

FOUR
THIS ST. JOHN STAR is published by THE SUN PRINTING COMPANY, (LTD.) at St. John, New Brunswick, every afternoon (except Sundays) at \$1.00 a year.

ST. JOHN STAR.
ST. JOHN, N. B., AUGUST 24, 1909.

JUVENILE DRINKING.

The London Lancet prints a letter from Mr. F. G. Mackereth in which the writer deals with the consumption of alcohol among the young in Britain. He gives figures, which although only estimated, are sufficiently based on investigation to warrant their approximate correctness, and which are really startling. Mr. Mackereth says: "Some months ago I obtained figures from a few of the London County Council infant schools, and found that in each no less than forty per cent. of the infants under eight years of age drank alcohol more or less regularly. There appears to be no doubt that a similar state of things exists in every part of Christian Europe except in the countries of the farthest north, and it would be interesting to find out whether the figures I obtained from schools chosen haphazard are typical of the country. In one school of some 200 infants I found that 11.3 per cent. drank alcohol daily and 34.1 per cent. drank occasionally."

Following up this statement, and argument for action by medical inspectors, Mr. Mackereth quotes a report prepared by the Hungarian government, and from it makes his own deductions relative to Britain. He says the Hungarian government caused the most carefully prepared statistics to be obtained as to the drinking habits of Hungarian children. The investigation was carried out in a very thorough manner, and it was found that 38 per cent. of the children who drank alcoholic drinks were inattentive, nervous and careless, 15 per cent. were melancholy and shy, 30 per cent. were coarse in habits and manner, 9 per cent. were vindictive and given to theft, 43 per cent. were immoral, and only 29 per cent. showed no signs of any evil effect. In Vienna it was found that 22.2 per cent. of the girls drank beer and 11.8 per cent. of the boys and 15.1 per cent. of the girls drank wine. "I believe," continued Dr. Mackereth, "that an inquiry in England would be productive of similarly remarkable results. My own inquiry is confined to two infant schools, but although there is no widely based statistics there can be no doubt that alcoholic drinks are very often given to children under eight years of age. Among the poorer classes it is very common to give children a sip or two out of the parent's glass, or to give them a glass of ale as a special treat once or twice a week, or to administer spirits to babies by way of a soporific. If the same proportion of children in all London elementary schools drink alcohol to the extent that was found to obtain in the two schools from which I obtained figures there must be nearly three hundred thousand child drinkers in London. It is highly probable that a similar condition of things prevails in both town and country districts, and if this is so there must be some two million child drinkers in England and Wales who more or less regularly drink alcohol."

CONSOILING REFLECTIONS.
What a comfort it must be to certain classes of individuals that in the effort to throw off responsibility for their own follies or weaknesses, they can find scientific factists to offer assistance and support. How often would many of the men and women of today get along if they were unable to lay the blame for their own shortcomings either on remote ancestors, or on a mysterious disease, which according to so-called eminent authorities - often created for a particular purpose - is sapping the foundations of the social life. In every class of society the contention is heard that wickedness or weakness mentally is in most cases due to heredity or environment, and not to the individual or his own mode of life. This is a point which has never been definitely settled, and never will be so long as men and women feel the need of excuses for their own actions. If a boy is a good boy, why then it is natural for him to be so, says his mother, because he had up-right parents and grandparents; if he is a bad boy, the poor fellow cannot be blamed, for his great-grandfather was inclined just the same way. The family tree is a magnificent support for the mantle of virtue. Of late years, however, scientists of a certain order are displaying an inclination to disregard the theories of heredity and environment, and are exhibiting a tendency to look upon wrongdoing as the result of viral diseases. Neurasthenia is declared to be the cause of modern civilization. Now neurasthenia, in this sense, it should be understood, is simply unadulterated laziness developed by reason of the revolution in social life during the last two or three centuries. In bygone days men sat down to dinner and afterwards got so drunk that the minority who survived put the helpless to bed. In bygone days, during the hours which could be spared from eating and drinking, these men

