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At the Grand on Wednesday will  
appear Harry Martell's successful  
production, "South before the War,"  
a novelty, and one that has the fame  
and many honors for its originators.  
It is so different from anything of the  
kind ever attempted that its success  
is not to be wondered at after it has  
been seen. It is composed of some  
fifty people, including a pickaninny  
band of seventeen little colored boys,  
four quartettes, a score of buck and  
wing dancers, a coterie of cake walk-  
ers, a grand chorus, and a pickaninny  
band who appear in the play and head  
the parade of the company.

Frank Daniel's Opera Company,  
playing Harry B. Smith and Victor  
Herbert's charming opera, "The Wiz-  
ard of the Nile," will appear at the  
Grand shortly. Common report has  
it that last season this was the only  
comic opera company which was able  
to show a large balance to its finan-  
cial credit at the end of the term,  
and the fact that the New York press  
has measured all the new musical  
productions this season by "The Wiz-  
ard of the Nile," and not to its dis-  
paragement, is proof that it was also  
a success artistically.

John Campbell, a laborer living on  
York street, had just quit work on  
the Becher street sewer on Tuesday,  
and attempted to cross the ditch. He  
stepped on one of the staves, which  
gave way under him, and he fell  
heavily to the bottom, striking his  
lower jaw, inflicting a severe  
gash. His shoulder is also dislocated,  
and he is bruised.

It is a right to lift the burdens of  
other people, but don't you dare to  
touch the letter carrier's overloaded  
mail bag.

Mr. Henry C. Green, who left here  
several years ago for Kansas City, has  
returned here, accompanied by his  
family.

Mr. John C. Green, of Ridout St.,  
has arrived home from a purchasing  
trip to Europe and Great Britain.

Mrs. Allan, of New York, sister of  
John Campbell, is visiting here at

**PHYSICIANS' PRESCRIPTIONS**  
—AND—  
**FAMILY RECIPES**  
—A SPECIALTY AT—  
**STRONG'S DRUG STORE**  
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**NOTICE.**  
All small transient ads. must be  
paid for in advance. We cannot open  
accounts unless parties have adver-  
tising contracts with us.

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**ASTRONOMICAL.**

London, Thursday, Dec. 31, 1896.  
Sun rises, 7:51 a.m. Moon rises, 5:23 a.m.  
Sun sets, 4:51 p.m. Moon sets, 2:42 p.m.  
Day of the year—366th.  
MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon, 14th, 12:51 p. m.  
First Quarter, 17th, 7:29 p. m.  
Full Moon, 20th, 11:05 p. m.  
Last Quarter, 27th, 7:00 a. m.

**METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE OF CANADA.**  
**Fair and Colder.**  
Toronto, Ont., December 30.—The high  
pressure over Assiniboia and Alberta yes-  
terday has moved quickly eastward, and  
is now central to the north of Lake Super-  
ior, accompanied by somewhat colder  
weather there. Pressure about the same  
over Southern Ontario, is increasing in  
the northern portion, and has decreased  
in Eastern Canada. In the Lower Lake  
district and east to the Atlantic it re-  
mains mild. In Manitoba colder weather  
prevails, but further west a depression is  
settling in over Alberta and Assiniboia,  
accompanied by higher temperature. Min-  
imum and maximum temperatures: Ed-  
monton, 12-28; Calgary, 14-26; Qu'App-  
elle, 2 below-16; Winnipeg, 6 below-6;  
Port Arthur, 20-32; Pelly Sound, 34-40;  
Toronto, 34-42; Ottawa, 34-38; Montreal,  
34-40; Quebec, 30-38; Halifax, 28-44.

Probabilities: Lower Lakes: North-west  
to north-east winds; fair, turning colder.  
Local Temperatures: The highest and  
lowest readings of the thermometer at the  
Observatory on Wednesday, December 30,  
1896, were: Highest, 40 above; lowest,  
35.5 above.

