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TORONTO PRODUCE MARKET. Toronto, Dec. 27.—Wheat—Firm; red and white, 76c, middle freights; goose, 66%c to 67c for No. 2 east, middle freights; spring, 75c for No. 1 east; Manitoba firm, at 89c for No. 1 hard, 85c for No. 1 northern, and 81c for No. 2 northern, all rail, via Sarnia, grinding in transit, December shipment, and 1c less via North Bay. Flour—Steady, at \$2.90 for cars of 90 per cent patents in buyers' bags. Bay. Flour—Steady, at \$2.90 for cars of 90 per cent patents in buyers' bags, middle freights; choice brands are 15c to 20c higher; Manitoba at \$4.20 for cars of Hungarian patents, and \$3.90 for strong bakers in car lots, sacks included, on the track at Toronto. Millfeed—Firm, at \$20 for cars of shorts and \$18 for bran, middle freights. Barley—Steady, at 57c for No. 1, 55c for No. 2, 54c for No. 3 extra, and 51½c for No. 3, middle freights. Buckwheat—Steady, at 55%c. middle freights. Rye—Firm, at middle freights. Buckwheat—steady, at 55%c, middle freights. Rye—Firm, at 56%c to 57c, middle freights. Corn—Easier, at 60c to 62c for Canada mixed and yellow, according to location, west. Oats—Dull; No. 2 white, 43%c, middle freights. Peas—Firm, 84c to 85c. middle freight. Butter—Demond for choice dairy. freight Butter-Demand for choice dairy and creamery good; poor stuff, of there is far too much coming, is slow to sell; creamery prints, 20c to 22c; solids,

and low grades, 10c to 121/2c. Eggs-Good demand for strictly new-laid stock steady, at 25c for strictly new-laid in choice lots, 18c to 20c for heldf resh, 17c for No. 1 limed, and 15c to 16c for No. 2 limed. Live hogs—Receipts today, 400; prices steady; choice bacon, \$6.40; heavy and light fats. \$6. ENGLISH MARKETS. LIVERPOOL, Dec. 27—Closing. Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red western winter, 6s 2d; No. 1 northern spring,

68 21/2d; No. 1 California, 6s 5d; f quiet; March, 6s 3%d; May, 6s %d. Corn—Spot steady; American mixed, ld, 5s 9d; futures dull; Jan., 5s 5d; farch, 5s 3%d; May, 5s 3%d. Peas-Canadian strong, 7s. Flour-St. Louis fancy winter firm,

Hops (at London)-Pacific coast, £3 2s Beef-Extra India mess firm, 79s. Lard-American refined, in pails, steady,

50s; prime western, in tierces, steady, Pork-Prime mess western firm, 72s 6d.

A MINISTER'S

A Clowing Tribute to the Sterling Worth of Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder.

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Hams-Short cut, 14 to 16 lbs, dull, Bacon—Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs, quiet. 43s; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs, quiet. 45s 6d; long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs, quiet, 45s 6d; long clear middles, heavy. 35 to 40 lbs, quiet. 45s; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs, quiet, 45s; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs, quiet, 44s; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs, quiet, 52s 6d; shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs, quiet, 42s 6d. Butter—Steady; finest United States, 92s; good United States, 70s.

Cheese—Firm; American finest white, 46s 6d; American finest colored, 47s 7d.

Tallow—Prime city strong, 30s; Australian (in London) firm, 31s.

Cottonseed oil—Hull refined, spot steady, 22s 6d.

Turpentine spirits—Firm, 28s.

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Turpentine spirits—Firm, 28s.
Rosin—Common dull, 3s 10½d.
Petroleum—Refined steady, 7¼d.
Linseed oil—Dull, 21s 6d. Receipts of wheat during the past three ays, 84,000 centals, including 71,000

Receipts of American corn during the past three days, none.