NORRIS AND ROWE'S CIRCUS ATTRACTS MUCH ATTENTION

Creating great interest among the young, the Norris and Rowe circus reached the city early this morning from Sussex. Ideal weather conditions greet the big show for the performance here. Everything is hustle and bustle and the Union Depot and North End especially present an animated scene. The populace flocked in large numbers to the Shamrock grounds this afternoon to witness the matinee. The circus barkers were on hand early and the pink lemonade man did a thriving business. The side shows are as numerous as ever. The forty-two cars of the Norris and Rowe's shows started to arrive shortly after midnight. By three o'clock all the animals and paraphernalia had reached the Union Depot. Promptly a large corps of workmen started the unloading of the circus equipment. The animals were transformed into the regular circus campus. Tents were being erected in every nook and cranny as well as the grandstand. There were also put up before many hours had elapsed. The circus is not a complete without the street parade. And it took place today. Leaving the grounds at about 10:30 o'clock the parade traversed the chief thoroughfares. Hundreds of persons lined the route. There were and many cars. The horses are of splendid appearance and several well trained ones took part in the parade.

ST. JOHN PEOPLE FALL IN LOVE WITH AUNT MARY

Large Audience Greatly Enjoyed Last Evening's Performance Given by May Robson and Excellent Company. The rejuvenation of the Opera House and the rejuvenation of the evening formed a combination last evening which was hard to beat. There were many expressions of admiration at the greatly improved appearance of the interior of the playhouse, and comment along the same line had the very large audience been able to stay with them. Miss Robson is a lady of the first order, in whom the elder of youth had a most pronounced admiration. Her natural glow and homely and as pretty as an old-fashioned picture, Miss Robson is an ideal Aunt Mary, and it is no wonder that the audience, as well as her youthful friends, fell in love with her. Her charming manner, her good sense, her quaint remarks kept the audience in a continuous uproar, for the comedy is the best of its kind. Miss Robson has created the role, and the performance is worthy of her. Her first act, which she has performed with such success on the last scene in her own home after a giddy career in the metropolitan theatres, that is undivided as hilarious laughter will be witnessed.

ST. JOHN PEOPLE FALL IN LOVE WITH AUNT MARY

Large Audience Greatly Enjoyed Last Evening's Performance Given by May Robson and Excellent Company. The rejuvenation of the Opera House and the rejuvenation of the evening formed a combination last evening which was hard to beat. There were many expressions of admiration at the greatly improved appearance of the interior of the playhouse, and comment along the same line had the very large audience been able to stay with them. Miss Robson is a lady of the first order, in whom the elder of youth had a most pronounced admiration. Her natural glow and homely and as pretty as an old-fashioned picture, Miss Robson is an ideal Aunt Mary, and it is no wonder that the audience, as well as her youthful friends, fell in love with her. Her charming manner, her good sense, her quaint remarks kept the audience in a continuous uproar, for the comedy is the best of its kind. Miss Robson has created the role, and the performance is worthy of her. Her first act, which she has performed with such success on the last scene in her own home after a giddy career in the metropolitan theatres, that is undivided as hilarious laughter will be witnessed.

When Johnny Goes Marching Back To School

—there'll be a lot of things you'll have to get in a hurry. School needs are well looked after. School stores and every article you buy is depended upon. Free blouses and rulers with each purchase. Let Johnny come marching down here with his vest list. He will be treated right. FRANK E. PORTER, PRESCRIPTION DRUGGIST, Cor. Union and St. Patrick sts.

We Have What You Want at right prices Groceries, Fruits and Confectionery.