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**Why She Will.**  
Do not try and persuade your  
wife to buy cheaply made fur  
garments, for she won't. If she is a  
sensible woman—and we believe  
the ladies of London are—she will  
say "I am going to buy my furs at  
H. BEATON'S, 138 Dundas St. He  
keeps the choicest, latest styles and  
lowest prices." Ladies, try us;  
you will become a customer if you  
do.

**London Sanitarium**  
If you are suffering from dyspepsia,  
constipation, nervousness or diseases  
of the kidneys and rheumatism, eat  
the "Shredded Whole-Wheat Bis-  
cuit" and drink the "Royal Cereal  
Coffee." They will cure you when  
medicines will not. Try them. Whole-  
salt and the cereal-sanitarium store.  
J. G. Wilson, 320 Dundas street.

Bargains in fancy goods are to be  
had at Saunders' drug store, 188 Dun-  
das street, where the balance of this  
year's fancy goods are offered at 25  
per cent. discount. It will pay you to  
see them.

A chance to win a prize of \$1,000  
value—A ticket of the Promotive of  
Arts Association given free with every  
pound of 35c tea. India Tea Co., 455  
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Just the thing for Xmas. Artistic  
photographs, at Cooper & Sanders,  
cor. of Dundas and Richmond.

Pure Baking Powder, 25c. lb., at Ander-  
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Get your photos taken at Westlake's  
Xmas Day.

Lily White Family Safety Oil, best in  
the market; always uniform and safe. If  
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it, and be sure you get it. After trial you  
will use no other. This oil cannot be  
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Genuine benzine, cylinder and machine  
oil, and boiler compound of the finest qual-  
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We have just received a  
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**RALSTON**  
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**Pancake Flour.**

These are made from the  
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They are guaranteed to be the  
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palatable goods on the market.  
You can eat the pancakes with-  
out suffering from indigestion.  
One trial will convince you.

**Fitzgerald,**  
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109 Dundas Street.

**CITY NEWS**

Prepare to turn over a new leaf.  
Calendar fiends are on the warpath.  
Well, get your swear-off pledges and  
diaries ready.

Can you make a neat "T"? You'll  
need it to-morrow.

This is the last day of leap year.  
It will be eight years before there is  
another.

These are the times when a man  
gets his daily calendar as well as his  
daily bread.

Masters Harter and Herbert LeBel,  
of this city, are the guests of Mr. E.  
A. LeBel, Sarnia.

Mr. George Allison, of St. Louis,  
Mo., spent his Christmas holidays at  
his home in this city.

Miss Eva Roach, of the Bell Tele-  
phone Co.'s office, has returned from  
a two months' visit to her mother in  
New York.

Mr. Ed. L. Liddell, of the East  
End, has arrived home from England.  
The passage across was a remarkably  
rough one.

Mrs. Chadwick has resigned the po-  
sition of organist and choir director of  
the Memorial Church, to take effect  
March 1st, 1897.

Assistant Superintendent Williams,  
of the Canadian Pacific, was here yes-  
terday on a tour of inspection. He  
will go west as far as Detroit.

Mr. W. Colgrove, of this city, will  
leave shortly for a seminary in Lima,  
N. Y., where he intends studying for  
the Methodist Episcopal ministry.

Mr. Ad. Lind, of Detroit, a former  
Londoner, now travelling for a large  
wholesale firm in Detroit, is visit-  
ing his parents here. Mrs. Lind is with  
him.

The Sergeant-Major and Sergeants  
of the 7th Battalion intend holding  
their annual dinner on Wednesday eve-  
ning next and anticipate a real good  
evening's enjoyment.

Miss Annie Rankin, Stratford;  
Miss Lottie Gilpin, St. Mary's; Miss  
Ollie Hanly, St. Mary's, and Mr. Chas.  
Thompson, Chicago, are the guests of  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brown, 240 Dun-  
das street.

Mr. J. A. Nelles, Secretary of the  
Board of Trade, has received word  
that Hon. J. Israel Tarte, Minister of  
Public Works, will be here next  
month to interview local merchants  
in reference to improving Port Stanley  
harbor.

