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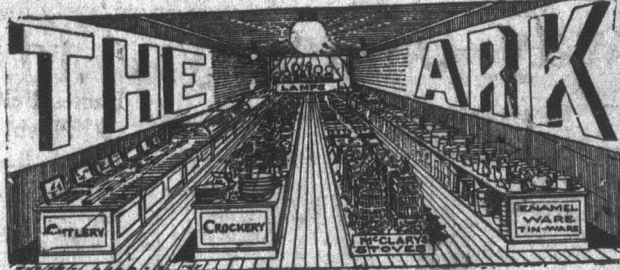
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Christmas Suggestions...

The Holiday spirit is all around you. The snap of Christmas is in the air. Our store is brim full of holiday newness. No trouble to select gifts here. Useful and pretty articles stare you in the face at every turn. You will get better selections now than later and shop with great comfort. Come and see us to-morrow for these goods:—

- Wrapperettes**
A case of new designs in wrapperettes just opened—designs and colorings especially suitable for waists, special at a yard 85c
- Table Linens**
64 inches wide, warranted pure linen, unbleached table linen in excellent snow drop, shamrock and floral designs, guarantee wear and appearance, extra value at a yard 60c
- Ladies' Underwear**
Extensive and heavy ribbed vests and drawers, fine soft fleece lining, best value in the trade and very special offering at per garment 50c
- Cashmere Hose at 25c a pr.**
Ladies' fast black pure wool, full fashioned, English made cashmere hose, very special value at a pair 12c
- Golf Jackets**
Ladies' fine imported golf jackets, in handsome cardinal and navy blue effects, very special value at \$2.50
- Ladies' Skin Special**
Ladies' skirts made of extra quality, black flannel, trimmed with cloth bands and buttons, corded flounces and satana bands, on sale very special at \$3.85
- Men's Hdkf. Special**
Men's large sized taped cambric handkerchiefs, fine bleached, serviceable and dressy, regular value 10 and 12c each, on sale this week very special at 4 for 25c
- Art Muslins**
Dainty designs in art muslins for coverlets, curtains and drapery, very special value at 65c
- Fur Ruff**
Real undyed sable ruffs, extra full and large, 48 inches long, trimmed with 6 large tails, chain fastener, very special value at \$12.00
- Shaker Blankets**
Full double bed size shaker blankets in cream and grey with pink and blue borders, extra soft fluffy finish, perfect weave, extra value at a pair 95c
- Fancy Linens**
18 inches wide, 64 inches long, crepe linen side broad scarfs and runners, extra fringed and fancy drawn designs, regular price 40c each, on sale for 28c
- Lawn Special**
44 inches wide, extra fine and heavy Victoria lawn for aprons, regular price 15c a yard, on sale special this week at 12c
- Sateen Special**
Fine bright finish figured art muslins in light and dark shades, pretty designs for cushion tops, coverings, etc., on sale special at a yard 12c

THOS. STONE & SON.



A Look Into The Ark

As the windows indicate, will show that Santa Claus has his headquarters here, gathering dolls, skates, drums, guns, sleighs, steam engines, mechanical toys, rocking horses, games, picture books and everything else that he can get into his bag, for boys and girls. And for the older folks, "Pandora's" and "Famous" Stoves and Ranges to warm your house or roast your Christmas turkey. Nice steel and silver knives and forks, dinner and tea sets, in nice plain ware and in beautiful English and Haviland's, French China, lamps and globes, all the latest styles. Come at once please and make your shopping a pleasure. See what we have and buy what you require at "THE ARK."

H. MACAULAY,

89 KING STREET.

Prompt delivery of goods.

The City Bakery

STILL TO THE FRONT WITH
Christmas Goods, Christmas Cakes, Christmas
Puddings, Bread, Cakes and Pastry of all
Descriptions.

LUNCHES AT ALL HOURS.

FRESH OYSTERS served in all styles and for sale in bulk.

WEDDING CAKES A SPECIALTY.

WM. SOMERVILLE

AMES COMPANY SUE.

Writs Issued Against Prominent Business Men For Balances.

Toronto, Dec. 9.—Three writs for large amounts were issued on behalf of A. E. Ames & Company at Osgoode Hall yesterday. All three writs were for alleged arrears in payments for stock purchased by the firm for clients. Mr. James Connec, M.P., is made the defendant in one suit, in which \$1,150 is claimed. It is stated that Ames & Company bought Lake Superior stock to the value of \$9,728.28, less than half of which was paid for. Mr. Hugh Sutherland is being sued for \$6,628.48, the balance due on Dominion Coal stock purchased by the firm for \$1,000. The third writ is against A. E. Blake Foster of London, for whom it is said Ames & Company bought Lake Superior stock to the value of \$2,890. The arrears on this purchase amount to \$1,112.90.

