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TEMPERANCE COLUMN.

By the Women's Christian Temperance Union of St. John.

The quarterly convention of the St. John Co. W. C. T. U. will be held in the hall at north end on March 5th. business meeting will be held in the afternoon, and in the evening a public meeting will be held. It is proposed to depart somewhat from the usual custom and to ask gentlemen to occupy the greater part of the time. Three gentlemen and one lady have already consented to take part, and a popular quartette has consented to assist in the singing. It is also noped that one or two soloists will e present, and that there will be at east one good reading. Please remember the date.

THE ST. JOHN UNION AND ITS ENTERPRISE.

At the last meeting of the St. John W. C. T. U., held Tuesday, 9th, the superintendents of departments were appointed as follows: Gospel purity and mothers' meet-

ings-Mrs. Powers. Sunday school work—Mrs. S. King. Parlor meetings—Mrs. Dearborn. Evangelistic, jail and prison—Mrs.

Fairs-Mrs. Porter. Coffee rooms Mrs. Crookshank. Press-Mrs. Scott. Scientific temperance . inspection-

Mrs. Simms. Flower mission-Mrs. R. D. Clarke. World's W. C. T. U. mission-Mrs

Juvenile-Mrs. McLaughlin. It will be noticed by those familiar

with the work that some of the departments are left out. It is thought best to continue only those that can receive proper attention and thought. This union has begun the work of another year with renewed energy and vigor. Although it has had a somewhat hard struggle this last year W recognize the fact that times of depression and of seeming failure come to every society, and we have mutually agreed to continue to do the best we can to regain the ground we have lost financially, and we trust that by our united efforts we will soon be on independent footing again. As far as our philanthropic work is concerned we have made no changes, and as far as we can know have been as successful in our endeavors to help others as ever before. The society has not for its aim anything but the advancement of the cause of Christ. Every one of its department is carried on by great pasons of the cause

This year, as well as last, there was rable discussion as to the ad-ty of continuing three or four s of the work, but there ed to be none that some persons were not depending upon for the comforts heaviest branches are still continued. The Little Girls' Home has many elpers outside of the W. C. T. U., otherwise it could have no existence. But still it demands a large outlay and is a heavy burden for the treasurer to bear, unless those interested in these children will make the question of meeting expenses easier for her. The W. C. T. U. felt on Tuesday last that the finding of this money was almost more than they. should undertake, and the question of closing was called when one good woman said: "We trust we have changed the lives of seven of the little girls in the last three years; is it not worth great effort to have saved the souls of seven women?" And in the hush that followed no one could

vote to close the home.
Some one said, are not all the departments of work failures that you W. C. T. U. women undertake? Per-haps they are when looked at merely from a financial standpoint, but that is not the basis upon which we rest. We hope to be honest and to pay our debts, but the class of people with whom we have most to deal and whom we are trying to benefit are not those from whom we expect any financial return. And will the Christian people of St. John kindly remember that

when they patronize the W. C. T. U. exchange on Charlotte street that they are through this institution help-

they are through this institution helping those who are honestly striving to help themselves. It does not appear on the surface what assistance has been rendered to some who have to do with the exchange Saffice is it to say that only the isponsest sense of duty determined the adles in charge of this department of work to continue it another rear add we trust that a kind pattle will lighten the labor for us by ar large full lighten the labor for us by ar large full fund have not been so alter faires but despite that fact that pattle when a good many loads of that sent us, and help is given in other ways. Perhaps there

is given in other ways. Perhaps there is no society in the city that has a greater knowledge of the needy that the W. C. T. U. It has a large membership and holds its meetings more frequently than most other so cieties. This gives more time and reacter opportunity for investigation into the cases that come to the personal knowledge of each member of the personal topic of discussion. the society, and care is exercised over

While writing of the work it may not be amiss for me to say that if last three weeks it has made work for any one has a thought of contributing to the Little Girls' Home, now will be a good time to do it, as the treasurer treasurer of the Little Girls' Home, or groceries and such other things to Brussels street. I will also add that at the coffee room on Canterbury street good meals can be had at moderate prices.

