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SPECIAL NOTICES

To Londoners and Others.
People of London are not the only ones who read the papers, but to those into whose hands this may fall, it is simply a reminder that the New York Central still continues to maintain its reputation for fast and efficient service, as any one who has used it lately will readily attest.

Feather and down pillows and cushions from 50 cents each, the cheapest place in London. We manufacture our own mattresses and feather pillows at our own factory. Iron and brass bedsteads, children's cots, at Hunt & Sons, bed and mattress cleaning factory, 583 Richmond Street North. Telephone, 997.

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"Marvel Polish" is made on honor. The intelligent study of its use insures utmost benefit and satisfaction. It benefits all leather shoes and is proven best by every test. Marvel Polish is oil, and preserves shoes. It never injures them. Sold at the leading stores.

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To Our Customers

Owing to the fire in our store this morning, we will be unable to make any business announcement for a few days.

GRAHAM BROS.

'Tis a Pleasure To Shave When You Have A Good Outfit.

A good Razor, Strop, Brush, Cup and Soap constitute a good outfit and cost very little.
Wade & Butcher Razors, 75c to \$1.25.
Boker's Razors, 75c to \$1.50.
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G. G. G. Razors, our own brand, guaranteed, \$2.
Razor Strops, 15c to \$1.25.
Lather Brushes, 10c to \$1.
Shaving Cups, 15c, 25c and 50c.
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Teach economy by presenting your friends with a few shares of installment stock in the.

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METEOROLOGICAL

Toronto, Dec. 26.—The storm which was centered in New Brunswick last night has passed to the eastward of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and the weather is now fair and comparatively mild throughout the Dominion. There is no indication of colder weather.
Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 44-50; Calgary, 15-32; Kamloops, 28-38; Prince Albert, 14-24; Winnipeg, 6-22; Parry Sound, 22-30; Toronto, 32-38; Kingston, 30-34; Ottawa, 22-34; Montreal, 24-30; Quebec, 22-24; Halifax, 36-49.
Today (Thursday) the sun rose at 7:50 a.m. and sets at 4:47 p.m. The moon rises at 6:37 p.m. and sets at 8:25 a.m.

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Jewel Cases, In Ebony—Hair Brushes, Clothes Brushes, etc., etc.—We have an elegant stock.

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ON THE WARPATH.

Guthrie, Ok., Dec. 26.—The Pawnee Indians are on the warpath. An immense buffalo bull was so injured in being transferred from the Santa Fe stock yards to Pawnee Bill's ranch, south of the town, that he had to be killed. The meat was given to the Indians by Major Lillie for a buffalo dance. The Indians have been dancing and pow-wowing ever since. They say the vast herds of buffalo are coming back to this country, and many of them have notified the white lessees to vacate their ranches.

The newest slot machine dispenses X-rays to enable the passer-by to see the bones of his hand. The tube is put in action by the usual nickel.

A DEPOSITORY FOR SAVINGS

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A LOCAL BUDGET.

—Mr. Fred James, of Toronto, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Colborne street north.

—Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Best, of North Branch, Mich., are spending the holidays at Lambeth, Ont., the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kelley.

—Mr. John Nettleton, of Sault Ste. Marie, and formerly of Delaware, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. George A. Scott, of King street east.

All the links were well patronized yesterday afternoon, but owing to the soft weather, the ice was not very good. At the Princess, where the crowd was very large, the music was the best it has been this season.

The employees of the City Gas Company on Tuesday afternoon presented a handsome chair to their foreman, Mr. Geo. Nevitt. An address, which accompanied the gift, was signed by Messrs. E. Morris, J. Adair and R. Short.

The children of the Protestant Orphans' Home were given their annual Christmas treat last evening. They received many gifts. Mrs. Adam Beck gave a new dress to each of the girls. Dr. H. A. Stevenson presided over the evening's entertainment.

AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Miss Graydon, treasurer, gratefully acknowledges the generous donation of \$15 from the Canadian Order of Foresters, per Mr. Galpin, to the Children's Pavilion of Victoria Hospital, to be used in such way as the ladies of the advisory board please.

A PRESENTATION.

Mr. Chris. Butterworth, of the Y. M. C. A., had a purse of gold presented to him Tuesday evening by some members of the association, who met at his home on the Hamilton road, and after the presentation, which was made by Dr. H. A. Stevenson, they spent a pleasant evening in songs and other amusements.

MRS. CORSAUT'S DEATH.

One of the oldest residents of London township, Mrs. James Corsaut, of lot 15, con. 10, died yesterday. She was in her 92nd year, and death was due to old age. Mrs. Corsaut was born in New York State, and came to London about 1830, and resided at the home-land in London township until the time of her death. Her husband predeceased her about eighteen years ago. Her brother, the late Dr. Farrar, was an old resident of London. She is survived by a family of six sons—Ebenzer and Stephen, of London township; James, of Indiana; David and William, of Iowa, and Charles, of Boston, Mass. The funeral takes place on Friday.

FED THE POOR.

In all of the large cities of Canada and the United States yesterday, the Salvation Army provided a Christmas dinner for the poor. In London, the corps had made elaborate arrangements for the day and were in a position to feed several hundred, if so many applied. Their tables were spread in the city hall with all kinds of appetizing food, and less than 150 went there to be fed. All the poor of the city, of whom the local members could learn, were invited to the dinner, but those who accepted the invitation were mostly old men and children.



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Sioux Falls, S. D., Feb. 18, 1901.
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FIERCE BLAZE AT GRAHAM'S

Serious Fire at Down-Town Men's Furnishing Store.

