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REMEMBER HERBERT'S BURIALS.

California Girl Files Bill of Particulars in Breach of Promise Suit.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 19.—Miss Pauline Stine, a milliner, has filed suit for \$15,000 damages against Charles A. Shelbrick, Deputy Collector of Customs, for alleged breach of promise of marriage.

Her attorney has carefully itemized the wrongs she has suffered by Shelbrick's failure to marry her, and the price she places on each.

For causing plaintiff to be deceived by her friends ..... \$1,250

For loss of former social standing ..... 3,500

For loss of increased social standing ..... 5,000

For mental suffering, humiliation and mortification ..... 2,500

Total ..... \$12,000

Mr. Shelbrick was married on New Year's Eve, and Miss Stine decided to act at once.

KILLED BY HANGING ELECTRIC WIRE.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 19.—Wm. Lovelace was instantly killed by coming in contact with a live wire last night. A telephone wire at the corner of Cordova street and Westminster avenue was noticed hanging over the street.

The boy stayed for a moment and then walked away. Immediately afterwards W. Lovelace walked right onto the wire. It struck him in the face and he fell. He cried out "Take it off me," but before passersby could reach him he was dead, death being almost instantaneous. Every place the wire touched the unfortunate man it had burnt into the bone. Lovelace was a well known citizen and a retail tobacconist.

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\$12 Suits to Measure \$12

We have placed in one lot a very large assortment of fine imported and domestic cloths, including Blue and Black Serges and Worsted and the newest designs in Mixed Tweeds. For a limited time we will make

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These are cloths for which you usually pay your tailor from \$18 to \$24 a suit. We invite your inspection of these cloths. You will not be asked to take the garments when finished unless they are entirely satisfactory.

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THE FAR EAST CIRISIS PASSING.

Russian Papers Adopt a More Pacific Note.

Queer Mistake in the Name of a Port Exiles Russian Wrath Against the States.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 19.—The attack on Japan in the Russian papers are ceasing. The newspapers print prominently the report that the acute phase is passing and the Russian press is making the best of an attack on a curious attack on the U. S. The statement that Rear Admiral Evans' squadron was to proceed to Olongapo was either garbled in transmission or misunderstood, for it was reported here that the destination of the American ship was "Yongampo." This error was made the basis of an attack on the motives of the United States by the Novoye Vremya and Liok, both papers pretending to see in this move the entrance of the United States into the quarrel. The Novoye Vremya remarks, "At last America will be an enemy, which is preferable to a secret one."

E. G. NELSON DEAD.

St. John Loses a Patriot, a Scholar, an Author, a Book Lover and a Good Man

Edwin G. Nelson, one of the best known citizens of St. John and for many years a prominent bookseller, died this morning in Montreal, where he has been under treatment for some months. Word of Mr. Nelson's death was received by Mrs. Nelson, and arrangements have been made for bringing the body to St. John. Mr. Nelson, who was fifty-five years of age, had been quite ill for seven or eight months with congestion of the brain.

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GEORGE FRANCIS TRAIN DEAD.

The Famous Citizen Seventy-Five Years Young.

He Was Well Known in New Brunswick—Why He Was Called a Lunatic.

"Citizen" George Francis Train, the eccentric, died in New York yesterday in his seventy-fifth year.

His life was varied and eventful. He was born in Boston, March 24, 1828, the eldest son of Oliver Train, a successful merchant. In 1852 he went to New Orleans with his family. There the family fell victims to the yellow fever, he being the only survivor. He returned to Boston and entered the employ of his uncle, attaining at the age of 23 an interest in the firm. In 1858 he went to Australia, but after a residence of three years there he returned to Boston. In 1862 he went to St. John, N. B., and the first he became known to the world.

He identified himself with the Fenian movement, and was arrested and imprisoned by the British authorities in the jail at Downpatrick, Me. When again free he entered vigorously into the Fenian movement and lectured extensively.

Early in 1890 Mr. Train made a trip around the world in sixty-six days. When Mills hotel No. 1 was opened in St. John several years ago, Mr. Train went there to live, and he made it his headquarters ever after.

