THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1896.

WHOLE NO. 10398

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

DIED. O'FARRELL-At the family residence, 45 Charlotte street, Dec. 24, Stanley, beloved son of George and Alice O'Farrell, aged 9 years and 4 months.

Funeral private. Boston, Mass., papers please copy. JAMES-On Dec. 23, 1896, in this city, George James, aged 71 years.

Funeral from his late residence, 435 English street, on Saturdar, at 3 o'clock, services at 2:30 p.m. Friends and acquaintances, please accept this intimation. Amusements and Lectures Advertisements under this heading

two cents per word or ten cents per line each insertion. RAND OPERA HOUSE-MR. AND Mrs. Robert Wayne. Tonight, "The Fegitive;" matinee tomorrow (Christmas), "Forgiven;" tomorrow night, "Buried Alive." Prices-10c, 20c, 30c.

HARD TIMES ARE NOT KNOWN AT the Music Hall, where Marks Bros.' Great Continuous Show is playing to large audiences nightly. Tonight, "The Lost Heiress," Christmas matinee, "An Irish Hero;" Friday night, "Driven from Ireland;" Saturday matinee, "Bessie's Burglar" and "Three Married Men;" Saturday night "The Great Dlamond Robbery." Admission 10c; reserved seats 15c.

CENTRAL AVENUE RINK-SKATING at Central Rink afternoon and evening band Tuesday night and Christmas afternoon

PRINCESS RINK-CHRISTMAS AFTER NOON and night; first-class music. Ad-ssion 10c and 15c. 97c LAST END RINK-CORNER DUNDAS Good toiles rooms; electric lighted throughout. Band Thursday evening, also Christmas Day.

DAISY RINK-CLARKS BRIDGE-BAND Christmas afternoon and evening. Ad-mission-Gentlemen 10c, ladies 5c. b OPENING BLACKFRIARS RINK-GOOD skating afternoon and evening. Admis-

Wednesday, Dec. 30. Prices, 10c, 20c and 30c. Every seat reserved. Plan opens box office Monday, Dec. 28th, at 10 a.m. b MERICAN LINE-WARM SOUTHERN A route across the Atlantic; New York to Southampton; nice for a winter trip to England. FRANK B. CLARKE, Agent, Richmond A NTHISTLE'S NEW SKATING RINK—
Corner Grosvenor and Weilington
streets, will be open for skating tomorrow
afternoon and evening. Admission 5c and 10c.

WHEN HAVING CHRISTMAS PARTIES and your friends to spend a jolly even-the wonderful Graphophone. Church and school entertainments. J. C. Lockhart,

PALACE DANCING ACADEMY—AD-VANCED class opens Jan. 6. New classes for beginners: Gentlemen, Jan. 4; ladies, Jan. 6; children, Saturday afternoon, Jan. 9. Day-TON & MCCORMICK. PRIVATE LESSONS IN DANCING BY Mr. R. B. Millard, at his residence, 345 Princess avenue. Special attention given to the waltz, two-step, court waltz, two-step Jersey and the cycle. Satisfaction guaranteed. Lessons any hour.

Religious Services.

THE METHODIST CHURCHES WILL hold a union service in Dundas Center Church on Christmas morning. Service at 11 o'clock. Sermon by Dr. Daniel. Collection for DRESBYTERIAN UNION SERVICE IN St. Andrew's Church on Christmas morning at 11 o'clock. Speakers—Rev. J. G. Stuart, of Knox Church, and Rev. Thomas Wilson, of King Street Church.

Meetings. One cent per word each insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

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Male Help Wanted. TOUNG MAN WANTED TO DRIVE

Apply 348 Burwell street. 96c WANTED - AN IDEA - WHO CAN think of some simple thing to patent?

Protect your ideas; they may bring you wealth. Write John Weddernurn & Co., retent attorneys, Washington, D. C., fortheir 1,500 prize offer and list of two hundred in A GENTS-WANTED-\$20 PER WEEK-Apply to GEO, MARSHALL & Co., ton im-porters, 258 Dundas street.

Situations Wanted. First insertion 1c per word. One-half cert each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

XPERIENCED LADIES' NURSE wishes engagement. Address box 17, 98k

Marriage Licenses. ARRIAGE LICENSES AT SHUFF'S William. Trolley cars pass the door. No wit

ARRIRON LICENSES ISSUED BY W. H. BARTRAM, 33 Dundas street. WM. H. WESTON, GROCER, ISSUES No bonds required. I JOFN-FS ISSUED BY THOS. GILLEAN jeweler 492 Richmond street.