AMERICAN MARKETS. NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Flour--Receipts, 17.950 bbls; sales, 3,200 pkgs; state and

western market was steady, but held too high for jobbers. Rye flour—Dull; fair to good, \$3 20 to \$3 40; choice to fancy, \$3 45 to \$3 70. Wheat—Receipts, 104,500 bu; sales, 1,210,000 bu; option market was influenced this morning by unsatisfac-tory English cables a less active outside influenced this morning by unsatisfactory English cables, a less active outside trade and general unloading by room operators; Dec., 85%c to 85%c; March, 881-16c to 88%c; May, 871-16c to 787-16c; July, 887%c to 87c. Rye—Dull; state, 68c to 69c, c.i.f., New York, car lots; No. 2 western, 75%c, f.o.b., afloat. Corn—Receipts, 9,000 bu; sales, 30,000 bu; option market was dull and easier, affected by cables, the wheat depression and fair western receipts; May, 70%c to 71c. Oats—Receipts, 103,500 bu; options inactive and easier with other markets. Beef—Firm. Pork—Strong; mess, \$1650 to \$1750; and easter with other markets. Beer-Firm. Pork—Strong; mess, \$16 50 to \$17 50; famiyl, \$17 50 to \$18; short clear sides, \$18 50 to \$20. Lard—Strong; prime western steam, \$10 40. Sugar—Raw dull; fair resteam, \$10.40. Sugar—Raw dull; fair refining, 3.3-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3.21-32c; molasses sugar, 2.15-16c; refined dull. Coffee—Steady; No. 7 Rio, 71-16c. Tallow—Firm; city hogsheads, 6c; country, 6c to 64c. Hay—Steady. Potatoes—Steady. Lead—Dull. Hides—Steady. Barley—Steady; feeding, 59c to 61c, c.i.f., Buffalo; malting, 63c to 68c, c.i.f., Buffalo. Straw—Quiet. Beans—Quiet. Wool—Dull. Hops—Quiet.

CHICAGO EXCHANGE.

	CHICAGO, Dec. 27.			o. 27.
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WILD CREATURES

HELPED BY MAN

Lengthening Bees' Tongues — Teaching Dogs to Bark-Unrecognized

Kindnesses. [Seattle Post-Intelligencer.]

A single cocoon of the ordinary silk-worm will frequently give a double thread 1,100 feet in length. The ancestors of that caterpillar, when the Chinese first domesticated them, about 4,500 years ago, could not spin half as much web as would make for themselves a comfortable blanket. Plenty of good food and warmth have done much to raise the domestic silkworm above its wild relations; but what has chiefly helped them is that the poor specimens have always been killed off, and only the bigtinction many sorts of beautiful creatures. But the account is far more than tures. But the account is far more than balanced by the amount of good he has

balanced by the amount of good he has done for those animals which proved useful and could be tamed.

Take the case of the bee. The bee lives by its tongue, with which organ it is able to extract the honey from flowers. Now, a bee's tongue is naturally about a twenty-fifth of an inch long. Clever bee-keepers, by keeping only those bees with naturally long tongues, have succeeded in lengthening the tongues of a number of bee colonies to the extent of another hundredth of an inch. It does not sound much, but it enables those insects to do a quarter as much work again in the same time.

Man has done more than this for bees. He has given them ready-made homes where they are safe from wasps and other enemies; frames for making their combs, without using large quantities of wax for outside walls; and food during flowerless weather. He has also taken them to America, where they have in-

creased exceedingly among new kinds of flowers and in a new climate. Wild dogs cannot bark. Eskimo dogs, dingoes and wolves can only whine and howl. It is their long friendship with man that has given domestic dogs this most useful method of calling to one another or to their masters. Man has also increased the brain-power of dogs. The jackal, from which animal it is supposed that the dog is descended, has only 13 ounces of brain. The collie, which stands first among dogs in brain-power, has 291/2 ounces, and the foxhound almost as

It was its wool, and not its mutton, that first brought the sheep into the sheep-pen. But a visit to a zoo will show you that the coat of the wild sheep is not one-quarter so thick and warm as that of its domestic brother. The former has also a coarse outer covering of hair. has also a coarse outer covering.

This has disappeared in the creature This has disappeared in the tame sheep, and instead the creature has a coat of wool so soft and thick that it can stand a cold climate with ease. It is a queer proof of how near the relation is between the wild and tame animals, that Southdown sheep taken to the West Indies lose their fleece in one generation, and revert to the brown, hairy coat of their ancestors. Probably no other creature has been so

Probably no other creature has been so greatly benefited by man's arrival on this planet as the cat. Look at the case of the cat in such parts of the world as it still inhabits—wild. It is very scarce, has many enemies, and has to fight desperately hard for a living. The domestic pussy, with a saucer of milk handy, a warm hearthrug and nothing to do but warm hearthrug and nothing to do but amuse herself with mouse-catching, leads amuse herself with mouse-catching, leads certainly a pleasanter existence.

