

OUR THEATRES

THE NICKEL. The Nickel theatre brings this week with an elaborate programme superior to any given there of late. Patrons will be delighted to learn that the wonderful "Who Pays" series will be continued. Ruth Roland and Henry King star in this marvelous story. To-day's installment which is the sixth, is entitled "Houses of Glass." This series was made for the purpose of making people think and it certainly succeeds. There is "The Goddess," the series beautiful, which everyone is interested in. The tenth chapter will be shown and Anita Stewart and Earle Williams will be seen in very clever roles. There will also be other high class subjects. "The Exploits of Elaine" will be continued Wednesday. The great Charlie Chaplin comedy in two reels, entitled "Work," is coming to the Nickel shortly. Be sure and attend to-day's performance.

ROSSLEY'S. There is a first-class programme at Rossley's Theatre to-night; songs, dances, everything new and up to date, a clean show and a good one. Rossley's motto, fun without vulgarity, also some of the best pictures ever seen here. Don't miss this show. Mr. Rossley is making arrangements to bring one of the finest of all serial pictures to St. John's, "The Diamond from the Sky." This great photo play will make a sensation here, as it has done in New York.

THE CRESCENT. The Crescent Picture Palace is showing a great three-reel mystery drama to-day—"The Second Commandment" is one of the best three-reel productions of the year, the Kalem stars, Dorothy Bernard, Guy Kibben and Anna Wilson, are featured. "The Ebbing Tide" is a fine sea drama by the Biograph Company. "They loved him so" is a roaring Vitagraph Comedy with Kate Price, Flora Finch and Jay Diggins. Mike is the ladies' model man, his wife objects to his posing and shatters their idol, there is a barrel of fun in this comedy. Mr. Dave Parks sings a new ballad, "Put Me to Sleep With an Old-Fashioned Melody." This is a great show, don't miss seeing it.

R. C. CHURCH NOTES. Wednesday next being the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, there will be a Solemn High Mass in the Cathedral, and procession of the Blessed Sacrament.

It was announced yesterday at all the masses that persons in arrears for pew rents must settle for them in the Sacristy not later than this evening.

At the Cathedral last night Rt. Rev. Monsignor McDermott, V.G., occupied the pulpit and referred at some length to the finances of the Cathedral. He read the letter of His Grace the Archbishop recently written on the subject. The amount of the loan asked for had been over-subscribed and all arrangements had been made with the Bank, the trustees and the Cathedral Episcopal Corporation. Of the amount, after the indebtedness of the Cathedral Parish had been liquidated, \$40,000 is on deposit to the credit of the Cathedral funds and this will be expended during the year, making repairs to the Cathedral, for schools, new parish church &c.

The offertory collection, the Rev. Preacher said, were of late showing a sign of falling off, and he urged all to contribute as their means would allow, explaining that when all bills would have been paid the funds would be exhausted.

Rev. Dr. Carter imposed Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Rev. Fr. Nangle, we hear, will officiate at Bell Island during the absence of Rev. Fr. McGrath.

KYLE'S PASSENGERS. S.S. Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques 9.15 a.m. yesterday with the following passengers—J. A. and Mrs. MacKenzie, H. House, G. A. Ashley, Rev. T. Garrett, S. R. Pearcey, D. M. Young, T. E. Dixon, Capt. E. Faulke, T. P. Stewart, G. LeClair, T. L. Waldron, John Scott, A. Edgcombe, W. Keefe, W. O. Grant, G. McCrudden, Gordon Spracklin and several second class.

W. H. JESSOP wishes to announce that he is open again with a full line of BREAD, CAKES AND PASTRY. Everything Fresh. 194 Duckorth St.

