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We Don't Want Your Money Without Giving You The Best Value in Our Line. To call at the store where one man's money is as good as another. We handle one price to all and are satisfied that the man who buys once will buy always—that is how we account for the rapid increase of our business. We buy our stock close and sell close for your gain so come where all hands and the cook leaves with a bundle well pleased with his purchase from



C. Brager & Sons 48 Mill Street Store Open Until 10 p. m.

MRS. REID ACCEPTS OFFER OF GOVERNMENT

London, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Whitehall Reid has decided to accept the offer of the British government to order a warship to carry the body of her late husband to the United States. The arrangements will be completed between the British foreign office and the state department.

PERSONALS F. R. Hodge, general superintendent of John S. Metcalf Company, Limited, left last night for Montreal.

A full attendance of the members of the Carpenters' Union is requested to meet in their hall, Opera House, Dec. 18, to discuss better conditions of the craft.

Iron doll carriage for 4x, up; regular 82 work baskets for 75c; manicure sets, brush, comb and other sets, collar and cuff boxes, dolls, games, Teddy bears; regular 25c to 35c, books for 15c; regular 40c to 75c, books for 25c. You can save from 30 to 50 per cent at the 2 Barkers, Ltd.

The stores of Manchester Robertson A. Ison, Limited, will not be open for business any evening this week with the exception of Saturday, which has always been the custom. During Christmas week their establishment will be open Monday and Tuesday nights for the accommodation of customers who find it impossible to purchase their gifts during the morning or afternoon hours. It is hoped by the management that this progressive movement will be appreciated by their patrons and that all will join with them in making the new policy a pronounced success.

How You Can Get The Best Value For Your Money. Call and See Our Select American line of Choice Chocolates in Small and Large Packages at J. M. NOELHURP, 23 Paradise Row, Phone Main 428-31.

LOCAL NEWS

Ducks ready for use at Duval's. Did you try Duval's? Will you try Duval's? Try Duval, Waterloo street.

Wilson's store, corner Charlotte and Union streets, will be open until 10 p. m. from now until Xmas.

Great sale of mechanical toys, regular 30c to 50c, for 25c, regular 25c for 15c. At the 2 Barkers, Ltd.

Beginning tomorrow Waterbury & King's three stores will be open each evening until ten o'clock for the accommodation of people who cannot conveniently do their shopping during the day.

Strangers bound home for Christmas can't afford to pass our store. We keep the most up-to-date clothing and furnishings to be had in the city at C. Brager & Sons' 48 Mill street. See ad on page 3.

Great bargain sale fancy feathers and wings. For one week only we will offer the best value in fancy feathers and wings at 10 cents and 25 cents, over slown in this city. All other goods at bargain prices. Washburn, Nagle, Erie, Ltd., 29 Canterbury street.

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HEARST'S WITNESS STAND

Called in Matter of Connection of Standard Oil With Legislation—Submits Copies of Letters

Washington, Dec. 17.—William R. Hearst, who published the now famous "Archbold letters," today gave the senate campaign funds committee copies of all letters in his possession indicating a connection between John D. Archbold of the Standard Oil Company, and legislative and campaign activities.

Mr. Hearst appeared as the first witness at the opening of the campaign investigation, which had come to a halt before election. The New York publisher told the committee at the outset that he had some other letters that had not been made public. He first produced photographic copies of the letters already published and identified them for the convenience of the committee.

Chairman Clapp asked Mr. Hearst if he ever saw the originals of the letters published in his magazine. He said he was not certain, but he believed he had seen only the photographic facsimile copies.

"Of whom did you get them?" asked Senator Clapp.

Mr. Hearst hesitated a moment. "I am anxious," he began, "to testify very fully to everything that I am personally concerned in and everything of interest to this inquiry. Do you feel that this is essential to the inquiry?"

Senator Clapp replied that the authenticity of some of the letters had been questioned.

As some of the committee insisted on the information, Mr. Hearst responded that he got the copies of John Eddy, of London, author of four of the articles published in a magazine. He testified he did not know of whom Eddy procured the letters.

SENATOR OF BONAR LAW

London, Dec. 17.—Bonar Law, Unionist leader, made an important speech on reform of imperial preferences at a meeting in Ashton last night, under the chairmanship of Sir Max Aitken.

Dealing with the federal system advocated by Mr. Churchill and others on the government benches, he said:

"A federal system of a real kind is possible within the British Empire. The Canadian naval contribution, which has been so sympathetically received by all the other colonies, was the cause of the cabinet crisis in South Africa today."

