

London Advertiser. (Established by JOHN CAMERON, in 1831.) LEADING DAILY IN WESTERN ONTARIO.

Our Times and "The Good Old Times."

Here we are at the end of another year, obliged to read, or skip over, more than one homily in current periodical literature, on the degeneracy of the age, and the awful outlook that there is for "society."

If, however, we go back 100 years and take conditions as they existed in England at the beginning of the nineteenth century, and contrast them with those now prevailing, we cannot but be greatly impressed with the improvement.

The temper of the people—their standard for punishing those found guilty of crime—has vastly improved in 100 years, as is well shown by a recent writer on the condition of London 100 years ago.

Mr. Wemyss Reid, after spending a few weeks in America, sends home an account of the situation so far as he could become acquainted with it.

He was evidently very much struck by the Congressional Library at Washington. "Many pages might be devoted to a description of this noble national institution, over which the chief librarian, Mr. Putnam, presides with so much grace, and so genuine an enthusiasm; but I must sum up everything by saying that if it were only for the sake of the Congressional Library, Washington, ought to be visited by every stranger who lands on the soil of the United States."

"It would be impertinent on my part to give anything like a personal description of the holders of the great administrative offices in the United States; but at least I may record my impressions that, man for man, they will compare not unfavorably with the members of any cabinet in Europe."

We notice in a Bradford paper that the Liberals of Brant are in "a most disrupted condition," because so many leading men are eligible candidates for the Legislature, and willing to run.

Begin Right. The time is at hand when human nature, as on countless former occasions, will manifest itself by a fresh crop of New Year resolutions.

In spite of all that has been said, by comic writers, and all that has been pictured by caricaturists, it is well worth one's effort to renegeate the old practice and come forward with our list of good resolutions for 1902.

We will not advance anything by way of specific advice in regard to New Year resolutions. That can best be done by each individual for himself.

We offer the advice once given by a sage: Follow the best light you have, but be sure that light be not darkness. Resolve! Act!

Social Function of the Saloon. Recently some of the journals have called attention to what is termed the social function of the saloon. That is the place which the public house occupies as an easily-accessible social club.

Forgiving Time. [Milwaukee Journal.] With all of the Christmas giving that everyone is busy about at this time, let there be a forgiving. How many of us during the past year have received some hurt to our feelings, great or small?

Let us look into our own hearts and lives. We may not willfully have wronged anyone, yet have done so through ignorance or thoughtlessness.

It is well for the world that Christmas comes occasionally to remind us of forgiving and forgetting offenses. We must have a "clearing time," or so much will accumulate that we shall find our burdens heavy.

A LITTLE SUNSHINE.

Probably His First.—He—Aftah all, I—aw—think second thoughts ah best, donchoo know. She—Oh, have you had a second one?—Chicago Record-Herald.

A Sincere.—Mrs. Flynn—An pwhat's yer son Molke doin' now, Mrs. Casey? Mrs. Casey—Sure, Molke ain't doin' anything, Mrs. Flynn. He's got a government job.—Leslie's Weekly.

How He Spoiled It.—He—I thought you looked charming last night. She—Oh, now! Did you, really? He—Yes. Why, I could hardly believe it was you.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Mr. Cahoy—Y lead me a cat and a dog loffe, y' do. Mrs. Cahoy—Ach, it's that werry thing O! do. You layin' 'n' loadin' 'roun' the house and me workin' hard th' whole t' feed ye—Harlem Life.

A Malicious Exposure.—Emeline—How I should love to overhear the conversation of several highly intellectual men. Edgar—Poch! I've been with them; they always begin on books, but soon get to talking about something good to eat.—Detroit Free Press.

ARRANGING RELEASE OF GERONIMO.

Guthrie, Ok., Dec. 31.—Gen. Frank Armstrong, as agent of the war department, is at Fort Sill, Okla., making arrangements for the release of Chief Geronimo and the 208 Arizona Apache Indians, who are held by the government as prisoners of war.

NERVOUS PROSTRATION.

