

F.P.U. CONVENTION OPENS TO-MORROW AFTERNOON, AT HALF PAST 2 O'CLOCK, IN THE MECHANICS HALL.

OUR THEATRES.

THE NICKEL.

The Nickel theatre has a brilliant programme arranged for to-day—one of the finest ever given in St. John's and it is sure to draw crowded houses. The third episode of the Exploits of Elaine will be shown. This in itself is sufficient to attract every patron old and young. There is greater interest in this serial than any other ever given in St. John's. It is still shown in many of the large cities of the States and Canada and it is being followed by millions. A glance at the programme published elsewhere in this issue is sufficient to show that the entertainment is an elaborate one. Every picture will please all, as great care has been taken in the selection of the subjects. For the benefit of those working after tea the Nickel will remain open until 11 o'clock to-night.

ROSSLEY'S.

Those who did not get a chance to see the surprise act Saturday night can do so to-night, and they will be well repaid. On Saturday, Carroll and Ellor, Jack Rossley and Professor Roche had the audience in rars of laughter at the funny act, which they will repeat to-night. On Friday night next there will be the usual contest and several names are now in already. Those intending to compete should send in their names early. Children under 14 cannot appear. The new pictures are very fine, viz.—"The poor little Cripple" in two parts, by the Vitagraph players; "Max's Money," by the Reliance players; a fine society drama, "Delayed," a Keystone comedy, and the usual Pathe Weekly, the very latest events. The shows at Rossley's are clean, clever and up-to-date. The pantomime, Beauty and the Beast, will be a great production.

THE CRESCENT.

Don't fail to attend the Crescent Picture Palace to-day; the show is the best mid-week show the Crescent has put on for a long time. The great two-reel winning drama: "The Tragedy of Bear Mountain" pictured by the Kalem Company "in the wild and woolly west" is alone worth the price of admission. "For the man she loved" is an Edison domestic feature with Mabel Grimmele. A strong story of Chinese intrigue is "The Mission of the Major." Mr. Delmar sings a comic laughing song: "I didn't know 'til afterwards." You will laugh heartily when you hear Mr. Delmar sing this song. Two shows every afternoon, and two shows every night.

LARGEST MAIL ON RECORD.

One of the largest mails, if not the largest and heaviest consignment of parcel post matter ever sent from this country left by last evening's express, being forwarded to our soldier and sailor lads by their friends here. The Post Office was thronged yesterday with people posting their letters and parcels. Our boys will be delighted on getting the packages to know that the loved ones at home were not unmindful of them and that they will receive at the joyous Christmas season remembrances from home which will gladden their hearts.

A PLUCKY LAD.

Master Wallace Halfyard, of Cabot Street, this city has not alone asserted his patriotism, but shown his pluck, endeavoured to enlist with the First Contingent, but being under the required age limit, could not do so. He was then at school at the Methodist College Hall and continued his studies until a few weeks ago when he attained the age of 18 and immediately enlisted and passed a good medical examination. It is patriotism and pluck of this stamp that will bring the old Empire through this crisis with flying colors.

A WELCOME COINCIDENCE.

Last night as Sgt. E. Furlong was standing by the Bank of Montreal a poor woman approached him and told him she had lost her purse, containing \$4 further down the street. Just as the woman was leaving the officer a gentleman came by and handed him a purse which he said he had picked up a few minutes before. The woman identified it as her and was delighted to recover her money.

The Tabasco leaves Liverpool for St. John's on Tuesday afternoon.

VESSELS STILL POSTED MISSING

Up to Press Hour no News From the "Swallow" or "Rose"—Ship ping Men Think Vessels Are Driven Well off Coast

Up to this forenoon the schooners "Swallow" and "Rose" missing now the past ten days, have not been heard from. On board the "Swallow," Capt. Jno. Bowring which was bound from Domino to Bay Roberts, are 22 people, and on the "Rose" 19, in all 41 souls. It was the schooner "J. C. Furlong," now at Munroe's premises, which was in company with the "Rose" Tuesday week when she was driven off from Western Point as stated by **The Mail and Advocate** yesterday. The Cabot, Monday evening at Fermeuse, left immediately to search for the other schooners. The Ingraham was at Trepassey Monday night and left early yesterday to resume their search.

The vessels are good and seaworthy, and those who know their capabilities will not give them up as lost for days to come yet. And there is another possibility, which is, that the vessels being driven off the coast into the track of ocean-going shipping, may be picked up by some ship or ships and brought to some port in the United States, Canada or Europe.