The suggestion that man helps foxes seems at first absurd. But in Britain, at any rate, it is so. Were it not for the love of hunting in that country, the fox would have been extinct long ago. Sport has also saved partridges, pheasants and other game from becoming as scarce as they already are in Italy, and such countries where they have not been protected during the close season. Near-

protected during the close season. Nearly 14,000 keepers are constantly employed in saving British game during the breeding season from enemies two and four legged. Whenever man takes a new country

in hand, certain creatures are sure to increase. Sparrows, for instance, are a good sign of a big human population. In England they outnumber all the other birds combined by about five to one. This is, of course, because they find the remnants of man's food specially suitable to them. House martins also bless man for inventing houses with protecting caves inventing houses with projecting eaves to keep the nests from the wet.

THE OLD CRY. Again we hear the dismal cry that Santa Claus must go;
You've heard it often, so have I—he isn't
going, though!—
The old Saint continues in the dear old-

fashioned way! And will as long as children learn to yearn for Christmas day.

Who was the first to raise the cry that
Santa Claus must quit?
Where is his grave? What name's upon the stone that's over it?
Ah, no one knows, and few men care,
and Santa still will call
When they that four himpers are When they that flout him now are where the worms lay claim to all.

—Chicago Record-Herald.

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WEATHER BULLETIN London, Dec. 27.-8 a.m. TEMPERATURE. STATIONS-8 a.m. Min. Winnipeg..... Parry Sound..... Ottawa Montreal Quebec...... Father Point.... FORECASTS. Today-Cloudy, with stationary tem-

perature. Saturday—Increasing easterly winds; rain or sleet before night. WEATHER NOTES. Light snow has fallen very generally in Quebec and Ontario. The temperature remains nearly stationary. Moderate temperatures continue in the Northwest

Territories, but a change to cold weather

LATE LOCAL ITEMS

is now likely to occur.

-Miss Edith Dickey, Detroit, is the guest of her brother, Oxford street. -Mr. Jack Prescott has returned to Detroit after a short visit with his parents in this city.

495 Pall Mall street. -Mr. Albert F. Schussler, Hamilton representative of the Carling B. and M. Company, was in the city yesterday on

business -Mr. F. J. Fitzgerald, of London, acted as chairman at the Scottish have been fixed as follows: Saturday, concert given by Miss Jessie McLach-lan in Embro Tuesday night. -Miss Laura Beggs, daughter of G.

T. R. Superintendent Beggs, of Port Huron, is visiting Mrs. H. E. Whittenberger, wife of Trainmaster Whitten--Miss Mary Boston, of West Lon-

Christmas holiday at the latter's home in Lucknow. -The Children's Aid Society was yesterday the recipient of a large parcel of clothing, books, toys, etc., from the

ladies of Blenheim, which it gratefully acknowledges. gest and strongest kept.

Man is often blamed for driving to exin the Central Methodist Church, Sarnia, assisted by Miss Alma Gayfer, of cliffe road, yesterday afternoon, and Hamilton, and Mr. George Fox, violin-

sects to do a quarter as much work steamship Huronia for Cape Town and will join the first available local regiment.

> -Charles Wallace, formerly of Smallman & Ingram's, London, now of Gordon MacKay's, Toronto, and his rendered recitations. friend, John MacMillan, of the Dominion Express Company, of Toronto, spent Christmas day with friends in this city.

-The many friends of Mr. John Lang, Bruce street, South London, will be pleased to learn that he is rapidly recovering from a six weeks' illness of inflammation of the lungs and pleurisy, and is now able to sit up.

-In the published account of the Christmas service held at St. Mary's Church, the violin solo given by Mr. Cresswell (who also conducted the orchestra), was omitted. The number, Schumann's "Traumerci." was given in Mr. Cresswell's usual masterly manner, and gave great satisfaction.

-Mr. Thomas Bell, who was chairman of the committee on the closing in London. The purchase of the Copp exercises held at the Normal School Mr. George Black and others who took men will open up the premises early part, thanking them heartily for the in the new year. Mr. Copp said this assistance given that evening in providing the evening's entertainment.