"The Canadian contribution is magnificent, but it cannot be permanent on this basis. If the whole empire is ever to become in reality a united empire, a united empire and united nation, it can do so in one way only, by the establishment of a real federal system."

He said that if such an arrangement of that kind is not made within the next ten or fifteen years, it will never be made at all.

THE MEEK HUSBAND

He's just as thin as he can be and stand up when he's home. He's always going some-where he always takes along. He seldom has a word to say, except good evening or good night.

And now and then to nod his head, admitting that he is right.

They say he's clever in the bank where he keeps his money. His word, down there, it seems to be law, sometimes his little fat he brings down on the table with him to show he knows what he's about.

When there are business worries that require some force to straighten out.

His wife is taller than he is and weighs full twenty pounds more. And everywhere they go she gets the very centre of the floor.

For can sing and play and dance and has a fascinating way. And likes to be where people are and things are always bright and gay.

Sometimes I look at him and think that he'd much rather be dead. That he is weary of it all, but still no word he's ever said. To be honest, it is hard, or that he is growing lazier. As long as he is happy he seems perfectly content to wait.

He is the meekest man I know. In some far corner always he Retires, the whole of his gin goes on, to watch alone the pleasure.

He never sighs or makes complaint, when he is in search of by the room. It seems to me he merely lives, to take her out and take her home.

TOO SMART

Joe was down in his luck—lower than he had been for a long time. That's why he decided to turn his hand to crime. He had never dabbled in crime before, but being lonely now, out of work and hungry, with only one old pistol in his possession, he could see no alternative.

YORK COUNTY AMIANS SHOT

Was Cleaning Gun — Two Divorces Granted in Judge McKeown's Court—Scott Act Raids

Fredrickson, N. B., Dec. 17.—Lee Laurin, son of William Laurin, accidentally shot himself at his home in Hanwell road this morning when it accidentally went off. The charge struck him in the forehead blowing out his brains, killing him almost instantly.

Coroner W. J. Buchanan has decided that an inquest was unnecessary. The young man was aged twenty-six years and was unmarried.

Judge McKeown presided at an afternoon sitting of the divorce court this morning and delivered judgment in two cases. W. J. Buchanan of Salsbery was granted an absolute divorce from his wife, Isabella Buchanan on statutory grounds. Fowler & Freeze were proctors for the plaintiff and no defence was offered. An absolute divorce was also granted to John A. Straton of Chipman on similar grounds. J. R. Dunn was proctor.

Scott Act Inspector Timmins and Constable Hawthorne visited McAdam yesterday and are said to have secured evidence against three liquor sellers at that place. They afterwards proceeded to Canterbury on Scott Act business, but news of their visit had preceded them and they found everything dry.

It is said that a fortune of \$87,000.00 is being in the court of chancery, England, awaiting the heirs. It was left by one Sergeant Major Humphries of the 10th Regiment, formerly stationed at Fredericton. It is said that some valuable island rights near here are included. Several claims of importance are to be dealt with. A New York lawyer has the case in hand.

LOCAL NEWS

Band on Carleton rink Wednesday night. American stove coal for self-feeding night.—J. S. Gibbon & Co. 12-18.

Ask for Frank White's chocolates. 1231-12-25.

Save money by buying your groceries and Xmas goods at the 2 Barkers, Ltd. Supply your wants for many months to come at Pidgeon's big annual mid-season clearance and Christmas opportunity sale.

Send the children and let us fit them out with rubbers, 38c and 48c.—Wizel's, 263 Union street.

Do your Christmas shopping this evening at Henderson & Hunt's, 17-19 Charlotte street.

See our special Xmas photos before ordering latest styles and best work. Isaac Erb—Sun, 19 Charlotte street.

Does that boy need a new overcoat? We have more than we need and he may have one at 82 less than it is worth.—C. B. Pudgoc, corner Main and Bridge streets.

Our holly and mistletoe have arrived. We would advise the public to buy early, as there is always a shortage.—S. Pedersen, 46 Charlotte.

GOVERNMENT MEETING

A meeting of the provincial government will be held in St. John tomorrow. Several matters of importance are to be dealt with. It is said the legislature will meet earlier in the new year than usual.

I. O. FORESTERS

Court Lee met this evening in their hall, Market building, initiating, election of officers and other important business. A full attendance requested.

IN MEMORY

If you would have mother keep you in memory with the mass present that you present her, you cannot do better than give her a dozen or half dozen tea spoons, which can be beautifully engraved and plated to meet your order at J. Grounds, 24 Waterloo street, satisfaction guaranteed.

FOR BALKAN WIDOWS AND ORPHANS

A collection was made in this city for last week by Rev. Abraham J. Levitt and J. Mayer. This collection was for the help of the widows and orphans of the Balkan war. The sum amounted to \$83, and was sent away last night. The stonemasons are still collecting.

