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"Grab-bag" Sold \$500 in Five Days

The lure of the old-fashioned "grab-bag" was well illustrated by White & Henderson recently in Galena, Kans. Finding their grocery department "old-stocked," as well as overstocked, some time ago, especially in small packages of goods, nuts, candies, etc., they hit upon a unique scheme to get rid of the old and make place for the new stock ordered.

Several large packing cases were placed at various points along the counter and each was filled with packages containing either a single article or two or three, according to the value. Each package was well wrapped and tied in order that no one might be able to know its contents until after purchase.

Some contained a bottle of pickles, others a package of mince-meat or wafers, others varieties of nuts, still others held candies, and so on. No package was worth at the regular retail rates less than ten cents, while many would have sold (if they sold at all) at from fifteen to twenty-five cents.

In each box was placed one package that was worth at least fifty cents and one that was worth \$1. In addition, inside of one package in each box was a ticket or coupon entitling the purchaser to \$5 worth of merchandise anywhere in the store.

White & Henderson put signs on each box inviting customers to "Take a grab—only ten cents." And the people "took a grab"—then took home the goods. The packages went like free ice cream cones on a hot day.

As fast as a box was emptied it was refilled with packages of virtually the same value. Six boxes were entirely emptied and some of them re-filled the first day. And the longer it lasted, due to the advertising gained, the faster they went, until the whole stock available for the purpose was disposed of on the fifth day.

The plan was a great success and did more to advertise the W. & H. store than any other stunt tried out by them, for each packing case full brought from \$20 to \$50.

Jewelry Is Profitable Side Line for Drug Store.

A carefully selected assortment of jewelry of good quality is one of the most profitable sidelines a retail druggist established in a town not large enough to support a jewelry store can adopt, according to M. Holland, proprietor of the Holland Pharmacy, in Lunenburg, Ark.

"All through the year I have a comparatively steady sale from this line," says Holland. "Wedding presents, wedding rings, and other jewelry, are the main items sold."

The retailers urged that the council make an appropriation for permanent lights in the streets and to for immediate relief from present conditions.

Hunting "Blue Streak" Moves Kisser Fast.

Hunting the "blue streak" is the latest pastime originated by a confectionery retailer just out of the London, Eng. area. The idea is that those customers who purchase a special confection look for a kiss through which runs a blue streak, and put in their prize for the \$50 prize.

This confectionery, whose establishment is known as the Gem, has filled its London branch with a "blue streak" and a sweet wrapped in waxed paper the color of the tartan. All over his plate-glass he has pasted blue signs and showcards, informing the public that there are a number of "kisses" mixed with the stock containing a blue streak. Any one finding a "blue streaked" kiss in his or her purchase is requested to forward the kiss by registered mail. Then, if the streak is proven genuine, a check for the \$50 will be mailed at once.

A fine business is being done at this shop as a result of the scheme and most other confectionery shops in the neighborhood are feeling the same. The sidewalk and roadway outside the Gem is simply cluttered with discarded tartan wrappings and little groups of purchasers stand about hunting for a sweet with a blue streak in it so that they may put in a claim for a prize right there.

The scheme has been running two days and so far one local school girl has been lucky. She found a "blue streaked" kiss and put in her claim. She has received her money and her name and address are pasted up in the shop. Of course, the London firm manufacturing the Tartan kisses pays the biggest share of the \$50 when genuine blue streak claims are presented, but several confectioners who also manufacture the candy they retail are going to stage a similar scheme of their own, offering one \$20 prize and a number of small consolation gifts of candy.

However, will give the big prize to the first claim received at the retail establishment following announcement of the stunt.

Says Stores Need More Ads This Year.

Wise merchants will use more advertising in 1921 than they have ever used before to put their goods before the people.

The sponsor of this statement is Joseph Schmidt, nationally known advertising man, who spoke before a salesmen's club in Cincinnati, the prospects for the coming year. Mr. Schmidt has just made a careful analysis of the business situation for 1921.

"In gathering this information I have been in communication with merchants in various sections of the country, and I find that those who have been most successful in the past intend to advertise liberally in 1921," he said.

"Business houses which go after business will find no trouble in securing it. It is true that some of the very conservative concerns may decide to cut down their advertising appropriations. But this will be all the better for progressive concerns who will advertise liberally."

"All methods of advertising, if legitimate, and especially newspaper advertising, offer wonderful opportunities for those progressive merchants who have a worthwhile story to tell."

The bigger foot in sweat the man was like to down—Whose income was too little. There was a man in our town His pay rose not a tithe.

