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Jewish Festival of Dedication

Yesterday at sunset, the Jewish Feast of Dedication began. The day set for the beginning of this feast is Dec. 2nd, but in the Jewish calendar the days are reckoned from sunset to sunset instead of from midnight to midnight. Hence in this city the Feast of Hanukkah, known also as the "Feast of Lights," began a little after 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Owing to the small number of the Jewish congregation in this city, there is no particular celebration of this festival, but the individual members of the congregation commemorate the feast by the kindling of lights in their homes. We understand that the Jewish population of Newfoundland consists of only ten families, seven in the city and three at Bell Island, numbering in all about 50 persons. From the local rabbi, Rev. E. Ershler, who was interviewed by the Telegram last evening, we learn that a required number of the congregation must be present for the commemoration of the feast in the Synagogue, and because of the small congregation the ceremonial is held in the home. Below is an account of the origin and a description of the ceremonial of the Feast which begins as mentioned above, on the evening of the first day of December and extends over a period of eight days.

ORIGIN OF THE FEAST.
The account of its origin is set forth in the Book of Maccabees. The Syrian King, Antiochus Epiphanes, had determined to unify all the peoples of his kingdom. To accomplish this he believed it necessary to compel all to adopt a common religion. The Jews were his political subjects. Their monotheism and distinctive religious practices based upon the Bible were in sharp contrast to his religion, a form of paganism originally imported from Greece. "Judaism must be destroyed," became the watchword of the Syrian Court. In 168 B.C., the royal command went forth that shrines and altars be erected for idol worship. Jewish rites and practices were interdicted. The Sacred writings wherever found were destroyed. Direct persecutions were visited upon the faithful. As a climax in the campaign to extinguish the Jewish Faith, the altar in the Temple at Jerusalem was profaned. Syrian soldiers offered up sacrifices to Zeus Olympus. These drastic measures aroused the Jews to revolt. Judas Maccabees was appointed leader by his father Mattathias. After three years of successful warfare against the Syrians, Judas was in a position to dedicate a new altar at Jerusalem, the festivities in connection with the dedication lasting eight days. To commemorate this event, "Judas and his brethren and the brethren and the whole congregation of Israel ordained that the dedication of the altar should be kept in their seasons from year to year by the space of eight days from the 25th day of Kislev, with gladness and joy." This festival is also known as the "Feast of Lights," probably because burning lamps and torches in the ancient Temple and home, were used to celebrate.

CEREMONIAL.
The distinctive ceremonial feature of this festival to-day is the kindling of lights in the home and in the synagogue; one on the first evening, the number being increased by one on each consecutive evening, until eight lights are lit on the last evening of the festival. Special prayers inspired by the historic event commemorating the triumph of monotheism over heathenism, of the forces of light over the forces of darkness are recited. Special scriptural portions are read in the synagogue. The festival does not call for cessation from labour and is therefore regarded as one of the two minor feasts in the Jewish Calendar. In modern times children's festivals, in which the story and significance of the Feast are recounted, have become a marked feature in the celebration of the Feast of Dedication.

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Things may change as the years roll on, And the grass grow green on his grave, But there is one who from her mind His memory will never fade.

Out on the bloody battlefields, He's numbered with the slain, Shot down by Kaiser's brutish friends Another act of Cain's.

Slay on you cruel Kaiser, Till your fiendish work is done, But woe betide your awful fate When the day of reckoning comes.

You have slain our boys so dear to us And counted it as fun; You've robbed a girl of her lover And a mother of her son.

Cape Report.
Special to Evening Telegram.
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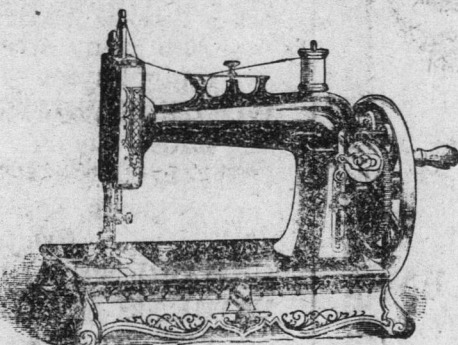
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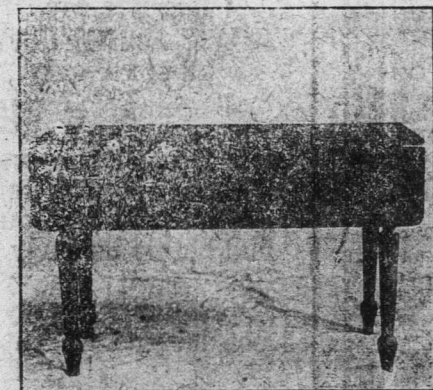
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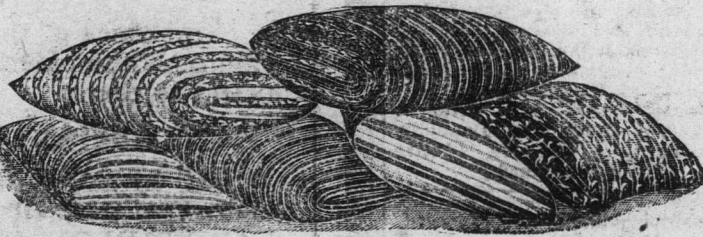