On several occasions he was examined in lunacy proceedings, and was pronounced sane.

One of his well-known eccentricities was his refusal to shake hands with any one. He said himself he had not shaken hands with any one for more than twenty years.

He was well known to many St. John and Sussex people, having lived at the latter place for some time. From nothing may the eccentric egotism of the man be better judged than from the following, written by himself in a recent edition of Our Home Rights, a magazine edited by himself and Immanuel Pfeiffer:

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ANOTHER FIRE IN CHICAGO.

Almost a Repetition of the Iroquois Horror.

Nemesis Pursues Theatrical People—200 Driven Out in the Street by Hotel Fire.

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—The fortune of Chicago theatrical people during the last few weeks was again in evidence today. Nearly two hundred members of theatrical troops were driven into the streets by the flames. It was with difficulty that a panic was averted and the frightened men and women hastened from the structure in safety. The fire originated on the second floor, it is supposed from crossed electrical wires, and went quickly up the elevator shaft to the top floor. Joseph Northrop, a guest, who discovered the fire, ran to the elevator through the smoke and flames and helped around the guests on the top floor. The halls were soon filled with excited men and women.

The cooler guests were compelled to force their way back from the windows and fire escapes toward which a rush was being made. A number of women were seen preparing to jump from the windows when policemen arrived and aided the work of restraint and rescue. The women were led to a rear stairway, down which they escaped through the smoke. Few of the guests had time to dress, but a number of the women had thought of their theatrical wardrobes and stood shivering in the lower halls of the building holding some gaudy decorations of gauze and tinsel.

The fire was extinguished quickly after the fire department had been notified. Almost all the guests at the hotel are members of theatrical companies stranded in Chicago.

MINISTER INDITES LYNCHING.

DOVER, Del., Jan. 20.—The New Brunswick Presbyterian minister, Rev. R. A. Elwood, of Wilmington, Del., on charges in connection with the preaching of a sermon on "Our Home Rights," a magazine edited by himself and Immanuel Pfeiffer:

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BOY SLAIN BY HIS MAD MOTHER.

New Jersey Woman's Horrible Crime

Husband Returns to Find His Eight-Year Old Son Murdered and His Wife a Maniac.

PATERSON, N. J., Jan. 20.—Mrs. Arthur Oswald was arrested today on a charge of murdering her 8-year-old son yesterday at her home in Oakland. She is believed to be insane, since she came from Germany, she had lived in New York city until about a year ago, when her husband moved to Oakland, and she had obtained employment with the E. C. Potter Company at Pompton Lake.

Being used to living in a big city, she did not like the quiet life of Oakland, and had often asked her husband to return to New York. His family gave up his place at Pompton Lake and yesterday went to Jersey City to seek employment there.

On his return late last night he found the house in darkness. He opened the door with his latch-key and after striking a match, walked into the dining room. There he was horrified to see the headless body of his 8-year-old son lying on the floor. The head lay near the boy's feet. Near the boy lay the body of his pet dog which had also been beheaded.

Oswald found his wife lying in bed in another room with her young baby in her arms. She was singing softly to the infant and when her husband spoke to her she did not appear to recognize him. When asked about the murdered boy she did not seem to understand what was said to her. Near the bed, two other children lay sleeping in a crib. The police were notified and Mrs. Oswald was later placed under arrest.

In the room in which the boy and the dog were killed everything was scattered with blood.

