NEWS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO WOMEN

FORTUNE BEGGING FOR PROPER HEIR

Relatives of Agnes L. Purcell Are Being Sought by Lawyers.

FORMER TORONTO GIRL

Left Home Mysteriously and Died Recently in Charleston, S.C.

An estate valued in round figures at $75,000 awaits a Toronto claimant in Charleston, S.C., according to Thomas S. McMillan, a young lawyer of that city, who is here to locate the relatives of the late Agnes L. Purcell, who died on November 28th.

According to the information in Mr. McMillan's possession Agnes M. Purcell left her home in Toronto some time during the year 1892 and went to Chicago. She went from there to Atlanta, Georgia, and finally located in Charleston, where she engaged in business, amassing the estate for which the heirs are now being sought.

Her departure from Toronto seems to have been somewhat mysterious, as she was not known by the name Purcell after leaving this city. At that time she is said to have left behind her father, mother, brother and sister without telling them anything as to her whereabouts or what she was doing.

Property May Go to State.

Her death was due to a fall downstairs, which caused injuries to her head. She was 41 years old, and had retired some time previously, her business being carried on by a third party to whom she had entrusted her interests. Mr. McMillan is acting for the third party, who is making a search for relatives in the hope that they may be induced to surrender a share of it in return for her services. If the relatives are not found the whole of the property reverts to the State of South Carolina after a year and a day have elapsed.

A search of the city directory failed to reveal anyone by the name of Purcell who claimed relationship with the dead woman. Mr. McMillan is at the King Edward Hotel. He is advertising in The World in an effort to locate the heirs.

HAVEN CLOSES YEAR NEW OFFICERS CHOSEN

Owing to conditions caused by the war the board of management of the Haven and Prison Gate Mission have considered it wise not to hold the usual public meeting this year. It is stated, however, that the past year has been a signally successful one. In March the balance of the mortgage on the institution was paid off. The maintenance of an average of 99 persons composed of helpless old women, feeble-minded and physically afflicted girls, homeless mothers and babies was successfully carried on. The total receipts from all sources during the year was $14,203.57, of which $14,-177.04 was disbursed.

The officers for the coming year are: President, Mrs. J. Macdonald Oxley; directresses, Mrs. Cragg, Mrs Dundas, Mrs. Saulter, Mrs. B. C. Brown; hon. secretaries, Mrs. R. H. Ross, Miss Watson; hon. treasurer, Mrs. B. D. Lorimer; advisory board, H. O'Brien, G. H. Wood, J. F. Lash, B. C. Brown; consulting physician, Dr. Augusta Stowe-Gullen; acting physicians, Dr. J. B. Gullen and Dr. W. E. Ogden; superintendent, Miss Carson.

CEDARVALE RELIEF FUND.

A committee has been formed to deal with the distress in the Cedarvale district. At an early date a soup kitchen will be opened. Contributions may be sent to the following committee: R. McGillivray, 1312 Danforth road; Rev. J. Storey, 26 Meagher avenue; W. H. Moses, 7 Cedarvale avenue; A. E. Smith, 94 Gledhill avenue; R. Green, 124 Gledhill avenue; A. J. Jensing, 46 Coleridge avenue, or to the secretary-treasurer, A. Binns, 48 Amroch avenue.

HOCKEN WOULD PROTECT CHILDREN.

"Humanizing of municipal government is a work which the Toronto City Council has been engaged in for the past five years," declared His Worship Mayor Hocken to the Young Men's Club of St. Mary Magdalene's Church last night. Improved court rooms for children and women and detention homes for those suspected of being insane were also dealt with, and the speaker declared that it would shortly be necessary to have a new police building, so as to keep the children from contact with hardened criminals.

MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE FROM BELGIAN QUEEN

Is Extremely Grateful to American Women for Relief Work in Unhappy Country.

Canadian Press Despatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Messages of gratitude to the women of America from Elizabeth, Queen of Belgium and the Duchess of Vendome, sister of King Albert of Belgium, written at the headquarters of the Belgian army on the firing line, were received here today by the women's section of the American Commission for relief in Belgium. The messages, written during the course of one of the recent battles were cabled here by H. C. Hooverm, chairman of the American Commission at London, who has just returned to England after a week's visit in Belgium.