Loss Estimated at Seven or Eight Thousand Dollars, Mostly by Smoke or Water.

Either carelessness on the part of an employee or a defective stove resulted in a very serious fire at the store of Graham Bros., men's furnishing, at 8:30 o'clock this morning.

The blaze originated on the second story, in the workroom. An employee had lighted the fire in the room and had gone downstairs. Shortly after smoke was seen issuing from the window by an employee of another store, who immediately informed the proprietors. An alarm was rung in, and the firemen quickly responded. By this time the blaze had gained considerable headway, and, where an immense quantity of paper and paper boxes was stored. It was necessary to use much water before the fire could be extinguished, and consequently much of the stock was damaged.

One of the firm said that he was surprised that the fireman had extinguished the blaze so quickly. Probably the whole block would have gone but for their prompt work.

The loss is estimated at from \$7,000 to \$8,000, all of which is covered by insurance.

MUSIC AND DRAMA

"A CAVALIER OF FRANCE."—Espy Williams' pretty romance, "A Cavalier of France" was presented yesterday at the Grand by Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Spencer and a capable company. The fairly large audience present at both performances were well pleased with the production, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer need no introduction to London theatre-goers, their past work here having won for them a certain popularity among local theatre-goers. Mr. Spencer's characterization of the dashing and romantic gallant of the French Revolution, the part allotted her, that of Gabrielle Du Bois, a lady of France, were quite pleasing. The other roles were equally well filled, and the costumes were bright and attractive. Taking the production as a whole, it is to be classed with any romantic drama presented this season on local stages.

"THE HOTTEST COON IN DIXIE."

There has been some criticism, and not entirely without reason, of the broad character of the story told in "The Coon Songs" which one hears nowadays at roof gardens, and even at the more conservative continuous vaudeville houses, that there is a coarseness in some of these songs which is undignified. A striking feature of Phil R. Miller's "Hottest Coon in Dixie," which comes to the New Grand next Saturday, matinee and evening, is the entire absence of any of those that savors in the slightest degree of vulgarity. While there are "coon songs" pure and simple, they treat only on the humorous phase of colored life.

"THE CHRISTIAN."

"The Christian," which will be seen on New Year's Day at the New Grand, will be mounted with the equipment used in the original production at the Knickerbocker Theater, New York, and a same number of people will appear on the stage. In addition to the speaking members of the cast, quite a large number of auxiliaries are carried over only business is to form the tableau of the great mob scene. This is one of the most dramatic pictures ever put upon the stage, and in the hands of this corps of well-drilled and well-paid superlatives, creates an enthusiasm never before equaled.

"MAMSELLE 'AWKINS."

Mr. J. J. Cluxton, now appearing in "Mamselle 'Awkins," as Fitzroy Cavendish, the physical culture crank, is none other than the celebrated baritone who was featured by the late Jack Haverly in his late minstrel tours. Mr. Cluxton is of slight physique, and his entrance in full gymnasium costume, carrying heavy (?) dumbbells, with the inevitable monologue in his eye, at the head of his class of pretty physical culture girls, causes shrieks of laughter. Mr. Cluxton puts the girls through a musical Pub dumb bell drill that excites the admiration of the athletically inclined portion of his audience. At the New Grand next Monday evening, the 30th inst.

BOY SAVED A SKATER.

Marion, Ind., Dec. 26.—Willie Dungan, aged 15, taught several young men, who had reached their majority, a lesson yesterday afternoon. A party of skaters had been making merry all day on the river near Gas City. A little girl named Eckert ventured on some thin ice and broke through. Hanging on to the edge of the ice she frantically called for help. Several young men started wildly for a fence-rail or something. "Stand aside, you cowards," cried the boy, who skated as close as possible to the dangerous hole. Lying flat on the ice he gave the girl his hands. Several others formed a line to save the ice and catching him by the heels pulled both to safety.

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SHEETS—6 pairs only English Sheets, Dacca twist cotton, hemmed ready for use, size 2 1/4 x 2 1/2, extra good quality, regular price \$2 25 a pair, Friday, a pair.....\$1 25
BED SPREADS—Heavy, satin finish, English imported, size 2 1/4 x 2 1/2, worth \$3 50, Friday for.....2 49
PILLOW CASE COTTON—Twilled, English make, fine quality, 40 inches wide, regular price 17c a yard, Friday.....10
TABLE DAMASK—Half bleached, 2 yards wide, pure linen, particularly fine quality, regular price 75c a yard, Friday.....57
TABLE NAPKINS—10 dozen of our best \$1 50 a dozen Table Napkins, pure Scotch linen, 22 inches square, selling Friday, a dozen.....1 00

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Better values than these you have never seen.

\$8 50 Jackets for \$5 00 Tomorrow. Again

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GOLF CAPES—Handsome Capes, in rich plaids and plain golf cloths, 36 and 38 inches long, prettily appliqued.

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COATS AND ULSTERS FOR \$1 00

Table of Ladies' Long Ulsters, and Short Jackets, in all sizes, made of good beaver, in black, fawn and castor shades. They are not this season's garments, but great value nevertheless. See them Friday, only, each.....1 00

Special Hosiery Bargains.

Children's Ribbed Cashmere Hose, double knees and feet, regular price 20c and 25c a pair, special for bargain day, 2 pairs for.....25c

Ladies' Fine Ribbed Cashmere Hose, double knees and feet, regular 50c a pair, Friday 2 pairs for.....75c

Ladies' Plain Wool Hose, Friday 2 pairs for.... 25c

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