

THE HAMILTON TIMES

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MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Once more the Christian world prepares to celebrate the festival of the birth of the Redeemer of Mankind over nineteen hundred years ago, in Bethlehem of Judea, and to repeat the old sweet song of the angels which burst upon the shepherds who watched their flocks by night, "Glory to God in the highest, on earth, peace, good will to-ward men."

Christmas is more than a mere holiday; it is the anniversary festival or celebration of the most stupendous event of history, fraught with universal and eternal significance to humanity. It is well that it should be observed, and that it should be marked by special revivals of the Christ-Spirit among our people. Its humanizing, fraternizing influence is a blessing to the world. It is true worship; it is human imitation of divine, all-compelling love—a taper lighted at the fires of the altar of Faith, Hope and Charity.

There is much in these annual celebrations of the birth of Christ which disposes us to think that while not all who speak the name of Christ may be His true followers, there are many who are touched by the true spirit of Christianity who do not publicly repeat its formularies. The "cup of water" spirit, the brotherly hand-clasp, the encouraging word, the help extended to a fellow man or woman, betoken the spirit of the Christian. As great crises produce great men, so occasions of stress and times of testing discover the truly practical Christian.

Faith without works is dead. Let your principles show in your life. To help the helpless, to succor the needy, to clothe the naked, to comfort the afflicted, to rekindle the lamp of hope in the discouraged, these are truly fruits of true Christianity. And they are of a kind which all may lay upon the common altar. At this season forget not your less fortunate fellows. Let your charity—your love—abound. If you have but little to give, freight it with a wealth of good will. Even a kind wish, a smile, a word of cheer, may have a value beyond your guess. Pass round the kind greeting and help all with whom you come in contact to enjoy

A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

HOPKINS AND MONOPOLY.

One of the "planks" in the "platform" which the Herald has made for Ald. Hopkins reads: "Freedom from Monopolies." That is rather rich! The sole excuse that Hopkins and his organ offer for the dishonorable course on which he has embarked in "butting in" and violating the rule that the Mayor's second term should be unopposed is that he might beat Hamilton up in a monopoly price unknown for thirty years.

The eager advocate of such a monopoly has the hardihood to blazon on his besmirched municipal banner, "Freedom from Monopolies!" Isn't such audacity Hopkins-like, almost sublime? Mark the situation. Municipalities entering the Hydro scheme were, by the Act, to be excluded for the entire period of thirty years from taking a kilowatt of electric power from any other source than the Hydro-Electric Commission. They had to make a blind bargain, the price being only "estimated"—guessed at—but whatever the Commission made it cost (and they were to have absolutely no voice in its management or control) they would have to pay it. All the Commission and the Power Act did was to specify that they pay the price of the power as charged by the Commission, plus cost of transmission, interest losses, and every other incidental. If in the meantime electrical science made great advances they must forego any of the advantages to be gained by availing themselves of them. Competition was absolutely forbidden. The monopoly provided for was the most ironclad. Even the courts of justice were closed, so that the Commission could not be sued, and any suits already entered were by an infamous statute, which the judges declared shocked our sense of justice, "forever stayed."

To be fettered for thirty years in such a monopoly, which was a gamble in which we were treated as the bunco man treats the "come alongs"; to be given no rights in the scheme but the right to pay without demur anything asked by the Commission, and to be denied the poor privilege of buying any power elsewhere, no matter how much cheaper it was to be had, although we should have to assume a very large liability, was not attractive to aldermen who had the city's interest at heart. No sane business man would make such a bargain for himself; why should he commit the city to it?

The Mayor and a majority of the Council were willing and anxious to give effect to even the pitifully small vote of the ratepayers on the matter. They bargained for 1,000 horse-power, and are bound to that extent for thirty years, although the bargain is a wasteful one.

