samuel Manson, an alienist, for the defence, took the stand for cross-examination and under the direction of Prosecutor Derrin delved into the mysteries of mental diseases and told of reasons for his belief that Capt. Peter Hains suffered an attack of "impulsive insanity" when he shot Wm. E. Annis.

The declaration of the defence's alienist that Capt. Hains had acquired mania prior to the shooting and that after the tragedy suffered from melancholia from which he slowly recovered opened wide the flood gates for exhaustive medical cross-examination.

For Sale Immediately.

Surplus clothing stock at values like this: \$15 suits and overcoats, \$9.98; finest \$24 overcoats at \$18; fancy knitted vests, regular \$4, at \$1.98; closing out mitts and gloves at big reductions; ten dozen heavy reindeer buck mitts at 55c, regular 65c; fur lined gloves at \$1.98, regular \$3. Fralick & Co., 13 and 15 James street north.

Christmas Beef and Veal

Cutting for to-morrow. Extra choice lot of turkeys, chickens, geese, ducks, pigeons, English hares, Cambridge sausage, Brussels sprouts, spinach, cauliflower, cucumbers, Grimby tomatoes, fresh cut mushrooms, parsley, lettuce, green onions, radishes, pineapples, grape fruit, Malaga grapes, ripe pears, Tangerine oranges, live lobsters, shell and bulk oysters, clams, finnan haddie. Feeble, Hobson & Co., Limited.

TEA TABLE GOSSIP.

Mrs. Kaufman, who attempted to commit suicide the day before yesterday, is improving.

Miss Dorothy Whitehead, of Buffalo, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Lewis, Bay street south.

The Christmas entertainment of the scholars of the north end mission will be held on Saturday of this week.

Judge Monck presided over the Ninth Division Court this morning. There were about thirty cases on the list.

An effort is being made to revive the Benvolent Order of Elks, and Organizer R. M. Buckman is in the city for that purpose.

Mr. Ed. Morwick has a card in this issue thanking the electors of ward 3 for their splendid support in the recent municipal elections. Mr. Morwick made a fine run.

Henry Buswell is slightly better at the City Hospital this afternoon, and the operation has apparently relieved the compression on the brain which held back his recovery.

The Hamilton Gun Club will hold a shoot on their grounds to-morrow afternoon. All members are requested to make every effort to attend. A special car will leave the Terminal Station at 1.30.

The committee of the Boys' Home gratefully thank those who assisted in making the Christmas season at the home a bright one for the boys by their generous donations of money and food supplied in the bags.

Yesterday afternoon at about 5 o'clock a Christmas tree at J. Mars' residence, 26 Barton street east, was set on fire by candles burning on it, and curtains, a rug and the furniture were damaged to the extent of \$60 before the fire department succeeded in getting the fire out.

George Knox, 157 Hess street north, for many years an engineer on the Grand Trunk Railway, met with a very painful accident the other day, which may necessitate the amputation of two fingers. He slipped in the yard, and in falling lacerated his fingers on the edge of a coal scuttle.

The week of special evangelistic meetings conducted by the young men in Barton Street Methodist Church is proving very interesting. To-night Mr. Ivor Lewis, a personal friend and schoolmate of Mr. Evan Roberts, who led the great Welsh revival, will speak. Mr. Lewis will give a brief account of that remarkable movement.

A mass meeting will be held on Sunday at 7.30 p. m. at 33 John street, to which all the societies are invited to send representatives to form the Hebrew school of Hamilton. Dr. Friedland, Mr. Mintz and Mr. S. Schapen, of the Wesley Zion society, will speak, and the children of the Zion Society will sing Zion songs.

Mrs. A. Elmore Richards (Louise McLellan) will give the second of a series of readings, monologues and impersonations under the auspices of Caxton Chapter, Daughters of the Empire, in their hall at 100 King street west, on Tuesday evening next, January 12. There will be vocal and instrumental music to round out an excellent programme.