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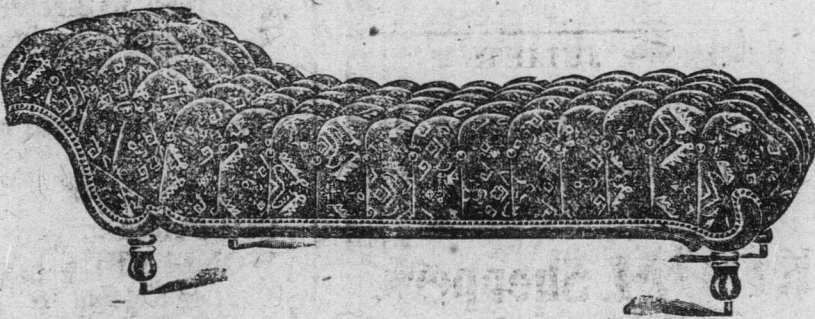
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Wedding Bells.

COX—PETERS.
A very pretty wedding took place at Harbor Breton on Thursday, Nov. 25, when Capt. Michael Cox was united in matrimony to Miss Ellie Peters. The bride looked charming in a dress of cream voile with veil and orange blossoms. She was attended to by Miss Bride Walsh, while the groom was ably supported by Mr. Alphonsus Smith. The ceremony was performed by Rev. S. St. Croix who spoke at some length on the dignity of the Sacrament. After the ceremony the bridal party repaired to the residence of the bride's father where breakfast was served, thence to their future home where their many friends awaited them. The presents, including numerous cheques, shows the esteem in which the bride and groom are held. The writer joins in wishing Capt. and Mrs. Cox many happy years of wedded life.

SQUIRES—ELLIS.
A very pretty wedding took place at Wesley Parsonage, Hamilton Street, on Nov. 24th, when Mr. Harry Squires, of this city, was united in matrimony to Miss Emma Ellis, daughter of Mr. John Ellis, of the Smith Co., Ltd. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. Boyle. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Beatrice Ellis, and the groom was supported by Mr. Edgar Levalliant. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents. The Telegram joins in the congratulations extended and wishes Mr. and Mrs. Squires many years of happiness.

HOGAN—COLBERT.
At Northern Bay on Nov. 23rd, Mr. Ted Hogan and Miss Agnes Colbert were united in matrimony by Rev. E. J. O'Brien, P. P. The bride who was attired in white silk was attended by Miss E. Colbert and the groom was supported by Mr. Vincent Hogan. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride, where an enjoyable dance was held. Mr. and Mrs. Hogan have taken up residence at Red Head. To the happy young couple the Telegram offers congratulations.

December.

By GEORGE FITCH.
Author of "At Good Old Sishwash."
December is a pleasant, steam-heated month whose principal missions are to wind up the calendar and the bank surplus. It is a more agreeable month than November, because while we expect the weather to be bad it is sometimes fine, whereas in November we still hope for pleasant weather and what we get instead cannot be effectively commented upon in this great family newspaper. In December man retires indoors and only uses the outside air while passing through it from one set of radiators to another. The icicle and snowball crops ripen and when a man stands on a street corner waiting for the dim future in the shape of a street car, he looks like an engine with a leaky steam pipe. December is one of the few months in which the human breath is visible and it is worthy of note that the breath is always pure white, no matter how it tastes to the producer. Dark brown and sulphur blue exhausts are only figments of literature.

In December, also, the sidewalks begin to become pugnacious. Nothing is more quiet than a sidewalk in July or more unreliable and blood-thirsty than a sidewalk in December after an ice storm. It is a common thing for a December sidewalk to approach a victim stealthily from behind and to leap upon his neck and shoulders with the ferocity of a young tiger. Thousands of people have suffered severe injury by being attacked by hostile sidewalks and porch steps in December. This country is now tolerably free from wolves and Indians, but until the man-eating sidewalk has been subdued, life will still continue to be sadly uncertain.

The most prominent feature of December is Christmas, which finally comes to a head on the 25th of the month. This festival has made December one of our most prominent and successful months. The younger half of the world spends the first part of December counting the days until Christmas and the older portion spends the last half of the month counting its money with a slightly dejected air. Neither half wastes time in counting anything after Christmas. In December the days keep getting shorter, along with the people, until the 21st when winter is formally open and the sun goes to bed before the banks close. The 21st is the shortest day of the year astronomically, but the 26th is shorter financially by a tremendous majority.

