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LONDON AND DISTRICT

—Mrs. David Graham, Port Huron, has concluded a pleasant stay in this city.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Partridge and daughter, Toronto, are on a visit to relatives in the city.

—Dr. Patrick, Port Huron, a London Old Boy, spent the holiday with relatives in this city.

—Miss Maud Whately, of St. John's Hospital, Port Huron, is staying with her aunt, Mrs. B. C. McCann, 422 Central avenue.

—Professor Agnes Knox-Black, of Boston University, gave a recital for the Teachers' Club in Boston on the 8th inst., and in Wellesley College on the 12th.

—Miss Lillian M. Williams, of Exeter, and Mr. Bert Sherlock, of Oshawa, former residents of London, have been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Percy, 42 Byron avenue, South London.

—The Hamilton Builders' Exchange is holding its annual dinner this evening at the Hamilton Hotel. The guests will be represented by President Harry Stratford and Messrs. Ed. Martyn and Thomas Jones.

—Mr. Arthur Siddie, of St. James street, sustained a very serious wound on his head by falling on the icy pavement Monday evening. He was removed to his home in a carriage, and will be confined to his room for several days.

DEATH OF MRS. (DR.) HANSON.

The death occurred at the residence of her son, Stephen, of Port Huron, of Mrs. Hanson, widow of the late Dr. Hanson, of London Township, who practiced in this vicinity for many years.

RESIGNED AFTER LONG SERVICE.

A very pleasant fair took place recently at the McClary works, where Mr. Thomas Valliers, who has resigned his position as foreman of the stove-mounting department, after 40 years' service in the company's employ, was remembered by his companions. The stove-mounters presented Mr. Valliers with a handsome chair and an address which expressed great appreciation of him. A suitable reply was made by the car, and the motorcade was greatly touched by the kind remembrance.

CHOIR ENTERTAINMENT.

The choir of the Chalmers Presbyterian

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Besides clearances of holiday goods we still have a lot of high-grade goods for you to select from.

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ian Church were entertained last night at the home of Mrs. James Pirie, Grey street. About thirty people were in the company and all expressed themselves as highly delighted with the hospitality of the hostess, who was assisted by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Oscar Pirie.

SLIGHT ACCIDENT.

A collision happened on the G. T. R. at Harrisburg yesterday morning, in which one of the firemen was slightly bruised, and two engines were damaged. The accommodation train, which leaves here at 8:10, had entered the siding near Harrisburg about 10:30, at the same time as did a westbound freight, when the trains collided. Neither was moving very fast and the consequences were not serious.

WILL ENTERTAIN EMPLOYEES.

Tomorrow night at the City Hotel the employees of the Columbia Handle and Lumber Company, the London Box Manufacturing Company, and Hurd & Co., will be banqueted by ex-Mayor F. G. Rumball. With all of the above firms Mr. Rumball is prominently connected, and is very popular with the employees. There will be a musical programme, and a pleasant time is expected.

MASONIC OFFICERS WERE INSTALLED

Interesting Ceremony in the Blue Room of the Temple by the D. D. G. M.

The officers-elect of the eight Masonic lodges of four were formally installed last night. The Blue Room of the Masonic Temple was the scene of the interesting ceremony, and a large number of brethren were in attendance. The installation was conducted by R. W. Bro. Henry Roe, of St. Thomas, the district deputy grand master of London District, who was assisted by W. Bro. Spencer, of St. Thomas, and I. W. Bro. A. G. McWhinney and E. T. Essery, W. Bro. T. G. Davis, and Bro. A. G. McNeill, of Thamesford; W. S. Davidson, of Union 580; J. A. Tancock, of St. John's 29; A. G. Stephens, of St. George's 12; J. W. McNeill, of Corinthian 300; R. W. Evans, of St. John's 29, and other past masters of the city.

The work of installation was very well carried through, and the ceremony was due to R. W. Bro. Roe and W. Bro. Spencer, also to all who assisted them. A cordial vote of thanks was at the close, tendered to the installing officer and his chief assistant, Bro. Roe made an appropriate reply.

TO SEE DYING BROTHER
Woodstock Man Summoned Home On Christmas Day.

When the eastern flyer pulled into the G. T. R. station Monday evening, shortly after 6:30, a young man about 27 years of age, who might have been seen on the vestibule of one of the cars, lingered over a moment that the train stayed 15 to 20 minutes.

