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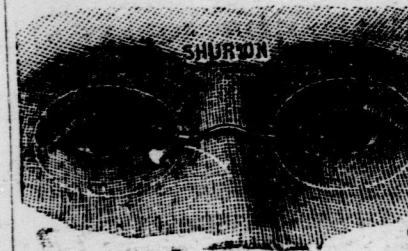
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LONDON AND DISTRICT

—The London and Western Trusts Company, Limited, has been appointed administrator (with will annexed) of the estate of the late Timothy Madigan, of the township of Biddulph.

—Mr. George Lillywhite, of Ingersoll, died in the hospital here after undergoing a surgical operation on Sunday. Deceased was a young unmarried man who had been subject to fits for several years.

—McClure's Magazine is commencing a series of articles on Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, head of the Christian Science Church. In the preliminary announcement, in the December number, it published an alleged photograph of Mrs. Eddy, and the publicity committee of the Christian Science Church has now come out with a circular stating that the picture is not of Mrs. Eddy, but of a woman named Mrs. Eddy.

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LONDON COUNCIL'S ELECTION.

London Council, No. 75, C. O. C. F., held its regular meeting last evening, when the election of officers for the coming year took place, as follows:

Chief Councillor—H. Winder.
Vice-Councillor—James Wilkins.
Recorder—A. Ellis.
Assistant Recorder—J. Tanton.
Treasurer—J. A. McHarg.
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Trustee—James Wilkins.
Medical Examiners—Drs. Roome, Drake, MacArthur and Miss Jameson.
Representatives to Grand Council—Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Thorpe, A. Ellis and J. Tanton.
Alternate—H. Sanders.
Friends A. Legg and W. Pring acted as scrutineers and were tendered a hearty vote of thanks for their services.

PRETTY PLAYLET AT VAUDEVILLE

Counsel for the Defense Scores—
a Bill Full of Good Things.
This Week.

"The Counsel for the Defense," as produced at Bennett's Vaudeville Theatre last night by Mr. and Mrs. Robyns, made a big hit, and the audience rewarded the clever actor and actress with loud applause. That the act will prove a drawing-card this week there is no room to doubt. The playlet is one of absorbing interest, and it is admirably acted by Mr. and Mrs. Robyns.

Bandy and Wilson provide one of the nearest dancing turns in vaudeville today, and they made good with the audience.

One of the best acts of the entire bill—that is, so far as laugh-producing goes—is that of Charles and Fannie Van, "That Komical Couple." The turn can be said to be a winner.

Walter Daniels, in his impersonations of prominent stage people, proved very entertaining. He is very clever in his line.

"Get in the Band Wagon," as portrayed by White and Simmons, is entertaining. The turn savors slightly of McIntyre and Heath's Georgia minstrels, but that detracts nothing from its merits.

It is difficult enough to do a cake-walk on terra firma, but when two people essay to perform that popular stunt on a slack wire they are sure to create a sensation. And yet that is exactly what Adair and Dahn do. In addition to performing this feat, this clever team eat a meal in the center of the wire, while balancing two chairs and a table.

There may be better-trained dogs and ponies somewhere than are Clark's animal act, but they have never found their way into this city. The tricks of the little animals are highly amusing, besides being of a very enjoyable nature.

One must not lose sight of the "Motor Ride," either, a descriptive gallop, which goes to make up the musical part of the programme. The selection brought forth a fair hand of applause, and was really a very cleverly executed musical conception.

Last, but not least, comes the Benetograph, with its filmy tale of "The Tenacious Cat," and views of the Vanderbilt auto race. Perhaps the felicitous part of the views should be entitled "The Nine Lives of a Cat." That is, if one insists on formalities.

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COUNCIL GIVES TWO READINGS WATERWORKS AND SEWER BYLAWS

Fire Chief Gets Christmas Box in Form of an Increase in His Salary.

The city council, at its special meeting last evening, gave the first and second readings to the bylaws to provide for the extension of the waterworks system and the trunk sewer. The third reading of the bylaws was deferred, pending the result of the vote of the electors in January.

When the bylaw for the extension of the waterworks system came up, Ald. Gillean asked that the debentures extend over a period of fifteen years, instead of 30 years. He did so, he said, because the water commission figured on the Komoka water supply lasting for fifteen years, and if the debentures were made to extend over a period of 30 years, the city would be saddled with them after the water is exhausted.

Ald. Matthews agreed with Ald. Gillean. "The water commissioners will not pin their faith to anything more than fifteen years in regard to the Komoka supply," he said.

"They have not said so," answered the mayor. "No," continued Ald. Matthews; "maybe they have not even pinned their faith to fifteen years. That is the trouble." With the debentures to extend over 30 years, the bylaw was given its second reading.

The Sewer Bylaw
On the introduction of the bylaw to provide for the issue of \$60,000 debentures for the extension of the main trunk sewer and the reconstruction of the Dundas street sewer, Ald. Matthews entered a protest against the sum of \$5,000 being included for the Dundas street work. He did so because he thought the people on Dundas street were well able to pay for their own sewer.

"Until you have a sewer on the street you will never have a new pavement," said Ald. Gillean; "and in its present state the street is a disgrace to the city."

Ald. Gerry was not in favor of allowing the Dundas street work to be included in the bylaw. He never did favor such a move, as he thought the money should be provided out of the general funds, as was proposed at the beginning of the year. A suggestion was then made by Ald. Matthews that two sewer bylaws be submitted—one for \$55,000 for the trunk sewer and the other for \$5,000 for Dundas street.