QUALITY STORE.

Begg & Shannon's Big January Sale on To-morrow.

An advertisement that should attract the reader's attention in this issue is that of Messrs. Begg & Shannon, the well-known men's furnisiers, 40-44 James street north. The men of Hamilton will remember the annual January feast of bargains given by them, and this year's efforts will be another eye-opener.

Everyone knows the power of a money-in-hand purchaser, and this is exactly Begg & Shannon's position. They buy from the best manufacturers on this continent for cash, and the young men can always be sure of getting the very latest clothing, boots and shoes, neck wear, etc., at the closest prices. Every day this big firm gets snags of some kind, and for to-morrow's selling a comprehensive selection awaits thrifty buyers. It is the quality store and the place where all classes get the same consideration and courtesy. Men's overcoats, all sizes and different styles, the regular price of which is \$7.50 and \$9.00, are offered at \$5.95; 50 men's coats, worth \$12.50 to \$15.00, will go at \$9.95; men's trousers, worth \$5.00, for \$3.49, and other classes get the same consideration.

Men's equal reductions will prevail, such as men's fine kid gloves, worth \$1.50, are announced to sell for 98 cents; black cashmere socks for 15 cents a pair, and men's working shirts 39 cents each. Read the advertisement on the sporting page.

Homefurnishers' Chances.

Anyone who is in need of carpets and furniture for the home will find this an opportune time to visit the warerooms of A. M. Souter & Co., corner King and Park streets. Their annual sale of carpets and furniture in preparation for carpet taking is in full swing, and many are availing themselves of the lowered prices. During this sale all carpets are made, laid and lined free of charge, which is in itself a saving of from 10 to 15c per yard. Besides this, there is a considerable cut in all the prices, and people would be very foolish not to take advantage of this money-saving opportunity. The furniture department is also offering tempting bargains to draw the money from the people's purses, and there is no doubt but that January will be a record month for this store.

ESCAPED DEATH.

Windsor, Ont., Jan. 8.—Vincent Fenech has received a cablegram stating that a brother, Luigi Fenech, professor of mathematics and astronomy, and director of the astronomist institute at Messina, had escaped death in the earthquake.

DROPPED DEAD.

Windsor, Ont., Jan. 8.—Daniel Langlois, for fifty years a grocer here, dropped dead last night, on the threshold of his home. Langlois was 80 years old and was one of the best known citizens in Windsor.

Defending Counsel—Why are you so confident that the duck is one of yours? Prosecutor—Because of the markings on the back. Defending Counsel—Then you will, no doubt, be very much surprised that I possess half a dozen ducks marked exactly like that one. Prosecutor—Oh, no, I shouldn't, because I have missed seven of them altogether.—Scraps.

Never Before

Men's Best Opportunity is Here. Have such mighty bargains presented themselves to Hamilton public, and never before have the people of Hamilton turned out in such numbers lavishing their appreciation on the immense and stupendous price cuts now prevailing throughout our two stores.

The corners of King and James and King and John are the centre of attraction, and all the wise men are now taking advantage of this, the most renowned bargain event in Hamilton's history in

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- 50c CAPS, fur bands, regularly 75c. 75c CAPS, fur bands, regularly \$1. 39c TOQUES, regularly 50c. 39c UNDERWEAR, fleece lined, regularly 75c. 69c UNDERWEAR, Scotch knit, regularly \$1. 59c UNDERWEAR, Penman's rib, regularly 75c. \$1.10 UNDERWEAR, Penman's natural wool, regularly \$1.50. \$1.99 UNDERWEAR, WOLSEY, regularly \$2.50. \$1.99 UNDERWEAR, Turnbull's Celest, regularly \$2.50. 49c Night Shirts, boys, regularly 75c. 69c Night Shirts, men's, regularly \$1.00. 39c Mufflers, knitted, regularly 50c. 99c Mufflers, silk, regularly \$1.25. Shop in morning to avoid the crush. Open Saturday night until 11 o'clock.