Successful.

It follows as a natural consequence that if you take a course at COO'S Shorthand Academy, 76 Dundas street, you will be successful in accuring a situation. Three of our

GRADUATES

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Houses, Etc., To Let.

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TO LET-HOUSE-521 DUNDAS STREET, between Maitland and William; 4 bedrooms, parlor, dining-room, kitchen and summer kitchen, soft and hard water. Apply to Mrs. WILLIAM CAMERON, 531 Dundas street.

Wanted.

WANTED-BICYCLE - WANTED FOR cash. Address, with particulars, BART 94tf WANTED-LOAN OF FOUR HUNDRED ply J. W. WINNETT, barrister, 420 Talbot street city.

WANTED - 25 BICYOLE RIDERS TO get their low frames made high at HUTCHINSON'S, 651 Dundas street.

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insertions.

A DAY SURE—SEND US YOUR ADDRESS and we will show you how to make \$3 a day, absolutely sure; we furnish the work and teach you free; you work in the locality where you live. Send us your address and we will explain the business fully; remember we guarantee a clear profit of \$3 for every day's work; absolutely sure; write at once. Imperial Silverware Co., Box K. C., Windsor, Ont. ywt 1 and Lyle streets. Largest rink in city.

and tonight; gentlemen, 10c; all others, 5c.

WANTED—SALESMAN, SALARY PAID

weekly, experience unnecessary, permanent. Brown Brothers Company, Toronto, Ont. MEN AND WOMEN OUT OF EM-learn of a permanent situation at good wages, by writing at once to P. V. H., Box 283, Augus-ta, Maine.

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WE CAN GIVE POSITIONS—TO PERSONS of all grades of ability. Agents, bookkeepers, clerks. farmers' sons, lawyers, mechanics, physicians, preachers, students, married and single women. Widows. Positions are worth from \$400 to \$2,000 per annum. We have paid several of our canvassers \$50 weekly for years, Many have started poor and become rich with us. Particulars upon application. State salary expected. T. H. Linscott, Manager, Toronto, Ont. ywt&w

Lost and Found.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words. OST-ON SATURDAY, 19TH.—A SMALL crescent shaped brooch. Finder will be mitably rewarded by leaving same at this of-

AT LOST-ON TUESDAY, 15TH INST. name on it. Finder suitably rewarded on returning same to SMALLMAN & INGRAM. 96c

Articles For Sale.

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A T THOMPSON'S, 424 RICHMOND street—"Good Cheer" cooking stove: fine and cheap. "Art Amherst, a beautiful base burner, for little money. Call now. ywt THE KINGS DAUGHTERS AND SONS—
Temperance meeting, Somerset Hall.
Tuesday, 8 p.m. Address by the Bishop of Huron. Public invited.

Durner, for little money. Call now. yet

FOR SALE—FAMOUS ACTIVE RANGE
—In perfect order; using gas only reason for selling. 512 Piccadilly street. 84n yet NOW 18 HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Board of License Commissioners will meet at their office, No. 629 Talbot street, on Saturday, Jan. 2, 1897, at 4 p.m., to consider an application from Frank Campbell to have his license transferred to Oliver Scott, R. HENDERSON, inspector.

Set WZ

WE ARE SELLING BALANCE OF silver-plated and other Christmas goods at reduced prices; children's trunks at 35, 49 and 39 cents; much less than others charge. P. HENDERSHOTT & Co., 243 Dundas street.

NOR SALE—NEW AND SECOND-HAND POR SALE—NEW AND SECOND-HAND Planos, One Piano \$30; Organs from \$10 upwards; \$1 and \$2 per month instalments, Heintzman & Co., 256 Dundas street. H. W.

BUPNETT, manager. FOR SALE-ONE 39 HORSEPOWER automatic "Brown" engine, built by Goldie, McCul och & Co., Gat. Cylinder 19 inches, stroke 24 inches; can be run at 60 reve lutions, or as high as 90 revolutions; also one tubular exhaust feed water heater. The en gine is in daily operation and can be seen at The Advertiser office, London, Ont. 6tf-3:f ONE THOMAS ORGAN AND A GOOD assortment of coal cook stoves to be sold cheap at the Ark, Market Square. 50 SET HARNESS FROM 87 UP. Blankets, Bells and robes. J. DARCH & SONS. 377-379 Talbot street. STOVES SOLD CHEAP AT KEENE'S stove and furniture warehouse, 12 Masonic Temple, Market Square.