-Mr. Harold Jarvis will sing the fol- to begin a foundry at Fort William was lowing songs at the organ recital to premature and without foundation. He be given by Mr. W. H. Hewlett in Dundas Center Methodist Church tomorrow afternoon: Aria, "My Hope Is in the Everlasting," from Stainer's O. H. A. SCHEDULE, GROUPS 9, 10. "Daughter of Jarius;" "Christmas Song" (Gounod), "Clouds Shall be Sun-"Christmas shine Evermore" and "The Ninety and

Nine" (Holden). -A very pretty wedding was solemnized on Christmas Eve, when Miss Lizzie Farrer, of Lobo, was married to Mr. Frank Carpenter, of Petrolia. The ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride's parents, Lobo township, Rev. Mr. Stovel officiating. Mr. Sam Trot, of this city, and Miss Minnie Farrer were groomsman and bridesmaid. The couple left on a trip west, after which they will be at home

-Chatham Banner-News: Miss Susie Barrison has returned from London, where she has been attending the Normal School. John Maguire, of the C. R. freight office, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents in London. Miss Flossie Hoskins, of London, is visiting friends in the city. -Mr. H. S. Dickson, of Maumee, Ohio, who has been spending the holidays with his parents on Piccadilly street, left again for that place yesterday evening.

GILMOUR-BURRIS. Miss Olive Grant, only daughter of William Burris, postmaster of Lacombe, Alberta, was married on Tuesday last to Andrew Gilmour, eldest

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son of James Gilmour, M.P., for East Middlesex. The ceremony was per-formed by Rev. Mr. White.

FUNERAL OF JOHN PUDDICOMBE. The funeral of the late John Puddicombe took place yesterday morning from the family residence and was attended by many friends Following were the pallbearers: Messrs. Hubert Dignan, Louis N. Hayne, W. R. Hobbs, John Balkwill, J. B. Cox and Hiram F. Burgess. Impressive services were conducted by the Bishop of Huron and

DEATH OF EDWARD WHITE. Edward White died last night at his mother's residence, Simcoe street, after a protracted illness. Mr. White was a brakeman on the C. P. R., and was well known and popular in railroad circles. His father died several years ago. He is survived by his mother, two brothers—Messrs. John and Thomas—and two sisters—Mrs. Fred Birmingham and Miss Ella. The funeral will take place on Monday morning, at 9 o'clock, to the Catholic

burying ground. DEATH OF MRS. HENERY. Mrs. Ellen Henery, aged 85 years, died yesterday at her son's residence, London township, after a long illness. Mrs. Henery was born in county Antrim, Ireland, and came to this country about eighteen years ago, where she has since resided. Her husband died many years ago in Ireland. Mrs. Henery is survived by three sons— Thomas, John and Robert. The funeral takes place from her son's residence, con. 3, lot 15, on Saturday, to the Scotch burial ground, St. James

Y. W. C. A. NOTES. All London friends are invited to come to the association on New Year's Day, to be entertained, at 10 a.m., by the Alexandras; at 11 a.m., by the Victorias; at 2:45 p.m. by the students; at 3:45 p.m. by the I. W. T. and the King's Daughters; at 5 p.m. by the association board; at 8 p.m., by the Winifred Club, and at 9 p.m. by the recention committee reception committee. The gospel meeting this Sunday will

be led by Miss A. R. Yeates. All women and young women will be most welcome. There will be no classes until the week after the new year.

-Mrs. F. Yager, of Delhi, spent It would be a help in the united as-Christmas with her son, W. C. Yager, sociation work if each member would use the daily verses-printed in the association calendars for the year.

HIGH COURT SITTINGS.

The dates for the weekly sittings of the high court of justice at London Jan. 11; Thursday, Jan. 16; Thursday, Jan. 23; Thursday, Jan. 30; Thursday, Feb. 6; Saturday, Feb. 15; Thursday, Feb. 20; Sa arday, March 1; Saturday, March 8; Saturday, March 15; Saturday, March 22; Tuesday, April 1; Sat-urday, April 5; Thursday, April 10; don, accompanied by her cousin, Miss Annie McKinnon, is spending her Christmas holiday at the letter's home.

Saturday, April 19; Saturday, April 26; Thursday, May 1; Saturday, May 10; Christmas holiday at the letter's home. Thursday, May 29; Saturday, June 7; Saturday, June 14; Thursday, June 19; Thursday, June 26.