But very wisely, and not without some difficulty, they got the Commission to exempt us from the clause in the agreement that shuts us off for thirty years from taking power from any other source. They sacrificed no benefit of the scheme (if it has any for the city) by getting this concession. They got the Commission to agree to allow us to "try out" this 1,000-h.p. contract till

the end of next year, even to indicate that an extension of the period of trial might be granted if asked, before we should be required to decide as to entering the monopoly and barring all electrical competition for a generation.

The effect of the concessions secured—and which no other place has secured—is that Hamilton can go on with its 1,000-h.p. contract till it tests the scheme and finds out what Hydro power will actually cost. If it is as good a thing as the grafter-faddist combination say it is, Hamilton can then avail itself of it, and put on the monopoly fetters, allowing no competing power purchase. If it proves too dear, we are loaded with a 1,000-h.p. contract, but we are not bound in a monopoly.

Surely that was a creditable thing! There is not a business man in the city who would not so view it, were it his own affair instead of the city's.

Yet it is the securing of these concessions and advantages that is made the gravamen of Mayor McLaren's offense against the conspirators and grafters! Ald. Hopkins is put forward as the catspaw, the figure-head, of the men who demand that this agreement with the opportunity which it offers us to "test and try" before binding ourselves further, be destroyed, and that the city be immediately blindly committed to the thirty-year monopoly and forbidden to buy any current elsewhere!

And this candidate of business obscurity and advocate of ironclad monopoly has the hardihood to babble about "freedom from monopolies"! Fought! Do he and his organ take the people for fools?

WANTS TO KNOW.

To the Editor of the Times: Sir—As our Council has decided in favor of contracting for 1,000 horse-power from the Hydro Commission for thirty years, with the privilege of increasing the amount taken, I, as well as a great many more, would like to be enlightened on the following questions, in order to realize the position we, as householders and users of electric light, are now placed in:

1. How much of that 1,000 horse-power will be at the service of the household now using electric light?
2. At what rate per kilowatt hour will it be supplied to the ordinary household?

Ever since the inception of the Hydro scheme it has been claimed (and with some show of reason) that it would reduce the cost of power and lighting to the citizens generally. Now, if some of these gentlemen who are now in the field for controllers or aldermen will come to the front and give to the electors an approximate idea of what that reduction will be, I am sure he or they will receive the thanks as well as the support of the public generally. Thanking you for the space in your valuable paper.

A Ratepayer.
1. None of this power will be at the service of the householders.
2. It is impossible for anybody to tell what the price of Hydro power would be to ordinary householders. Even the Commission does not know what the price will be to the city, and will not know, even approximately, until the work is completed and the scheme has been in operation for a year. Should the city undertake to sell current to consumers for light and power it would have to base the price upon the first cost (yet unknown) of the power plus the cost of a great city power and light distribution scheme, estimated at from \$600,000 to \$1,000,000 and the annual cost of operation and maintenance. The whole field referred to is a terra incognita. The only thing known about it is that the city's Hydro power will certainly cost a higher price than the local company's offer.

EDITORIAL NOTES.
"Will he 'give down' easily?" is the question the Hydro conspirators are asking, as they discuss their candidate.
The committee chairman of this year's Council are mightily pleased with the work of the year. Well, there's much that warrants their pride.
The Grand Trunk Pacific has this year carried to Winnipeg 6,000,000 bushels of grain. That in itself is a great service to Canadian agriculture.
Prepare for the great municipal drama that is to rejoice the grafters, "Tapping the Bar!" with Ald. Hopkins in the title role. The "Boys" are impatient.

The Sunday question is at an acute stage in Montreal, where one recorder fines Jewish bakers for delivering bread on Sunday, and another fines all such cases brought before him.
If Doctor Hopkins could hear the expressions of the decent ratepayers on his course in this mayoralty matter his ears would ring and his cheeks burn. There's a good deal of regard for honor among the people yet.

