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NOTICE.
The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Saint John Opera House Company will be held in the Opera House on Thursday, January 2nd, at 8.30 p. m.
A. O. SKINNER, President.
J. FRED PAYNE, Secretary.

THE G.T.P. AND SASKATOON

East Side of Section 21 Reported As Their Property—Town Site Lots Off Market

(Saskatoon Phoenix, Dec. 26)
Real estate circles are much perturbed today over the report that the G. T. P. have bought the east half of section twenty-one. The report is given support by the fact that Natusa town site lots were yesterday taken off the market by instruction of C. Powell, Toronto.

The significance of the deal is that it is very probable that if the G. T. P. have bought the land it is for a sum that the remaining few lots will shortly be withdrawn from sale at the present price, \$50 per lot. Investors should get in now and make some easy money.

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THE LOWER ANIMALS.
What can be said of a man who is drunk at Christmas? The name of m is too good for such a creature. T house who beats his wife is a shini example of virtue compared with a lower animal who so far forgets hi self and what he owes to his fam as to go rolling home in a disgusti condition on the one day of the ye on which he should try to make oth people happy. Christmas ought to b a day of joy for all, but yesterday thirty-eight names appear on the police court sheets, the greater ma, lity of them representing degenera who by their contemptible cond brought misery to their homes. T say drunkenness is a disease. In m cases it is like small boy's tooth which develops just at the proper ti to suit his inclination and disappe when the time for going to school passed. That kind of toothache is quently cured with a slipper; grov ups who fall so low as to destroy their families and friends the mean of a sacred holiday, should get horseship. They deserve nothing e Pluses of eight dollars only add to i suffering, of their families and do i cure the offenders themselves.
As a rule we are inclined to re carelessly or perhaps to be milc amused by the reports of the poli court proceedings on the day follo ing Christmas. We seldom thin looking deeper to find out the meani of a few words which say that "a and-so was drunk on Monday night. One instance came to the notice of th Star yesterday, the principal victi being a hard-working woman in poo circumstances who had been looki forward to a day's rest with perhap a little pleasure thrown in. Her hus band went home drunk, and instead of a gift for her he had a couple of bottles of gin under his arm. He continued drinking until finally she succeeded in getting hold of one of the bottles and threw it out the window. When the other was finished, he went out, bought more liquor, was arrested, and, of course, as might be expected from such a specimen, paid his fine with money that his wife had earned by scrubbing. It is not much wonder that in telling of the circumstances this poor woman added, "He works on the boats, there are eight long shotmen now in the hospital, but that's nothing can ever happen to him."

IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.
British Columbia is now engaged in another political contest, and will be fully as exciting as any in the past, and as is to the advantage of the McBride party, a short one.
The present government has held itself in power only as one may say by the skin of its teeth. Until very recently the labor members held the balance, and by throwing their votes to the side of the McBride ministry the latter was able to pull through. Then the labor men became a little too imperative in their demands, their programme was rather advanced for British Columbia ideas, and consequently in by-elections the party in power, so-called, made some gains gave it a majority of one. This, however, is scarcely all that is needed, for though the laborites have not been antagonized they are liable to veer at any moment and the government might easily be outvoted.
Since Premier McBride assumed control there have been a number of unsavory incidents uncharacteristic in connection with the administration of different departments. These, no doubt, would tell against the party, and to counteract in a measure any influence from this source, Dr. Green, commissioner of lands, has retired. This step will undoubtedly appease some, but at the same time it will probably be shown that the government has lost ground. Hence, in order to prevent further loss by a lengthy campaign, the elections have been called for February 2nd. There are several live questions in British Columbia, the policy of dealing with Hindu immigration being one of them, and it is easy to realize that the labor members may before the new house meets, be materially increased in numbers.

The Montreal Herald on Monday printed a despatch from Halifax, headed "Nova Scotia under water." Always felt a little suspicious of that harbor at Halifax. It's too much in the way to avoid trouble.

THE WORD HE WANTED.
She—Ever since I was a mere child I've had trouble in pronouncing certain words that have an "s" in them. He (anxiously)—I—I hope you don't find any difficulty in saying "yes."

GOING HER ONE BETTER.
"Wise I grow up I'm going to marry a man who's rich enough to buy me all the candy I want."
"Huh! I'm going to marry the man what knows the store."