The experience of Capt. W. J. Kennedy of the schooner "Pioneer" is an illustration of the possibility to which we allude. She was coming from Carbonear to St. John's, about eight years ago, in the latter part of November, when a big gale of off-shore wind was encountered. The vessel was driven to sea and the crew were picked off the schooner in the Gulf Stream by the S.S. Rotterdam and taken to Rotterdam. They were over three weeks missing and were long given up when word was received of their arrival at Rotterdam on Xmas Eve.

In the same gale, Capt. Hoiwell was driven off, similarly picked up and landed in England. Both crews returned here by the S.S. Glencoe, and the writer had the privilege of recording their awful experiences for the press. Howlett's schooner "Bogonia," bound to Twillingate a few years ago had a similar experience, when they were picked off and landed in England. We quote these instances to prove that none need despair yet for the safety of those on the schooners. "There are hopes from the ocean," and we hope that in the case of these two missing vessels the old repeated proverb will be fulfilled.

Nfld. Fox Exchange at 276 Water Street, pays highest prices for all kinds of Raw Furs.—Nov23

THE WORK ABANDONED.

Since the man Coombes was killed at Bell Island a couple of weeks ago, to which the **Mail and Advocate** exclusively referred, work on the new slope where the accident occurred, has been suspended.

The cut went through rock going towards a big ore deposit. The work will be resumed later and during the winter months will boom on the Island, as large quantities of ore will be taken out for the stock piles.

LODGE ST. ANDREW MEETS

The annual meeting of Lodge St. Andrew, A.F. and A.M., was held in the Masonic Temple Monday night, when the following officers were elected:

R. W. M.—Bros. Jas. J. Mackay, W. W.—Bor. (Hon.) Chas. H. Emerson, W. J. W.—Bro. J. MacNeil, Secretary—Bro. D. M. Baird, Treasurer—Bro. P. W. R. Johnson, A. D.—Bro. James McCoubrey, T. D.—Bro. E. Spurrell, D. of C.—Bro. W. J. Milley, J. G.—Bro. A. Montgomerie, Stewarts—Bros. J. A. Winter and C. Pratt.

The installation of the R.W.M. and the officers named above will take place on the 30th inst., the District Grand Master R. W. Brother C. R. Duder officiating.

POULTRY SHOW OPENS.

The annual Poultry Show will open in the Prince's Rink at 3 p.m. to-day and promises to be the most interesting of its kind ever held here. It will be formally opened by His Excellency the Governor and will not close until Friday. The number of exhibits will be larger than ever before and no doubt the public will attend it in large numbers.

GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS

NOVEMBER 24th.

Tasmania discovered, 1642. Bishop Scallan preached sermon for benefit of poor of St. John's in "Old" Chapel, 1822. Lord Melbourne, Queen Victoria's first premier, died, 1848. Thomas Higgins, cooper, Harbor Grace, died, 1869. John Power, cooper, Riverhead, died, 1876. Capt. Coen, governor penitentiary, died, 1878. William M. Warren, died, 1882. Second trial of Harbor Grace prisoners began, 1884. John Collier Withers, prop. Royal Gazette, died, aged 89, 1890. George H. Emerson sworn, Judge, 1896. Melendez, the Malay cook, convicted of manslaughter, sentenced to two years imprisonment, and forty lashes, 1876. Mrs. Morris, Burin, died, 1895. Edward M. Jackman publishes open letter to R. G. Reid, on Railway deal, 1898. James Stephens, head centre Fenian organization, escapes from Kilmannham prison, £1000 reward; he arrived in France, 1865.

W.P.A.

IN AID OF THE SICK AND WOUNDED AND OF OUR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS AT THE FRONT.

Subscriptions may be sent to Lady Davidson, Mrs. Emerson, Treasurer; or any of the following members of the Finance Committee—Mrs. Ayre, Mrs. Byrne, Miss Bowring, Mrs. Edens, Mrs. Duley, Miss Hayward, Mrs. A. Macpherson and Mrs. Herbert Rendell.