The man was Will D. Dickert, of 77 Michigan avenue, Detroit, and he was on his way to Woodstock, to see his brother, Harry S. Dickert, who was thought to be dying. The car was pulled out, and he was taken to see his brother and to bid him a last farewell before he died.

To a Londoner who was on the same train, Mr. Dickert said he had been employed as an expert in a large jewelry store on Michigan avenue in Detroit, and had not visited his home in Woodstock for over a year. After the crash of Christmas business, Mr. Dickert was enjoying a little leisure at his residence early yesterday afternoon, when the doorbell rang and the following telegram was handed to him: "Harry is very low; come quickly." Mr. Dickert had known that his brother was ill, but did not think that there was any immediate danger, so the above message came as a great shock.

Hurrying to the station, Mr. Dickert found that the next train for the east was to leave the depot at 2:45, central time. It was the just minute short of 2:30, and Mr. Dickert had three miles to go to the station. Fortune favored him, and when he did not have to wait a minute for the car which he wanted. Almost three miles in fifteen minutes is pretty quick time for a street car to make. But, the day being a holiday, and the weather bad, there was not much delay in the progress of the car, and the motorcade did his very best. Mr. Dickert rushed into the Brush street depot and boarded his train just as it was pulling out. His good luck did not end there, for No. 16 did not lose a minute on the road, despite the condition of the tracks. There seemed to be a race with death, and fortune was aiding the traveler for all she was worth. The train pulled into London, as has been said, sharp on time.

Osage Oil Company's dividends cashed at par by presenting them at Joseph Beuch's office, 588 Clarence street, London. Phone 1514.

Letters to the Editor.

THE GARBAGE BY-LAW.

I said in a letter last week which appeared in your valued daily that the garbage by-law would be worked in the interests of the big bugs, and so it will. I got my information from "The Powers That Be," the chairman of the board of health to the contrary notwithstanding. The so-called "Poorer Ratepayers" residing outside of the "Quality District" don't need it, and have not asked for it. I notice if any improvement is needed among the poorer ratepayers (an electric light for example), they petition for it, and make their wants known. If they wanted to have their garbage collected, they would have heard from them long ago. The chairman says the only expenses there will be to the public will be the cost of a receptacle to hold the garbage, etc., for each house, and that the garbage, etc., will be collected absolutely free of cost. I would like to know how it is possible to collect the garbage all over the city absolutely free. I guess the public will remember the iron boxes placed on the main corners to receive waste paper, etc., a short time ago. They are gone but not forgotten, and the public paid for them. Will be another case of the "Hospitality" which cost double the taxes. Where are we drifting? We are about at the limit of our borrowing power, and we will have to stop. We all know too well, Hoping the ratepayers won't put another mortgage on their homes by voting for this most unfavourable and costly by-law. I remain, yours truly, G. T. HISCOX.

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 Webb's Plum Pudding, 1 and 2 pounds, for, pound 25c
 Oysters.

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 Extra Selects, quart 50c
 Standards, quart 40c
 Olives.
 Stuffed, bottle, 15c to 25c
 Queen, bottle, 15c to 25c
 Manzanilla, bottle 15c
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WILL GIVE THEIR SUPPORT TO EIGHT CANDIDATES ON MONDAY

Temperance Workers Decide On Course of Action for the Municipal Campaign.

A meeting of citizens interested in temperance and moral reform was held in Somerset Hall, Dundas street, last evening. The attendance was small, but all present evinced the deepest interest in the proceedings. Mr. J. H. Scott, president of the committee, read the report of the committee which had been delegated to arrange a temperance slate for the municipal election. The report was to the following effect:

"That the temperance party will not and it is necessary to place any special candidates in the field, because there are enough candidates among those brought out by the other parties who are favorable to reform in the division desired by this association. But we can make our vote effective only by concentrating them upon a limited number of candidates whom we are reasonably sure of support."

Mr. Scott said that there were a number of hotels in the city which are in reality nothing more than saloons, with a make-believe accommodation for guests. These should be abolished, and the speaker thought that the requests of the temperance party with regard to the reduction of licenses were reasonable. That the council of 1905 would not refuse them.

"There are more men that will go in for reduction of licenses than we might expect. We should have a special slate upon about eight candidates and plump for them. If we adopt that line of policy we will have success."