Sudden Death of Patrick Leonard

Dies Suddenly Yesterday While Attending Service in R. C. Cathedral—Was a Man Well Known and Highly Respected. A very sad and sudden death occurred at the R. C. Cathedral yesterday forenoon, Mr. Patrick Leonard suddenly expiring a few minutes before the 10 o'clock mass began. Mr. Leonard had not long arrived in the Cathedral, when, while kneeling in the western ambulatory, near the altar of St. Joseph, he was seen to sway and fall. Const. Chafe, Fireman M. Codner of the Central Station, J. Dunn and others who were near hastened to his aid, and Dr. Keegan who was in his pew near was summoned, as well as Rev. Dr. Carter who administered the last sacraments.

Dr. Keegan did all possible also under the circumstances but the call was a very sudden and fatal one and life was extinct in a few minutes. Rev. Dr. Carter broke the sad news to the wife and family of the deceased, after which the body was borne to his late residence, 22 Boncloddy Street. Mr. Leonard succumbed to an attack of apoplexy. The deceased was a man well known and highly respected in the city. For many years he was principal salesman with Mr. R. Callahan, tinsmith, for some time conducted a grocery store on Lime Street and for the past five or six years was a keeper at the Lunatic Asylum.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

At 3 p.m. yesterday the prize distribution to the Cathedral Sunday School children was held in the Synod Hall. Again the pupils decided unanimously to give up the prizes and devote their value in cash to the Patriotic Fund. The certificates were presented by Lady Davidson, when his Lordship Bishop Jones addressed the children and heartily congratulated them on their self-sacrifice and patriotism. The Chairman was Canon White and Canon Bolt. In a neat speech, proposed a vote of thanks to Lady Davidson. The Bishop then gave the blessing, after which the National Anthem was sung, concluding the meeting.

Q-M. SGT. EBSARY WOUNDED.

Saturday, Mrs. Ebsary, of the South Side, one of whose sons died on active service, had a letter from the Record Office dated the 10th inst. saying that Quarter-Master Sergeant Ebsary, the well-known C.L.B. officer and oarsman, had been wounded.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT GRAND FALLS.

Last night messages were received here that a hotel at Grand Falls owned by J. Basha, a Syrian, had been destroyed by fire. No particulars were to hand except that the fire started about 4 p.m. and that the building was utterly destroyed. Another hotel near narrowly escaped destruction, and the house of R. N. Co's section fireman. The origin of the fire is unknown.

C. M. B. C.

Rev. J. Brinton at yesterday's meeting of the C.M.B.C. gave a most interesting lecture on the subject of "Ancient beliefs in life after death." The meeting was largely attended and the lecture was one of great interest to all present. The Class Band rendered several hymns during the religious exercises which were held.

AT GOWER ST. CHURCH

At the regular service last night the Hon. R. K. Bishop gave an appropriate and stirring address to the congregation concerning the necessity of freeing from debt the church of the twentieth anniversary of the dedication of this fine building, and Mr. Bishop impressed upon the people the delight and gratitude that would accrue to them as a congregation if, in October next, they were able to meet and commemorate the event, with the debt entirely removed. In 1896, when the church was opened, the debt stood at \$29,300. The debt against the church to-day is in the neighborhood of \$4,000. At the close of the service, Miss Storey rendered a very fine anthem solo.

READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE

LOCAL ITEMS

LEAGUE HOCKEY—To-night Terra Novas vs. Feildians. Game starts at 7.30 sharp.

The C.C.C. will begin their winter sports to-night, playing a basket ball game.

Matters were quiet in Police circles Saturday night, and only two prisoners, drunks, were jailed.

It was very cold across country Saturday night and at Gaff Topsails the thermometer registered eight below zero.

Capt. Faulke and crew of the "Boothic" who came out to St. John, N.B. on the Pretorian, should arrive by to-day's express.

The volunteers who were last week inactivated were at drill again Saturday afternoon. One company had drill at the South Side Range.

It was very stormy with intense frost on the Western end of the railway yesterday and an East-bound freight train was held up at Kitty's Brook and did not continue the run until to-day.

Another large steamer was reported off the coast Saturday evening by wireless. She wanted 500 tons coal but was told she could not get it here and it is likely proceeded to Sydney.