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"Nice sorts of envelopes they have nowadays for foreign correspondence," said a girl who writes letters abroad. "You know the envelopes, like the letter sheets, are made of thin paper so that they won't weigh too much and increase the postage."

"With an envelope of thin, plain paper the writing on the letter might show through. So they come to make those envelopes of a paper that was printed on the inner side with close lines in a pretty plaid pattern that you couldn't see through and that served very well, but now you can buy foreign letter envelopes that are made opaque with a lining of the thinnest tissue paper of any desired color."

"Such envelopes you will find and with lining of various colors in stock; envelopes lined with blue or with red or purple or tan or violet, but if you don't find among these just what you want they will show you a book of tissues with samples of fifty or more colors or shades from which you can select first just the color you do fancy or the color you call your own and then you have the envelopes made to order."

THE WEATHER.

FORECASTS—Fair and cold today and Saturday with a few snow flurries.

The following is issued by the Department of Marine and Fisheries: Victoria 12 8 snow Calgary 28 34 clear Winnipeg 16 50 fair Parry Sound 2 10 fair Toronto 16 6 fair Ottawa 2 14 fair Montreal 2 10 clear Quebec 4 14 clear Father Point 2 12 clear *Below zero.

WEATHER NOTES.

The temperature continues very low in the Western Provinces and in British Columbia the cold is unusually severe. The weather has moderated a little in Ontario, but continues very cold in Quebec and New Brunswick.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Northern New York—Partly cloudy to-night and Saturday, with probably snow in northern portion; warmer in north and central portions Saturday. Moderate east winds, becoming variable.

Western New York—Partly cloudy and warmer to-night; Saturday probably snow flurries; moderate southeasterly winds, becoming variable.

The following is the temperature registered at Parke & Parke's drug store: 9 a. m., 12; 11 a. m., 22; 1 p. m., 23; lowest in 24 hours, 7; highest in 24 hours, 23.

Modern Cogers.

Fifty men sat around a quaint, oak paneled room at the back of a public house near Fleet street on Saturday night. Most of them were smoking long clay pipes. Before them, on round topped tables, were mugs of ale and glasses of hot toddy. One by one the men arose and with great deference to the chairman, who sat on an ancient chair below a naked gas jet and wielded an ebony hammer, expressed their views on the events of the week.

The gathering was the survival of Cogers Hall, an ancient debating club established more than 150 years ago. Each Coger who addressed the meeting alluded with pride to the fact that the Premier remembered the old club. Some of them recalled the fact that twenty-four years ago Mr. Asquith had on more than one occasion visited that room and rising amid the smoke wreaths held forth upon some topic of the day.

"He was practising his oratory then," said a gray haired Coger, who had known the hall for fifty years. "You are free to air any view so long as it is not treason," declared the chairman, after the opener of the discussion had spoken for fifty minutes. A sharp rap of the hammer on the table made each orator sit down when he had been on his feet for half an hour.—London Daily Mail.

A diamond salesman often carries from \$100,000 to \$500,000 worth of stones on his trips.

Saturday

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While we are clearing out these 400 Suits and Coats by dropping the price \$1.00 each day, dozens of men who have learned by experience that our clothes are big value at the regular prices have been here already and on Thursday paid us \$15.00 and to-day \$14.00 for their choice and they had plenty of \$18.00, \$20.00, \$22.50 and \$24.00 lines to select from.

There are still a few of the \$22.50 and \$24.00 lines that may fit you, too. If not, there are lots of \$18.00 and \$20.00 garments, in all sizes—your choice on Saturday for \$13.00.

Remember the two big windows are being filled each day with samples of the best lines left and our salesmen will show you more of them, gladly.

Next week the price will continue to drop one dollar every day for your choice of what is left of this big lot.

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