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On Sunday night, or rather Monday morning I set the alarm clock for 3 a. m., and retired to the land of dreams. But I'd no sooner laid my head on the pillow than the timepiece made a fine racket in the still night, and roused the whole household.

Chamber doors opened, angry voices called through the passages: "Stop that alarm, you blankety blank idiot! What do you mean raising such a racket this time of night?" And the hallways grew sulphurous with profanity.

Slipping on light garments I went out, and lectured that blasphemous bunch upon the evil of their ways. I pointed out that in view of the great danger threatening the inhabitants of the earth on May 18, it would be more seemly to spend the night in prayer.

An Unneeded Interruption. In the midst of my exhortation a wet sponge struck me fairly between the eyes, and a lady's slipper caught me on the point of the chin. I don't know whether there was a lady's foot in it, but it struck me that way.

Nursing my jaw I withdrew lest worse befall me, threw the cause of so much profanity out of the window. And presently the angry boarders retired to their couches, and peace reigned again.

Cautiously, then, I sallied forth to look for the comet. There was one vacant room, the windows of which looked out upon the east, and into this I crept on tiptoe, going to a window I raised the blind, and—

"Enough!" such a hair-curling shriek. With a bound I made for the door, and went headfirst through a mirror, while the bureau rolled over with a crash, and a shrill feminine voice, very frightened, cried for help. Somehow I extricated myself, got through the door, and started for my room.

As I rushed along the hall I caught my foot in a cuspidor and collided with a cabinet near the head of the stairs, which was filled with the landlady's curios and wedding souvenirs. It started down the stairs, bump, bang, boom, with a glorious crashing of glass. And all the while the voice in the vacant room screamed blue-murder.

Investigation. But I made my room without further incident.

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"CLIMAX" NEXT MONDAY AT THE OPERA HOUSE

Play Which Has Made Great Hit to be Seen Here—Interesting Plot and Intense Situations.

"The Climax" a play in three acts by Edward Locke, with music by Joseph Carl Brill, will be seen here next Monday for the first time, at the Opera House. "The Climax" comes as a final argument to the instructor of the question "should the stage instruct as well as entertain."

The melo-drama, as it has been termed, is founded upon a subject familiar to the inhabitants of even the smallest hamlets. It is told in the simplest language of the people it is supposed to depict, and while the language is expressive and in many cases almost epigrammatic, it is the simple conversation of real people.

The story is of a young woman, Adeline von Hagen, who comes to New York from the middle west to study music and to develop her voice as a singer. She resides in the household of her instructor, Luigi Goffardi, and is beloved by his son Pietro. She is also beloved by John Raymond, a young physician from her home town.

A minor operation becomes necessary to relieve her throat. It is performed by a specialist after which Adeline is left in the care of Doctor Raymond. Previously, however, the girl has rejected both suitors in order to follow that delightful will-o'-the-wisp, "a stage career." Dr. Raymond gives up the idea of the girl's ability to sing.

The situations are intense although natural and unlabored. There is an unusual comedy relief, the two together forming what has been pronounced the best play in years. It is said a very strong cast will be seen in the different roles.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of The Standard:

Sir,—A writer in your issue of Saturday last has given us a well written and very interesting sketch of the history of King Edward VII. He is evidently in warm sympathy with his subject, and it may seem ungracious to question any of the story which he tells so well, but he makes grave errors in the list he gives of distinguished graduates of the University; grave, because they refer to the lives of men who have a place in history, and in respect to whom biographical accuracy is important.

Neither Sir George P. Wallis, Sir Penwick Williams, Bishop Binney, the Rev. Dr. Barclay, nor the Right Hon. Baron Haliburton was ever a student of King's College, Windsor. Gen. Williams could not even have attended the college as he was at the time of the Woolwich Military Academy at the age of 15. The mistake about Baron Haliburton is the more remarkable because he is a well known figure in the history of the college school when it was for a term his contemporary, but he did not enter college neither did Sir John Lubbock. All this can be seen by reference to my calendar of the college, which will also show that most of those mentioned received their degrees in 1890.