A man named Rodney, a resident of Placentia Bay, accompanied by a relative, arrived here by the express yesterday morning. He has been mentally affected for some time past and was taken to the Asylum by Mr. E. Whiteaway.

Wednesday next, the first half holiday, if ice and weather serves, a series of horse races will be held on Quiddi Vid Lake. Cabmen and others who have fast horses will enter, and good races are looked for.

Yesterday evening a little girl passing along the South Side became so greatly affected by the intense cold that her parents who were with her had to take her into a house there. After a good heat she was able to proceed home.

Private John Long of the Newfoundland Regiment will arrive here by the Kyle's express to-morrow on furlough. Bugler W. Fanning, whose letter we recently published, arrived in London last week and is in hospital there. His sister, Miss Eileen Fanning, had a wire to that effect Saturday.

To-night's Hockey

The line-up in this evening's hockey game will be: Terra Novas goal Feildians Duley goal Strang Tobin point Wilson Watts cover Bennett Stick rover Pearce Mews centre Winter Johnson right White Trapnell left Bugden

FR. BENOUF TAKES UP DUTIES AT ST. PATRICK'S.

Rev. Fr. Hy. Benouf who recently was appointed to the charge of St. Patrick's Parish, preached a very eloquent and impressive sermon at that church yesterday at last mass. His theme was "the necessity of faith and confidence in God," and his handling of it was masterly and shows that the Rev. Gentleman is a fluent and polished pulpit orator. The Rev. Gentleman at the close of the discourse referred to his appointment to the charge of the Parish, promising with the Divine assistance that he would endeavor to perform the duties falling upon him to the best of his ability, and asked from the people their loyalty, co-operation and prayers.

THE TABASCO HERE.

The S.S. Tabasco, Yeoman, arrived here Saturday afternoon after a run of 15 days from Liverpool. The ship had, head winds, high seas, storms and intensely frosty weather all the way, being badly fed up on arrival here. She had a large cargo of mail, and was given a quick despatch by Mr. T. Kennedy, as she sailed for Halifax yesterday morning.

STEAMERS FROM SYDNEY

The S. S. Sagona, Capt. Spracklin, arrived here yesterday morning from Sydney with a full freight and 50 packages of mail. The Melgie, Capt. Tavenor, arrived yesterday afternoon from Sydney with a full freight and 43 packages of mail. Both had fine but frosty weather and were badlyiced up.

Was Fined \$150 or Three Months

Draper Charged With Dishonest Practices Was Before Court on Saturday—Others Involved Released Under Suspended Sentence.

The three men, a draper, parcel man and express man, who stole goods from Knowling's Central Establishment, as reported by us on Saturday, were before Mr. Hutchings, K.C. in the Magistrate's Court Saturday afternoon. All elected to be tried summarily and pleaded guilty to the various thefts. The draper, the worst sinner of the trio, was fined \$150 or 3 months, it being his first offence and all the articles having been recovered. The teamster, who received \$18 worth of goods from the draper, was released under suspended sentence, he having given his assurance of making good the loss. The parcel man, who had received \$4 worth of underclothing was summarily disposed of.

The thefts were discovered by members of the firm, who knew that parcels sent out were unaccounted for, and who saw the chief offender wearing apparel for which he had not paid. The man arrested Saturday forenoon by Detective Byrne belonged to the Grocery Department at Knowling's. He keeps a grocery store of his own, and was arrested, we hear, as a result of dishonesty in the sale of some sugar. He also was up in Court Saturday afternoon, and was remanded to enable the police to prosecute further enquiries in his case.

A PLEA FOR IMPOUNDER DESSERT.

(Editor Mail and Advocate) Dear Sir,—I notice that several advances or rather bonuses have been given to employees of the Council. With the justice or otherwise of this I have nothing at present to say but there is one point that I might mention in common justice to one who I think has been overlooked. I refer to Arthur Dessert, the city impounder, who only receives \$36.50 a month, which is practically all he gets as fees go towards the paying of help. Trusting that justice will be done this man.

