

POULTRY ASSO. HAS GOOD TIME

Enjoyable Dinner Held Last Evening at McGarry's Cafe—Speeches Were of a Whitty But High Class Character

At the McGarry Cafe last night, the members of the Newfoundland Poultry Association had a most pleasant re-union. It was the first the Association held and the attendance was large.

After disposing of an excellent dinner served, in capital style by Manager Rose and his aides, a very interesting toast list was discussed and the speeches elicited were both eloquent and witty, while music and song formed a very pleasant deviation. The President of the Association, Mr. Lemessurier, of the Customs, presided. The toast list was:

- "The King"—Prop., The Chairman. "God Save the King."
- "Newfoundland Poultry Association"—Prop., Mr. G. W. Gushue; Resp., Mr. P. Johnson.
- Song—Mr. W. Barrett.
- "The Pure Bred vs. The Mongrel"—Prop., Mr. G. R. Williams.
- Song—Mr. C. J. Cox.
- "The Land We Live In"—Prop., Mr. Butler; Resp., Mr. S. White.
- Song—Mr. E. O'Neil.
- "The Ladies"—Prop., Mr. J. Duff; Resp., Mr. Carter.
- "Judge Landry and Bride"—Prop., Mr. G. R. Williams; Resp., Mr. P. Johnson.
- "The President"—Prop., Mr. C. J. Cox.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

SENSATIONAL REPORTS ABOUT.

Since the discovery of the thefts from the Atilla, sensational reports as to other and similar thefts have been about, one of which is that a certain concern has had stolen from its premises provisions, etc., to the extent of several hundreds of dollars.

ANOTHER ARREST FOR "ATILLA" THEFTS.

Yesterday afternoon Detectives Bryne and Tobin arrested a man, a former seaman on the "Atilla," for alleged complicity in the thefts from that ship. The officers are going thoroughly into the affair and it is quite likely that other arrests will be made later in connection with it, and that some sensational revelations will follow.

BRICKLAYERS ANNUAL MEETING

The Bricklayers and Masons' Annual Meeting was held last night at the L.S.P.U. Hall with a large number of the members present. The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer presented a very satisfactory statement of the Union's affairs. After the passing of the reports the following officers were elected and re-elected.

- President—J. R. Mullins, re-elected
- Vice-Pres.—R. J. Power, re-elected
- Treasurer—J. Cochrane, re-elected
- Asst. Treas.—Cyprian Burridge, re-elected

Marshal—E. Burridge, re-elected.
Committee—Jas. J. Coady, B. J. Spratt, W. Murphy, W. Donnelly, D. Whittle.

Auditors—P. F. Whittle, P. Morley. After the election a matter relating to the improvement of the condition of tradesmen in the city was discussed at length and will likely be taken up later by the Union.

FLORIZEL FOR SEAL FISHERY.

The Florizel will go to the seal fishery this Spring and should leave New York for this port about the 30th inst. After discharging her freight she will go to Sydney to load coal for here and later will go there for a cargo to be devoted to her own use and for bunkering other ships at the sealing feet.

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

(Under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor, and Lady Davidson.)

In aid of the Women's Patriotic Association. S.U.F. SOCIABLE AND DANCE

Under the auspices of St. John's Lodge, No. 5
Music by C.C.C. Band.

Monday, January 24th, at 8.30 p.m., in the NEW C.C.C. HALL.

TICKETS: Lady, 70c.; Gentleman, \$1.00.

For sale at Gray & Goodland's, Martin Hd. Co. and G. Langmaid.
JAS. RENDELL, Chairman.
A. E. WITHCOMBE, Secretary.

"CACHALOT" FLOATED

The Ingraham, Capt. M. Rose, arrived here last night from Trinity, where she assisted in the work of refloating the submerged whaler "Cachalot." Mr. Tasker Cook, who was down there came up in the tug. The Cachalot filled, owing to the fact that the exhaust pipe had become filled with ice, which forced up through it, caused the opening of the valves and the ship sank. This was plugged and after four separate trials the powerful pump of the Ingraham had the ship clear of water and floated by Tuesday. She is now moored at Trinity for the winter.