The Herald asserts that the little gang of Hydro-Electric faddists and grafters "want a man in the Mayor's chair whom they can trust." It seems to think Ald. Hopkins will suit. What say the honest ratepayers?
Perhaps Adam Beck, notwithstanding all the bluster of his friends, is very glad to retire from the London contest on a technicality. A defeat for Adam in London would be disastrous; and he appeared to scent defeat in the situation.

Last night the Hydro-Electric conspiracy committee "unanimously" endorse I. Doe, Hopkins' candidature, so we are told. Seeing that the Doe was the last cul apple of the crop available, the "unanimously" bulks more in sound than

in sense. Its use but illustrates the trial of campaign of the conspirators.

The Toronto Mail and Empire has discovered that the British Liberals are "in retreat." Wonder what astounding discoveries the Mail and Empire writer would have made about the British Liberals had he been a couple of thousand miles farther off?

Wonder if the reason that Ald. Hopkins was preferred by the Hydro clique to Mr. M. Joyce as a mayoralty candidate is to be found in the Herald's boast that the former's great-grandfather was "a captain in the army"? Must have been difficult to settle on a which to choose!

At a conference of the world's geographers in London recently an agreement was arrived at to produce a map of the world 100 by 150 feet in size. This will be the first real map of the world, all former ones being drawn in part from theory. Four hundred sheets will be produced independently, each cartographer working on the same scale. The result will probably yield some surprises to students of current maps.

There is an old saying that "when rogues fall out, honest men may get their rights." The Hydro conspirators are facing some such situation. They met last night to prepare a ukase as to who should be supported for controllers. But the meeting was a failure. Each of the candidates of the conspiracy was willing that any of the others should be sacrificed, but each ached for that \$1,200 salary. The meeting was adjourned without having accomplished anything, in order to avoid a big row among the members of the clique.

Readers of our local junior Tory contemporary are likely to conceive the notion that the Liberals of Great Britain are a party of fools and knaves, and that the Tories are metaphorically wiping the earth with them. The organ also seeks to get a whack at the Canadian Liberal Government by the way, because it does not gag Canadian official opinion on the questions discussed. Trust the Herald to knock the Liberals every time, even when appealing to local Liberals to join in its campaign against Mayor McLaren.

Some municipal ownership organs are displaying "Victory for Johnson" over a despatch telling of the granting of a 25-year franchise to the Cleveland street railway company. The "victory" was fought against by Johnson to the last. He conducted a long campaign for flat 3-cent fares. Experience showed that it could not be successful; and it ruined Johnson politically. The scheme adopted is one proposed by those who fought Johnson successfully. The company gets its franchise, and the municipal grafters are shut out. The fares are to be such as will yield 6 per cent. on the investment, and Judge Taylor, after investigation, has named 3 cents, with one cent extra for transfers. If that does not yield sufficient revenue, they will be increased, if it yields enough in surplus, they will be reduced. The plan seems reasonable, but it is not Johnson's.

Our Exchanges

IN THE NEXT FLAT.
(Bon Vivant)
"Well, Henry, how do you like your neighbors?"
"Not at all. They're so quiet that I don't know, or mamma can't hear what they're saying."

SORRY HE SPOKE.
(Flegende Blaetter.)
Husband: I have paid your dressmaker who has been dunning you.
Wife: Oh, then I must go and order a new frock, or she will think I am offended with her.

AN INSINUATION.
(The Sketch.)
Mrs. Adams: Accused you of stealing a shilling when she dropped her purse, didn't she?
Mrs. Eves: Good as said as 'ow she'd 'a found it if I 'adn't 'elped 'er look for it.

NOT HANDING OUT STATISTICS.
(Chicago Record-Herald.)
The Missus—Nora, how many families have you ever worked for?
The Maid—Wurruked, is it, ma'am? I'll have you know, Mrs. Pa'rker, I've wurruked 'er every family I ever lived with!