Some of the many special prices The 2 Barkers, Ltd., are offering:—Seeded Raisins, at 7c and 8c per package; best cleaned currents at 1 1/2c, per package; best leghorn citron at 18c per pound; best lemon and orange peel at 14c per pound; new figs at 12c per pound; hand-made barley toys at 12c per pound, mixed candy from 7c per pound up. Xmas mixture at 12c per pound.

BURIED TODAY

The funeral of Mrs. Hannah Gunningham took place this afternoon at three o'clock from the home of Mrs. John R. Tallich, Charlotte street, West End. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. L. Thomas, Rev. W. P. Dunham and Rev. R. E. Ewy. Interment was in Cedar Hill.

The funeral of Daniel E. Boyce, young son of J. E. Boyce, took place this afternoon at three o'clock from his parents' home at Chesley street. Interment was in the new Catholic cemetery.

THREE GREAT PLAYS AT OPERA HOUSE NEXT WEEK

Seldom has the opera house offered a more interesting Christmas bill of late than that of next week, when Sidney Toler with Miss Frances McHenry and her associate players will be heard in three fine productions: "The Thief," "Averag' Lun' in," and the big Henry Miller and Margaret Anglin success, in which Toler and Miss McHenry are said to compare most favorably with the above mentioned celebrities. This refers to "The Great Divide." The engaging opera Monday evening when the "Thief" will be presented.

FEMINE FINANCE

"Well, dear," said the young husband to his bride, "I'll make out the deposit slip in your name and all you have to do is to take it to the bank."

"Yes," she responded, "but suppose I want to draw out some money some day how will they know which is my money?"

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of pain is the way we extract teeth by the famous Hale Method which is used exclusively in our offices.

WE CHANGE ONLY 25c A NOMINAL FEE... If you were a set of artificial teeth, try our improved suction plate.

Each Dollar spent includes a chance for a Free Return Trip to Denmark, or choice of \$100.00 in Gold, and each 25c spent with us gives a chance for a Free Return Trip to New York.

Boston Dental Parlors 327 Main Street, 243 Union Street. Phone, 683, 86, 798.

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For presentation purposes and also substantial, useful Sticks.

THE ROYAL PHARMACY The High Grade House 47 KING ST.

STIRRING TWO CONTINENTS

Montreal, Dec. 17.—Sensational revelations made within the shadow of the yellow which he is doomed to spend on Friday morning, by Carlo Battista, were today taken up by the police of two continents in an effort to confirm or deny the stories which Silvestro Marcurano's deny the murder of Joseph Petrosino, a noted American-Italian detective, a few years ago. The New York police have spent nearly half a million dollars investigating the murder of Petrosino.

In the death cell this morning, Micali, accompanied by Governor Yale of the local jail, had a long conference with the condemned man, following which a long cable message was despatched to Naples, Italy, in an effort to confirm some of the details which Battista had revealed in connection with the murder of Joseph Petrosino, a noted American-Italian detective, a few years ago. The New York police have spent nearly half a million dollars investigating the murder of Petrosino.

Scores of prominent Montreal Italians were named by Battista in his confession, and many of these were visited this morning by Detective Micali, accompanied by the local police.

Excitement prevails in the Montreal Italian colony as a result of the Battista statements.

There is a band, with country-wide organization, for the express purpose of extending money from Italy, in the arrival of Battista.

Battista admitted he was one of the moving spirits in the white slave traffic work, and said that the business was organized on a systematic basis throughout the country. Montreal and Quebec served as headquarters, whilst houses of ill-fame at all points even to the Pacific coast, were supplied and controlled by the organization chiefs in Ontario and Quebec.

THE BEST QUALITY AT A REASONABLE PRICE

Diamonds for Christmas.

Don't think you can't afford to give a Diamond ring because of the stories you have heard of the constantly increasing prices of Diamonds. It's possible you may have an exaggerated idea as to their cost.

Come in and see the dainty Diamond rings we are showing, the stones are all of the better grades and they are finely cut, brilliant and white. Prices range from \$12 up.

L. L. Sharpe & Son Jewelers and Opticians 21 King Street, St. John, N. B.

Get It at Gilbert's It Will Be Good

Fancy Assorted Biscuits In sealed tin boxes; just the thing for Xmas. Made by CHRISTIE, BROWN & CO., of Toronto (CRANFORDS) of Liverpool. HUNTLEY & PALMER'S, of Reading.

From 45c to \$2.00 an tin. STORES OPEN EVERY EVENING.