Mr. Chas. Sifton, formerly of Sif-  
ton & Co., but for the last few years  
with Mr. Frank Cooper, has severed  
his connection with Mr. Cooper's gal-  
lery and entered into partnership  
with Mr. J. C. Walker, photographer,  
of Woodstock.

Mrs. John J. Wright, of Emery  
street, South London, who fell down  
stairs the other evening, and was se-  
verely injured, is doing as well as  
could be expected. It will, however,  
be some time before she will be  
around again.

Miss Rebecca Scott, of West Nis-  
souri, has entered an action for \$5,000  
damages for breach of promise of mar-  
riage against the approaching winter as-  
sues here against Richard Logan, of the  
same township. It promises some  
spicy developments.

Mr. D. Morice, of the Grand Trunk,  
Toronto, formerly of this city, is now  
so badly crippled with rheumatism  
that he can scarcely move. His tele-  
phone has been moved to his bedside,  
and in this way he communicates with  
his assistant at the office.

Very successful Sunday school en-  
tertainments were held in the Col-  
borne Street Methodist Church, the  
King Street Methodist Church and  
the Adelaide Street Baptist Church on  
Tuesday night last. They were well  
attended, and the programmes pre-  
sented were both varied and interest-  
ing.

Messrs. T. Irwin & Son, of Hamil-  
ton, contractors for the slating of the  
new G. T. R. car shops, are in the  
city. Half a car of slate has arrived  
on the grounds, and the slating has  
commenced. Messrs. Ross Bros., who  
have the contracts for glazing, are  
also getting under way with their  
part of the structure. Two cars of  
glass have arrived here.

The engagement of Mr. James R.  
Taylor to Miss Katherine A. Fisher,  
of Villa Park, Mount Vernon, N. Y.,  
is announced. Mr. Taylor is a native  
of London, being the son of Mr. Wm.  
Taylor, of 680 Talbot street. He is  
connected with the Standard Oil Co.  
in New York and is also assistant sec-  
retary of the Evansville & Terre Haute  
R.R. Co. and several other Indiana cor-  
porations.

Two young Londoners, residing in  
St. Louis, Mo., named Brown and  
Johnson, have enlisted for service  
against the Spanish army in Cuba.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch warmly  
eulogizes the young men, who are  
British subjects, for thus risking their  
lives in the cause of Cuban liberty.

At a mass meeting of citizens the other  
night, the recruits were given an  
ovation. They will start for the front  
as soon as arrangements are complet-  
ed for their transportation to Cuba,  
which is a dangerous and difficult  
task, as both the Spanish and Ameri-  
can authorities must be circumvented.

The Music Hall was again packed  
to the doors last night. The play,  
which was to have been given, was  
not "A Wife's Peril," owing to the  
fact that Alex. Marks, who was to  
have taken part, in the last act of  
Tuesday night's show had fractured  
his ankle, and therefore they were  
forced to give an entertainment of  
songs, dancing etc. Tom Marks kept  
the audience in a laughing mood from  
the moment he entered until he re-  
tired. This evening they produce  
"Cruelken Lawn," and have secured  
a leading man from New York, who  
will take Alex. Marks' place. No  
doubt the Music Hall will again over-  
flow.

The Brampton Conservator says:—  
"The anniversary services of Grace  
Church Sunday School took place on  
Sunday last. The services were con-  
ducted by the Rev. E. B. Lanceley, of  
London. His sermon of the morning  
was addressed particularly to the  
children, whose attention he held  
most completely. In the evening the  
pastor spoke a few very appropriate  
words to the children, and Mr. E. B.  
Lanceley followed with a very elo-  
quent and able sermon on infidelity.