The report of the nineteenth convention of the Ontario W. C. T. U. has been received from the recording secretary, Miss Ella S. Cosford, and from F. L. Spence "a summary of the most important evidence and argument presented in the report of the royal com-mission on the liquor traffic." These came too late for further notice in the

olumns of this week.

And now is the time for annual meetings of local unions and election of officers. The editor of this column would be glad to receive any report of ticularly is it desirable to get the names of the officers.

As will be seen by the circular letter sent out by the president, a call has been sent in from the dominion convention asking each W. C. T. U. member to give 10 cents towards the ndebtedness of the Woman's Journal. One of the societies organized year, that of Upper Gagetown, has been the first to respond to that call and has sent a sum of money quite worthy of a small and newly established society, to the provincial treanittees in this example the debt would soon be

A GREAT BABY

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 10.-The Stucowski baby, the marvel of Polishtown, which weighed 27 pounds at birth on February 1, was weighed again this morning and tipped the cales at 34 pounds, a gain of seven pounds in ten days. The young fellow is as happy and healthy as he is President Cleveland will be asked

name him. STAND BY THEIR BEER

London, Feb. 10.-By a vote of 206 to 149, the house of commons today rejected the bill of Charles H. Wilson, iberal member for West Hull, providing for the closing of public house throughout Sunday. They are at pre-sent allowed to be open for a period during the middle of Sunday and Sunday evening.

DROPPED DEAD

New York, Feb. 10.-Armand Castel mary, while singing the role of Tris tano, in Flotow's opera of "Martha," at the Metropolitan opera house night, dropped dead in front of the footlights. The cause of death is attributed to disease of the heart.

Latest news in THE WEEKLY SUN

BRADLEY-MARTIN'S

Grandest Fancy Costume Ball in New York's Memory.

For Weeks it Had Been the Universa Topic of Discussion in All Circles.

The Work of a Fairy's Wand-Like Turning the Pages of History-Back to the Days of Louis IV.

New York, Feb. 10.-The much talked of fancy costume ball of Mrs. Bradley-Martin, given at the Waldorf hotel been the universal topic of discussion not alone in social circles, but in the art world of the city, and during the hundreds of costumers and gressmakers. Decorators and tapestry hangers

began their work yesterday and today is hard pressed and does not know the rooms engaged by Mrs. Bradley-who is willing to help out. Send any donations to Mrs. Clark, Union street, the big hotel, were changed, as if a fairy wand had been at work. On the ceilings flowers were everywhere arranged into beautiful designs and scene of greater splendor and artistic appointment can hardly be imagined.

After a month of preparation after Mrs. Bradley-Martin had done everything that could be done to make a lavish display with the greatest secrecy, the ball was opened just before midnight. Hours before that, however, every street in the neighborhood of the Waldorf had been crowded with people, those who were the coming guests, and the still greater numbers drawn by curiosity. Carriages came in endless streams, discharging their occupants and rolled away. To those who looked on, and knew nothing of the work of detail, all seemed hurry and confusion, where, in reality, it was the perfection such meetings in this province. Par- of regularity. Still with 700 odd guests, much time was needed to get all into the hotel and they were not all in when the ball opened.

Every feature of the ball and all concerning it in the slightest, was guarded closely. Mrs. Bradley-Martin from the first insisted that the ball was for her guests, and that the first intimation of the decorations should be received when the guests entered

Arrangements for receiving the Arrangements for receiving the guests as they arrived, were as nearly perfect as they could be. Carriages proached from the Fifth Avenue east through 33rd street. The guests alighted from the carriages and went directly to the second floor of the hotel, where they were received by

In this room, Mrs. Martin stood on a dias, slightly raised, under a canopy of rare tapestries. The scheme of decorations in this reception room that of the time of Louis IV., and before the dais passed the counterfeit presentments of all the prominent people of that time, to mingle in picturesque confusion with characters of

other days. After being received by the hostess, the guests passed through a flower lined corridor directly into the large hall room.