Gilbert's Grocery

THE STORES WITH THE CHRISTMAS GOODS

The Kind Boys Want Give a boy the thing he wants and his appreciation will be hearty.

Military Hair Brushes are the kind that boys want, because they are the correct thing. We have

Real Ebony Military Hair Brushes as low as \$1.39 Others at \$1.50, 1.69, 2.25 up to \$7.50 pair

Solid Leather Cases, .75 White Celluloid Brushes, 3.00

WASSON'S "WHERE GOOD THINGS ARE SOLD" King St. Main St. Haymarket Sq.

"Oxford Tweed Pants for Working Men" Dark Grey Oxford Tweed Pants, well made, with good linings and strong pockets, a first-class line for Winter wear.—All sizes \$1.85 PAIR.

The "LION BRAND" Short Pants for Boys are made with double seats and knees and cost no more than the ordinary kind. We have all sizes in stock. CARLETON'S, Cor. Waterloo and Brussels Sts.

What to Buy

For Mother China Closet, Buffet, Dining Chairs, Sideboards, Brass Beds, Easy Chairs, etc.

For Father Easy Chairs, Morris Chairs, Rockers, Roller Top Desks, Office Chairs, Couches, etc.

For Brother Morris Chairs, Leather Chairs and Rockers, Backless Couches, etc.

For Sister Parlor and Music Cabinets, Parlor Tables, Ladies' Secretaries, Bookcases, etc.

For The Children Children's High Chairs, Rockers, Chairs and Nursery Chairs. OPEN EVERY NIGHT.

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TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

Christmas Fruit Cakes 89c a pound, Mince Pie 85c each.

Special Home-Made Candy, All Kinds of Christmas Cakes Done by The Women of The Women's Exchange—Sold and Served—New Tea and Lunch Rooms, 158 Union Street.

WANTED—At once, cook for plain work. Elliott Hotel. 1789-4E.

WANTED—Night Fireman. Apply Peter's Pharmacy. 1709-11.

YOUNG NURSE wants Cripple or invalid to look after. Miss Scudling, 166 Paradise Row. 1282-12-19.

WANTED—Female order cook. Apply North End Restaurant, 725 Main Street. 1789-4E.

LOST—Last Saturday evening, on King Street, Black Bear Staff. Finder please leave at this office. 1282-12-19.

LOST—By way of King, Country Market and Charlotte, pair of eye glasses. Finder please return to the office. 1277-12-18.

FOUND—On the 16th, a small Hand Satchel. Apply 37 Sewell street. 12818-12-19.

LOST—Child's Pink Pearl Necklace, on Coburg street, Waterloo street, or Rockwood Park. Finder please call, Phone No. 731. 12814-12-30.

WATER SLOW ADVERT, printed red, went adrift from mooring, West St. John, this morning at high water. Reward will be offered on return to Beaver Dredging Co. 12819-12-18.

LADY CLERK—Chief clerk to attend to and pack cake orders at Bakery. Permanent position. Robinson's Bakery, Celebration street. 17869-4E.

LOST—Child's string of Gold Beads, between King Street East and Victoria school. Finder please return to 139 King Street East. 12817-12-18.

FOUND—Lady's Hand Bag Monday evening on Union street; owner can have same by applying at Campbell's Stable, Lennox street, and proving property. 12817-12-18.

LATE SHIPPING

PORT OF ST. JOHN Arrived Today. S. S. Virginian, Gambell, Liverpool. Coastwise.—Stnrs Granville, 48, Collins, Annapolis and old; Reliable, 112, McLean, St. George and old; ship Etna, 39, Antio, Farrisboro and old.

Cleared Today. Schr Wandrian, 311, LeCan, New York. Coastwise.—Stnrs Brunswick, 72, Moore, Parbro, schr. Friendship, 65, Wilbur, St. Martins.

Lia, Peru, Dec. 17.—An attempt was made on Sunday by the populace of Putumayo to lynch the two judicial commissioners, Senor Valcaval and Dr. Romulo Paradies, appointed by the Peruvian government to investigate the atrocities of the rubber fields made public by Sir Roger Casement, British consul general. The commissioners have appealed to President Biliuhurst for protection.

JUST WHY. "But if you have broken off your engagement to Jack, why don't you send your picture back to him?" "Because I'm afraid if I do he'll give it to some other girl."

SERIOUS OUTBREAK IN AMOY Amoy, China, Dec. 17.—Severe fighting broke out today among the various clans composing the population of this city. The government troops were called out to suppress the disturbance, but were unable to restore order. A large number of casualties have been reported.

Everything comes to him who waits—including the woman who said she'd be ready in a minute.