UBBER STAMPS, SEALS - RAZORS Co., sharpened; guns, rifles, revolvers and locks repaired. D. McKenzie & Co., 338 Rich-DIANOS, PIANOS—NEW AND SECOND HAND, also a beautiful assortment of music and musical merchandise for Christmas presents. Call into Anderson's Book Store, Nordheimer's Piano Agency, 183 Dundas street.

Real Estate.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words. OR SALE CHEAP -- TWO DOUBLE roughcast cottages, corner Duffering use and Elizabeth street. Apply Lewis CLARK, 358 Rectory street. CHADWICK & SON - REAL ES-TATE Agents. Homes, Investments. Speculation. Call Room 2 Albion Building.

Veterinary Surgeons. J. H. TENNANT-VETERINARY SUR GEON-Office, King street, opposite Market House; residence, corner King and Vellington. Telephone. H. WILSON & SON-OFFICE991 KING street. London; residence, 846 Richmond treet. Telephone.

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professional examinations; 803 Waterloo street,
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Accountants. CEO. W. HAYES, ACCOUNTANT. AS-SIGNEE, Insurance Agent-Represent-ing Northern Assurance Company, Keystone Fire Insurance Company, Equitable Loan and Savings Company, Agents wanted to canvass, Call on me for particulars, All business promptly attended to. Money to loan. GEO. W. HAYES, 5 Masonic Temple Building. ywt Storage.

STORAGE — MERCHANDISE, PIANOS venient. Western Storage and Commission Company, 420-422 Ridout street. Livery Stables.

STAR LIVERY-OPEN DAY AND NIGHT -Hacks, coupes, etc. Light livery a specialty. Thos. TREBILCOCK, 623-633 Rich mond street. Phone 423. LILLEY'S LIVERY—NO. 619 DUNDAS street, East London, Ont. Telephone

Dental Cards.

DR. JEFFREY N. WOOD-DENTIST. Higgins' Block, over 212 Dundas street. PR. GEORGE C. DAVIS, DENTIST—Graduate R. C. D. S., Toronto, 1879, graduate Philadelphia Dental College, 1893, Specialties: Preservation of natural teeth; crown, porcelain and bridge work. 170 Dundas street, London, Ont. Telephone 975.

McDONALD, DENTIST, Office, 1831 Dundas street, London.

Telephone 702. PR. J. H. SWANN-DENTIST-OFFICE 2071 Dundas street. Telephone 1,131. AYOOLVERTON & BENTLEY, DENTISTS VV —216 Dundas street, next Edy Bros., over Cairneross & Lawrence, druggists. Tele-J. ELLIOTT HOLMES, L.D.S., ROOM 3, Duffield Block, Dundas and Clarence streets. Phone 897.

NOMINATIONS FOR

Separate School Trustees WILL BE HELD IN ST. PETER'S School House, Park avenue, on Dec. 30, at 12 c'clock noon.
980 M. O'SULLIVAN, Secretary.

AUCTION SALE W. JEFFREY HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED to sell by public auction
the contents of a seven-roomed house, No. 5
Hamilton road, on Dec. 28; fine piano, parlor
suite, carpets, hanging lamps, pictures, whatnot, sideboard and mirror, lounges, two cases
beautiful foreign birds, extension and kitchen
tables, wardrobe and dining chairs, cook stove,
parlor stove with oven nearly new, dinner parlor stove with oven, nearly new, dinner and tea sets, china; other articles too numerous to mention. Sale sharp at 1:30. No reserve, as the parties are giving up housekeeping. A. W. JEFFREY, City Auctioneer. 94c twt

FOR SALE \$185 will buy LARGE PLATING PLANT and outfit in perfect condition. Only used three months. Cost \$600. Sickness reason for selling.

J. D. THOMPSON. 332 Seaton Street, Toronto. 97c xwt

ELECTORS WARD NO. 1

Ladies and Gentlemen, -Your vote and influence respectfully solicited for

F. G. Rumball

As Alderman for 1897.

TO THE ELECTORS OF NO. I WARD:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, -Your vote and influence are respectfully solicited for

For Alderman for No. 1 Ward, 1897.

ELECTORS NO. 2 WARD. Your vote and influence respect-

fully solicited for George Olmstead AS ALDERMAN FOR 1897.