ENTERTAINED CHILDREN.

The children in the Children's Aid -Mr. W. H. Hewlett, of this city, Yarker and Miss Beattie, at the resi-Society Shelter were the guests or Mrs. dence of Mrs. John Beattie, Wharnthe young folks had a most enjoyable time. A profusion of Christmas gifts, all contributed by Mrs. Yarker, were handsomely set out on an illuminated Christmas tree that reached to the ceiling; the tree was the gift of Miss Beattie. Each of the little folks received a generous number of toys and gifts from Santa Claus, who was most capably represented by Mr. Jack Yarker on the occasion. Sheriff Cam-eron, president, Mr. J. I. A. Hunt, the treasurer, and Mr. Sanders, the secretary, besides a number of lady friends, were present, and participated in the kindly remembrances from the Christmas tree. Little Marie. Barrows gave a number of entertaining and cleverly

COL. GARTSHORE AT HAMILTON. Hamilton Spectator: Col. Gartshore, of the McClary Manufacturing Company, London, arrived in the city this afternoon with the superintendent of the big London works. The object of the visit is to go over the Copp Bros.' works, which have been bought by the McClarys, and made notes of such changes and improvements as may be needed to put the place in condition for the new concern. There can be no doubt that the Hamilton works will be continued, the stove and furnace business of the London firm being carried on here and the granite and enamel ware business being conducted Friday last, has sent a letter to and it is understood that the London some time ago that he was arranging does not know yet what he will do.

HOCKEY.

Stratford, Ont., Dec. 27.-At a meeting held here last night of representatives o the various clubs in groups Nos: 9 and 10 of the O. H. A. intermediate series, the following schedules of games were adopted. That of group 10 will probably be slightly altered. Watford, on account of distance from other clubs, has taken bye, and will play the winners ther one of the groups, as may decided later. Schedule of group No. 9: Jan. 3, Galt at Brantford; Jan. 10, Brantford at Paris; Jan. 16, Paris at Galt; Jan. 24, Galt at Paris; Jan. 27, Paris at Brantford; Jan. 30, Brantford Referees—Galt, W. Twaits, T. Aiken; \$200,000.
Paris, P. Leyden, T. Mauer; Brantford, WI John Kelly. Group No. 10:

Group No. 10;
Jan. 7, Stratford at Seaforth; Jan. 10,
Seaforth at Woodstock; Jan. 14, Woodstock at Stratford; Jan. 17, Stratford at
Woodstock; Jan. 20, Seaforth at Stratford; Jan. 24, Woodstock at Seaforth.
Referees—Seaforth, P. M. Jackson, W.
McDougall; Woodstock, W. J. Powell,
C. Farnsworth; Stratford, C. R. Rankin,
G. B. Gordon.

NEW PREMIER OF P. E. I. Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 27.-A

caucus of the Liberals was held last evening, at which Attorney-General Peters, brother of Fred Peters, of British Columbia, was elected to succeed Farquharson as local premier. Mr. Peters is a prominent lawyer. A. A. McLean, barrister, will oppose Mr. Farquharson in the contest for Hon. Mr. Davies' seat.

Anyone troubled with boils, pimples, rashes, festering sores, or any chronic or malignant skin disease, should use Burdock Blood Bitters externally and take internally. It will cure where

CANDIDATES NOTSCARCE

No Dearth of Contestants for the Mayoralty.

Requisition Out for Mr. John R. Minhinnick.

No Falling Away of Other Candidates -Nomination Day Being Awaited With Interest.

