

The Freeman's Journal

LAST EDITION

THE WEATHER. Moderate to fresh southwest to north-west winds. A few scattered showers today, but mostly fair, Friday, fair and a little colder.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1907.

ONE CENT

DR. PEASEDEN MUST DIE OR LOSE HIS REPUTATION

Peculiar Predicament of Tetanus Expert in Chicago. Regarded As Infallible Authority, He Diagnosed His Own Case and Said He Could Not Recover—Wanted Doctors To End His Sufferings.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Dr. Joseph Peasden, a scientist occupying one of the foremost positions with a large packing firm, indicated by signs to physicians at his bedside in the Chicago Baptist Hospital, that he realized that the attack of lockjaw from which he is suffering would prove fatal and urged them to end his life with a drug.

When he found that the law, written and unwritten, would not permit his fellows to end his sufferings, Dr. Peasden resigned himself to the care of the nurse. He heard his physicians say that if he lived another day there was hope for him. He shook his head.

On Christmas eve, while arranging a Christmas tree for children in his home, Dr. Peasden was stricken with acute lockjaw.

The injury, which brought on tetanus, was a compound fracture of the nose, sustained a week ago. Dr. Peasden was leading through a dark passageway leading from his laboratory to another part of the establishment when he fell down stairs and struck his nose on a board. The hurt caused an abrasion to the skin and the bones of the nose.

THE SLEEPING BEAUTY

Sarah Bernhardt Produces a Lyrical Fairy Play in Paris. PARIS, Dec. 26.—Sarah Bernhardt produced a novel piece last night in the shape of a lyrical fairy play, "The Sleeping Beauty," by Jean Richepin and Henry Cain, the music being by Francis Chopin. Miss Bernhardt and Judic, in the principal roles, were received with great enthusiasm.

A SLIGHT FIRE

Box No. 3 was run in at 12:35 o'clock today for a slight blaze in the boarding house at the corner of Union and Sydney streets. The fire was extinguished by the fire department.

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The St. John Railway Company have decided to operate the Fairville car all through the winter months. Arrangements have been made for the car to cross the C. P. R. tracks and nothing now stands in the way of the service being continued all winter. This announcement will be welcome news to the people of Fairville.

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Plot Henry Spears went to Halifax today to bring the Allan line steamer Tumbler to this port. She is expected there tomorrow.

PERCY BOSENCE BADLY INJURED

He Fell 40 Feet Into the Hold of S.S. Montcalm This Afternoon and Was Seriously Hurt. Percy Bosence, of Ludlow street, west end, met with a serious accident about one o'clock today falling 40 feet into the hold of the C. P. R. liner Montcalm, lying at No. 3 berth, Sand Point.

ABOIDEAU AT MARSH BRIDGE

It Must Be Repaired Or Renewed At Once—Water and Sewerage Board Considering Case.

At a special meeting of the water and sewerage board this morning a committee was appointed to confer with the Dominion and provincial governments regarding the repairing or renewal of the aboideau at the Marsh Bridge.

GOOD FOR MARSHALL

Officer Marshall Earns Commendation of Christmas Eve Crowd. It is not every day a kind word is said about a policeman, but Officer Marshall had that experience Christmas eve.

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St. John Man Receives Nice Christmas Gift from Celebrated English Runner. Joseph Murphy, of the Daily Telegraph staff, who has been in St. John for some time, has received a nice Christmas gift from a celebrated English runner.

AN OLD MAN MURDERED

BRAMPTON, Ont., Dec. 26.—(Special)—James Curry, a farmer, 80 years old, was shot and killed by his son, John Curry, last night about ten o'clock. The old man entered his son's room, where he heard his son and the hired man quarrelling. The hired man turned on the old man, killing him, and then threatened the son, who grappled with him, a second discharge going into the ceiling. The murderer is an Englishman; name unknown.

A YOUNG STOAWAY

When the steamer Calvin Austin arrived last Tuesday she had on board the five-year-old son of Rev. Mr. Latham a Unitarian minister at Eastport. The youngster got on board the steamer at Eastport and told some of the crew that his father worked on board the steamer. After the steamer left Eastport it was found out that he was taking a trip on his own account. He was taken back to Eastport and is now on board the steamer.

THE BOWLING TOURNAMENT

The proposed bowling tournament on the Black's Alley, north end, is now a certainty. Harry Black today received word from Samuel McDord, a former St. John man now located at Amherst that he would be here with a team on January 22nd. The Eastport team will be here from the 21st, to the 25th, and word is expected at any time from Fredericton. So that one of the best and largest bowling competitions ever seen here is promised.

THE OBSOQUIES

Norton, Dec. 26, 1907. Times newspaper: Sir—It is reported here that as a result of the coming withdrawal of Mr. Barnes from the government, after his speech here on the highway act, the government party in Kings is on the eve of dissolution, and that Premier Robinson summoned Dr. Pugsley to officiate at the funeral. Dr. Pugsley is reported to have advised the

A SHAME AND A DISGRACE

A Christmas Eve Scene In One Home in Christian St. John. This was the scene in a drunken child on Christmas eve in the Christian city of St. John, when the child's mother told a member of the Holy Day Club that there was nothing but some bread in the house for Christmas.

HAPPIEST CHRISTMAS THEY HAVE EVER SEEN

The Little Horseman Children Were the Guests of Moncton's Chief of Police Yesterday. MONCTON, Dec. 26.—(Special)—Yesterday was probably the happiest Christmas eve spent in Moncton since the little horseman children of Christopher Horseman, who, charged with the murder of his wife, is awaiting trial in Dorchester jail. The two children were comfortably installed in the home of Chief Rideout and were the recipients of many useful gifts, including clothing, fruit and confectionery, from kind-hearted citizens. The little ones were quite overwhelmed with generosity.

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THE TIMES, NEW REPORTER. GOT RICH QUICK. Mr. Hiram Hornbush says most of the people in the Settlement have started saving bank accounts. They had turkeys to sell—and then.