The new gentleman seemed to have  
a thorough acquaintance with the ba-  
liars of "Bob" Ingersoll, and in no  
measured terms he exhibited the fall-  
acies of his arguments and non-fuili-

The Cleveland World has the fol-  
lowing reference to an accident which  
happened to a former Londoner there  
the other day:—"Charles Melbourne,  
assistant foreman of the World com-  
posing rooms, was severely burned at  
his home on Stanley avenue Christ-  
mas night, while taking the part of  
Santa Claus. He was covered with  
cotton in order to represent the portly  
and venerable Santa. There was a  
tree in the room, and he got too near  
the tree and the cotton ignited from  
the candle. Instantly he was covered  
with flames. It seemed as though he  
was aflame from head to foot. Charles  
Ferguson, a brother-in-law, who stood  
near him, ran into the next room, and  
seizing a quilt, ran back and wrap-  
ped it around the burning figure and  
smothered the flames, but not before  
Mr. Melbourne had been burned about  
the face and hands."

The members of the Catholic Club  
held their weekly concert on Tuesday  
evening. A most enjoyable programme  
was given, as follows:—Song, "My  
Maggie," W. E. Ryan; song, "Dear  
Spot in Ireland," Joan Dromgole; bal-  
lad, "Mollie Avourneen," J. C. Lock-  
hart; song, "Anchored," E. Ryan;  
song, "Is Maud In?" Mr. Lockhart;  
song, "Mary of Argyll," J. C. Lock-  
hart; reading, Mr. Murphy. The songs  
of Mr. Lockhart, Mr. Dromgole, and  
Mr. Ryan were heartily enjoyed. Miss  
Pauline Woodliffe and Mr. John Drom-  
gole played the accompaniments with  
good taste and feeling.

**LOCAL NOTICES.**

Electors of Ward Six—Vote for Bartlett  
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Buy your engagement and wedding rings  
direct from the manufacturer, and save  
25 to 50 per cent.—G. A. Wismer, jeweller  
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Ladies, look!—Feather and Down Cush-  
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and in quality nothing better, at Wm.  
Trafford's, 85 and 97 King street.

Bargains! Bargains! Bargains in Trunks,  
Valises, Purses, Ladies' and Gents' Card  
Cases, etc. Buy from Tackaberry &  
Louchery, and save \$ \$ \$—355 Richmond  
street.

Prices Tell.  
Seamy window. Everything is marked  
in plain figures. I know the prices are  
right, and that I cannot be undersold.  
You'll be money in pocket if you buy  
Xmas gifts here.

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TOBACCONIST,  
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**Stopping**  
**Watch**

Is worse than none, as  
it often seriously mis-  
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able time pieces are  
frequently ruined by  
incompetent workmen  
particularly the  
"English Lever" and  
fine complicated  
"Swiss" make, simply  
because the average  
workman does not un-  
derstand their peculiar  
construction. We pay  
special attention to  
such work, and can  
remedy any ill from  
which a watch may suf-  
fer, promptly, reason-  
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All we ask is a trial.

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**Ladies' and**  
**Children's**  
**Underwear.**

The values we are offering are not  
beaten anywhere. Note the fol-  
lowing prices:

**Ladies' Ribbed**  
**Vests and Drawers.**  
20c, 25c, 50c, 75c, 80c, 90c, \$1.00.

**Ladies' Combination Suits,**  
\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50.

**Children's Ribbed**  
**Vests and Drawers,**  
12½c, 15c, 18c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c.

**Equestriennes' Tights,**  
\$1.00, \$1.25.

In Hosiery for Ladies and Children  
we show the best for the least money.

**A. SCREATION & CO**

**MARA'S**

**THURSDAY**  
**SPECIALS**

**IN LEADING DEPARTMENTS.**

The few closing days of the year we would like to make  
full of business, and so far as particular values will help in  
this direction you will find this store a profitable place to  
visit from now until the old year is rung out.

Holiday giving is not yet ended. New Year gifts will  
have their swing, and you will find us ready to meet you  
with many interesting specials, and the prices for everything  
more than special.