GOT HIS HEAD IN.
(Boston Transcript.)
Mr. Figg—Glasser says he kept perfectly cool last night when that burglar got into his house.
Mrs. Figg—So his wife told me. She found him trying to hide in the refrigerator.

BRITAIN'S TARIFF.
(Kingston Standard (Tory).)
It is rather a difficult matter to understand the Canadian attitude of sympathy with and support of tariff reform in Great Britain. Do Canadians really want to see their British brothers pay more for their food—more for their bread stuffs? Is that the way to help them?

PHONE FIGHT.
(Niagara Falls (N. Y.) Gazette.)
There are now in use in Chicago 200,000 telephones, or one to every ten inhabitants. They are all Bell telephones, but the independents are about to invade the city. They are, however, "up against" the proposition of but one telephone company in a city, and a merry fight is in prospect.

FOR A CANADIAN NAVY.
(Ottawa Journal.)
A Canadian navy would be a continually growing support to the empire, free from all complications as regards imperial finance. Periodical Canadian contri-

butions to the navy of England would not at best amount to shucks as an imperial asset in the long run, and would tend to stir up a continual friction and turmoil in this country which might ultimately go far towards smashing British cohesion.

CANADA'S RESOURCES.
(Wall Street Journal.)
In brief, every essential to progress is apparently at the service of Canada—natural wealth, a practically unlimited amount of capital at low rates of interest, free markets and good prices for produce, a good supply of skilled farmers, and of unskilled labor, together with statesmen exerting all their influence and power to attract capital and labor and to develop the natural resources of the country.

A REAL FIGHTER.
(St. John Sun.)
Great Britain's new first sea lord, Sir Arthur Knyvet Wilson, should be able to keep the navy true to its best fighting traditions. He is himself a first-class fighting man of the type that has made these traditions. In the Soudan campaign once, while defending a hot corner of a British square, his sword snapped. His pistols were already fired. Dropping both, he went at the Soudanese with both fists in true Marquis of Queensberry style, and while the Dervishes were breaking in other parts of the square against bullet and steel, he drove his astounded opponents back till they broke and fled. The morale of the navy should be safe in the hands of a man like that.

THE MASHER.
(Windsor Record.)
Detroit will take a lot of trouble to check or suppress the masher, who these busy days attains full bloom on the curb and street corner. The masher, of course, is short on brains, but they shouldn't be too hard on him. He has reason for his existence. He is really the product of the foolish girl, who is far more numerous than the pin-headed male goo-goo who adorns the sidewalk. The trouble with the masher is that owing to his low mentality he classes all women alike and he is surprised and shocked when somebody resents his amorous overtures. If he had selective intelligence and smiled at the females of his own intellectual rank, little harm would be done. As he fails in this, there is only one course, and that is to class him as a common nuisance and abolish him.

OWNERSHIP'S VAGARIES.
(Detroit Free Press.)
The vagaries of your municipal whippersnappers are past all understanding. We'll be happy and optimistic and prophetic of certain success when his pet idea is being knocked on the head everywhere around him. And he'll go on prating his meaningless phrases in spite of overwhelming evidence that people elsewhere who have tried his scheme are disgusted with its working in practice. Following right after a foolish effort to deceive people into thinking that Cleveland hasn't chucked the fad overboard, he'll glibly go on to denounce a most worthy municipal undertaking that ought to appeal to the very soul of him as a M. O. zealot. He'll protest against the plan of having a municipal restaurant by the Belle Isle estate, because, you see, "the waste of a municipal kitchen is sufficient to equip another business!" If waste in a restaurant kitchen is an objection to municipal ownership, what about the waste in a great street railway system.

HAMILTON.
An Artistic Publication From Ontario Engraving Co.
"Hamilton, the Manufacturing Metropolis of Canada," a descriptive book of 80 pages, has just been published by the Ontario Engraving Company. It is devoted to the industrial and financial institutions of the city, and will be found a useful work. It is illustrated in colors, with views of the city and a useful industrial map with key. A large number of Hamilton homes and Hamilton manufacturers and public men are portrayed.