LOCAL ITEMS

There were large crowds at both rinks last night, the ice being the best for the season.

Terra Novas and St. Bon's hockey teams had a practice last night. Both teams are in good fettle.

Mr. S. Butler, shipwright, is rushing repairs on the S.S. Newfoundland at the Horwood Co.'s premises. New decks and other repairs to the hull above the water line will be given her.

St. Thomas's Men's Bible Class will have a meeting at Canon Wood Hall this evening when Rev. Dr. Jones will give an address, the subject being "The Teaching of Jesus Concerning Divorce." All men will secure a cordial welcome.

By this morning's train D. G. M. Duder, D. G. S. Cowan and other members and officers of the Masonic body left here to conduct the installation of the W. M. at Hr. Grace for the ensuing year. They go to Carbonear to-morrow for a similar ceremony.

OVERCOAT WORTH \$24 STOLEN

A couple of days ago a man named Hamilton in coming by train from Placentia, found that a new overcoat, worth \$24, had been stolen from the seat which he occupied during his absence, and an old one, a valueless article left in its place.

To-day a Board Cove resident, who had spent the night in the cells, wore a coat, which a man who knew Hamilton, believed to be the stolen article. He was pointed out to Head Peet, who brought him to the station for examination. The Board Cove man proved, as he had stated, that he had bought it at an "old clo." shop up town, and this was verified by the lady who sold it to him.

But now the question is "Where is Hamilton's coat?"

OUR THEATRES

THE NICKEL

"The Exploits of Elaine" attracted large audiences yesterday afternoon and last evening in spite of the weather conditions. The subject was highly thrilling and gave general satisfaction to the many patrons. This is easily the most sensational serial. 'A Lesson in Romance' is one of the brightest productions of the Essanay Co. It is in three reels; and gives the artists every opportunity to display their ability. The comedies were all of the highest class and kept the audience in roars of laughter. This evening the programme will be repeated and all who could not attend yesterday should be sure and go. To-morrow there will be another attractive show, and on Monday next there will be a grand holiday entertainment.

The Preliminary Enquiry into the Roberts Barratry Case was continued in the Magistrate's Court to-day.

THREE ACT COMEDY PROVES GREAT SUCCESS

"Stop Thief" Draws a Full House and is Thoroughly Enjoyed—Will be Repeated This Evening and Should be Seen to be Appreciated

The war now raging in Europe, though more or less remote from Newfoundland, has nevertheless necessarily affected our people, who by temperament, possess a deep sense of humor, and who under normal conditions, give rational scope to their propensity to enjoy anything in their line of amusement that may come their way once in a while.

The popular and versatile Klark-Urban Coy. gave those who attended the comedy "Stop Thief" a chance to forget troubles last night and the big audience filling the Casino theatre had laughs enough to keep them in good humor for a long while to come. The production is a three-act comedy which is replete with the funniest situations, causing the audience to level in laughter, which few could control. The story has to do with the residence of a wealthy lady and gentleman whose daughter is to be married to a very eligible "parti."

The old girl is very absent-minded mislays everything he lays hands on, no matter how valuable and the prospective son-in-law, who had an uncle afflicted with such a weakness, believes that kleptomania is hereditary and is in constant fear of making breaks which will land him into trouble and this he does to his heart's content. A crook gets in, impersonates a detective, is aided by his best girl, also a thief—and a servant in the house and he annexes all the wedding presents and everything of value about, including cash and bonds held in the safe. Everything about is stolen, even the watch of a bona-fide detective and the warrant which a pompous police sergeant is armed with to make arrests.

One must see the pieces to enjoy it to the full. The acting of Messrs. Klark, Urban, Frank Urban, Billy Webb, Albert Patterson, C. E. Mills, Thos. Brower and Misses Ceold, Dear and Allan, in the heavy parts, was very fine.

Preceding the entertainment there were some splendid musical specialties given by Klark and Urban, singing, dancing, etc., by Billy Webb, juggling by A. E. Tenny and dancing by Tenny and Allan, which particularly took the audience and encores warmly demanded were gracefully accorded. The reception to-night should draw another crowded house.