In December, the owner of the automobile wraps it in goose-grease and moth balls and packs it away until spring. This has made December a delightful month in many respects, and has increased greatly the esteem in which it is held by pedestrians.

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Amusements.

"ALONG THE ROCKY ROAD TO DUBLIN."

Go to the Crescent to-day and hear Mr. Dan Delmar sing "Along the Rocky Road to Dublin," a lively Irish number, and see the big picture, a programme consisting of five reels, all features. "The Family Bible" is an Edison domestic feature, "The Fork in the Road," an out of the ordinary two-reel drama produced by the Selig Company; "The Outlaw's Bride," is an unusually strong Western drama featuring Tom Mix, and "The Waitress and the Bobo," is a comedy you are sure to like and laugh at. The Crescent gives two shows every afternoon and two shows every night.

"EXPLOITS OF ELAINE" DRAW LARGE AUDIENCES.

The Nickel Theatre was crowded yesterday, the great attraction being the "Exploits of Elaine," the serial episode of which was shown. This serial has attracted more patrons than any other. This is due to the fact that all who are following it, pronounce it to be the most sensational ever shown here. Then there were other pictures of the finest quality. The Pathe News was particularly good, while the same may justly be said of the others. The whole programme is being repeated to-day and we advise all our readers to attend. Another great feature is coming to the Nickel the "Wonderful Who Pays" series.

CASINO THEATRE.

Enthusiasm has at fever heat last night when "Our Boys" were again seen by an admiring public. Applause was frequent throughout the entire performance during the course of which one visits many famous places and also get a splendid view of the Royal Horse Artillery, hence one is carried to the town of Ayr where "Our Boys" departed for the Dardanelles. Here one sees the "Brig O' Doon" and its environs, the birthplace of "Scotia's Bard," and the hostelry made famous by Tam O' Shanter and Soutar Johnny are also visited. Apart from its patriotic and sentimental value this production is at the same time highly educational.

LAST THREE DAYS OF CARROLL AND ELLOR.

The celebrated Irish singers and dancers and female impersonators will give one of their very best acts as a grand finish. Carroll and Ellor have worked hard to please patrons and they have more than succeeded. The pictures at Rossley's can't be beat. They are the best that money and brains can produce. On Monday Ballard Brown and the one and only Madge Locke will open their engagement. The best artists that have ever crossed the Atlantic. High class acts, beautiful wardrobe, good singers, Madge Locke is a whole company herself, a brilliant actress who dances. They have just left the big production in New York "The Hall of Fame," to take part in the Xmas Pantomime "Beauty and the Beast."

BRITISH THEATRE.

The pictures at the above theatre last night were greatly appreciated by the audiences. The leading picture "The Duchess," was one of the prettiest Irish dramas seen on the screen for some time. The acting of Cleo Madison and Joe King was splendid, and the old Irish settings were superb. The "Trey O' Hearts" was also shown, and contained some most thrilling scenes, while the comedy, "Merry Mary's Marriage," was up to the usual mirth-provoking standard of the L.K.O. Co. To-night the show will be repeated, and should be well patronized. On Friday and Saturday the Oblette will be shown; it is in three reels, and is an old time drama.

Northern Bay Notes.

The ladies of Northern Bay held a very successful entertainment in St. John's Hall on Monday, Nov. 15th. The entertainment took the form of a surprise party, the occasion being the birthday of the highly esteemed Pastor, Rev. E. J. O'Brien. After tea an address was read by Miss Lizzie Mullaly, and a presentation consisting of a silver card case and twenty-five dollars in gold made by Miss Maud Hogan. The hall was tastefully decorated and added much to the enjoyment of the evening. During the evening dancing was indulged in, and songs were rendered by Messrs. Fahy, Hogan and Woodfine, and a solo by Miss M. Williams of Carbonar was highly appreciated.

Contractors Saunders and Howell are adding the finishing touches to the new Parish House. The building is modern and up-to-date, and reflects much credit on the builders, as well as testifying to the energy of the pastor and good-will of the people. The residence of Mr. William Mullaly was the scene of a very pleasing event on Monday night, Nov. 22nd, when his youngest son, Edward, who was leaving for the training camp, Sussex, N.B., was tendered a reception by his friends and presented with a beautiful souvenir in the form of a pipe. Rev. E. J. O'Brien, who was present, delivered a very patriotic address to which the young volunteer replied in a few well chosen words. Mr. Mullaly, like many other young Newfoundlanders in Canada, has thrown up a very lucrative position in order to join the colours. We all wish him a safe return to Northern Bay, Nov. 27, 1915.

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