The front cover is an artistic grouping of a number of the leading buildings in Hamilton, including a section and the tower of the City Hall in the centre, Bank of Hamilton and Federal Life, Terminal Station and Standard manufacturing building and tall chimneys of manufacturing establishments in the background.

THE DAY NURSERY.
The board of the Day Nursery, 209 Rebecca street, desires to thank the following donors: Mrs. Wm. Hendrie \$25, Mrs. Sanford \$10, Mrs. E. H. Hart \$5, friend \$5, Mrs. J. E. Brown \$1, Tucker Co. \$2, B. Greening Wire Co. \$2, Mrs. Waugh \$5, Mrs. H. Levy \$5, D. Aitchison & Co. \$1, James Dulp Co. \$1, G. H. Williamson \$5, J. A. Roche \$5, J. A. Bruce & Co. \$1, two friends \$5, Mr. E. Morris \$1, Mrs. G. S. Sanderson \$1, Mrs. D. Davis \$1, Meakins & Sons \$1, Middleton Marble and Granite Co. \$2, Cloke & Son \$2, Long & Bisby \$2, Wm. Meards \$2, G. M. S. \$1, D. Morton \$1. Collected by Mrs. G. Lee; Geo. Richardson \$1, Mrs. Mitchell \$5, Mrs. W. Wilson \$5, Rev. J. G. Going \$5, Staunton & Mitchell \$5, E. S. Garrison \$5, Mrs. Dent \$5, E. C. Murton \$5, R. McKay \$5, Arthur Patrick \$5, Mrs. G. Henderson \$5, Mrs. Lewis \$5, three friends \$5; Canadian Cigarette Cotton Mills, a number of large remittances of cotton; Robertson, children's clothing; Victoria Avenue Baptist Church, clothing; friend, toys.

Children kept and fed at 5 cents per day while mothers work. Cast off toys please the little ones.
When Nurse Stevenson married a few weeks ago the ladies of the board presented her with a handsome chair.

ST. PHILIP'S PARISH.
The Christmas Day services will be: Holy communion in St. Philip's Church at 8; choral communion in St. Philip's Mission at 10; matins and choral communion in St. Philip's Church at 11.

CHRISTMAS CHEER.
St. Andrew's Presbyterian schoolroom was a busy place last evening. Rev. J. A. Wilson and a staff of workers were engaged far into the night arranging baskets of Christmas cheer for distribution. The response from the Sabbath school scholars was most gratifying. Baskets after baskets kept pouring in all evening. St. Andrew's has caught the spirit of Him who said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Men are busy to-day distributing the baskets.

TORONTO MEN

Who Want to be Mayor, or Controller or Aldermen.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—The Toronto nominations took place yesterday, and the entry list this morning looks like this:
For Mayor 5.
For Board of Control 10.
For Board of Education 12.
For aldermen 22.
First ward 7
Second ward 9
Third ward 7
Fourth ward 10
Fifth ward 8
Sixth ward 12
Seventh ward 2

The re-election by acclamation of Ald. W. A. Baird and Ald. A. J. Anderson is an event such as has not been known for years in civic politics in Toronto. It is not easy to recall a precedent. Owing to the annexation of West Toronto this year the election of aldermen there are only two for the "baby" ward—for the new seventh ward took place May 29 last. Apart from the feeling that six months in office was not a long enough period to give two aldermen a fair chance, their records in the former West Toronto Council and in the City Council seem to have given good satisfaction.

TRAVELLERS.

Fielding Re-elected Treasurer—The Hamilton Officers.

The annual elections of the Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada, held in St. George's Hall, Toronto, yesterday afternoon, produced only one contest for a chief executive position. Mr. E. Fielding being re-elected as Treasurer; defeating Mr. John H. Kenney.