KITE AT TWILLINGATE

The Prospero reports the S.S. Kite in Twillingate with a load of frozen herring for St. John's to the Smith Coy. Ltd. The intention is to send the ship to Boston with the cargo but unless a strong breeze of S.W. wind blows to clear the coast she may not get south for a long while yet.

THE MINNIE HERE.

The brig, "Minnie" Capt. Wakeham, arrived here to-day from Bahia after a run of 60 days. She had very stormy weather all through the voyage, was 18 days becalmed off the Brazilian coast and since making Newfoundland waters has had it very stormy, but she received no damage. The Helen Stewart left the same day as the Minnie and should soon arrive here.

THANKS MR. KENT.

Mr. Patrick Costello arrived here to-day from Bell Island with his wife who is dangerously ill. She was brought from the cove in the Ambulance, and Mr. Costello thanks Mr. J. M. Kent for his exertions in securing admission for his wife to the institution.

A DANGEROUS RUNAWAY

Hy. Greely's horse of Portugal Cove took flight to-day on Theatre Hill, dashed down to William's Lane where it collided with a pole and left the wrecked "slide" behind. It dashed across George's Street and was stopped by Const. Doody near the Post Office. Pedestrians had to look lively to get out of its way.

LAST OF HERRING FLEET LEFT BAY OF ISLANDS

Mr. H. W. LeMessurier had messages to-day saying that the schrs. S. Quanto and Athlete left Woods Island Saturday with 840 and 678 barrels herring respectively loaded by the Gordon Pew Coy. for Gloucester. The Elizabeth M. with 1195 brls. and the Regina with 1220 brls for T. W. Nicholson also left. Herring are very plentiful at North Arm, Bay of Islands, and the last vessels of the herring fleet are now left the place.

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

CASINO THEATRE. FOURTH WEEK. KLARK-URBAN COMPANY. MATINEE WEDNESEAY AT 2.30. TO-NIGHT, "SO MUCH FOR SO MUCH." Prices—Evening, 20, 30 and 50 cents; Matinee: Children 10 cents, Adults 20 cents; Reserved Seats, 30 cents. Seats on sale at Atlantic Bookstore.

SHIPPING

The schr. "Hilda R." sailed from Cape Broyle for Alcantre yesterday with 3,812 qts codfish, shipped by L. Cubin.

The S.S. Mary will proceed to Bay de Verde to-morrow with the freight which was prevented from going there by train, owing to the recent snow blockade.

The French cable ship Edouard Jernand is off this coast Saturday wanting a supply of coal. She was told that the supplies were short here and left for other ports.

The S.S. Lixa Maersk hauled into Shea & Co. premises Saturday where she will discharge most of her cargo and then will go to the dock premises for a new rudder and other repairs.

The Success, Capt. Churchill, will leave here to-morrow for Brazil, led by James Baird, Ltd. Capt. Churchill is amongst our best seamen and navigators and since taking charge of the "Success" is doing excellent work.

ARCTIC ICE COMING SOUTH.

The S.S. Prospero reports that while in Green Bay for nearly a week the frost was intense and ice had formed on all the harbors and bays, while heavy Arctic ice was coming south, and was up to Cape Fogo. She was forcing through it for 9 hours from Change Islands to Seldom and the ship will not likely be able to make another trip North.

THE PROSPERO HERE.

The S.S. Prospero arrived from the Northward at 8 a.m. to-day. The ship reached Tilt Cove Thursday last and had fine weather on the run north. She left Friday evening and had it very stormy with intense frost on the run south. She brought 1200 casks codfish and 1010 bbls. herring and the following passengers: M. Batstone, R. J. Young, W. Hawkins, S. Skinner, G. Hodder, H. Clarke, T. Wagg, E. Grant; Misses Hiscock, Grant, Lockyer and five steerage.