ELECTORS NO. 2 WARD

Your vote and influence solicited for the re-election of

Dr. John D. Wilson As School Trustee for 1897.

To the Electors of No. 2 Ward-

Your Vote and Influence for

AS ALDERMAN FOR 1807. 981 wty NO. 3 WARD

TO THE ELECTORS-Your Vote and In-

Samuel Stevely AS ALDERMAN FOR 1897.

NO 4 WARD Your vote and influence respectfully solicited for

N. HUNT

As Alderman for 1897 NO. 4 WARD. TO THE ELECTORS: Your vote and influence respectfully so-

Walter H. Morgan As School Trustee for 1897.

TO THE ELECTORS OF

No. 5 WARD LADIES AND GENTLEMEN-Your vote and influence respectfully solicited for

Frank Plant THE WORKINGMEN'S CANDIDATE AS ALDERMAN FOR 1897.

The Powers Tire of the Sultan's Dilly-Dallying Policy.

Their Squadron Prepared to Enter the Bosphorus in Ten Days.

The Stronghold of Gibraltar Said to be Threatened With Modern Spanish

A FASTER GOES CRAZY. Paris, Dec. 24.-Succi, the Italian faster who has given exhibitions of his endurance in America, became insane yesterday evening after a performance here and was taken to a hospital.

A ROUGH VOYAGE. Southampton, Dec. 24.-The Amerian Line steamer St. Louis, Capt. Randall, from New York, Dec. 16, arrived at her dock here at 2 a.m. this morning. The steamer had a rough voyage, during the first four days of which she encountered violent gales and snow storms.

DON CARLOS' CLAIMS. Rome, Dec. 24.-It is now asserted that the abdication of his pretensions to the throne of Spain by Don Carlos in favor of his son Don Jaime is only

postponed until the terms can be arranged. The statement that he was and thus enable the representatives to abdicate which originated here a of the powers at Constantinople to be short time ago was afterwards denied. THE QUEEN'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY. London, Dec. 24.-The St. James' Gazette says the Queen will personally dictate and revise the biography of her Majesty, which will appear in 1897. The work will tell the story of the longest reign in the history of England as the Queen herself regards

SPAIN'S WARLIKE PREPARA-

TIONS. London; Dec. 24.-A dispatch from Rome to the Daily News says: "All here seems to prove that Spain is preparing for warlike complications with the United States. The hurried manufacture of a large quantity of cartridges has been ordered at Brescia, and four cruisers have been ordered on the Ansaldo Yards in Genoa. Constantinople, Dec. 24.-Fresh arrests have been made of members of the Young Turks party, bringing up the total number of prisoners to four hundred. The names of the men re cently made prisoners were obtained

from former persons arrested. The latter was lodged in prison to compel them to divulge the names of their associates in the political movement referred to. SMALLPOX IN JAPAN. The officers of the steamer Belgic,

which has arrived from Yokohama, report that a smallpox epidemic is raging in Kobe and Tokio. In Kobe, for two months before the vessel left that port, there had been 1,784 cases of the disease reported, and when the steamer was in port the disease was defying disease was alarmingly on the increase, 283 cases having been reported

in the first thirteen days of November.

GRUESOME RELICS. Sofia, Bulgaria, Dec. 24.—The trial bouloff has her late husband's hands or might even then turn in (which were so terribly mutilated by the knives of his murderers that they est promised was not quite so (which were so terribly mutilated by our the knives of his murderers that they est had to be amputated previous to his large as in a country having no such death), preserved in the room in which pledge of peace.

the mutilated corpse.

PRINCE CHIMAY'S DIVORCE SUIT. Belgium, Dec. 24.-The action for divorce by Prince Joseph of Chimay and \$3,000,000 in gold in a single day be-Caraman, in Belgium, against his wife. who was formerly Miss Clara Ward, daughter of Capt. Eber B. Ward, of Detroit, Mich, commenced before the civil tribunal at Charleroi, behind closed doors. After a statement of the case by M. Delacroix, of the prince's counsel, the details of which were not disputed by the defense, except as to minor points, the case was adjourned until Jan. 19. The Princess of Chimay and Caraman, formerly Miss Clara Ward, of Toronto and Detroit, who had been a brilliant figure in Parisian society, eloped in November last with a Hungarian gypsy musician, who was accustomed to play in the cafes of Paris. She had been married to Prince Joseph when she was 17 years old, and her great wealth and beauty gave her a social leadership in her circle. The troubles between her husband and herself have been of public notoriety for some time past. She is the mother of two children.