A HYPHENATE ARRESTED

The man arrested yesterday by Detectives Bryne and Tobin, and who was formerly mate of the "Atilla," is said to be a German-American, who has lived here many years. He is charged with the larceny of two barrels of flour, valued at \$15, the property of Balne Johnston & Co.

The case comes up for hearing at 3.30 p.m. to-day.

M. C. L. L.

To-night's meeting opens at 7.45 sharp. Subject for debate "Is it advisable that the principle of Initiative and referendum be adopted locally in relation to Legislation on all great questions of public importance for which the Government has no Mandate from the people?" Leaders: Mr. F. G. Bradley, Mr. J. S. Currie. Every member is expected to be present as an important motion relating to the Bye Laws will be discussed.

WEDDING BELLS

MURPHY—LIDDY.

The wedding of Miss Gertie Murphy, daughter of the late John Murphy, of Georgetown to Mr. H. Liddy, son of Mr. Wm. Liddy of Torbay, was solemnized last evening in the Chapel of our Lady of Good Council, Presentation Convent. His Grace Archbishop Roche officiated and the happy young couple who will reside at Torbay in future received the congratulations of numerous friends. Both were the recipients of many very valuable and beautiful presents. In the felicitations extended The Mail and Advocate heartily joins.

The more women see of men the more they find to admire in mirrors.

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

SHIPPING

The Portia left Lamaline at 8.30 this a.m. and is due here to-morrow night.

The Prospero sails North at 10 a.m. to-morrow.

The Nellie Louise, Capt. Mark Burke, sailed yesterday for Bahia, fish-laden by Gdo. M. Barr.

Acknowledgment

[No. 31.]
Code Telegram from Capt. Timewell. (Received January 20th, 1915)

To Governor, St. John's: The following message was received to-day from Officer Commanding Battalion:

"Just received seventy-two cases provisions, despatched December. Please convey the Regiment's warmest thanks to donors."

TIMEWELL.

THE W.P.A. AT HEART'S CONTENT

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Please insert the following statement in your esteemed paper.

Yours truly,
CHAS. M. STICKINGS.

Heart's Delight, T.B.
Jan. 18, 1916.

The Committee of the Heart's Delight Women's Patriotic Association in the electoral district of Trinity Bay, South Side, marshalled themselves in pairs and canvassed every house in Heart's Delight, Elliston, Heart's Desire and Cavendish for the purpose of soliciting money to enable the good women to purchase wool, with which to knit soldiers' socks for the boys of the Newfoundland Regiment. The result of their efforts for the cause were very satisfactory as the figures below testify. The money thus raised will enable the W. P. A. women of Heart's Delight to knit more socks than last year.

Heart's Delight, North East	\$15.06
Side	2.35
Heart's Delight, South Side	13.60
Islington	2.35
Heart's Desire	2.38
Cavendish	4.63
W. of E. Women's Association	5.00
Heart's Delight	5.00
Total	\$43.02

Mr. George Snow of Water Street received a letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Newfoundland War Congratulatory Association, saying:

"You will be glad to know your son has arrived safely in this country and is now at a convalescent hospital. We trust he may soon be completely recovered and able to enjoy a period of furlough."

His mother also received a letter from her son, Private Gordon Snow. He is happy and contented and says Lady Morris, Sir William MacGregor and other distinguished visitors from the War Association have been to see him. He says he would like to have been home Xmas but adds—Mother, you know I am needed over here to serve my King and Country.

HOMELESS ON STREETS.

Rd. Grey, the homeless man who often appears in Court, was found wandering the streets by the police at 1.20 a.m. to-day and taken to the Station. He suffered from cold and hunger and is no doubt looking for a winter in the Penitentiary.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

Mr. Hutchings, K.C., presided to-day and released a Volunteer who broke a pane of glass accidentally in an up town boarding house, after he had paid the cost.

A drunk of Broad Cove was also released, and an assault case dismissed.