Miss W. Childs-Blackburn Tells How She Was Cured.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I take pleasure in acknowledging the effects of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. In my estimation, it is no female remedy to equal it. Weakness not properly attended to, together



MISS W. CHILDS-BLACKBURN, Secretary Rock Island Literary and Art Society.

with the close confinement at my desk brought on nervous prostration, so much so that for a year I doctored continually. I tried different remedies which only succeeded in poisoning my system, and my stomach refused food.

Nothing will relieve this distressing condition so surely as Lydia E. Pinkham's Compound. Mrs. Pinkham advises sick women free. Address, Lynn, Mass.



Saves time. It is always ready for a hasty luncheon or unexpected supper. Bovril is a necessary adjunct of a chafing dish. Improves hashes, entrees, stews, soups and kindred dishes. Unequaled for strengthening the sick and aged.

ANDREW CARNEGIE GIVES \$40,000,000

The Steel Magnate Surpasses All Records in Gifts for One Year.

New York, Dec. 31.—Andrew Carnegie has given away \$40,000,000 in 1901. In 1899 Carnegie gave away \$5,000,000. On New Year's Day, 1901, his gifts aggregated \$20,000,000.

The exact amount of Carnegie's wealth has never been made public, but the estimate of \$250,000,000 is accepted as conservative by Wall street men and financiers.

Table listing Carnegie's gifts for 1901: Carnegie Company's employees, pensions, etc. \$4,000,000; National University at Washington 10,000,000; To Scotland's universities 10,000,000; To Technical Institute, Pittsburgh 7,000,000; For public library branches in New York 5,200,000; To Bradock, Homestead and Duquesne libraries 1,000,000; For St. Louis public library 1,000,000; Other public libraries 2,000,000; Total for the year \$40,200,000.

Scrofula, with its swollen glands, running sores, inflamed eyelids, cutaneous eruptions, yields to Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Orangeville is likely to have a telephone system of its own at any early date. It is proposed to fix the rate for business phones at \$15, and for residential phones at \$10 a year.

We Serve It Up. Just the suggestion of a taste because Scott's Emulsion really contains the pure cod-liver oil and lots of it. We serve it up in its most palatable form, and for this and other reasons Scott's Emulsion is superior in every respect to the raw oil.

THE MOST NUTRITIOUS. EPPS'S COCOA.

Prepared from the finest selected Cocoa, and distinguished everywhere for delicacy of flavour, Superior quality, and highly nutritive properties. Sold in quarter-pound tins, labelled JAMES EPPS & CO., Ltd., Homeopathic Chemists, London, England.

EPPS'S COCOA. BREAKFAST-SUPPER.

Hockey Skates, Nickel plated.

Hockey Sticks, Pucks, Etc.

Cutlery

Table and Pocket, Carvers in Pairs, Sets and Cases, Scissors in Cases.

Reid's Hardware 118 North Side Dundas Street.

The Punians Carson McKee 208, 210, 210 1/2 and 212 DUNDAS STREET.

NEW YEAR'S EVE STORE OPEN UNTIL 10 O'CLOCK.

CLEARANCE SALE

Crowding Out Left-Overs.

The balance of our Holiday Goods, consisting of Fancy Bric-a-Brac, Paper Weights, Pen Wipers, Fern Jardinieres, Match Holders, Banks, Powder Boxes, Perfumes, Dolls, Blocks, Ink-wells, Ash Trays, etc., etc. We bunch into three lots and offer them to clear this week at the following astonishing prices:

Lot No. 1-All Fancy Articles worth 15c and 20c, for 10c

Lot No. 2-All Fancy Articles worth 25c and 30c, for 15c.

Lot No. 3-All Fancy Articles worth 40c, 45c and 50c for 25c.

Store Open Until 10 O'Clock This Evening

Great Remnant Sale Going On.

Remnants in Silks, Remnants in Dress Goods, Remnants in Table Linens, Remnants in Prints, Remnants in Flannelettes, Remnants in Art Muslins. Bargains in Remnants, Oddments and Odd Lines in Every Department.

Crockery Section

Our magnificent stock of Crockery, Lamps, and Glassware now on sale for the next few days at a

Discount of 10 Per Cent

The Punians Carson McKee 208, 210, 210 1/2 and 212 Dundas Street.