MAY BE IN DANGER.

Gibraltar Threatened by Modern Guns

in a Spanish Fort. London, Dec. 24.-Sir Robert Biddulph, the Governor of Gibraltar, has lamp exploding while feeding cattle. been called to London to confer with the War Department and the commander-in-chief. It appears the British Government awakened to the fact that the new batteries, with formidable armaments recently constructed by the Spaniards at Algesiras and other points on the mainland, render a remodeling of the defense of the oncereputed impregnable rock absolutely necessary. The range of modern guns and the power of the latest discovered explosives have altered the whole conditions of the defense of this important stronghold, and in case of a con-flict between England and Spain the

present works could not long resist bombardment from the more mod-NSURE YOUR PROPERTY IN THE Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance company. All classes of insurance at lowest

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ern Spanish attack. A special commission, before which Sir Robert Biddulph will appear, has been formed to examine the subject and report without delay on the best and most prompt means to meet the emergency. The War Department hopes that be-fore the end of a year Gibraltar will once more be in a complete state of defense against all and any attack.

THEY MEAN BUSINESS.

The Powers Tired of Turkey's Dilly Dallying-Ten Days' Notice Given the Sultan. Constantinople, Dec. 24. - All

the ambassadors have now received instructions to concert fresh proposals with the view of improving the situation of the Ottoman Empire. 'All the powers, including Russia, as repeatedly announced, have agreed in principle to the expediency of emprinciple to the experiency of employing some form of coercion should the Sultan be recalcitrant.

London, Dec. 24. — As frequently announced from various capitals since the vist of the Czar to the Queen at Element in Sentember last the Balmoral in September last, the powers have finally become convinced that the Sultan's promises amount to nothing, and they are determined to begin a policy of coercion. All information points to the accuracy of

the news received today from Con-The Marquis of Salisbury on Monday last summoned the ambassadors to the Foreign Office and communicated to them the views of the British Government on the definite proposals of Russia for joint intervention, in order that each ambassador might communicate them to his own Government

properly instructed.

There is reason to believe that unless the Sutan within the next ten days shows a deference, of which at present he is little suspected, very decisive steps will be undertaken in the name of the joint powers. In this connection the Novoe Vrem-ya, of St. Petersburg, says it is probabe that within a few days the Russian Black Sea fleet will appear in the

For Peaceful Purposes.

from the Dardanelles.

Bosphirus, where it will be joined by the squadrons of the other powers

The Anglo-American Treaty Nearly

Other European Investments in American Securities and

Universal Peace.

Washington, Dec. 23 .- The final cirand the United States relating to the arbitration treaty is now being exchanged and will probably be completed in time to enable the President to lay the treaty before the Senate after the holiday recess, and there is no doubt that it will be promptly con-

Experts in finance have assured Secretary Olney that the pledge of per-manent peace between the two countries will add greatly to the feeling of confidence among financiers in the se-curity of American investments. They anticipate that millions of pounds l attempts to stop it. In Tokio the sterling will be invested in American sease was alarmingly on the income at all without the treaty. effect may not be sudden and apparent, but it is believed that the consideration will be a potent one with the British investor that his money can be placed in a country with of the assassins of ex-Premier Stam- which the British Empire can never be bouloff was continued today, and is at war. This consideration might turn proceeding slowly. A newspaper draws investments in our direction where attention to the fact that Mme.Stam- all other considerations were equal,

he died. They are crossed like a pair of fencing gloves under a glass case, above which hangs a photograph of market in times of political and diplomatic excitement which will prevent such panics as occurred over the message of President Cleveland on the Venezuela boundary a year ago. The Treasury lost at that time more than cause of the bare suggestion of the possibility that the United States might go to war with Great Britain. Such a possibility will no longer exist under the treaty of arbitration. European financiers declare that the ex-

istence of the treaty will surely attract British and other European capital to this country. A powerful influence upon the relations of the other States is expected to follow the conclusion of the bitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain. It is hoped that other countries will ask to be admitted to the union, the final result being the disbandment of

great standing armies. MIDDLESEX NOMINATIONS Division, No. 2—Trafford Campbell, reeve of East Williams, Simon Mc-Leod, reeve of West Williams, and D. F. Stewart, a former reeve of Ailsa Craig, are the candidates for this di-

A RIDGETOWN BLAZE. Ridgetown, Dec. 23.-George W. Butler, of Palmyra, lost his barns, sta-bles, sheds and contents by fire at a.m. yesterday. Loss, \$1,400; partly nsured. The fire was caused by a insured.