TRINITY TOWN'S NARROW ESCAPE

For a Time it Looked as if the Fire Would Sweep the Town—Rev. Mr. French a Heavy Loser

People by the 'Prospero' say that Trinity town narrowly escaped being wiped out when the Methodist Parsonage was destroyed by fire Monday night.

The pastor, the Rev. J. French, and his wife were out to tea at a friend's house and at 9.15 the house-keeper with Rev. Father Tarahan discovered the upper flat of the Parsonage to be on fire and running to the house told the servants. The alarm was quickly given and under the direction of Sgt. Ryan and Capt. Barbour, the men of the place worked well. After saving all the furniture in the lower flats, it was seen that the house could not be saved. Fire breaks were made by tearing down the fences near, and particular attention was given the barn to leeward of the house.

A gale of wind blew down on the town, and if the barn was not saved, the R. C. and C. E. Churches and the whole town would have been levelled. The fire was not quenched until 1.30 a.m. Tuesday.

Very little insurance was held and the cash lost, which was part of the Church funds, is a great blow to pastor and people.

FIVE VESSELS DRAG ANCHORS.

We learn by the Clyde that in the big storm of Wednesday week, five vessels dragged their anchors and went ashore. At least two of them, it is feared, will be total losses.

James Baird, Ltd., had a message to-day, saying the Dorothy Baird had arrived at Pernambuco, all well, after a fair voyage.

Saloniki Infested With Enemy Spies

PARIS, Jan. 11.—Numerous extracts from documents seized at Salonika when the Consuls of the Teutonic allies were arrested there recently were printed in this morning's newspapers. Among the papers, according to the published statement, were copies of the daily reports telegraphed to Vienna by the Austrian Consul-General, giving the numbers and description of allied troops that were landing at Salonika; reports of spies on the movements of allied forces into the interior, and records of payments to these spies and to local newspapers.

The system of espionage, the accounts state, was also extended to Greece, and among the published papers there are what purport to be copies of reports made by agents at Greek military centres and by port functionaries. "A good friend of Germany, and can be trusted," is a sentence printed as being taken from one of the reports made regarding a certain prefect, while a certain officer was classed as "doubtful."

One secret agent is declared to have written on December 30 that Greek troops which were supposed to be leaving the city marched out on one side and came back on the other, Herr Hollenhamer, a secretary of the German Legation, is represented as reporting that he was endeavoring to establish communication by spies with Monastir.

LLOYD GEORGE'S ORATORY.

Lloyd George is the active man of the administration. He is always doing something, and lately he has seemed to be doing the right thing at the right time. Popular judgment of him is based on his words, though, as surely as the popular judgment of Mr. Asquith. His appeal to the unionists for the immediate self-sacrificing help the nation needs was a masterly collocation of words, full of phrases which must have strongly impressed his hearers. It was one of the memorable oratorical efforts the war has inspired in Great Britain.—New York Times.

UNION CONVENTION AT BAY ROBERTS A BIG SUCCESS

Whole of Conception Bay Will Support the Union and Coaker President Delivers Address Which Inspires Large Audience

(Special to 'The Mail and Advocate.')

BAY ROBERTS, Jan. 19.—The Union Convention was held here yesterday, opening at three o'clock and closing at midnight. About fifty delegates and 100 visitors attended. Although such a wintry day and Bay de Verde District was cut off, delegates represented Councils from Kelligrews to Freshwater. All the officers were re-elected and Friend R. Hibbs was appointed permanent Union agent for Conception Bay. Another Convention will be held at Clarke's Beach, in April. Several important matters were discussed and resolutions passed in relation thereto. A public address was delivered at 7.30 by Mr. Coaker. The fine new Union Hall was filled to overflowing. Scores of opponents attended and most of the prominent citizens were present, including the Rev. Mr. Grimes. Mr. Coaker spoke for nearly ninety minutes and delivered a most earnest, instructive and eloquent address, which will not be soon forgotten.

At the close of the meeting the second session of the Convention opened and remained open until the business was finished after midnight. Mr. Coaker went to Port de Grave this morning and will address a public meeting to-night at Clarke's Beach, proceeding to St. John's Thursday morning.