It was not until all the guests had paid their respects to Mrs. Bradley-Martin, the hostess, in the small ball coom, and she had been escorted to the ball room proper, that the fancy dress ball was declared formally opened. In the small galfery where were the members of the 22nd Regiment band and the Hungarian band, the music suddenly stopped.

There was silence for just a moment to be broken by a flourish of trumpets as Mrs. Bradley-Martin and her cort, John Jacob Astor, entered room. The moment they had taken their places at the head of the room there was another flourish of trumpets, which told that the Quadrille d'Honneur, arranged by Mrs. Wm. Astor,

The forming for the first figure, "The Salute," was like turning the pages of history. The characters gathered from Bradley-Martin wearing a Marie Stuart stume, copied from an old plate of that queen's time; John Jacob Astor in a Louis VI. court costume; I. Townsend Martin as a cavalier of the court of Louis XIII, and Henry Lohr in Louis XV. court. From another section of the room came Mrs. Orme Wilson looking picturesque in a Louis XVI. court dress and white and silver brocade, which followed the elaborate designs of the period; and Mrs. Whitney Warren, wearing a costume of pale blue brocade and silk, after the style of the time of Louis XV. Lspenard Steward closely followed his partner, Mrs. Whitney Warren, and looked elegant in his dress of a cavalier of the court of Louis XIII. The others of the sixteen who took their places in this uadrille were: Mrs. Lee Tailer, Craig Wadsworth, Miss Gerry, Center Hitch-cook, Miss Lena Morton, J. J. Van Al-len, Miss Madeline Cutting and Stuv-

As the partners took their places and waited for the opening of the first bars of the music the scene was the most impressive of the night. For beyond these characters in action, about them on every side were the rich laces, the glittering gems and all that went to make up the historically represented personages of the ball, the whole backgrounded by the natural flowers, the lights and the ferns.

In the following way the "Salute" was danced. Mrs. Fish and Mr. Vancortlandt took their positions behind Mrs. Bradley Martin and Mr. Astor, Miss Gerry and Mr. Warren took a Martin; they were followed by Mr. Martin and Mrs. Steward. The side couples approached in a similar way, four at a time, leaving an aisle in

the centre. Mr. Astor and Mrs. Bradley-Martin promenading down the aisle, the other dancers bowing, then followed in twos, then all returning to their original positions.

As when 200 years ago, when the Quadrille d'Honneur was danced at

court, where the king and the queen took part in it, they were accorded due and proper honor, so, tonight, Mrs. Bradley-Martin and Mr. Astor were given that honor as king and queen of the night. In those old days, too the crown prince and princess stood beside king and queen at the head of the quadrille, so at this. In the set of tonight these places were given to Mrs. Stuvesant Fish and Robert Vancort

"Figuro" and "the honor," both which were more elaborate.

The second quadrille, which had been organized by Mrs. E. L. Baylies, was danced by Mrs. Ogmen Mills, Mrs. John Jacob Astor, Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., Mrs. Henry Sloane, Edith Morton, Mrs. Vanrenssaler, Mrs. Alfrenzo Navarro, R. D. Robins, Worthington Whitehouse.