Queen Elizabeth's message reads:

"It gives me great pleasure to accept the invitation to become patroness of the woman's section of the American Commission for Relief in Belgium.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT TO VISIT KINGSTON

Special to The Toronto World.

KINGSTON, Dec. 7.—It was announced today that the Duke of Connaught, Premier Borden and Hon. Sam Hughes would pay a visit to Kingston in a few days to inspect the men of the 21st Battalion for overseas service.

General Sir W. D. Otter today made an inspection of the internment camp at Fort Henry. The fort is now full of prisoners and no more can be accommodated. The prisoners are contented and quiet.

DEAN STARR WILL RETURN TO THE WAR

Special to The Toronto World.

KINGSTON, Dec. 7.—Dean Starr, who has arrived in New York on his way home from the front, where he served as chaplain of the 37th Brigade of Irish Guards, is expected here Wednesday. He will ask the congregation of St. George's Cathedral for further leave of absence, as he desires to return to the war.

FARMER'S WIFE ENDED LIFE.

Special to The Toronto World.

WOODSTOCK, Ont., Dec 7.—Mrs. Danbrook, a middle-aged woman, wife of Henry Danbrook, a well-known and highly esteemed farmer living on the third concession of East Oxford, died shortly before noon today after taking carbolic acid.

An investigation is now being conducted.

The Perfect Xmas Gift.

The most perfect Xmas gift anyone could give would be a Player-Piano made by Ye Olde Firme of Heintzman and Co., Ltd. Daily demonstrations of this "World's Best Piano" are held at Heintzman Hall, 193, 195, 197 Yonge street.

McNAB AUXILIARY.

The McNab Red Cross Auxiliary meets this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Oakwood High School. The children's section meets at 4 o'clock, when the story hour will be taken by Miss Gladys McKay on "Nature Study."

PROGRAM AT ST. MARGARET'S.

The pupils of St. Margaret's College are offering a most interesting program for Friday afternoon, when they will hold a patriotic bazaar, which will open at 3 o'clock and at 8.30 will present two French plays. In the evening a conversazione will be held. The proceeds will be devoted to patriotic purposes.

IS SEEKING HER SON.

Mrs. Charles Swanson, 212 Bain avenue, is making a search for her son Edward Gustav Swanson, aged 55, whom she has not seen for three years. He was last heard of working with a construction gang at Portland, Oregon.

DOVERCOURT I.O.D.E.

The Dovercourt Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire will meet at 3 o'clock Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Cavan, 219 Hallam street.

MORE FOR POOR BELGIANS.

Miss Helen M. Merrill of 4 Prince Arthur avenue is sending $1000 to the Belgian Relief Fund Central Executive in Montreal today. This is the amount of her collections to date since H. Prudhomme's latest appeal was sent out.

LAKE SHORE BRANCH.

The Lake Shore branch of the Red Cross Society will meet at the home of Mrs. John T. Parker, 96 Lowther avenue, on Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 2.30.

MR. WISNER ELECTED.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Massey-Harris Co. held yesterday, Charles L. Wisner was elected to the board of directors, in place of the late J. H. Houser.

GOODFELLOWS WILL HELP SANTA CLAUS

Will Enjoy Giving to the Poor More Than to Immediate Friends.

ACTUAL NEEDS FILLED

Well Filled Baskets of Good Things Will Be Given to Needy Families.

All thru the city the spirit of the Christmas season is in evidence. People are purchasing presents on every hand, and the stocks of the city's stores are being rapidly depleted to fill the pack on the back of Santa Claus. The people that are making these purchases are the ones that are daily joining the Good Fellows, and there is no doubt that they will enjoy the giving they do as Good Fellows more than giving to their immediate friends. Some of the Good Fellows that helped needy folks last year have expressed themselves as finding more pleasure in this way than in any other part of the Christmas festivities. And the pleasure is two-sided; there is the side for the Good Fellow—the pleasure of giving—and there is the side for the families that have been helped, the pleasure of receiving the things they actually need.