B. L. JENNINGS, 37 Waterloo St. We make our own Ice Cream

LABOR LEADER SHOOTS TAMMANY CAPTAIN

Billings Family Present Fair Grounds to Vermont. Record Catch of Mullet—A Thousand Pounds Homeless—That Unweary Lid in Atlantic City.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—William J. Bowen, President of the Bricklayers and Masons International Union of America, fired two shots from a revolver tonight at Michael O'Shaughnessy, a Tammany district captain, wounding him in the chest. Bowen was arrested. He gave no reason for his action. WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, Vt., Aug. 23.—Through the gift of the Billings family of Woodstock, Vt., the State of Vermont now owns the extensive fair grounds here. The property, including grounds and buildings, the former of which extended over 50 acres, is valued at \$50,000. The annual state fair will take place Sept. 21-24. DEAFORD, N. C., Aug. 23.—A catch of mullets aggregating half a million pounds, said to be the largest ever landed on the Atlantic Coast, was made off this port by deep sea fishing this morning. KREMENCHUG, Russia, Aug. 23.—A thousand persons in this district have been rendered homeless by a fire that started yesterday in a local lumber mill and raged throughout the night. The local appliances were inadequate to control the flames and the mill and a large section of the dwellings of the city were destroyed. ATLANTA CITY, Ga., Aug. 23.—Interest in the reform movement in this city was intensified today when Mayor S. B. Stewart officially refused to receive a notice from Attorney General Wilson ordering him to close Atlantic City saloons on Sunday. UTICA, N. Y., Aug. 23.—Chinese students from colleges in all parts of the country are gathering at Hamilton to attend a conference of the Chinese Students Alliance to be opened tomorrow night under the auspices of Col. Gate University. The object of the conference is to enable the Chinese students who are from many different provinces of their native country, to become acquainted and to exchange ideas regarding the work to be taken up by them upon their return to China.

Carvell Hall

Is now open for guests, at the usual rates. Apply to Mrs. James Bartly. Day and Night Restaurant 75 CERMANT STREET. Meals, 25 Cents. Open from 8.30 a. m. to 2. m. HAM LEE & J. HUNTER, Proprietors.

CANADIAN ORDER FORESTRAS Assessment System, Fraternal Insurance.

NIGHT OF MEETINGS CITY COUNCIL, CLARK ST. HALL, No. 418—Orange Hall, German street, 1st Friday in month. COURT UNION JACK, No. 8—Orange Hall, German street, 1st Wednesday. COURT NORTH END, No. 47—Union Hall, Main street, last Tuesday each month. COURT TUKON, No. 78—Orange Hall, Simons street, Third Wednesday. COURT HIAYATHA, No. 78—Orange Hall, Market Building, 1st Wednesday. Offices of the order: PALMER CHAMBERS, 64 Princess Street. R. W. WIDMORE, District Deputy. D. R. KENNEDY, District Organizer.

Select Silver. If one thing more than another... "I BART ROGERS BROS." On knives, forks, spoons, etc. MERIDEN BRITLCO. "Silver Plates that Wear"

HELP! HELP!! It's a sad predicament to be in, when you need help and can't get it. A

"STAR WANT" AD. will find help, and that quickly for you.

WEST SIDE REAL ESTATE. Freehold, 10x150, 2 fine lots with 3 1/2 story dwelling, splendid stone wall garden, shade trees and hennery, sites for two large houses. Property in excellent repair throughout. Will sell one lot with house if desired. Nice location overlooking Bay of Fundy and near street cars. Owner leaving town and will sacrifice. A great opportunity for home or investment, or both. A gift edge investment at \$1,750. Leasehold, 50x100, with 2 1/2 story dwelling, 100 feet of house, good stone wall and a basement that \$275 will convert into a good flat. New sewer, low ground rent. Situate 313 King street, (West). Well rented and a most desirable property that will pay a high rate of interest. \$1,200. Other good properties including building lots for sale. Real estate business transacted in all branches. ALFRED BURLEY, 46 Princess St.

NEEDED SCRATCHING. They were having trouble in getting a jury to try a case in a county court in North Carolina recently. There had been a good deal of feeling aroused, and no one seemed particularly anxious to put himself on record for either side. One man hesitated a long time about stating the grounds on which he based his claim of exemption. Finally he said: "Well, your honor, the truth of the matter is, I have the itch." "Scratch him off," Mr. Clerk, scathed him off," instantly replied the judge.