ATTEMPT TO BLACKMAIL
THE NORTHERN PACIFIC
Unknown Persons Threaten to Blow Up the Train Unless \$25,000 is Paid
HELENA, Mont., Dec. 26.—Unknown persons have attempted to blackmail the Northern Pacific Railroad for \$25,000 after the method employed by Isaac Gravelle, who after a dramatic escape from the courthouse, where he was on trial for the dynamiting of trains, was finally killed in Governor "old's" dooryard. The present blackmailers wrote the railroad that unless \$25,000 was forthcoming the St. Louis-Burlington express would be dynamited. Instead of giving up the money six detectives were placed on the train. A supposed accomplice was found in the baggage car but as he made no move either from fear or failure to accomplish his act or to communicate with his associates, he was not molested. The train met with no unusual experience. Little plunder could have been recovered had the train been dynamited.

BOCCACCIO WELL SONG.
The performance of Boccaccio last evening by the Bohemian Opera Company was one of which nothing but good may be said. Since the company's last visit to St. John a number of new members have been added, the chorus strengthened, and by continued rehearsal the organization has been greatly improved.
In Boccaccio as in the The Mascot and The Telephone Girl, the singers were all thoroughly familiar with their parts, and last evening's opera went off winningly. Rarely have so many good singers appeared here in one company, and their chorus work, as well as the solos, is splendid. In Boccaccio the music is above that of the average light opera, and calls for careful and earnest effort. The piece was excellently produced and deserves a roused house on its repetition this evening.
Miss Killeen and Miss Wallace were heard in a number of solos, and their singing was most enjoyable. Miss Fox's make-up and acting brought out the house. Among the men all well, but especial mention should be made of the Coopers' chorus, with solo by Frank Nelson, which was well received.
For Friday and Saturday evenings the bill will be The Bohemian Girl, and Saturday afternoon the old favorite, "The Maid."

RISKY.
Prisoner—But I would rather tell my my own story. Don't you think it would be believed?
Lawyer—Yes; that's the trouble. It would carry conviction with it.
HIGHER MATHEMATICS.
Ma Fodderhucks — Pa, what dew they mean by that expression, "teachin' the young idea how to shoot?"
Pa Fodderhucks — Trigonometry, I presume.
NOT DAMAGED BY WATER, EITHER.
She—Oh, we had a delightful sail, and just think, the boat cost us only twenty cents an hour.
He—That's why you liked it. It was a regular bargain sail.
NOT PARTICULAR.
He—I want a wife who is easily pleased.
One of the girls—Don't worry, Jack; that is the kind you'll get.

UP AGAINST IT.
"And you say you cannot live unless I marry you?"
"I cannot."
"What shall you do?"
"Keep on boarding," answered the young man gloomily. "There's nothing else."

ALSO UNSTRUNG, PERHAPS.
Maud—I do hope Belle will make a matrimonial bull's-eye.
Ethel—I'm afraid she won't.
Maud—Why?
Ethel—Her Beau is broke.
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She—Ever since I was a mere child I've had trouble in pronouncing certain words that have an "s" in them. He (anxiously)—I—I hope you don't find any difficulty in saying "yes."

MARRIAGES.
ROBERTSON-SCOTT.—At Stonehaven, Dec. 12, by Rev. J. M. Sutherland, Frederick George Robertson of Bathurst and Miss Mary Emily Scott of Stonehaven.

DEATHS.
ANSBOROUGH.—In this city on the 26th, inst. Michael Edward Ansborough, in the sixty-second year of his age.
Notice of funeral later.
TUPES.—At his late residence 25 Elliott Row, on 26th, inst. Francis Tuptes, thirty-nine years of age, leaving a wife and four sisters and three brothers.
Notice of funeral hereafter.
McDONALD.—In this city, on the 26th, inst. Bridget McDonald.
Funeral today at 4.30 p. m. from P. Fitzpatrick's Waterloo street. Interment at Fredrickton, Friday morning.
FITZPATRICK.—At Port Elgin, December 21st, Mrs. John Fitzpatrick, aged 74 years.
Funeral on Saturday, December 22nd.
SHANKLIN.—At her late residence 312 Brussels street, on the 25th, inst. Neomel Jane, beloved wife of Gilbert W. Shanklin, aged 62 years, leaving a husband, two sons and one daughter to mourn their sad loss.
Remains will be conveyed by I. C. R. train on Friday morning, Dec. 28th, to Pelinde Creek for interment.