At length he said: "I'll lower then My daily cost of living. My wife and children, nine or ten, No food will I be giving."

"A fool," you say? Of course, and yet This man is just as wise As he who, filled with business fret, Ceases to advertise."

USE The Want Ad Way

NOVA SCOTIA MUST SEEK MORE REVENUE

Statement in Speech From the Throne

Funds Needed so That Services May Be Efficiently Maintained—Mothers' Pensions and Prison Farm in Forefront.

Halifax, N. S., March 9.—The Nova Scotia legislature opened this afternoon. In the speech from the throne, with reference to the appointment of a royal commission to investigate "expedients in connection with the construction of certain federal roads made by the provincial highways board and the purchase of machinery," the legislators were informed that the report of the commission would be laid before them. The report of a commission appointed to investigate the practicability of a scheme for providing mothers' allowances, would also be presented to the members. "You will be asked to consider legislation to provide for the very necessary consolidation of the statutes of the province, for inspection of loan and trust companies, for the establishment of a central prison farm, to amend and consolidate the mines' act, to revise and consolidate the Nova Scotia companies act, to amend the supplementary revenue act and various other important public acts," said the lieutenant governor.

Legislation forecasting the provision of additional sources of revenue "in order that efficiency of service may be fully maintained in the various departments of the government" was announced. With reference to the "claims of the maritime provinces against the dominion government," it was announced that further plans for pressing these claims had been made and it is hoped that an early date a decision will be reached by the governments concerned.

In regard to the more proper demands of the maritime provinces for more equitable financial arrangements, it was stated that the government was endeavoring to reach a fair measure of material prosperity, although at present there exists a considerable depression in trade.

The curtailment of production in the coal, iron and steel industries was referred to and the house expressed its sympathy with wise councils, with a full and frank understanding of prevailing conditions, and with a friendly spirit of co-operation between employer and employee, and difficulties incidental to the general industrial situation would be surmounted.

It was announced that the 800th anniversary of the granting of the charter of Nova Scotia to Sir Walter Alexander by King James I. occurring this year, would be fittingly celebrated at Annapolis Royal, the ancient capital of the province.

The usual ceremonies attended the opening of the legislature, the band of the Halifax Rifles and a guard of honor from the Royal Canadian Regiment being in attendance. The legislative council chamber, a distinguished gathering witnessed the formalities. Hon. Robert Irwin was re-elected speaker for the fourth consecutive time. This is the first session of the 78th general assembly of this province.

ATHLETIC EVENTS FOR THE SOLDIERS

Garrison Association is Formed Here By the Various Units.

To promote athletic competition between the members of the various military units in the city, representatives of several of the companies recently formed the Garrison Athletic Association. Brigadier-General A. C. McDonald was elected honorary president and the other officers of the chosen were: President, Major Allan Leavitt; first vice-president, Major Andrew Ralmlie; second vice-president, Major Edward Mooney; secretary-treasurer, Sergeant Ferris. The commanding officers of the several units will appoint two men in each unit and these, in conjunction with the officers named will constitute the executive.

The units represented at the meeting were the St. John's Fusiliers, N. B. Dragoons, Seventh Machine gun brigade, Canadian Signal company, Medical corps, third Artillery regiment and C. A. S. C.

Boxing and wrestling will be featured by the new association. The armories will be equipped with a gymnasium under the direction of the senior ordinance officer. Another meeting will be held next week to map out the detailed programme.

IN TIMES LIKE THESE

A medicine that costs only 5 Cents a Day or \$1.50 a month, should be thoroughly considered. We know of only one that does this, namely,

Hood's Sarsaparilla

which has a half century record of efficiency and worth. It creates an appetite, aids digestion, makes food taste good, purifies and vitalizes the blood, makes the weak strong, eliminates the poisons of catarrh, scrofula, rheumatism, fortifies the body against infectious diseases, fevers, grip, influenza.

Get Hood's Sarsaparilla today, Hood's Pills are a fine laxative.

OUR SERVICE

to the egghead wearing public is as efficient as knowledge and equipment can produce.

Our methods of examining the eye-sight are thorough and painstaking. We fit no glasses to diseased eyes or eyes that are in need of medical treatment. Such cases are referred to a competent medical specialist.

Our reputation for honest treatment is your safeguard.

D. BOYANER

111 Charlotte Street

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN.

"IN SEARCH OF SINNER" TOUCHES DELICATE SITUATIONS

Perry Constance Talmadge Picture At Queen Square Theatre Tells Plight of Girl With Slightly Husband.