CORRESPONDENT.

Italian Liner's Guns Only for Defence

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The State Department asked Italy either to dismount the Verdi's guns or give a pledge that they would be used only for defence. The Italian Government choose the latter course.

The State Department has not contended that it had any right to deny admission to American ports to a merchant ship armed ostensibly for defence but announced at the outset of the war that it preferred that no armed ships of that class should come in American waters. British ships dismounted guns.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—The Italian liner Giuseppe Verdi sailed for Naples late today with her two 3-inch guns still mounted on her after deck. She was permitted to clear upon the receipt of assurances that the pieces are to be used only for defence.

Word came from Washington today to the Collector of the Port, Dudley Field Malone, that the Italian Government had given such assurances to the States Department and that the Verdi's clearance papers might be granted.

TOUGH FOR THE CLIENT

The judge was a kindly old fellow and the young barrister was nervous.

"My unfortunate client"—he began, in a quaking voice and a dry throat, then stopped.

Fumbling among his papers with a trembling hand, he began again.

"My unfortunate client"—but his throat dried up.

Desperately mopping his brow with a handkerchief, he made another attempt.

"My unfortunate client"—but it was no good.

The judge smiling down at him in a kindly way, said:

"You may proceed with your statement, Mr. Blank. The court, so far, is in entire agreement with you."—Louisville Herald.

Everybody will admit that a high hat looks all right if it is worn with a head to match.

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Judge Parry recalls some stories of "Daniel O'Connell—Counselor" in the January Cornhill. In a case at Cork, O'Connell was successful with a bold, if somewhat hazardous, ruse. The prisoner, whose name was James, the chief Crown witness swore to finding the prisoner's hat near the scene of the murder. He was very emphatic that the hat belonged to James:

"Now," said O'Connell to the witness on cross-examination "you are quite sure about this hat?"

"I am," replied the witness.

"Let me look at it again," said O'Connell, taking it from the witness and examining it carefully. He then looked inside, and spelled J-A-M-E-S. "Now do you mean to tell the court and jury this name was in the hat when you found it?"

"I do on my oath," replied the witness.

"Did you see the name, then?"

"I did—surely."

"This is the same hat, no mistake about it?"

"Och, no mistake—'tis his hat."

"And all you have sworn is as true as that?"

"Quite."

"Now you may go down," said O'Connell sternly. "My lord, there is an end of this case—there is no name whatever in the hat." The result was a prompt acquittal.

As to O'Connell's powers of vituperation, Judge Parry tells that he had a tolerably good tongue for inventing at the moment epithets of abuse that seemed to his hearers to fit the occasion. He was fighting a case against an attorney who constantly interrupted him with futile and absurd objections, urged with considerable rudeness and pertinacity. O'Connell stood the annoyance for some time with more or less patience, and at length fastened him with a stern look and shouted at him in tones that reverberated through the court house: "Sit down, you snarling pugacious Ram Cat!" The attorney was quelled, the court rocked with laughter, and the sobriquet remained with the unfortunate man for ever. It must have been incidents like this that caused the old crier in Ennis to try to clear the court by shouting out: "All ye black guards that isn't lawyers quit the court," a phrase that delighted O'Connell beyond measure.

"Now, Tommy," said the teacher, "you may give an example of the coincidence."

"Why, er—" said Tommy, with some hesitation, "why—me fadder and me mudder was both married on de same day."—Chicago News.

The tall, fidgety man hurriedly entered the depot and, addressing a by-stander, asked: Do you think I can catch the flyer for Chicago?"

The man addressed casually surveyed the other's long legs and, slowly removing the cigar from between his lips, replied: "Well, it looks like you ought to, but you'd better hurry, for she's been gone half an hour."—Judge.

Probably the only married couple who can truthfully say they have never exchanged a cross word is the Boston pair that have lived together fifty years without speaking.

CHILDREN PLACED.—Thomas Warren, of Woods Island, Bay of Islands, wish to place two motherless children aged nine and five years. Any person willing to take such children as their own, should communicate with the above.—Jan 4, ff. daily

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