REMEMBER! when buying biscuit to ask for the BEST 10c VALUE THE Village Biscuit

DEATHS. HARDING—Suddenly, on Aug. 22nd, at 127 Duke street, Capt. Wm. H. Harding of this city, in the 64th year of his age, last surviving brother of the late Sheriff Harding and Geo. F. Harding.

STERLING—Suddenly, on Aug. 23rd, James Sterling, sr., in the 70th year of his age. Funeral on Wednesday, 25th instant, at 2.30 o'clock, from the residence of the son-in-law, John A. Bawer, Castle street.

BLACK—At his residence, 157 Duke street, on August 23rd, Rev. Samuel McCullough Black, D.D., aged 83 years. Funeral services at his late residence on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, and at the Baptist Church, Amherst, on Wednesday, August, 24th, at 2.30 p. m.

HONDURAS TO NEGOTIATE LOAN WITH J. P. MORGAN

And Will Then Refund Foreign Debt Parity to F. R. Development of the Country. LEGUIRALALPA, Honduras, Aug. 23.—It is announced that the foreign debt of Honduras will be refunded by the negotiation of a loan with J. P. Morgan & Company, of New York. The government has appointed Señor Paredes, a former minister, and Paulino Valdivia, to go to New York to arrange the loan. The American Government, it is also stated, favors the plan so that the financial affairs of Honduras may be straightened out and the resources of the country may be developed.

DANISH WOMAN INVADERS HOUSE

Forced Way in While Parliament was in Session. COPENHAGEN, Aug. 23.—A suffragette named Westenholtz forced her way into the hall where the Danish chamber was in session yesterday, and addressing the presiding officer, said: "Here you sit you Danish men, bargaining and haggling in the list of power over the well or woe of the country, but let it be told you that Denmark's women disown you and brand you as a lot of hirelings, belonging to no country, who betray the honor of Denmark." The president rang his bell and the deputies kept up a fire of interruptions, but to no purpose, for the lady continued her speech calmly. Eventually, however, she was conducted out of the house.

INTERNATIONAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT AT NIAGARA

NIAGARA ON THE LAKE, Ont., Aug. 23.—The All-Canadian and International lawn tennis tournament began here today on the grass courts of the Niagara Golf and Tennis Club. Progress was slow, owing to the late arrival of a number of players. The entry to date is 228, the largest ever held here.

TROOPS ORDERED OUT AT NATCHEZ, MISS.

Mob, Exalted Over Throated Assassination, Threatened to Tear Up the Town. NATCHEZ, Miss., Aug. 23.—Companies B and C, third regiment of the state national guard, left here at 6.30 for Meadville, Sheriff Jones of Franklin County called for the national guard because of a mob that had gathered for the attempted assassination of Chancery Ernest Newman last night. Sheriff Jones notified Lieutenant Governor Mansfield, asking Governor Mansfield to believe he was able to cope with the situation at Meadville, because friends of both factions had been coming into the town from the country all day and were threatening to "tear up the town" if the troops were ordered out.

UNIFORM PURE FOOD LAW IS REQUIRED

Convention of Food and Dairy Departments Will Recommend Model Law. DENVER, Aug. 23.—Give us a uniform pure food law which may be accepted or rejected by the individual states according to its needs. A national law should attempt no more than the regulation of interstate commerce. This was the slogan sounded tonight for the opening tomorrow of the 13th annual convention of the Association of State and National Food and Dairy Departments. That the convention will take definite action by submitting to state legislatures a "model food bill" was the opinion expressed after a preliminary meeting tonight of a special committee headed by Dr. E. E. Ladd, state food commissioner of North Dakota, and author of the Ladd model food bill. It is the plan to forward the drafted bill, after its approval by the convention, to the various state legislatures. Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, who has been present as a spectator, expects to use his influence for a more stringent enforcement of the federal laws as opposed to model "state laws." Secretary Wilson is not a delegate and it is not known whether he will speak. Dr. H. W. Wiley, chief chemist of the Department of Agriculture, will confine his remarks to "the chemistry of bleached flour."