Amount acknowledged	\$9238.30
Mr. Eric Bowring	50.00
Contribution from Stephenville	22.50
The Thos. D. Murphy Co., Red Oak, Iowa, Proceeds of Sale of 200 Calendars, per P. E. Outerbridge, Agent	30.00
Mrs. William Watson	5.00
One of the Committee, 2nd Instalment	100.00
Percentage of cash sales from Nov. 15th to 20th, from Alex. Scott Esq.	50.00
Mrs. E. G. Cousins	10.00
Mrs. Alice Boggan	1.50
Miss M. Carter	1.00
Mrs. A. K. Lumsden	5.00
Mrs. S. C. Canning	5.00
Mrs. Sen Taylor, sale of fancy work	50.70
Tea by Miss May Cooper and Miss Ellen Taylor	18.58
Mrs. Rusted, Upper Island Cove	2.00
Mrs. D. A. Ryan	25.00
Miss A. MacFarlane	2.00
Mrs. Mitchell	10.00
Miss M. Mitchell	5.00
Mrs. J. S. Ayre	20.00
L.S.P.U.	40.00
Miss Duncan and Miss Carey (for hospital purpose)	4.00
Miss Margaret Carter, (for hospital purpose)	5.00
Money Boxes	7.61
Lydia Miller, for Ferns gathered and sold	7.00
Collected by Mr. Richard Quirk at Fortune Harbor (for hospital purposes)	25.00
Mrs. George Ayre, 3rd. week at British theatre	30.00
Total	\$9,740.19
KATHERINE EMERSON, Treasurer.	Nov. 23rd., 1915.

FOGOTA HAD STORMY TRIP

Met Terrible Weather Going North—Had it Finer Returning—Large Passenger List Including Many F.P.U. Delegates to Convention

The S.S. Fogota, Capt. Dalton, arrived here at 11.50 to-day from North—Had it finer returning—Large Passenger List Including Many F.P.U. Delegates to Convention. The Board of Trade had a message yesterday saying that the schooners "Rostand" and "Castor" which loaded codfish here have arrived at Oporto all well.

The S.S. Meigle arrived at Port aux Basque at 5.20 a.m. yesterday with 73 packages of mail and local express with it due this evening. The schr. Leta J. Swartz arrived here yesterday from Lunenburg to A. H. Prowse in ballast after a run of 3 1-2 days and will load fish for Europe.

OUR VOLUNTEERS.

The men yesterday were put through indoor exercises in the armory, and they are becoming very proficient. The past few days the following enlistments were noted, bringing the total to date to 2563: Frank Rowe, Trinity, Hy. Hayer, Trinity, Jas. R. Woodridge, Trinity, Jno. McGrath, Colliers, C.B., Allan G. Roberts, St. John's, Edward Sellars, St. John's, Caleb Barrett, St. John's, Wm. A. Phalen, St. John's, Morgan Gallop, St. John's, Ed. J. Strickland, Channel, Jno. H. Read, Channel, Jos. Legge, Heart's Delight, Chas. Wiseman, Heart's Delight.

BRIDGE DESTROYED AT HILLVIEW.

Inspector General Sullivan last night had a message from Sgt. Ryan of Trinity, reading:—"Bridge at Hillview destroyed am proceeding to investigate." The bridge is comparatively small one here, being about 30 feet long and spans a small river, and it is thought likely that floods caused by recent rains destroyed it. The Reid Nfld. Co. up to last night knew nothing of the accident.

PRIZE DAY AT THE POULTRY SHOW

Friday, November 26th. Last chance to see this great show. Don't miss it. nov22, mon, w, f, 31

THE GREATEST MIXTURE MADE

CAKE BOX Mixture

SMOKING TOBACCO

can now be had at **The Royal Cigar Store,** Bank Square, Water Street.

SHIPPING

The Schr. Eva left here for Lisbon yesterday taking 2994 qtls cod shipped by the Smith Co. Ltd.

Both the Adventure and Bellaventure will leave here shortly for Sydney.

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The S.S. Home will leave Humbermouth Friday after the express arrives, resuming the regular service between Humbermouth and Battle Hill.

The schr. Spinaway arrived here yesterday to A. S. Rendell & Co. with a cargo of salt, 42 days from Cadiz. She had fine weather until the Gulf Stream was reached when she experienced all the storm which prevailed, but came through with little damage.

SCHOONERS LOST MASTS AND GEAR ONE MAN HURT

People who arrived here by the Fogota to-day say that Turner's schooner from St. John's to Keels was out in the storm of Tuesday week and put into Bloody Island with both her spars gone. She was towed to Flat Island by the Dundee Wednesday. She had all her canvas torn also. The Robbie M., going to Greens pond, owned by Geo. Greene, had her canvas torn in threads and her main boom fell. It struck one of the crew belonging to Seldom, laid open his forehead and he was looked after by the crew and later when landed at Pool's Island. The man is dangerously hurt and narrowly escaped instant death. These men report several other schooners with their sails destroyed and gear carried away.

As stated by **The Mail and Advocate** Monday the young man Connel arrested last week for stealing from various places, is also held for taking several overcoats and other property belonging to various people, and the police are investigating other matters attributed to him. It is said he also posed as an important official of the volunteer recruiting office. He will soon appear in court to stand his trial.