Winter is fairly upon us. Warmer clothing is wanted—  
heavier underwear, comfortable bedding. The social season  
is here and you think of an evening dress—here we meet you.  
Let the store news be suggestive along all these lines:

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<b>Belding's</b> <b>Wash</b> <b>Silk,</b> Fil, all colors rope, <b>4c skein</b>	<b>Toboggan</b> <b>Caps,</b> Made of Zeph- yr Wool, all colors, <b>37½c</b>	<b>Balance</b> <b>Of</b> <b>Stamped</b> <b>Linens</b> <b>At</b> <b>Cost.</b>	<b>Grape</b> <b>Tissue</b> <b>Paper,</b> <b>All</b> <b>Colors,</b> <b>9c roll</b>
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**Dress Goods**  
**And Silks.**

There is something new  
every day at the Big Store;  
that's the way we keep the  
excitement up. On Thurs-  
day it's 100 pieces Henri-  
etta Serge, all-wool, 44 in. wide,  
in all the new fall colors, the  
same identical goods sold  
two years ago 35c  
yard ..... **15c**

**Silks.**  
150 pieces Pure Silk, real Jap-  
anese Habutai, 25 inches wide,  
all the new shades, usually  
sold at 50c.... **39c**

**Underwear.**  
Just look over our line of  
Underwear, the low price will  
surprise you. Ladies' Egyptian  
Cotton Fleece Vests and  
Pants, the 25c  
quality..... **20c**

**Black Goods.**  
Ladies' Heavy Union Vests  
and Drawers, the  
regular 50c kind.... **37½c**  
Ladies' All-pure Wool Vests  
and Pants, black, gray and  
white, regular \$1.00  
and \$1.25, your choice. **75c**

50 pieces Genuine Imported  
French Silk Finish Henrietta,  
extra heavy and fine, you are  
paying to-day for inferior  
goods 75c yard, this  
time ..... **49c**

Sell at prices that talk for  
themselves, 20 dozen Boys'  
Heavy Ribbed All-  
wool Hose, seamless... **19c**  
15 dozen All-wool  
Plain Hose..... **15c**  
The best Cashmere All-wool  
Hose in the city, spliced  
knees and double  
heels ..... **23½c**

**Bedding Dept.**  
TO KEEP OUT  
THE COLD.  
All-wool Gray Flannel,  
fine smooth quality,  
25 inches wide, regu-  
lar 18c, for **15c**

**Frost Repellers.**  
100 pairs White and  
Gray Blankets, 10x4,  
soft and fleecy, fancy  
borders, worth 85c,  
Thursday **74c**

**ALL PURE.**  
55 pairs Wool Blankets,  
good large size, slight-  
ly soiled, **\$2.49**

**White Baby Flannel,**  
Nicely woven, smooth  
and soft, 27 inches  
wide, worth 35c,  
Thursday, **25c**

**—75 Boys'**  
**—Reefer**  
**—Coats,**  
**—Sizes,**  
**—22-28,**  
**—Brass**  
**—Buttons,**  
**—Regular**  
**—\$1.00,**  
**—For**

**Furs of all Descriptions.**  
Black and Gray Astrachan Caps, 25c, Wedge  
and Band.  
Black Astrachan Caps, Fancy Curl, 47½c,  
Wedge and Band.  
Gray Astrachan Caps, Fancy Curl, 45c, Wedge  
and Band.  
Children's Gray Lamb Caps, \$1.83.  
Men's Australian Beaver Caps, \$2.89.  
Ladies' Russian Bear Capes, 85-inch Sweep  
with Astrachan Collar, 25 in. long, \$9.98.

The holiday business has proven in clearest manner the  
help that this store can bring to out-of-town shoppers. We  
have been simply deluged with orders from all parts of the  
Dominion, and the promptness that has characterized the  
despatch of goods and the exactness with which mail orders  
have been filled are winning us hosts of friends everywhere.  
From all departments of the store it is possible to shop,  
though you may live at the Pacific coast. Keep closest track  
of our store news and order by mail.

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