The number of sure-enough candidates, prospective candidates and would-be candidates for Mayor Rumball's job at the city hall is increasing at an alarming rate. The men who as a rule know, or think they know, how things will turn out, can only scratch their pates, look wise and wonder. He who would say just what's going to happen would need the knowledge of Hicks and the X-ray eyes of the boy wonder of Texas. He would need to be ubiquitous indeed, and be present at little confabs held here. there and any old where, at many times and different days. Personal ambitions would have to be gauged and studies made of the frowns of leaders, the schemes of cliques and of serious damage as a result has been individuals. The wise ones say that reported up to a late hour. if no more people get into the game, it will be a very pretty race between Parnell and Winnett, and the presence of the others will add the uncertainty that is the condiment of campaigns. But in their vocabulary "if" much-used word. Nobody pretents to foretell exactly the names of the men whose eloquence will shatter the ambient atmosphere after nomination day. Ald. Parnell says that come what may, he is out for mayor and intends to stay until the bulletin's final figures say what's what. More encouragement has been given him than he expected, he says, and it may be said that his friends, who know the character of the man and of the fight he will put up, are more than ever confident that his long period of service in the publics' interest will get the reward that it merits, and that Ald. Parnell will next year occupy the position that Mayor Rumball is about to vacate. Ald. Winnett also says that he is very much in the field, and there to stay. Such is the sub-stance of remarks to The Advertiser concerning the contest, but others have said that Ald. Winnett's candidature depends upon possible future happenings. His statement, however, should be taken-which is, that he sees no reason why he should withdraw, and does not intend to do so. On the other hand, it is a matter of current talk that certain of his own party prefer that he should not run. Possi-bly this feeling has something to do with a requisition that was prepared today, asking Mr. John R. Minhinnick to run. If he does, the complication would be interesting. Mr. Peter Birtwsitle will, of course, be with the crowd, and has no intention whatever of quitting, and the hustings will assuredly resound to the voice of Mr. Bartram. Ex-Ald. Stevenson is the only one of those who have announced their candidature who may not positively be in at the finish. future may bring forth no man can say, but it seems that in the interim between this and nomination day, and even thereafter, those popular songs.

CHRISTMAS TREE IN KENSINGTON CHURCH

Drove the Nails in Mother's Face."

will be replaced by one older and sim-

pler, entitled, "What Will the Har-

"I'm Tired," and "The

Scholars Gave a Pleasant Entertainment and Had a Merry Evening.

The Kensington Methodist Sunday school held their annual Christmas tree entertainment last night, and it was a great success in every respect. The superintendent, W. T. Hamilton, occupied the chair, while the following programme was gone through in excellent form:

Opening hymn; prayer, led by the pastor Rev. S. Salton; recitation, Clarance Stewart; recitation, Gladys Balkwell; song, Maudie Newton; recitation, Gladys Conley; recitation, Georgie Hier; song, Cliffie Salton; recitation, Etta May Pudney; song, Garnet Donahue; recitation, Perlie Corbin; recitation, Mable Conley; song, Willie and Gertie Newton; musical selection, Tommy Stewart; recitation, Embrey Regan; dialogue, by Miss Wade's class; song, Maud and Willie Newton; recitation, Claudie Hazelgrove; recitation, Flo Kelly; chorus, by Miss G. Salton's class; dialogue, by Don Hamilton and Hughie Clugston; recitation, Mable Leathorne; reading, Beatrice Hamilton; chorus, infant class; recitation, Minnie Wilson; chorus, by Mr. Goode's class; recitation, Ada Taylor. Last but not least came the distribution of the presents and a bag of

good things for each scholar. ELEVATOR IN ASHES. Chicago, Dec. 27.-Fire last night

destroyed the grain elevator of A. F. Mueller, at 55th street and Pittsburg-Wayne and Chicago Railroad track. The loss on machinery and grain is WITH \$32,000,000 CAPITAL.

Boston, Dec. 27.—Details of a plan for the reorganization of the Erie Telegraph and Telephone Company with a capital of \$32,000,000, involving a transfer of control to the American Telephone and Telegraph Company are given in a circular to the share holders of the Erie Company made public today. Kidder, Peabody & Co, bankers, will carry out the plan if it is accepted by the shareholders.

A YEAR'S DEATHS IN WINDSOR. Windsor, Ont., Dec. 27.-Dr. Coventry, medical health officer, reports that during the past year there were 183 deaths from all causes in Windsor. This is at the rate of 15 per cent per 1,000. Only three deaths from scheduled diseases occurred during the year. two from scarlet fever and one from smallpox. The smallpox patient was brought here from an outside municipality after having contracted the dis-

In connection with L'Evenement assignment at Quebec, the liabilities are \$66,139; assets, \$37,180.

WORST STORM

Prevailed Along the Coast of Oregon.

Great Destruction Results From the Gale at Seattle—Salt Lake District Stormswept.