Dr. Barclay's grandsons were educated at King's College before the charter was granted. The mistake of "Nova Scotia" for "Prince Edward Island" in connection with Chief Justice Cochrane and Travis, is, I presume, a slip of the pen.

Yours, A. W. SAVARY.

PERSONALS.

G. W. Hynden of the receiver's general's department, Ottawa, arrived in the city yesterday on his regular inspection of the local branch of the Dominion Savings Bank. He is registered at the Royal and will be in the city for several days.

A report from the general public hospital last night was to the effect that A. D. Barclay, who was operated on for appendicitis was resting easily and was somewhat improved.

Miss Hilda Marshall, daughter of Rev. Thomas Marshall of Sackville, who has been the guest of Miss Pauline Ring, Orange street, has returned home.

John Edgecombe has returned to the city after a very successful fishing trip.

Settled Out of Court. In the police court yesterday afternoon Hans Pedersen, florist, was charged by Alfred Ebbott, a Danish workman, with not paying him his wages and also with assaulting him. Ebbott claimed that he had received only \$4.10 for three months' work. H. Pickett appeared for Mr. Pedersen and after several witnesses had been examined the matter was finally settled out of court.

however, I got some garments off the wash line and then hid myself in the blackest corner of the coal shed. And so, as a result of personal observations, I have no hesitation in saying that the comet is more likely to cause the destruction of things on this earth than astronomers seem to think it is.

DEATHS.

Duke.—In this city on the 16th inst. William Duke in the 75th year of his age, leaving a wife and one daughter to mourn.

Funeral from his late residence 23 Exmouth street, Wednesday morning at 8.15, to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception for High Mass of Requiem. Friends invited to attend.

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PAYS TRIBUTE TO LATE KING

Judge McLeod in Opening First Session of New Chancery Court Refers to National Loss—Important Decisions

Mr. Justice McLeod opened his first sittings of the Chancery Division yesterday in the Pugsley Building. By the provisions of the Judicature Act, two judges are assigned to preside over the Chancery Court instead of one, as under the old practice. Chief Justice Barry presided in equity and Mr. Justice McLeod was appointed by him to act with him in chancery.

In opening the May sittings of the court His Honor took the occasion to refer to his appointment by the Chief Justice, and to the death of His Majesty King Edward VII. Several prominent barristers were in court when His Honor mentioned his late Majesty's name, and they arose to their feet and with bowed heads listened to His Honor's fitting eulogy of the departed monarch.

The Loss to the Empire. His Honor said in part: "It is but fitting that I should on this occasion, address a few words on the death of our late sovereign, King Edward VII. He was a great King and a great man. The external affairs of the government occupied his attention, and a crisis was overcome by his diplomacy. The loss which the empire has sustained seems to us irreparable, but in his son and successor, His Majesty King George V., we have a good King."

"King Edward was called the peacemaker, and rightly so. We, the Canadian people, loyal to the Mother Country, and the rest of the colonies in mourning."

"King George V. has had excellent training, and of him we expect great things. The King is dead, long live the King."

The case of the Hon. William Pugsley, K. C., M. P., vs. the New Brunswick Coal Company goes over until the first session of the court.

Dr. W. B. Wallace, K. C., appears for the plaintiff, and Mr. M. G. Teed, K. C., for the defendant.

The case of Attorney General vs. the St. John Lumber Co. was, on application of Mr. T. P. Regan, stood over until the July sittings.

The case of Shaw et al. vs. Robinson et al. was stood over until the July sittings. W. W. Allen, K. C., and Sothel, appeared for the defendants, consenting.

Common Motions. The following common motions were made: R. Z. Borden of Moncton moved for the appointment of a guardian in the matter of Wassil Macdonald and others, infants.

