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TO-NIGHT.

"Are You a Mason," at the Grand,
\$15.
"A" Company drills at drill hall at
8 o'clock.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

Don. Finisterre, of Leamington, was in the city to-day.
Hugh Lundy, of Harwich, is improving in St. Joseph's Hospital.
Geo. Duff is all smiles over the advent of a daughter into his home.
Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Ogilvie, of Dresden, are Chatham visitors to-day.
Roadmaster Harry Morris, of the Lake Erie, was in the city yesterday.
Jerry O'Brien has returned from a trip to Toronto, and other eastern points.

O'Brien Bros. shipped 25,000 Sugar Beet and Quail on Toast cigars to Toronto to-day.
Richard Hepworth, Lansdowne avenue, who has been dangerously ill, is recovering.

The little child of Jas. H. Crow, who has been dangerously ill for the last five weeks, is convalescing.

John A. Jermy, who underwent a critical operation on his eye in St. Joseph's Hospital, is improving nicely.

Mrs. Ed. Laprise, of Dover, who underwent an operation on her throat, is doing nicely in St. Joseph's Hospital.
Mrs. Houghton, of Detroit, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Echlin, Murray street, returns home to-day.
Mrs. Echlin, Murray street, will leave in a few days for Detroit, where she will reside with her daughter, Mrs. Houghton.

Miss Irene Houghton, of Detroit, who has been attending the wedding of her cousin, Miss Grace Echlin Richardson, returned home yesterday.

O'Keefe & Drew report the receipts in dressed hogs very light at this point, but very fair at their outside points. The demand is very light for this season of the year. The prices paid at present are, Live hogs from \$5.25 to \$5.50, and dressed hogs \$7 to \$7.25.

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That they have the best chocolates and creams in the city, but we have just as good, and as great a variety. Try a box for Christmas.

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108 King Street

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The Cream of Tartar we sell is guaranteed to be 98 per cent pure. This fact is worth consideration, especially when it is taken as medicine. For baking purposes it gives better satisfaction than ordinary Cream of Tartar, but there is so much of it taken just now for medicine that you should be sure that you get the best on the market.

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ABSENT-MINDED

Tale of an Agriculturist who got a Little Mixed on Dates.

"Talk about your absent minded beggars," said Geo. Finlay to The Planet, "you will find them in all trades, even in gardening."
"There is one man who attends the local market who is particularly noticeable in this, and the other day he made a very serious mistake as a result of his deficiency in this respect. Last Sunday morning he woke up laboring under the delusion that it was market day. He therefore hitched up his team, filled his wagon box with vegetables, and his wife in the meantime having gotten her butter and eggs in shape for selling, they started for town, arriving here about eight o'clock.
The farmer thought that things seemed quiet for market day, but nevertheless he drove up to the Idlewild hotel. His wife got out and took the butter and eggs into the hotel and the man proceeded to the Market Square. The wife soon realized her mistake when she tried to sell her produce to Mrs. O'Mara, who is one of her customers, but in the meantime her husband had driven to the Market Square and occupied one of the booths.
He stood around for awhile waiting for someone to take his horses, when a by-stander approached and asked him what he was doing.
"Isn't this market day?" said the surprised farmer.
"Why, no," said the other, "this is Sunday."
The farmer didn't wait to hear anything more, but jumped into his wagon and drove off. He picked up his wife at the hotel, and was soon out of town. As a result he has missed one day's sales on the square.

BRITISH SUBSIDY

C. P. R. Will Receive \$60,000 Annually for Five Years.

London, Jan. 29.—The Government has issued the terms of its five years' contract with the Canadian Pacific Railroad for the conveyance of mails, troops, and stores monthly between Halifax, Quebec, or Montreal and Hong Kong for an annual subsidy of \$60,000, of which the Dominion contributes \$15,000.

The most interesting stipulation is that the vessels of the company are liable to war service, the company agreeing to construct all its mail steamers under Admiralty supervision providing gun platforms and other fittings fitting them out so that they can be used as armed cruisers or troopships.