IN OREGON. Astoria, Ore., Dec. 27.-The worst storm of the winter prevailed along the coast last night, doing much damage to property. During the storm the two barges used by contractors broke from their moorings and were driven against the railroad trestle in East Astoria. One of the barges was completely destroyed, and the other was badly damaged. The railroad track was also damaged.

IN UTAH. Salt Lake, Utah, Dec. 27.-The storm which has been raging throughout the northern inter - mountain country struck Salt Lake last night with a suddenness and fury that was start-ling. From a dead calm the wind increased with remarkable rapidity, and attained a velocity of fully 50 miles an hour, bringing with it a blinding snowstorm, which raged with the fury of a blizzard for more than two hours. The storm came from the northwest, and although of comparatively short duration, was one of the severest known in this section for years. No All trains were more or less delayed, while telegraph service was completely

prostrated. MONTANA. At Butte, Mont., the storm came from the west out of a clear sky, the snow, driven by a fierce wind, being so thick that it was impossible to see across the street. Seattle, Tacoma and other points reported terrific wind.

WASHINGTON. Seattle, Wash., Dec. 27.-Thursday night's storm did much damage and endangered many lives in this city. Along the north end of the water front the breakers washed away eight houses. Floating driftwood battered these to matchwood. The occupants barely escaped. On North Broadway a little cottage was overturned. No one was injured. High water on the Duwamish River added to the complexity of the situation. Wires are down all over the city. The highest velocity of the wind was 35 miles an hour.

TREMENDOUS **EXPLOSIONS**

Accompanied by the Loss of Three Lives

And Injury of Several Men-Shock Felt 14 Miles Away.

Sharpsville, Pa., Dec. 27.—An explosion at the old Sharpsville furnace about 7 o'clock this morning wrecked the furnace plant and killed three men. Another workman was probably fatally injured. Dead: Martin Clary, Howard Dickson, James Bartlett. Injured: James Donnelly. The men were working at the top of the furnace when the explosion occurred, and Clary, Dickson and Bartlett were burned to death, Donnelly was injured by jumping.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 27.—An explosion in the barrel mill of the Moosic Powder Company, at its Jermyn works, today, blew the mill and some adjoining buildings to pieces, and broke windows for miles around. The shock was plainly felt in this city, a distance of fourteen miles. felt in this city, a distance of fourteen

miles.

Jacob Hiller, who was in the engine room when the adjoining buildings were blown up, was burned beyond recognition and cannot survive.

John Gibbs, George B. Hardt and George Forkel, who were entering the mill yard, were caught by flying debris and badly nijured.

Glass blown from a window to Albert

mill yard, were caught by flying debris and badly nijured.
Glass blown from a window in Albert Carey's house, struck his daughter and cut a deep slash in her neck. It is feared she is fatally injured.
Scarcely a store or residence in Jermyn escaped with a whole pane of glass. A Delaware and Hudson passenger train, which passed about a quarter of a mile from the scene of the explosion at the time of the accident, was swayed by the force of the explosion, and the passenger train, and the passenger train, which passed about a quarter of a mile from the scene of the explosion at the time of the accident, was swayed by the force of the explosion, and the pas-sengers screamed with terror as the train gave a sudden lurch. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

RECIPROCITY

With Canada in the Matter of Touring Motor Vehicles Advocated.

New York, Dec. 27.-Reciprocity with Canada in the matter of touring motor vehicles crossing the border free of duty is the chief topic now being discussed by the law committee of the Automobile Club of America, at its sessions now being held in this city.

Mr. George F. Chamberlain, chairman of the committee, has called the attention of the members to customs regulations obtained in 1898 by the Canadian Wheelman's Association, whereby members upon presentation of their membership tickets and securing the permission of the collector of the port of export, could take their bicycles across the border duty free. Mr. Chamberlain urged that an effort be made to obtain for touring automobiles the similar privileges through like customs regulations by the Can-adian and United States treasury department. At present not only tour-ing automobile, but motor vehicle, users, at points as close to the Canadian border as Buffalo and Detroit, are obliged to pay duty in full and take receipts therefor, redeemable on the return of the tourists with their hicles. The expense and inconvenience thus entailed have greatly hampered automobile touring between the two countries. It has been decided to send a committee to Canada to try to induce the Dominion customs officials to take

MORMON LEADER CRITICALLY

the initiative in this matter.