In another quadrille, organized by Mrs. E. L. Baylies, were several of the debutantees of the night, among them being Miss Evelyan Sloane, Miss VanAllen, Miss Josephine Brooks and Miss Alice Babcock. For their partners were G. Beekman Hoppin, J. D. W. Cutting, Robert Livingston and

William Sloane. The cotillion, which was recotillion, which was led by had been looked forward to by the younger of the guests, and there were nearly 200 couples in it. Mr. Dyer appeared as Francois I., a rich costume consisting of a cloak of royal purple velvet lined with violet satin and embroidered with gold. The coat was velvet embroidered with gold; the doublet, also of purple velvet, was sashed with violet satin. The tights were of violet silk, worn with shoes of the period, a hat with large ostrich feather, ruff and dagger. Mr. Dyer maintained his reputation as a leader of fashionable dances by his executive ability, his ingenuity and his good

While during the evening there were light refreshments, it was not until after 1 o'clock, at the conclusion of Mrs. Bronson's quadrille, that the regular supper began. This was served at small tables in the winter garden. But this place would never have been recognized even by one who had been familiar with it. The one hundred odd tables had all passed through the hands of the florist and were so hidden by his art as to have lost all resemblance of articles of furniture. Ros and white lilacs were banked so high that the guests seemed to eat from the top of a flower bed. Beyond the tables and between the guests so as to almost hide one from another were tables and between the guests so as to almost hide one from another were decorations of spring flowers—tulings, being anythis and forsythis, to make the place a bower of beauty and fragrance.

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Invoking the Protection of the King of Greece.

London, Feb. 11,-A despatch to the Times from Canea, dated Feb. 10, says Prince George Berovitch, governor of Orete, notified the sublime porte and the consular body representing the powers that he was desirous of resigning. The porte requested powers to use their influence to reore order in Crete.

Several Cretan chiefs have written to the Turkish authorities declaring that the Cretans have decided to re-ject the Turkish rule and invoke the protection of the King of Greece.

A despatch to the Times from Canea, dated Feb. 11, says that all of villages in the vicinity of Sitia have been destroyed. Three burning villages are visible. A cordon of Christian dragoons has been established around the town. Intermittent firing continues, and it is rumored many women and children have been

London, Feb. 12.—The papers this morning are full of long telegrams from European capitals and editorials dealing with the gravity of the situa-tion in Crete, and expressing fears of war between Turkey and Greece.

ON TRIAL FOR MURDER.

The Case of the Mates and Crew of the Nova Scotia Ship George T. Hay.

Despatches received this week from London announce that the first and second mates of the ship George T. Hay and fifteen of the crew were being tried for the murder of a sailor named Bostrom on the voyage from Mobile to Rio Janeiro, First Mate Fraser has been found guilty of having inflicted unlawful punishment upon Bostrom, but he will not be sentenced until the completion of the trial of the second mate and sallors.

The ship Geo. T. Hay is owned at Spencer's Island, the managing owner

being Geo. D. Spicer. The commander is Capt. Edward Spicer. The first officer, Fraser, is said to be a province ist, but it is not known here exactly where he belongs. He succeeded Capt. Miles Collins of Advocate Harbor as chief officer at Mobile. The second mate is Noel Amos of Bay Verte, a brother of Mrs. Dr. Fillimore of Spe cer's Island. Amos is about 24 years of age and has been in the Hay a couple of years. The crew were shipped at Mobile so there is no telling who they were or where they hailed

The trial of Second Mate Amos and fifteen of the crew of the George T. Hay of Parreboro, was finished at London, Wednesday, Amos was found guilty of common assault. The sailors were acquitted. The magistrate of the Winchester court yesterday pronounced sentence upon Fraser and Amos. Fraser was sentenced to six months' and Amos to two months' imprisonment, each with hard labor.

George Burt, an old and much respected resident of Tracy Station, was buried Sunday, 6th, at that place. Rev. O. N. Mott conducted the services.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.- Latest U.S. Gov't Report



After the first measure followed the Since the First of December Shows an Increase

> Of More Than \$1,800,000 Over Same Period Two Years Ago-Increase Also by About Ten Cargoes Over Same

Period Last Year.

Comparing the whole of this season to date with the season of 1895-96 to same date, the volume of winter port business has been much larger than last year.

It was pointed out in the Sun a few days ago that there was not a remarkable difference in the figures for January as compared with the same month a year before; but December, 1896, was far ahead of December, 1895, (when the trade had only begun) and the present month thus far, is away ahead of the first two weeks of February, 1896.