The following gentlemen will compose the Board of Management for 1910: President, John Gibson; First Vice-President, Robert Gemmill; Second Vice-President, S. M. Sterling; Treasurer, E. Fielding.

Hamilton Board—First Vice-President, E. J. Fenwick; Second Vice-President, John Stoeneman.
Directors for Hamilton Board, according to vote: Arthur E. Hatch 1024, W. H. Dean 966, E. O. Zimmerman, 953, C. Smye 836, H. G. Wright 860, G. M. McGregor 809.

COL. TIDSWELL.

Over 25 Years in the Service in This City.

Referring to the appointment of Lieut. Col. W. O. Tidswell to the command of the second brigade of Canadian Field Artillery, the Canadian Courier says: From an engineering corps in Newcastle, England, to commandant of the second brigade of Canadian Field Artillery is a long stretch, but it has been accomplished by Lieut. Colonel W. O. Tidswell, of Hamilton. Colonel Tidswell joined the 13th Regiment of Hamilton in 1884, became a captain in 1890, and a brevet major in 1900. For two years he was adjutant of that corps. In 1900 he took a certificate from the Royal School of Artillery and transferred to the 4th Battery C. E. A. with the rank of captain. Three years later he became major and in September last lieutenant-colonel with command of the brigade. Colonel Tidswell has had more military experience than a mere recital of these events would indicate. He has done considerable work in connection with the Niagara Camp in staff positions. The old Deseronto Artillery Camp is thoroughly well known to him, and he has served at least three seasons in Petawawa. In 1901 he received his long service medal, and in 1903 the officer's decoration. Colonel Tidswell has been long enough in Canada to know that there are possibilities here for real soldiering.

Silliness a man never knows where to look for his best friend. Cynicism—Why not look in the mirror?

BOY SCRATCHED DAY AND NIGHT
Eczema Began When a Tiny Baby and Lasted 7 Years—Tore Crusts from Face Till it Was All Raw—Screamed with Pain and Could not Sleep—Through Specialists Failed

CUTICURA EFFECTED A WONDERFUL CURE
"When my little boy was six weeks old an eruption broke out on his face. I took him to a doctor and got ointments and medicines but his face kept on getting worse until it got so bad that he could not sleep. His whole face was one crust and must have been very painful. He scratched day and night until his face sometimes looked like raw beef. I was nearly insane with his scratching day and night. Then I took him to all the best specialists in skin diseases but they could not do much for him. He sometimes screamed with pain when I tried to soothe him. I gave him Cuticura Remedies a good trial and gradually the eczema healed all up and now he is as well as any other children. He is now seven years old and the cure has lasted two months, so I think it will never return. I can't tell you how glad I am that Cuticura did such wonderful work in our case and I shall recommend it everywhere. Mrs. John G. Klump, 80 Niagara St., Newark, N. J., Jan. 22, 1907."

Used a Needle.
Ocey Sneed a "Dope Fiend", Says Mother's Lawyer.
Were the Whole Family in a Suicide Pact Together?

New York, Dec. 24.—Was her own constant use of the hypodermic needle the cause of Ocey Sneed's death? Colonel Robert J. Haire, counsel for Mrs. Caroline B. Martin, the bath tub victim's mother, brought this question to the fore today as he was preparing to appear in court for the third hearing on the cases of Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Sneed, whom the New York authorities are holding pending extradition.
Col. Haire declares that he has evidence to show that the young woman was what is known in the popular vernacular as a "dope fiend."
"By that I mean," said the attorney, "that she used drugs, chiefly morphine, for nearly two years before she died. I learned this from talking with her mother about the case."
The hypodermic needle was used upon her when she was seriously ill," continued Col. Haire, "and after that it's employment was constant. She tried to stop the habit and would resist for long periods. Then would come another period of illness, and the temptation to secure relief was too great for her to resist. She would go for days and days without food, living on morphine. I am convinced that it was in this condition that she destroyed herself."
Col. Haire said that this would be Mrs. Martin's defence on the charge of murdering her daughter.
Additional documents found by the Brooklyn police in the Henry Street house office, occupied by the Wardlaw, imbued the detectives to-day with the belief that the entire family had made a suicide pact, which was only partly fulfilled by the death of Ocey Sneed.
The alleged pact is said to be revealed by letters signed by Ocey Sneed, her husband, Fletcher, by Mrs. Martin, her mother, and her two aunts, Mrs. Mary Sneed and Miss Virginia Wardlaw. Accompanying them were several blank forms of power of attorney, all signed by Ocey Sneed.