E. O. PEARSON IS TENNIS CHAMPION

PEAR HARBOR, Me., Aug. 23.—O. Pearson defeated Craig Blidie in the final of the men's singles in the championship tennis tournament here today. The scores were 2-6, 2-6, 6-3, 4-4, 7-5. Spectators at today's swimming pool where the match was played, agreed that it ranked with the late tennis events here. The first round in the men's doubles will be played tomorrow.

INTERNATIONAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT AT NIAGARA

NIAGARA ON THE LAKE, Ont., Aug. 23.—The All-Canadian and International lawn tennis tournament began here today on the grass courts of the Niagara Golf and Tennis Club. Progress was slow, owing to the late arrival of a number of players. The entry to date is 228, the largest ever held here.

THE PEANUT INDUSTRY INCREASES IN IMPORTANCE

The peanut is rapidly becoming an important farm product throughout the southern states, says the September Popular Mechanics in an illustrated article. It says: "Its vines are valuable as forage and the peas that are not marketable can be used for feeding purposes. Throughout the well-wooded district of the cotton belt the peanut is grown as a money crop, and special oil-producing varieties will assist in keeping the soil of the belt in good condition. The value of the commercial peanut crop of the United States for the year 1908 was estimated at \$10,000,000. "Although the majority of people recognize the peanut only as it appears in the shell, hulled and salted, as peanut candy, or in the form of a peanut butter, many new lines of products are being developed for it in the past few years. In addition to these uses, it is an ingredient of peanut butter and vegetable meats, peanut meal, and salad oils. In the preparation of vegetarian meats a portion of the oil is pressed from the ground peanuts, other ingredients, including vegetable substances, are added, and the whole is crushed and pressed into this ready for use. Peanut meal, made from finely ground blanched peanuts, is used in confections, such as almond macaroons and small cakes, to which it imparts the desired almond flavor. Peanut oil is used in the same manner as olive oil, also for mixing with cotton-seed oil in order to improve the quality of the oil for salad purposes. Peanut oil is of somewhat lower value than first-class olive oil, and is sometimes mixed with it for the production of an oil that can be used at a lower price than pure olive oil. On the other hand, it is of a higher grade than cotton-seed oil. With a coming shortage of cotton seed from which to manufacture oil in this country, there is a great possibility of building up a peanut-oil industry throughout the cotton belt. A bushel of first-class peanuts, weighing 28 lb., will produce about 1 gal. of oil, worth 45 cents, and 20 lb. of oil cake and hulls, which, when ground and mixed together, is worth approximately 25 cents. Such peanuts must be obtainable at prices not exceeding 40 cents a bushel to make the oil industry profitable. "By-products of the peanut are used in the manufacture of feeds for farm stock and dairy cows, and the plant is being largely utilized as forage and as a soil renovator. In large cleaning factories the shells are generally used for fuel, and the ash resulting therefrom is valuable as a fertilizer. The thin brown covering of the peas or nuts has a feeding value almost equal to that desirable for mixing with the smaller particles of broken peas for stock feeding." The article further explains the conditions governing the successful cultivation of peanuts for commercial purposes.

BUT THE OTHERS DID.

There may be a good reason why some jokes are funnier when they are a minister's sermon. At a certain boarding-house where there was a minister, there was also a little boy, who with his mother occupied the front room upstairs. As they all sat down to dinner one evening after a dreary day of sun, the landlady asked the boy, "Well, Willie, what have you been doing all afternoon?" "I've been running ribbons in mother's underwear" replied Willie, with naive enthusiasm. And the minister did not smile.

E. CLINTON BROWN, DRUGGIST, Cor. Union and Waterloo Streets. Phone 1000.

Do Your Eyes Tire Easily? If so it's only a question of proper glasses. To assure absolute correctness, both in the examination and in the fitting of glasses, consult D. BOYANER, Scientific Optician, 38 Dock St.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS. CURE FOR KIDNEY DISEASE. RHEUMATISM, GRAVEL, NEURALGIA, MIGRAINE, DIABETES, BILIOUSNESS, AND ALL AFFECTIONS OF THE URINARY SYSTEM.