SICK. Salt Lake, Utah, Dec. 27. - A special from Farmington, N. M., says Apostle Brigham Young, president of the quorum of twelve of the Mormon Church, eldest living son of the famous president, is lying critically ill in Fruit Land, a Mormon settlement. Apostle Young is 65 years old.

Coughs, colds, hoarseness, and other throat ailments are quickly relieved by Vapo-Creso-

ICE GAVE WAY

OF THE SEASON Four Boys Were Drowned Near Bridgewater, N.S.

> Three Children in Buffalo Burned to Death-Two Men Mangled by Locomotive.

FOUR BOYS DROWNED.

Bridgewater, N. S., Dec. 26.—Four boys who went skating on Lahave River yesterday broke through the ice and were drowned together. They were Ferry and Melville Rhodenhauser, brothers, 14 and 12 years old; Curry Hubley, aged 12, whose birthday anniver-sary it was, and George Bachman,

aged 10. THREE CHILDREN PERISHED. Buffalo, Dec. 27.-Three children lost their lives in a fire in the two-story frame building at 27 Lombard street, shortly before 4 o'clock this morning.
They were three sons of Madary Orzela, who occupied the second floor of the building; Joseph, 10 years old; Frank, 7 years old, and Adam, a twin, 3 years old. The other members of the family had a marvelous escape, and the mother and a baby, 2 days old, had to be carried out on a mat-

tress. GROUND TO DEATH. St. Louis, Dec. 27.-John W. Taylor, chief engineer of the Terminal Railroad Association, and William Austin Kent, whose home is in Louisville, Ky., were ground to death beneath the wheels of a Wabash switch engine, in North St. Louis last night, after jumping, panic-stricken, from a swiftly moving motor car, which threatened to collide with the switch engine at the street

LATEST CABLES.

Civil Marriage of Senator Depew and Miss Palmer.

Baccarat Gambiers To Be Expelled From Austria-Czar May Attend Coronation of King Edward.

DEPEW-PALMER.

Nice, Dec. 27.-The civil ceremony of the marriage of Senator Chauncey M. P. Depew and Miss May Palmer took place at 3 o'clock this afternoon in the United States consulate. The bride's witnesses were Baron Von Andre and Baron De Cantalause. The bridegroom's witnesses were James Gordon Bennett and Count De Sers. Among the others present were Mrs. Palmer, Countess Desers and Baroness

Von Andre.
Senator Depew was in excellent health. The bride was charmingly

dressed. The bride being a Catholic, there will be two religious ceremonies. The first will take place at Notre Dame and the second at the Episcopal Church, at 11 o'clock in the morning and at noon tomorrow respectively, when ten bluejackets from the United States cruiser Albany will form a guard of honor

NICHOLAS MAY BE THERE. London, Dec. 27.-It is said that the czar has accepted an invitation to attend the coronation of King Edward provided that the czarina is in good health at the time the ceremony occurs.

GAMBLERS MUST GET OUT. Vienna, Dec. 27.-Emperor Francis Joseph has ordered the expulsion from Austria of the principals in the baccarat game of Dec. 21, when at the Jockey Club Count Potocki lost \$500,000 during three hours playing, Count Pallavicini winning most of the money. Counts John and Joseph Potocki have retired to Russia. Gambling for large amounts of money is illegal in Austria.

MARQUIS ITO. London, Dec. 27.-King Edward received Marquis Ito in audience at Marlborough House this afternoon. The Japanese statesmen here previcalled on the foreign secretary, Lord Lansdowne, who accompanied the marquis to Marlborough House and introduced him to the King.

Don't let worms gnaw at the vitals of your children. Give them Dr. Low's Pleasant Worm Syrup and they'll soon be rid of those parasites. Price 25c. v. A telegram from Elizabeth City, N. C., says Nell Cropsey has been found. Canon Deguire, one of the youngest and ablest of the canons at the Ottawa Basilica, has resigned and will

leave next Monday for New York State to help his father and family. Russia's yield of petroleum is 68,000,-000 barrels a year, and that of the United States 58,000,000. During the last twenty years Norway's exports of fish have averaged in value nearly \$13,000,000 a year. New Year's Day is the great festival of the year in France, not Christmas. Mere acquaintances even send each

other presents on that day. PIG FOUND, DEC. 21. OWNER CAN

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