During the season of 1895-96, up to February 11th, there were 13 steamers cleared for Liverpool, London and tried to smother the flames, but could Glasgow, but of those for London nearly all called at Halifax for some freight. On the other hand, the present season to Feb. 11th has seen 21 steamers cleared, all direct, for Liverpool, London, Glasgow, Belfast and

This shows a gain for the present season thus far of eight full cargoes, and also the difference arising from the London steamers not having to call at Halifax this season for some freight, which difference would probably amount to two more full cargoes. Four steamers cleared in December, 1895, and nine in December, 1896.

Six cleared in January, 1896, and six n January, 1897. Three cleared in February (to Feb. 11th) 1896, and six in February (to

Of the cargoes referred to for 1895-96 (to Feb. 11th) three went to Glasgow, five to Liverpool, and five via Halifax

ing a two months period (December and January) for three yea The total exports from St. John in December and January two years ago were valued at only \$318,921; for the same period one year ago the amount went up to \$747,342 worth of Canadian goods entered outwards at St. John, besides a lot entered at upper province customs houses, and a quantity of American goods, that would bring the total for these months well up toward \$1,000,000. But the same two months of the present sesson go away beyond that again, for they show a total, including all upper Canadian and American, as well as

local goods, of a little over \$1,613,000. Thus it appears that in December and January of the present season there was exported from St. John goods to the value of \$1,300,000 mere than for the same period two years ago. If to this we add the figures for February thus far (six full cargoes by winter port steamers alone) there would be nearly \$500,000 more of an increase in exports over the like pertwo years ago. Or. summing the winter port trade has brought to this port for shipment thus far this season (not including goods now loading or on the tracks) over \$1,800,000 worth of goods more than was handled in the port in the same period two

There have been 1.618 carloads of United States produce in flour, meats, ed, etc., received here this season. This is equal to a train load of 21 cars for every day, Sundays included, since Dec. 1st of American goods alone. There were only 571 cars of U. S. goods received during the

same period a year ago.

There have been about 1,500 carloads of grain received thus far, a increase over last year. There are now about 740 carloads of goods in the yards or along the

ween here and Megantic. Nearly half of this is grain. When to the amount of work

quired in loading the steamers is add-ed that of discharging their inward cargoes, it will be seen that this winter port business is a great thing for the laboring men. In loading the vessels, including night and day, the avrage would be about a hundred men to a steamer. There has been more than an average of two steamers loading continuously since the first of December. Sometimes there were four in at once. With the men engaged on the steamers, those on the railway and around the wharves and harbon works, there must have been an average of nearly a thousand dollars a day paid out in wages ever since the first two steamers came in, in the first week of December, as a direct And the season is hardly half gone

There will be a heavy business to the very end of the season here. Thus far the Furness line to London has carried more western goods

than either of the other lines. The United States goods through are very valuable, In January there was shipped \$104,000 worth of U. S. flour and over \$150,000

ST. JOHN'S EXPORT TRADE of other goods from that country, the bulk from Chicago and Minneapolis. BURNED TO DEATH.

> An accident fearful in its details and fatal in its results occurred on the 9th instant about 8.30 o'clock in a house in Union alley, occupied by a family named Barry, in which Mrs. Bridget Barry was burned in such a manner that she died a few hours