MURDERED WITH A DAGGER.

Terrible Deed of a Jealous Man at a Berlin Hotel.

Berlin, Dec. 9.—It became known yesterday that the leading female dancer at the Metropolitan Theatre, Fraulein Frieda Boelke, was murdered at a hotel in Cologne, December 2, by Ferdinand Tessier, a manufacturer of machinery at Vichy, France, to whom she was engaged to be married. Jealousy was the motive. Tessier first tried to chloroform the dancer, but she was a strong woman and pushed him off. Tessier then took a hatchet which he had concealed about him and struck the woman once ineffectually and then stabbed her fatally three times with a dagger. The hotel people heard the struggle and rushed to the spot, whereupon Tessier, with his back to the door, shot and killed himself.

ST. JOHN BANK CLOSED.

The Firm of Blair & Co. Forced to Suspend.

St. John, N.B., Dec. 9.—Blair & Co. private bankers of many years' standing in this city, announced that they were forced to suspend payment. The announcement was heard with great regret, because of the financial standing of the firm's members. Alfred C. and Andrew Blair, so statement of the finances had been made, but it is hoped the suspension will be but temporary.

FIFTY PEOPLE DROWNED.

Result of a Collision Between Greek Steamers Off Ithaca.

Athens, Dec. 9.—The Greek steamers Pyloros and Assos collided at Ithaca. The bows of the Pyloros were submerged and fifty of her passengers drowned.

ADVANCE ON THIBET.

Expedition is Expected to Start Im- mediately.

London, Dec. 9.—It was announced yesterday that Colonel Younghusband and Colonel Macdonald, leaders of the British expedition to Thibet in support of the British mission, have reached Darjiling, Nepal, and expect to start the expedition immediately for the Chumbi Valley.

TELEGRAPH BREVITIES.

There were 135 murders in Chicago during the year, and no executions.

Mr. Thomas Gladstone, ex-postmaster of Midland, died at the age of 92.

Fire at Wallaceburg destroyed the Baptist Church and an adjoining residence.

Rainy River has been incorporated as a town, to take effect on January first.

Mr. Robert R. Smith of Montreal has been appointed the 11th member of the Ontario Power Commission.

It is understood at Ottawa that Mr. T. G. Donnelly of Quebec will be appointed Dominion archivist.

Rev. Father Fulham, who was injured in the Ottawa University fire, has succumbed to his injuries.

Chili proposes to annex two provinces which have been a scene of contention between herself and Peru.

United States Consul Davies of Alexandria, Asiatic Turkey, was assaulted by the police and citizens.

It is expected the next session of the Manitoba Legislature will be called early in the year, opening in January.

Russia's answer to the proposals made several months ago by Japan regarding Korea and Manchuria are published.

An order in Council was passed yesterday, adding the town of Yorkmouth to the city of St. Thomas.

Consul Edward Carroll's five-year-old daughter Emma was fatally burned at Hamilton while playing with matches.

The deaths from typhoid at Butler, Pa., yesterday, where the disease is epidemic, numbered four and the new cases thirteen.

Canadian manufacturers are complaining that the United States government will not carry their mail matter to Mexico and South America.

An order in Council was passed yesterday uniting the village of Ashburnham to the town of Peterboro', to take effect on January first.

Leave has been granted for an application by the petitioner, Dr. Stewart, to extend the time for the trial of the election petition against the return of Hugh Clark, M. P. P., in Centre Brice.

PAY TRIBUTE TO HIS MEMORY

Tilbury Residents Reverently Attend Funeral of the Late F. B. McNaughton.

Everything Connected With
Bank Left in Excellent Shape—
Accounts All Right.

(From The Planet Correspondent.)

Tilbury, Dec. 9.—St. Andrew's Episcopal church was filled yesterday afternoon, when Rev. Mr. Dobson conducted the funeral services for the late Mr. McNaughton. Appropriate music was rendered by the choir and Burleigh Campbell sang "The Resurrection Morn."

Immediately after the short service the body was taken to the C. P. R. station for the three o'clock train, deceased's father and mother accompanying the remains to their home in Quebec, where interment takes place.