PLAGUE SPREADING. Bombay, Dec. 23.-It is officially stated that the plague is increasing here and at Karachi. The seaport of Sinde is also declared to be infected.

Steamship Arrivals. Dec. 22. cc. 22. From
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Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies the

blood, overcomes that tired feeling,

creates an appetite, and gives refreshing sleep. LADIES, LOOK .- Feather and down cushions, 50c each, for Christmas presents. Large stock of feathers, pillows; ticks filled with feathers on shortest notice. Telephone 997. We will deliver them to any part of the

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Absolutely Pure.

A Cream of Tartar Baking Powder, highest of all in leavening strength. Try our Powder when you wish to make some delicious Tea Biscuits and cakes.

25 CENTS A POUND.

FOR SALE ONLY BY Cairneross & Lawrence.

Chemists, etc., 216 Dundas St., London, Ont. Branch-Corner Richmond and Piccadelly.

THE CHRISTMAS MARKET

Not as Large as Was Expected-Plenty

of Poultry at Nominal Prices. The market this morning was not so large as most people expected it would be, and in the sleighs which have superseded the wagons, a large quantity of poultry was exposed for sale, the demand for which was not any too keen, nor such as would warrant an advance in price. Seven and 8 cents per pound was the ruling price. Butter and eggs still come forward in the same large quantities, and the

price remains almost stationary. Each section of the market has its own peculiarities. Pig vendors and the man with clarified honey for sale may be found near together. The farmer with a crate of quacking ducks and excited chickens sandwiched in between a load of apples on one side, and potatoes and cabbages on the other; the grain men mixed up with the seller of hay and straw; the woman with a dozen eggs for sale sitting next to a woman with a hundred pounds of butter; poultry enough to feed a regiment, and the man with tripe on a stick always near the man with a patent lamp chimney appar-

But on the auction mart on days such as these there are many striking. incidents. A pile of second-hand furniture, stoves, whips, harness, rigs, etc. always, of course, as good as day, with three or four silver-tongued expert expounders of the worth of these articles in a dead-set opposition, and each trying to excel in rapid speech and louder tones. Along the back wall of the Masonic Temple Washington, Dec. 23.—The final cir-stands a variegated assortment of respondence between Great Britain studies in human nature, in black and white, basking in the sun, while the passage-way on the other side of the mart and around the goods for sale stand an anxious crowd, looking for bargains. Three auctioneers will begin together, one to sell a pony, another a bedstead, and the third a stove, while a fourth sells whips and har-ness. Then follows a jumble of something—"\$5 I am offered for this pony—" "and there's the slats and springs belonging to it—" "it's a fine little beast-" "why, it's worth more than that as old iron—" "pony for \$15—" "couldn't buy a suite like that for \$20 -" "won't cost much to feed it-"slats and springs—" "stove for 20 cents—" "look at that whip—" "not a bug in it—" "had it on—" "stove for that money, it'll burn-" "bed slats, bureau, wash-stand, springs-"any advance"— "on that beautiful tail—." This jumble continues until the hungry auctioneers go home for

A DEFEAT.

dinner.

What the Spaniards Have Claimed as

Victory. San Francisco, Dec. 23 .- Private advices from Manilla, Philippine Islands, verified by an account that appears in the Hong Kong press, deal with the attack by the Spanish on the Noveleta Isthmus, and the attempt of the Spanish to dislodge the insurgents in Ca-vite and Vijo. It is now learned that the great victory that the Castillians predicted ended in ignominious defeat. The rebels hold Noveleta against warships and troops. The Spaniards retired after suffering heavy loss.

To the aged, with their poor appetite, feeble circulation, and impoverished blood, Ayer's Sarsaparilla is a boon beyond price. Its effect is to check the ravages of time, by invigorating every organ, nerve, and tissue of the body. See Ayer's Almanac for the new year.

Spectacles and Eye-glasses in Gold, Gold-filled and Nickel. Scientific testing free. J. E. Adkins, Jeweler and Optician.

For Fancy Sleighs and cutters see Gray & Sons' warerooms, 154 Fullarton street, London.

COMFORT

Those SHOES you MEN have been wearing right up to now won't protect your feet thoroughly from the penetrating cold and dampness. We'v. got the shoes that will, though. Calf, Box Calf and Russets,

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