TO-NIGHT'S LECTURE.

Mr. Jones of the Seamen's Institute will deliver an illustrated lecture this evening at 9 p.m. in the Grenfell Hall. Subject: "Where the War is Waging."

POLICE ARE BUSY

The police are very busy at the present time and have been for some days; especially detectives Byrne and Tobin. They are enquiring into a number of larcenies reported and Inspector General Sullivan also has his hands full in dealing with a multiplicity of matters.

THE "ANNIE'S" CREW HERE

Capt. James McCarthy and W. Rodgers and Jeremiah Whalen of the boat "Annie," who were picked up off Cape Race by the "Monardnock" Monday, arrived here to-day by the Trepassey train. Speaking to a **Mail** reporter they say that our story of yesterday is a good illustration of their experience. Rodgers, who was ill, is better. They lost about \$1000 in the supplies on board. Capt. E. N. R. Blackmore, of the Monardnock, treated them splendidly and though bound from New York to London, left his course to help the Annie to land. Skipper McCarthy says the people of Fermeuse treated them with great kindness also.

We advise trappers to send their Furs to Nfld. Fox Exchange, 276 Water Street.—Nov23

VESSELS MEET ROUGH WEATHER

Local Coasters Have Hard Time in Gale Last Week—One Vessel Driven 166 Miles to Sea—But Reaches Port O.K.

The schr. Ahava, Capt. T. Batstone, left Little Bay Islands Monday week for the Monroe Export Co. of St. John's with a load of fish and oil. She was out in the storm of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of last week and when the skipper took his bearings he found he was 166 miles off the coast, having been driven that great distance by the gale of off-shore wind.

The vessel had a full load of fish and heavy deck load of oil, but did not lose a cask of it. She arrived at port Sunday last and as one of her hardy crew remarked "there was not a feather out of her."

The schr. Dixemude, Cape, Walsh, from La Scie to this port, fish-laden, was out since Monday week and received the full benefit of the storm of Tuesday and succeeding days. She was consigned to C. F. Bennett & Co. and arrived at a northern port Monday with all her canvas blown away, but little other damage done her.

Don't forget to call at the Lecture Room of the Congregational Church to-morrow evening. Delicious Meat Teas will be served from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Price 40c.—Nov23, 21

FOR SALE

FOR sale by Public Auction on Saturday, 27th inst., at 12 noon, in the BOARD OF TRADE ROOMS, the following Waterside Property situated at Dublin Cove, near Rose Blanche, comprising— 20 Acres Freehold Land, together with the Whaling and Carcase Plants erected thereon, consisting of Buildings, Boilers, Machinery and Tools and Utensils. Also: The Whaling and Carcase Plants situated at Maggoty Cove, Trinity, consisting of Buildings, Boilers, Machinery and Tools and Utensils. The Land on which this Property is erected is Leasehold. Also: Sundry Tools and Utensils now on the Southside Premises of Job Brothers & Company, Ltd., St. John's.

Inventories of the above Property can be seen and full information received on application to JOB BROS. & CO., LTD., Managers for Liquidators of The New Whaling Co., Ltd., or, A. S. RENDELL & CO., Auctioneer. nov24

PUBLIC NOTICE!

ENQUIRES have been made from time to time regarding the use by War Office, London, of Newfoundland timber. It has been ascertained that the only purpose for which Newfoundland timber can be recommended is trench work. The offer of timber should be made to the Principal Architect in charge of Royal Palaces, His Majesty's Office of Work, Storey's gate, London, S.W. The following is a list of the usual sizes, with the approximate percentage of each size, of the timber and board required, namely: 3" x 9" 14%, 3" x 6" 11%, 4" x 4 1/2" 5%, 2" x 9" 7%, 2" x 6" 1/4%, 4" x 3" 2%, 1 1/2" x 9" 1/2%, 1" x 6" 1/4%, 4" x 2" 13%, 1" x 9" 16%, 3" x 2" 1/2%, 1" tongued and grooved flooring—12%, 1" Rough Boarding—2%, 3/4" Rough Boarding—6%, 3/4" Weather Boarding—2%, 3/4" Matching 1 1/2%, 1/2" Matching 1/2%. All offers submitted should state prices, with dates of possible delivery. J. R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary. Colonial Secretary's Office, 20th November, 1915. nov23, 21

A Meeting of Fogo District Council, F.P.U.

will be held in the **Mechanics' Hall, at 8 o'clock, This Wednesday Evening.**

All Delegates will please attend.

W. W. HALFYARD, Chairman.