DIPHTEHR IS SPREADING RAPIDLY

Last week we chronicled the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Gillam, of Robinson's, had died of diphtheria, and that their three children were also ill of it. Since then two of the children have succumbed to the disease, a very sad circumstance, and we hear, the third is dangerously ill. The disease is of a very virulent type and Dr. Bethune is on the scene, doing his best, as well as Magistrate McDonnell. As far as we can learn the disease at Pouch Cove and Bauline is of a mild type and no deaths have occurred.

CAPT. MARSHAL IN "SYBL"

The S.S. "Lady Sybil" did not get away until Saturday night for the Mediterranean with a full cargo of codfish in casks and bulk. Capt. Marshal, until recently of the Susu, went in charge, Capt. W. Kennedy having refused to go, as stated in Saturday's Mail and Advocate, contending that the ship was too deeply laden.

Germany and South Africa

It is perfectly well recognized by the people of the Union of South Africa that the elimination of German power in Africa is essential to the future safety of the Union; for Germany's colonization on this continent, as elsewhere, has been conducted on strictly military lines and with strictly military intent. The building of strategic railways with an eye to the invasion of South Africa was one of the first acts in the west and the east. The German press, official and unofficial, has made no secret of the nation's ambition to see the German flag supplant the Union Jack here. General Smuts touched upon this ambition in the following words: "It is well known that for a long number of years the German Empire has been casting covetous eyes on Southern Africa. They looked forward to a large expansion of their country and their race. They have been keeping their teeming millions for the great effort which is being made to-day. Their reservoir must overflow. And in what direction. America does not afford any great scope for the German Empire, Australia is too far off. Asia is protected by its own reserves of power. But Africa is in a different position and, as you know, it has been the deliberate policy of the German Empire for a generation to build up a greater Germany in this country of ours. They have cast longing and covetous eyes on the Congo and on Portuguese possessions, and their whole object has been to build up a great empire around us. "That map which we found in German South-west tells the tale. I refer to the map which painted South Africa and Central Africa as "Grosser Deutschland," and which left only two small reserves—one reserve for British footballers in the centre of the Sahara and the other which was called in this map the "Boeren Reserve," a reserve for Boers somewhere in the vicinity of Blomfontein to-day.

Cape to Cairo All-land Route.

With all its drawbacks, however, German East Africa will be an extremely valuable adjunct to the British Empire. It is bounded on the west by the Belgian Congo and Lake Tanganyika; on the north by British East Africa and Uganda, with Lake Victoria Nyassaland, and on the south in part by Nyassaland, the northern extremity of the Union of South Africa, by Lake Nyassa, and by the Portuguese colony of Mozambique. Its possession will give the British Empire an all-land route through uninterrupted British territory from Cape Town to Cairo.

Mr. J. Burt, of Whiteaway's, had a telegram from Glasgow to-day saying his son, Bert, had recovered, and has rejoined his regiment.

The wedding of Mr. Ernest Gaze of Steer Bros. and Miss Story will take place shortly. Both are receiving the congratulations of their friends.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

F. J. Morris, K.C., presided to-day and dismissed three drunks. Fourteen boys, summoned by Sgt. Savage for coasting, were each left off on paying costs.

The Eskimo pays his doctor his fee as soon as he arrives. If the patient recovers it is kept, if not it is returned.

NOTICE

Patriotic Association of the Women of Nfld. THE Semi-Annual Meeting of the St. John's Branch of the W.P.A. will be held in Grenfell Hall, Seamen's Institute, WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON (Feb. 2nd) at 3.30 p.m., to receive reports from Committees of the work done since September. All interested in the work of the Association are invited to be present. —jan31,21

NOTICE

All Trinity District Assessments for the District Council should be sent to the Treasurer, MR. GEORGE FOWLOW, of Phillip, Trinity East. J. G. STONE, D.C. dec24,2m,d&w

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