H. H. Hazen read the petition of Robert C. Mosher, an infant, by his mother and next friend, Sarah Mosher, asking for the appointment of his mother as guardian, with leave to sell his interest in certain real estate situated in St. Martins—Court considers.

D. King Hazen, in the matter of Robert C. Mosher, a lunatic, presented the petition of the Hon. J. D. Hazen, asking to be appointed a committee to look after the personal affairs of the lunatic—Granted.

D. Mullin, K. C., on behalf of the committee, moved to confirm the report of Charles F. Sanford, master in chancery, in the matter of James McGivern, a lunatic.

W. W. Allen, K. C., Dr. W. B. Wallace, K. C., and Edmund S. Ritchie opposed the application in part. Mr. Mullin appeared for Margaret Golden and Wm. H. Golden.

Dr. Wallace appears for William J. Golden and thirteen others, and Mr. Ritchie for John McGivern—Court considers.

Adjournment was made sine die. Chancery Division. Before Mr. Justice McLeod opened the May sittings of the Chancery Division yesterday the Chief Justice delivered judgments in the cases of Lombard vs. the Dunbar Company and in the McLeell and Smith Lumber Co. Limited, vs. Randolph and Baker and Scott.

In the case of Lombard vs. Dunbar Company the plaintiff is a resident of the State of Maine and the defendant is a company incorporated under the New Brunswick joint stock companies act and doing business at Woodstock. The plaintiff is asking for an injunction restraining the defendant from infringing two Canadian patents issued to him as the original inventor of certain improvements in log hauling machines and for damages sustained by reason of sales made by the company.

In a lengthy written judgment his honor ordered the bill to be dismissed with costs. L. E. Young of Maine appeared for the plaintiff and A. B. Carvel, K. C., for the defendant.

In the Frederick case of the McLeell and Smith Lumber Company, Limited, vs. Randolph and Baker and Scott, this was an application to continue to restrain the defendants from selling a portion of lumber made by his home on an ex parte application made some time ago. In an oral judgment his honor refused to continue the injunction with costs, the costs to be paid in the case. The plaintiffs have paid \$4,500 into court and if the defendants choose to deliver the lumber within two weeks to the plaintiffs the court will order the costs to be paid them as part of the purchase money.

Mr. H. A. Powell, K. C., and Mr. R. B. Hanson appeared for the plaintiffs. The King's Bench Division.

Mr. Justice McLeod, in the chambers of the King's Bench Division yesterday in the case of Parks vs. Millidge and fifteen others, made an order appointing Harry E. Stafford of Columbus, Ohio, a commissioner to take the evidence under commission at that place. Messrs. Hamilton and Hamilton appeared for the plaintiff and Dr. L. A. Curry, K. C., and Mr. H. H. Pickett for the defendants.

Loyalists' Day. Today being Loyalists' Day a salute of twenty-one guns will be fired by No. 1 Battery C. A., at noon.

TO DEMONSTRATE NEW METHOD AT BIG FAIR

Process to Keep Milk Sweet in Any Climate --- Exhibit of Glass Cutting from Montreal Being Arranged.

The Maritime Fresh Milk Co., Ltd., of Antigonish, are arranging a demonstration of a recent French discovery at the Fair this fall. By this process milk can be preserved fresh and sweet for an indefinite time without the use of chemicals or artificial preservatives.

It is claimed that the milk will remain sweet in any climate or under any conditions, and the cost of its production will be much less than that of condensed milk. The advisability of bringing a plant and staff of operators here for the Fair is now being considered and it is probable that this will be one of the features of the Exhibition.

Mr. H. C. Christie, of Toronto, who is now in the city is negotiating with the George Phillips Co. of Montreal, for an exhibit showing the process of glass-cutting employed by this company in the manufacture of bon bon dishes and other cut glass ware.

OBITUARY.

George Likely.