A. V. Spencer, ex-manager of the Bank, Mr. Drummond, the present manager, C. R. MacDougall, teller, F. M. Searff, J. S. Richardson and W. A. Johnson acted as pall-bearers.

ACCOUNTS ALL RIGHT.
An associated press special says:
The idea of any shortage in the

FOR THE JUNIORS

So much interest and so great a success has attended the essay competitions among the Public and Separate school pupils in THE PLANET JUNIOR that the publisher has decided to make the December Competition of a Special and Christmas character.

The prize will be one of the most valuable ever offered in a contest of this character, and THE PLANET would be pleased to see every school, girl and boy in the county compete for it. Last month the number of competitors grew from 61 to 86, and the nature and award of the special Christmas competition should again multiply the number.

The prize for this special competition has been purchased by THE PLANET from Volcanos, the popular and enterprising King St. jewellers, and will be placed on exhibition in the handsome window of their establishment to-day. It will repay the boys and girls to see this beautiful gift for themselves.

The prize is a HANDSOME GOLD WATCH—such as can be worn for life with pride and pleasure. The gold watch is a beautiful moving picture, full of interest and value. The watch is a beautiful moving picture, full of interest and value. The watch is a beautiful moving picture, full of interest and value.

The subject of this special competition is to be an original Christmas story to be written on foolscap paper, the same conditions for the former competitions, all entries to reach THE PLANET OFFICE by five o'clock Saturday afternoon, Dec. 10th. Every Public or Separate school pupil is invited to compete.

His Honor Judge Bell has kindly consented to act as presiding examiner, with two competent assistants, and an effort will be made to reach a decision in time to enable the winner to secure this magnificent prize for Christmas.

VENEZUELANA BOUGHT, TOO?

Talk of Invading Colombia if Latter Fights United States.

Willemstad, Island of Curacao, Dec. 9.—The Venezuelan Government has imported 15,000 rifles and 100,000 cartridges, and it is reported, is preparing to invade Colombia in case of war between the latter and the United States.

A. FLEIDER'S SUICIDE.

A Hesperer Mystery Cleared Up Yesterday.

Hesperer, Dec. 9.—The absence of August Fleider, one of the German colony which immigrated to Hesperer this summer to work in the woollen mills, has been accounted for, when his body was found in a gravel pit near the town by John Fromme, one of a number who went in search for the missing German. The left side of Fleider's face was nearly blown off by the double discharge of a shotgun, which was found a few yards away. Blood-stained footprints in the snow left a trail showing the distance that the man had walked after firing the fatal shot, and the pool of blood where he lay indicated that he had bled to death. Fleider, it is reported, sought to pay attention to a young woman of his nationality who repulsed his advances, which possibly may have influenced him in the commission of his rash act. Fleider was 24 years old and unmarried. He had no relatives in this country.

HERBERT SPENCER DEAD.

London, Dec. 9.—Herbert Spencer, the famous author, died yesterday at his home in Brighton. His health had been failing for some months. The illness took a critical turn a few days ago, and he became unconscious last night, passing away without pain. By his own desire, the least possible information was given out during Mr. Spencer's illness.

Dutch Traveller Killed.

Quebec, Dec. 8.—A commercial traveller for a firm in Amsterdam, Holland, named Rindholm, was instantly killed about 4 o'clock this afternoon on the Russian side, at Montmagny Falls. He suddenly lost control of his sled, and struck a lamp-post and had his skull fractured.

WRIT ISSUED

Yesterday the writs were served in the slander suit of Mrs. T. D. Niven against Mrs. Mary Melasac and John Melasac. In the good old summer time the Melasac family went on the Presbyterian Sunday school excursion. While they were away their chickens were poisoned. Mrs. Niven heard that Mrs. Melasac had said that she had poisoned the chickens. Legal proceedings were taken to secure an apology from Mrs. Melasac. The latter said that she considered Mrs. Niven an honorable woman, but refused to apologize because she had never said what Mrs. Niven said she had said.

Several other neighbors are, unfortunately, dragged into the suit, and its continuation is striking consternation in the little community. It seems that Mrs. Niven alleges that Mrs. Melasac made her alleged slanderous statement to Mrs. McKerrall and the latter so reported, but there are others who have had a little to say about the matter and lots of excitement is expected if the case comes to trial. Lewis & Richards are acting for the plaintiff, Judge Houston contra.