Mr. Thornley agreed with this point of view, but added that the 7,000 odd temperance voters should all be acquainted with this policy, and that they should have to get out and work for their slate in the manner of a political party. To do this, it would have been wise to have nominated special candidates some time ago.

The matter of disseminating information with regard to which of the prospective abstinence were likely to support the temperance platform, was left with the committees.

OF WHAT GOOD IS \$2,000 A WEEK

George Ade Has Got Dyspepsia and the Noted Humorist Asks the Question.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—With an income which is fast approaching \$2,000 a week and a stomach upset by dyspepsia, the condition of George Ade, humorist, playwright, newspaper man, bears a remarkable similarity to the condition of the other unfortunate celebrities.

John D. Rockefeller, Mr. Ade has signed a contract with Charles Frohman providing that the manager shall play the part of a miser being written. He is to receive a royalty of 25 per cent of the gross receipts. This will appreciably add to his earnings.

All of Mr. Ade's recent productions have made successes; yet he is not happy. When he arrived in Chicago from New York yesterday he presented a forlorn appearance. Welcomed home by friends, he smiled wanly. Pressed for the reasons of his careworn face, he said:

"Oh, it's all right, boys. They say I am successful, but I don't believe they know what success is. You notice my thinness? Look at that," and he held out his emaciated arm.

"You say I'm over-begone? Well, I'll tell you. I'm off my feed. I've been fasting for nine days. Real fasting, you know. I don't take any nourishment, except a little hot water when I get up in the morning."

"The doctors said this was the only way to cure my dyspepsia. It's a pretty good cure, isn't it? I can eat anything. What's the use of \$2,000 a week?"

No Bank Merger.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—Negotiations between the Merchant and Royal Banks for amalgamation have been indefinitely called off by the directors, owing to the unwillingness of the Royal directors to sink their bank's identity in various directions.

Directors of both banks are going to Europe. It means negotiations are off for the moment.

The removal of General Manager Fischer of the Merchants' Bank, is due to ill-health, and has no connection with the proposed merger.

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CROSS OVER RIVER ON SWIRLING ICE

The Dangerous Trip of Elopers Lovers Over the Mississippi River.

La Crosse, Wis., Dec. 27.—Emulating Eliza, with a pursuing constable in the role of Simon Legree, two young men, 16 years old and pretty, fled across the Mississippi River on the ice, determined to elope. When they were caught, sweetheart, Archie Dunbar, in the background was an irate mother, who opposed the match. Behind her loomed the industrial school.

The elopement, so far as the officers of the law are concerned, was a complete success. The floating cakes of ice, on which the lovers made their precarious way to Minnesota shores, were kind, and the youthful elopers escaped to continue their flight to the altar.

Failing to break up the infatuation of the young people, Mrs. Pierce sought the courts several days ago. The girl was sentenced to the industrial school, and her fancy could die a natural death. However, the judge was disposed to grant a few days to spend with her parent.

He seized the opportunity. Summoning her sweetheart through a mutual friend, she fled with him to Genoa, a small village. At dawn they sought a ferry. None was to be had.

They were standing, desolate, on the shore, when they heard hails to halt. Looking behind them, they saw the village constable running toward the brink. "Now or never," said Dunbar, seizing Mrs. Pierce and the girl. They started across the ice. Half-way over they found the swift current dotted with ice cakes, and they were unable to make a cake to cake they stepped, and the floss support. The judge was disposed to grant a few days to spend with her parent.

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LIKE THE RAIN OF YESTERDAY—

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Not the Least Attractive

London's Best Carpet and Housefurnishing Store is as Interesting and Attractive as Ever...

The display has been kept up and the stock of HOLIDAY NOVELTIES and NECESSITIES, while somewhat broken from the heavy Christmas demands, is still sufficiently inviting to attract late purchasers and holiday visitors.

No difference, whether purchaser or visitor, you should see us in our new premises.

Following our usual custom we will close evenings at 6 o'clock, except Saturdays.

A. Screaton & Co.

Dundas Street. Carling Street.

BLAZE AT RIDEAU HALL

Fire Breaks Out in the Chapel—Earl Grey's Family Stirred Up.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—The new Governor-General and his family had an exciting time last evening, when fire broke out in the chapel at Rideau Hall. Ernest Earl, child of the Governor-General, died in the morning of pneumonia, and his body was placed in the chapel. It seems that there had been no fire in the chapel for some time, and in some way it caught between the floors.