Similar contracts have been concluded with the great trans-Atlantic and Oriental shipping corporations, replacing the old agreements. The Government thereby obtains the pre-emption of eighteen of the largest and swiftest steamships, while thirty others are available for an emergency without further subsidy.

Signor Marconi signalled from the steamer Philadelphia, one hundred miles out, to the Lizard, announcing that he expected to reach Southampton at 1 o'clock this morning.

CRUSHED AGAIN.

To the Editor of The Planet:

Dear Sir,—Your exceedingly brief, withering, conclusive answers to arguments thrown out by the "Metropolitan Critic of Critiques" on the important matter of the inconsistency and incompetency of your reporter, neither satisfies nor vanquishes the undersigned, and, though it may somewhat astonish you, we are no more led to believe that our "foundation and superstructure" have met with a fall complete and disastrous; we are no more led to believe this than that our name begins and ends in R. By proving that Alvin's was a dejected rather than a concert entrance you do not better the point in hand, that your reporter says he was stiff when he was not. The solos prescribed for General Knickerbocker are all on a par, but your reporter could not tell one from another to save his life. We have it upon the very best authority that the dramatic critic in question has been found—and that, too, by those best qualified to judge—utterly wanting in "time, tone and taste." And this is the man whom you sent to criticize a musical opera, and whose opinions you now guard and cherish with such admirable devotion—and brevity.
And yet you have not by any means convinced even an unsuspecting public of your confidence in him. Pray why did you not allow him to "write up" or perhaps more strictly speaking, "down" the second evening's presentation? Why did you take such pains to upset his "foundation and superstructure" to all intents and purposes by flatly contradicting every opinion expressed by him? You took occasion to find everything lovely in the second performance; Miss Knickerbocker "sang well," General Knickerbocker's was a "splendid voice"; Dolly Dimple, as near as can be gathered, seemed to have taken time "occasionally to smile—and smile at, or in the direction of the audience" and even Rufus Ready whose name beyond doubt begins with R and whose voice the night before "lacked a little in power" was found not only to contribute "much to strength of the piece both in song and utterance" but also to be "a clever and realistic operatic vocalist." No, Mr. Editor, we do not believe that you or anyone else, except, per-

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Evaporated Apples, very white.
Minute Tapioca, no soaking required, cooks in one minute.
Chocolate pudding, nothing nicer.

Good Prunes, 4 lbs. for 25c.
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Good.

Geo. A. Young Our Grocer.

haps, the man himself, for a moment considers this dramatic critic by any manner of means competent, and we still more loudly call for consistency in reporters.

NEW YORK.

Hasn't our esteemed correspondent reached the "convicted against the will is of the same opinion still" stage? Harsh words won't strengthen the cause, nor will the assumption that the manners and methods of actors must necessarily be identical the same on different occasions.—Editor Planet.

When the Baby Cries at Night

There is a cause for it. Perhaps it is gas on the stomach, may be cramps or diarrhoea. Don't lose sleep anticipate such contingencies by always keeping handy a bottle of Polson's Nerviline. Just a few drops in water given inwardly, then rub the little one's stomach with a small quantity of Nerviline, and perfect rest is assured for the night for both mother and baby. You may not need Nerviline often, but when you do need it you need it badly. Get a 25c. bottle to-day.

SURPRISED 800 BOERS.

Pretoria, Jan. 29.—Gen. Wilson's column consisting of 300 men, recently started from Frankfort with the object of capturing a small laager about 25 miles out in the direction of the Vaal River. The British ran into and surprised 800 Boers, who afterwards closed in and forced Wilson to retire, with slight loss. The Boer loss is supposed to have been heavy.

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Silk Damasks, Tapestries, Armures and Velours, in pairs or by the yard, finished with fringe or heavy cord to match the materials.

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Regular prices ranged from \$7.50 to \$14. beaver and kersey semi-fitting jackets, well tailored and lined throughout with mercerized cloth or satin, seams strapped or stitched.

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