TOWNS FLOODED.
Manila, Dec. 24.—Rain storms in the Provinces of Samar and Leon have caused the most disastrous floods experienced in fifty years. The towns of Burgos, Zamora, Valledoid and Bilbao suffered most. Many houses and lives were swept away.

CHRISTMAS EVE. SHEA'S The Store For Thrifty People Who Know
To Our Friends and Customers
WE wish to extend to our many friends and customers our most sincere thanks for the largest, most satisfactory and prosperous holiday business in the history of the Shea store. While we cannot help taking some credit to ourselves for providing the splendid bargains in useful gifts that this busy store is so noted for, it is your whole-hearted and practical appreciation of our efforts that has made this holiday trade so good, which from all indications at the time of this writing will well nigh double that of any previous season. Our last wish to-night is that you will, one and all, spend a Happy and Joyous Christmas.
Last Minute Bargains For "Kris Kringle's" Last Round 7 o'clock to 10 p. m.
25% off regular price of all men's & women's Umbrellas \$2 & over.
25% off all Fancy Combs 50c & over.
Silk Petticoats On Sale \$7.50 Skirts \$5.95 \$6.50 Skirts \$4.50 \$5.00 Skirts \$3.50
25% Off Children's White Bear Cloth Coats
25% Off the Regular Price of all Cloth Mantles
20% Off All Hand Bags and Purses
25% Off All Women's Neck Furs
25% Off All Neckwear 75c and Over
15% Off the Price of all Women's Muffs
25% Off All Silk and Lace Waists
Big Bargains in Neckwear 50c, 75c, \$1 Collars for 25c.
A Large Table of nearly 500 for to Choose From
Big Bargains in Belts 75c, \$1, \$1.25 Belts for 45c
Over 300 Belts to Choose From Elastic & Silk in this lot

USED A NEEDLE. A Useful Christmas Gift
The Automatic Eye-Glass Chain
We have an excellent assortment in Enamel, Gummetal, Silver.
Prices 50c to \$2.50.
All fully guaranteed.
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L. B. ROUSE, prop. 111 King East

U. S. TRADE.
British Takes Nearly One Half U. S. Exports.
Washington, Dec. 24.—Nearly one-half of the exports from the United States go to British territory and nearly one-third of its imports come from British territory. Nearly one billion, according to the Bureau of Statistics, was the value during the first ten months of the present year of the trade between the United States and the British Empire.
The total foreign commerce of the country during the same ten months amounted to about \$2,500,000,000.
The total value of merchandise exported from the United States to British territory in the first ten months of 1909 was \$624,000,000, while the total amount imported from British territory was \$362,000,000. In its trade with British territory the United States shows an excess of exports over imports to every political division except the East and West Indies. Canada, second to the United Kingdom among the British territories as a market for products of the United States shows the largest increase, the value of the exports thereto during the ten months of 1909 having been \$134,500,000, as against \$128,000,000 in the corresponding period of last year.

PEARY'S WORK DONE.
Washington, Dec. 24.—Never again will he head another expedition, either to the South Pole or to the North Pole. This announcement was made last night by Commander Peary. He stands ready, however, to assist any expedition which contemplates setting out for either extremity of the earth.