SCHWAB LETS GO

Former President of U. S. Steel Company, Offers to Release Hold on Bethlehem Property.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Charles M. Schwab has made to the four first mortgage bond holders who are pressing the action for a permanent receivership for the United States Ship-building Company what is tantamount, says Times, to an offer releasing his hold on the Bethlehem steel property. The offer came as the result of a long series of conferences. It was not accepted, nor did the discussion later bring out a definite proposition for the reorganization of the ship-building company. The conference, it is understood, had to do with a tentative plan by which the second mortgage bonds to the extent of \$10,000,000, which Mr. Schwab holds as the purchase price of the Bethlehem property, and the \$10,000,000 of general first mortgage bonds on the entire shipbuilding company would be placed on a equal basis. This was not acceptable to the first mortgage bond holders, who believe that despite the fact that Mr. Schwab's bonds are a first mortgage on the Bethlehem plant by reason of the terms of the deal incorporating it as one of the constituent properties of the shipbuilding combination, their holdings and the holdings of every first mortgage bond holder ought to go ahead of the Schwab bonds in any settlement. The matter stands at present with the prospect, it is stated, of an amended offer and a resumption of conference looking to some kind of an agreement to end the long drawn out controversy.

MAINE TIMBER DIMINISHING.

Pine Lumber now Shipped to Calais from St. John.

CALAIS, Jan. 19.—Carrying lumber to a St. Croix river point is like carrying coals to Newcastle, but the former is now a certain fact for on Sunday there arrived at St. Stephen in tow of the tug Lillie a schooner named Zeleeta, carrying a cargo of 120,000 feet of pine boards, for Halsey & Son, box shoo manufacturers. The lumber came from St. John, the Zeleeta being towed all the way from that port by the Lillie, which arrived here during the storm of Sunday morning. Cargoes of hard pine from the southern states have frequently been received here, but the shipment by the Zeleeta consisted of a species of lumber formerly abundant along the waters of the St. Croix and the shipment would lead one to suppose that the pine had entirely disappeared from the forests of the border, did they not possess knowledge inconsistent with this theory; although the fact remains that the value of the timber lands of this section of the state is rapidly diminishing.

CUSHING CASE OVER.

Judge Barker Delivers Judgment in Long Drawn Out Suit.

The suit of the Cushing Sulphite Fibre Co., Ltd., against Geo. S. Cushing, which occupied the attention of the equity court for nearly two months during the summer and early fall, was yesterday afternoon terminated by the deliverance of judgment.

The judgment awards to the plaintiff company the sum of \$2,432.92 as due from the defendant. The plaintiff company, however, is entitled in costs for certain allegations of fraud and mismanagement which were not proved.

The amount claimed by the plaintiff company was considerably larger than the sum awarded it, and an appeal from Judge Barker's decision may be instituted with a view of increasing the amount.

Barnhill, Ewing & Sanford solicitors, L. A. Curry, K. C., and Attorney General Pugsley for Mr. Cushing, and Huntington & Huntington with M. G. Todd, K. C., and H. A. Powell, counsel for plaintiff company.

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THE WEATHER.

Forecast:—Light to moderate, variable winds, moderating. Thursday, much milder, with light falls of snow or rain.

Synopsis:—The weather now promises to moderate by tomorrow. Another cold wave covers Manitoba and a depression is forming in the Southwest States. Winds to Banks and America ports, light to moderate, variable.

10 p. c. to 30 p. c. REDUCTION IN...

FURS

Our annual January Sale of Furs begins on MONDAY, Jan. 18th.

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Royal Household Brand. I can supply the above flour of Ogilvie's Flour at a price that will suit you.

OHAS. A. CLARK, 211 Water Street, St. John, N. B.

A BARGE HAS ARRIVED

with Springhill Coal for Gibbon & Co. Springhill Coal is the best for coal-stoves. Price low while landing.

GIBBON & CO.

61-2 Charlotte St., St. John, N. B.

Arrangements have been made for telephonic communication between various towns of Lunenburg and France. French legislative sanction is awaited.

Swiss Watches, according to a report just published, are becoming popular in China. Those with fantastic designs on the faces and the most ready sale.

The annual production of coal and coke in Mexico now amounts to 1,000,000 tons, and at the present rate of increase this production will be doubled in 1905.

POTTS

Grand Evening Auction Sale!

At store corner Mill and Main streets, commencing Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock, and continuing every evening until whole stock is sold. The goods comprise Fancy Lamps, Crocheryware, Glassware, Cups, Saucers and Plates, Fancy Goods, Knives, Forks, Spoons and a general assortment of fancy and useful articles.

F. L. POTTS, Auctioneer.