EARL AND GIRL THE FINEST EVER

Musical Comedy at Grand Makes Big Hit and Will Be Repeated This Evening

It is many a moon since local theatregoers have been treated to a musical comedy as satisfying to eye, ear and fancy as that of "The Earl and the Girl," presented at the Grand last night to a crowded house. "The Isle of Spice," which set the pace for the present type of musical play, and the more recent "Blue Moon," stand high, but this latest importation from London goes them one better all along the line. It demonstrates two things, that the English librettists and composers are still masters in the field of stage entertainment, and that as producers the Shuberts are without a peer this side of the Atlantic. It is the sheerest fun and nonsense from beginning to end, but is delightfully played and presented in a way that is a pleasant contrast to the wailing melodrama and sex problem pieces with which the American stage has been deluged of late. To enjoy it it is not necessary to be a "highbrow."

"The Earl and the Girl" has a plot that concerns a young nobleman, Richard Wargrave, who has eloped with a pretty American heiress, Elphinstone. This excites the enmity of the uncle of the American heiress, one Bunker Bliss. This gentleman pursues the English pair throughout the play with a huge revolver, and it requires no great stress of imagination to picture the cowboy make-up in English surroundings. The young Englishman is also pursued by the beautiful, muscular young woman, whose daughter has been kidnapped by the scion of British nobility. To throw this accumulation of trouble off, he engages one Jim Cheese (Eddie Foy), an itinerant dog trainer, to impersonate him for one evening. Hence, the things that should happen to the real nobleman occur to the bogus dog-training nobleman.

At a fancy dress ball all parties meet. After a series of side-splitting incidents and complications, order comes out of chaos and everything ends happily. Eddie Foy—well, he's just Eddie Foy, and there can be no higher praise. For years he has been entertaining the public (and because of it long may he flourish—never yet has "Glad" given him plenty of scope, but here the authors are wise in that they have not given all the good things of song and dialogue to the star. Every body has a look-in, and it is one of the charms of the play, and no doubt the happiest numbers and cleverest lines are spread over the entire performance, and allotted to half a dozen principals.

For instance, there is Miss Elsie Moore, advertised as the prima donna, a somewhat heavy title, that doesn't fit her, except as to the singing, for

Finally the council decided to include both works in the one bylaw, but to make the \$5,000 item to read for the repair of the Dundas street sewer. This was done on the suggestion of Ald. Gillean, who said that if the bylaw read for the reconstruction of the sewer many would think that it meant the rebuilding of it, and would not that ground vote against it.

Increase for Fire Chief.
The question of an increase in salary for Fire Chief Clark was brought up by Alds. Matthews and Booth, who moved that an advance of \$100 be granted. This is in accordance with the agreement entered into when the fire chief came to London.

The council approved of it unanimously. Ald. Booth gave notice of a motion to have the switch connecting the G. T. R. and the Springbank line placed west of the Wharncliffe road, in South London, instead of east, as at present intended.

Before the change is made, the consent of both the Grand Trunk and the street railway will have to be obtained. A letter from the Fire Underwriters' Association called attention to the liability of mains to freeze, the need of preventing the chemical apparatus from freezing, and also the fact that the lack of attention to fire extinguishing apparatus, now that cold weather has set in, might result in a great loss should a fire occur. The letter was sent to No. 3 committee.

A letter from Dr. C. A. Hodgetts asked that the plans for the waterworks and sewer extension be submitted to the Provincial Board of Health for their approval. The matter was sent to the board of works.

The Peanut Vendor's Nuisance.
On behalf of the peanut vendors who have been barred from doing business in the downtown section, Messrs. Fraser & Moore and Flock & Flock entered a protest against the immediate enforcement of the bylaw restricting the pushcart men to certain streets. The vendors have licenses, some of which do not expire until November next, and they were prevented from carrying on an unregulated trade before their licenses expired they would seek damages from the city.

The matter was sent to No. 3 committee with power, Ald. Matthews remarking that the best way out of the trouble was to let the peanut men sell until their licenses expired. Only eight members were present—Mayor Judd, Ald. Forristal, Greenlees, Cooper, Gillean, Matthews, Scarlett and Gerry. City Clerk Baker was also in attendance.

Miss Moore goes in whole-souled for the fun, which is of the lightest texture and not at all prima donnalike. Her best numbers, "I Would Like to Marry You," and "How Would You Like to Spoon With Me?" made an instantaneous hit. Miss Moore is sure of a warm welcome any time she plays to a London audience. She has youth, grace, presence, and abundance of confidence, and will go far.

Playing opposite to Miss Moore is Harry Lester, who has been seen here in vaudeville. He too, sings well, and with Messrs. Wilson, Lavarnie, Armstrong, Carey and Ford, contributes largely to the success of the piece. Also there is Jessie Leseur, of a strikingly robust beauty, and Miss Hills, who plays the grand dame, and what is more, looks it. Zeina Rawlinson makes a neat little bit of her own, her imitations being quite up to the Loftus-Templeton standard, and finally there is Isabelle D'Armand (sounds like a new French perfume). This little lady is charming. She is about as big as a pill-box, and doesn't look a bit like her name. It should have been Katie or Kittle or Connie. She sings "Shopping," one of the successes of the comedy, but it is her number, "The Marionette," that catches the fancy. Her rendering of it will be a fragrant recollection what time we are up against some barnstorming aggregation in the back-woods. Isabelle for us.

Of the choruses, ballets, tableaux, there cannot be said too much in the way of praise. Considering the number of musical comedies that are staged it is remarkable that so much that is absolutely fresh and novel has been introduced in "The Earl and the Girl," but the Shuberts evidently possess the secret. As an instance of a startling surprise, at once spectacular and amusing, the finale of the first act is without an equal. Throughout the evening there is something "doing," every moment, and new, at that, to which fact a large part of the success of the comedy is undoubtedly due. "The Earl and the Girl" will be repeated this evening.

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