NEW BAND MEETS

There will be a meeting of the members of the 24th Regiment Band this evening at eight o'clock in the Sergeant Mess Rooms, Merchants' Bank building, when the different members of the band, so far arrived in the city, will be made acquainted with each other and with the non-commissioned officers of the regiment. As many of the latter as possible are asked to be present.

Santa Claus Headquarters



SULMAN'S BEEHIVE, Opp. Garner House.

SMUGGLED FROM CAN. DA.

THE ADVENTURES OF A BAND OF CAPTURED CHINAMEN.

The Smugglers, it is Believed, Had
Plotted to Commit Murder—Kid-
napped One Man.

Buffalo, N.Y., Dec. 9.—The Federal authorities who are investigating the smuggling of Chinamen into the United States from Canada, and especially the case of a party of eleven, which was accidentally dumped into the Erie Canal at the foot of Beckenridge street last Friday, four being drowned, have unearthed a case of kidnapping and indications of a plot to commit murder. The kidnapped person was a Chinaman, Moy Took. He was in the party of eleven, and has not been seen since the accident occurred. The inspectors believe that he was among those drowned. Moy Took was a registered Chinaman, and had a certificate to come back to the United States with a party of contraband countrymen. It is stated by the United States Federal authorities that Moy Took was kidnapped for nearly two months, the smugglers demanding a ransom from friends in New York. His certificate was stolen, and he was robbed of a sum of money. The Chinamen are brutally treated by the smugglers, the inspectors say. If Moy was drowned as they fully believe, his death may be attributed to the cupidity of the smugglers, if not to a plot against his life. Other arrests are looked for, and a more serious charge than smuggling will be laid when the right men are captured.

PROVINCIAL WINTER FAIR.

A Magnificent Show of Live Stock at Guelph.

Guelph, Dec. 9.—The Winter Fair was opened under most satisfactory conditions. The weather was mild, and an easy fall of snow gave tone to the season of outdoor sleigh-drives and indoor recreations. The last day of the arrival of stock more than warranted the directors' expectations, and when all had been placed the crowded condition of the big stone building evidenced the exhibitors' interest, while the visitors were there to speak for themselves. The attendance was considerably ahead of last year's opening day. Judging proceeded during the afternoon and evening, and the crowds which surrounded the judges' ring took an intelligent interest in the decisions. Tastes run to the commercial classes, as is seen in the 16 entries of the one class of grade sows, two years and under three, and in fact there are 36 animals entered in the export class. Experts say that the quality has never been surpassed. There is also strong competition in bacon hogs, 120 animals being exhibited. In sheep Cotswolds are exceptionally well represented.

FOUR STRIKERS SHOT.

One Dead and Two Others Thought to be Dying.

Trinidad, Col., Dec. 9.—Four striking coal miners, Italians and Sicilians, were shot in the fight last night at the Segundo coke ovens with the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company's guard. One is dead, another dying, a third shot in the groin, will probably die, and the fourth, who was shot in the wrist, is in jail. There were seven in the party, three of whom escaped. The strikers assert that all the shooting was done by the guards, who, however, say that the miners opened the fire. None of the guards were hurt. The guards believed that the miners had ambushed a party of non-union men.

Any irregularity on the part of The Planet's carrier boys will be immediately remedied by calling at the office or phoning 538.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Court Competition, No. 621, I. O. F.

met last evening and the election of officers resulted as follows:
Chief Ranger—Mrs. Turner.
Vice-Chief—Mrs. W. Burrows.
Past Chief—Mrs. Glover.
Recording Sec.—Mrs. Diamond.
Financial Sec.—Mrs. Poole.
Organizer—Mrs. Colville.
Orator—Mrs. Dooling.
Senior Woodward—Miss Kerr.
Junior Woodward—Miss Glover.
Senior Beadle—Mrs. Ines.
Junior Beadle—Mrs. Gurney.
Court Deputy—Mrs. Colville.
Court Physician—Dr. Rutherford.
Trustees—Messdames Glover and Colville.
Auditors—Messdames Colville and Burrows.

Industry is cheap. It is laziness that costs. It has cost many a bright man a bright career.

Headquarters for

Christmas Slippers

Men's Velvets,
Kid or Patent
Leather, at 75c,
\$1, \$1.25, \$1.50,
\$2.00 and \$2.50.

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vet, Plush, Kid,
Patent Leather,
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up to \$3.00....

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Miriam Gibney, Coss Bonny, G. Wall
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