John Emerson and Anita Loos, whose efforts for the last six months have been confined to providing Constance Talmadge, the brilliant First National star, with unusual screen material, have completed what is probably their most daring adaptation in "In Search of a Sinner," which will be shown at the Queen Square Theatre, commencing today.

Many unusual angles that have never before been embodied in a Constance Talmadge production make "In Search of a Sinner" one of the most distinctive offerings to be shown on the Queen Square screen in the past year.

LOCAL NEWS

THE SALVATION ARMY SELF-DENIAL.

In the course of a day the Salvation Army will commence their annual self-denial effort.

MILLIDGEVILLE CLUB.

The Millidgeville Summer Residents' Club, at a business meeting last night, decided to open its social entertainments this season with an elaborate dance to be held in the Knights of Pythias Castle in the middle of April.

NURSES TO FURNISH THE LECTURE ROOM.

The alumnae of the General Public Hospital nurses are raising money to furnish the lecture room in the new home for nurses. They have already raised some \$300, but twice as much more is required. For this purpose a tea and sale is to be held early next week in the Victorian Order of Nurses' home, in Carleton street, on Tuesday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock. The nurses are working hard on this project and generous patronage is expected.

SAYS DOWN WILL GO MEAT PRICE

Offer of Opponent of Cattle Embargo in England to Government.

London, March 9.—(By Canadian Associated Press)—New interest has been given to the controversy over the British embargo on Canadian cattle, by a statement issued by the Meat Traders Federation, which is urging the removal of the embargo on Canadian cattle.

It is stated that the Meat Traders Federation has offered to pay 20,000 at the disposal of the minister of agriculture for any purpose in its discretion if the removal of the embargo fails to reduce the price of meat to six pence within six months.

In spite of this challenge the conference of the central chamber of agriculture today decided to oppose any relaxation of the restrictions on the importation of live stock into the United Kingdom.

Lord Crewe, who addressed the conference said he doubted the sanity of those who predicted that the removal of the embargo would reduce the price of meat to six pence.

It was interesting, he added, to note that complete unanimity on the question did not exist even in Canada.

SHIPPING

ALMANAC FOR ST JOHN, MAR 9.

High Tide... 11.30. Low Tide... 5.49. Sun Rises... 6.45. Sun Sets... 6.22.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived March 9. Coastwise—Stmr. River, 70, Moore, from Bear River, N. S.

Cleared March 9. Coastwise—Stmr. Europa, 612, McDonald, for Digby, N. S.; Stmr. River, 70, Moore, for Digby, N. S.

Sailed March 9. Stmr. River, 70, Moore, for London, Havre and Antwerp.

Stmr. Absireta for Gibraltar.

MARINE NOTES.

The steamer Manchester Importer is expected to sail some time today for Pictou and the local agents.

The steamer Manchester Importer will return to St. John to complete her cargo before sailing for Manchester.

Furness Withy & Co. are the local agents.

The steamer Bayhowl is expected to sail tonight to complete a cargo of grain for Antwerp.

Furness Withy & Co. are the local agents.

The steamer Manchester Importer was due to leave Manchester on March 6 for St. John with general cargo.

Furness Withy & Co. are the local agents.

The steamer Northern Miller was due to leave London yesterday with general cargo for St. John via Halifax.

Furness Withy & Co. are the local agents.

The steamer Absireta sailed this afternoon at 2.30 with a cargo of grain for Gibraltar for orders.

J. T. Knight & Co. are the local agents.

The steamer Canadian Planter is at the west side of Long Wharf loading for Australia and New Zealand.

The steamer Canadian Planter is at east side of Long Wharf, loading for London and Cardiff.

Sue is expected to sail on Friday.

The steamer Canadian Otter and Canadian Navigator will call at the refinery wharf being overhauled.

The steamer Pioneer is due to arrive at the first of the week from India.

The steamer Whitebelles arrived at Chesterfield, Pa., yesterday at an eighteen days' run from Hayti with a cargo of logwood.

Nagle & Wigmore are the local agents.

The steamer Northern Miller was due to leave St. John today for here to load a cargo of potatoes and hay for Cuba.

Furness, Withy & Co. are the local agents.

The steamer Roman Prince sailed today for London, Havre and Antwerp.

IS SENT UP

Steeves, Pentecostal Preacher, is Committed for Trial.

The preliminary hearing in the case of Charles Steeves, a pentecostal preacher of Carleton county, for more than twenty years, first as chief statistician and advertising manager, and in more recent years as advertising and sales manager, has resigned and is now First Vice-President of this corporation.

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