The death of George Likely, brother of Aid. Likely, occurred yesterday at his home corner of Rockland and Harris streets. He was 71 years of age, and death resulted from heart trouble. Mr. Likely retired from active business three years ago. Besides Aid. Likely, three brothers survive: Thomas, of Marysville; Rev. James O'Neil, of Evansville, Indiana, and John of British Columbia. He also leaves one sister, Miss Catherine Likely, of this city. The funeral will take place on Thursday.

Mrs. Sophie Fair. The death occurred on Monday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Stearns, Managosh Road, Fairville, of Mrs. Sophie Fair, in the 32 year of her age. Mrs. Fair was of Loyalist descent, being descended from Robert Fair, after whom Fairville is named. She had resided at Spruce Lake for over 50 years, and was a general favorite with all who knew her. She is survived by one son, William Fair, of Spruce Lake, and two daughters, Mrs. Thomas Stearns and Mrs. Robert Anderson, of St. John, and two brothers and one sister. The brothers are Mr. Thomas Beck, of Hillsboro, Albert county, and Mr. Beck of Salmon River. The sister is Mrs. Adams, of Sackville.

FUNERALS. Austin P. McLaughlin. The esteem in which Austin P. McLaughlin was regarded, was shown yesterday morning by the large attendance at his funeral which took place at 8 o'clock from his residence in Brussels street. The body was conveyed to the cathedral where requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. A. J. O'Neil in the presence of a large gathering of people. The funeral cortege were citizens of all ranks and a representation from the C. M. B. A. and the R. K. Y. C. The Knights of Columbus attended the service in a body. The following acted as pallbearers: A. J. O'Neil, Fred McDonald, D. Col. T. J. McElroy, C. P. O'Neil, H. O. McInerney. Many beautiful floral tributes were sent to the bereaved home by friends of the young man, and from the C. M. B. A., the R. K. Y. C., the letters "K" and "C" inlaid in purple hyacinths, and the letter "O" in red geraniums.

Mrs. Alice M. Northrup. The funeral of Mrs. Alice M. Northrup took place yesterday afternoon from her late residence, 137 Elliot Row. Services were read by Revs. G. D. McInerney and Neil McLaughlin. Interment was made at Cedar Hill.

Patrick Lenihan. The funeral of Patrick Lenihan took place yesterday morning from his late residence, Fort Dufferin. The body was taken to the Church of the Assumption, where a requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. J. O'Donovan. Interment was made in the Catholic cemetery at Sand Cove.

Cowboy-Mexican Romance at Nickel. Though there were many counter attractions in town last night, the Nickel enjoyed liberal patronage as usual. Today it will have an entirely new programme, and from this change of bill forward for the next few weeks this house of entertainment will surprise its many ardent admirers by the quality of motion picture entertainment to be put on. For today and Thursday the leading feature will be a Western drama with a Mexican romance interwoven. This is called "Papinta," and is one of Selig's latest and best productions. For Biograph—the side-splitting comedy "Up a Tree," will be shown. Further than this the domestic farce "A Runaway Stove," and a little society comedy "Love Letters" will be of amusing interest. Miss Bertha Dudley will continue in her song "I've Always Done When You're in Love," and Mr. Clifford is today to conclude the English Sailor Success "Three for Jack."

On Friday and Saturday the Nickel is going to show the stupendous production of the great Verne's Russian melodrama "Michael Strogoff," and next Monday the most artistic film production of the year is to be imported namely Gaumont's biblical story "Esther."

Vandalism at Spruce Lake. When E. R. W. Ingraham, the West Side druggist, went out to Spruce Lake, yesterday, he made the disagreeable discovery that somebody had ripped the bottom out of his canoe—a rather valuable one. Other acts of vandalism have been perpetrated in the same locality, and last year a number of camps on the shores of the lake were broken into and rifled of their contents. Mr. Ingraham intends to take steps to identify the vandal who removed the bottom from his canoe and have him prosecuted.

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