The Barry family, who live in the upper flat of the building situate in the rear of Mrs. Andrew Lawson's property, which faces on Union street, sisted of the deceased, her husband, Patrick, a son and daughter. The old man is quite feeble and has to spend much of his time abed. Mrs. Barry's sight was very dim, but otherwise she was tolerably smart for her years. About 8.30 o'clock she was alone in the kitchen. Her husband, who was in bed, heard suddenly the most piercing screams, and heard her cry out she was on fire. As fast as his feeble limbs would allow him he got out of bed and went to her assistance. A terrible sight met his gaze. On the kitchen floor his wife was writhing in agony, her dress burning fiercely, the roaring and puffing in her face. The old man selzed an overcoat and bravely not do so. Meanwhile his daughter had attracted the attention of Patrick Danaher, who in turn called to Florence P. Edwards, the Opera house bill poster, who was shovelling snow away from the bill boards in the alley. Edwards rushed into the house and up stairs to the kitchen, where the old man was endeavoring to extinguish the flames. He caught hold of the burning woman and dragged her out of the kitchen, which was by this time of the kitchen, which was by this time in flames, into another room. After wrapping her in bed clothes and partially extinguishing the flames he tore the smouldering garments from her body. Mrs. Patrick Danaher and other neighbors came in and prevented the

neighbors came in and prevented the spread of the fire in the house. A still alarm, however, was sent in, and No. 3 hose reel responded, but was not needed. Mrs. Barry's injuries were mostly about the head, face and arms. Her head and face were burned almost black, and her neck, shoulders and same literally cooked. But for all this fartible injury it was found she Liverpool, six for London, two for Dublin, and two for Belfast.

Another way to get at the increase is to take the customs returns, taking a two months period (December ed and wirthed with pain all the way and wirthed with pain all the way and the control of the suffered awful anguish and groaned and wirthed with pain all the way

ed and writhed with pain all the way to the Hospital. She was placed on a bed there and everything done to alteviate her suffering, but she was too badly burned, and about 11 o'clock death relieved her suffering.

Mr. Edwards, who so gallantly rushed to the rescue, had one of his hands quite badly burned in his endeavors to extinguish the flames. He deavors to extinguish the flames. He suffered considerable with it during

Just how the accident occurred is not known. The daughter, as usual, started the fire and Mrs. Barry was sitting quietty beside it when daughter left the room. It is supposed, wever, that her dress caught from a spark or by coming in contact

Coroner Berryman held an inquiry on the 19th into the circumstances connected, with the death of Mrs. Bridget Barry. The evidence went to show that Mrs. Barry's clothing caught fire from the stove in her house in Union alley, Tuesday, 9th inst., and that she was fatally burned before assistance arrived. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the facts, finding that the came by her death accidentally.

COL DOMVILLE AT WORK is Punishing Whole Settlements by His Manipulation of Post Offices.

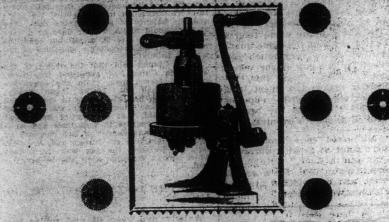
The good people of Kings county are suffering much inconvenience through the shifting of some local post offices and the closing of others. Bitter complaints come from the neighborhood of Springfield because of changes made which compel many farmers to trayel much farther for their mail than formerly. Three or four changes are reported in this parish, and none of them seem to be satisfactory. In the parish of Kars two offices, Kars and Paddock's, are closed, and in place of them only one is established. This change is no convenience to any place of them only one is established.
This change is no convenience to any one except the new postmaster. It adds some miles to the distance which many people have to travel to the post office, and is an extremely unsatisfactory arrangement to the whole settlement. Colonel Domville may be justified in runishing a post-master or two for the crime of declin-ing to vote for him, but even his friends object to the punishment of whole settlements.

S. S. NEW BRUNSWICK

Boston, Feb. 11.—The old side-wheel steamer New Brumwick, which was recently condemned by the United States steamboat inspector at Portland, has been purchased by Thomas Butler & Co., junk dealers of this steamer. city, on private terms. The steamer will be brought here next May, unless cold in the meantime, and will be taken to Nut Island, where she will

"Would you please help me?" said the poor beggar to the pedestrian. "I have a wife and five children at home, and an instalment to pay on my bimeats, besides over \$50,000 worth cycle tomorrow!"-Yonkers Statesman.

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