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LIFE SENTENCE FOR NOTORIOUS ROBBER
George Everson Who Stole Money in Charleston and Shot a Policeman, Will Spend the Rest of His Days in Jail
BOSTON, Dec. 26.—A life sentence in state prison for robbery which involved the shooting of a police officer, was imposed upon George W. Everson of Charleston in the Superior Court today. Two of Everson's accomplices were also found guilty, and one of them, Alfred D. Morse, received a sentence of not less than 15 nor more than 20 years in prison, but the third robber, Fred Sackett, pleaded so effectively with the court, claiming that he was compelled to commit the crime by the others at the point of a revolver, that Judge Sherman postponed the judgment of the court until later.
The affair occurred in Charleston on July 4th last, when three men entered the office of the Eastbrook Coal Co., just before the noon hour, held up Thomas Hickey, the clerk, and robbed him of \$30. In making their escape the three robbers were seen by Officer Herman Shields, who pursued them until Everson turned and shot the officer in the leg. The three were subsequently arrested.
At the trial only the indictment charging robbery was pressed but Everson's record was produced and Judge Sherman decided after the verdict to send the man to prison for life.
It was during the trial today that Sackett took the stand and declared that the other two compelled him to help them under a threat of shooting. Later Everson took the stand and denied Sackett's story.
Officer Shields has not yet recovered from his wound.

GAVE CARBOLIC ACID TO THE PRISONER
A Double Tragedy Rids the World of People Who are Better Dead
ELMIRA, N. Y., Dec. 24. — White talking with Beasts Wells in the Elmira County jail tonight, Frank Delaney suddenly passed a vial of carbolic acid to her through the bars of her cell and then pressed a second bottle to his own lips.
A guard who was watching Delaney during his interview with the woman, attempted to arrest the passage of the acid but he was too late. Before a physician could reach the jail corridor both the woman and her interviewer were dead.
Beasts Wells occupied a cell in the woman's dormitory, awaiting sentence which was to have been imposed January 3, on a charge of abducting a young girl and harboring her for immoral purposes.
Delaney possessing a power of attorney for the woman, called at the jail today and told the warden that he wanted to obtain the woman's signature to some papers. Accompanied by a guard he was taken to her cell, the guard remaining close by during the conversation.
Suddenly Delaney handed a bottle of poison through the bars of the cell door and as the guard sprang forward placed a second bottle to his own mouth.
Delaney was 29 years old and a railroad man. He comes from a respectable family. The man is said to have been a lover of Miss Wells.

STORMS IN ENGLAND HEAVIER THAN USUAL
Six Inches of Snow Seriously Hindered Commerce—Many Small Wrecks But Little Loss of Life
LONDON, Dec. 26. — Christmas of 1906 will be memorable for the heaviest snow storms the United Kingdom has experienced in many years. In the northern counties of England and in Scotland the snow was accompanied by great gales. There was an average fall of from four to six inches, which under heavy gales drifted badly and worked serious hindrance to locomotion of all kinds and inconvenience to holidaymakers. It snowed again tonight, but not so hard, excepting in the Liverpool district, where a fierce blizzard is raging and the indications are that the severe weather will continue.
There were many small wrecks along the coast, but no serious loss of life is reported. The crews of nearly all the wrecked vessels were rescued by life boats. Almost all the shipwrecked men had terrible experiences and were completely exhausted before being brought to land. The steamer Hazelene struck a rock and sank off Cloughy. Lifboat men succeeded in rescuing the crew after an exciting experience. Another lifeboat made a similar rescue of the crew of the schooner Ringleader, wrecked off Dungeness.

LOST HIS LIFE WHILE TRYING TO SAVE A BOY
John Arke Who Put His Trust in a Clothesline Brake Through the Ice and Was Drowned
MORRISTOWN, N. J., Dec. 26.—George Davis, aged 25, today lost his life in an unsuccessful attempt to rescue John Arke, an eight year old boy, from drowning. The drowning took place before the eyes of Davis' young wife. The boy went out on the ice on Rockaway River and broke through. Davis and his wife saw the boy drop into the water and ran to his aid. Davis cut down the clothesline in his yard and tied one end about the rope broke and the man and boy slid back into the hole and sank. The bodies were not recovered.
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