"The actual need" is the thing the Good Fellow always brings with him, or her, when he comes to the door—where perhaps the wolf of cold and hunger is yelping—with his basket containing the good things. If you don't care to carry a basket the nearest grocer or other merchant will do it for you, but Good Fellow's don't mind a basket, and nearly all the pleasure is in doing the good work yourself.

Your name will be put on the roll of Good Fellows if you will let it be known at the Good Fellow department of The World, Main 5308.

HELICONIAN SOCIETY'S NEW ROOMS.

Almost a full membership of the Heliconian Society turned out yesterday afternoon to inspect the new rooms of the association, located at the northwest corner of Yonge and Grosvenor streets. A color scheme of golden browns, soft yellow hangings, rich rugs, great clusters of blossoms and a display of paintings by the artists themselves, made a charming ensemble. Miss Smart, honorary president, held the chair in the absence of Mrs. Agar Adamson. Musical numbers were given by Miss Mary Morley and Mrs. Barron. It was decided to have an informal program on alternate Saturday afternoons and evenings. Announcement of the formal opening, to take place shortly, will be made later.

GIRL GETS FIVE-DAY SENTENCE.

A well dressed young girl named Rose Pancer was sentenced to five days imprisonment by Judge Coatsworth in the general sessions court yesterday for stealing a blouse and one pair of gloves from the T. Eaton Company.

ADVERTISEMENT.

An Easy Way to Get Fat and Be Strong

The trouble with most thin folks who wish to gain weight is that they insist on drugging their stomach or stuffing it with greasy foods; rubbing on useless "flesh creams," or following some foolish physical culture stunt, while the real cause of thinness goes untouched. You cannot get fat until your digestive tract assimilates the food you eat.

Thanks to a remarkable new scientific discovery, it is now possible to combine into simple form the very elements needed by the digestive organs to help them convert food into rich, fat-laden blood. This master-stroke of modern chemistry is called Sargol and has been termed the greatest of flesh-builders. Sargol aims through its regenerative, reconstructive powers to coax the stomach and intestines to literally soak up the fattening elements of your food and pass them into the blood, where they are carried to every starved, broken-down cell and tissue of your body. You can readily picture the result when this amazing transformation has taken place and you notice how your cheeks fill out, hollows about your neck, shoulders and bust disappear and you take on from 10 to 20 pounds of solid, healthy flesh. Sargol is absolutely harmless, inexpensive, efficient, and leading druggists of Toronto and vicinity have it and will refund your money if you are not satisfied, as per the guarantee found in every package.

Caution:—While Sargol has given excellent results in overcoming nervous dyspepsia and general stomach troubles it should not be taken by those who do not wish to gain ten pounds or more.

Life's Years of Sorrow Make the Others Sweeter

By WINIFRED BLACK

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There's a birthday in the house today.

I'd forgotten all about it, but this morning I knew it as soon as I opened my eyes, for there at the foot of the bed stood the Little Boy in his bathrobe, with his hair all tously and his face rosy with sleep, and the Little Boy sang my favorite song, "Fly, Little Pigeon, and after that he sang again, "Be It Ever So Humole, There's No Place Like Home."

I had been on a journey, a pleasant journey, with gay friends, high into the glorious mountains, where we walked by a clear lake and saw the red and yellow bonfires of autumn reflected in the clear mirror of a mountain lake, and in the distance the snow upon the peaks, but for all that I was lonely, sometimes, for the Little Boy and the Little Girl. And when the Little Boy sang to me this morning of "Home, Sweet Home," my eyes filled with happy tears, and I could hardly wait for the last clear note of his fresh voice to die away to catch him to my heart and hold his chubby crown hand hungrily to my face. And when the song was over the Little Girl appeared, with her brown hair aglory over her shoulders, and she carried a little nosegay in her hand.

The Beads of Years.

"See," said the Little Girl, smiling, "see, here is a pink rose for fidelity, and a blue morning glory for hope, and purple heliotrope for tenderness, and violets for trust.

"I picked them in the garden myself, just after sunrise this morning. The rose hung high on the wall, but I climbed up and got it.

"Fidelity—isn't it sweet to have it mean that?"

How light they hang around the neck, the years, like pretty beads they hang, one clearer and better than the other.

Clouded a little, a few of the beads. There's the year of illness and discouragement—no, don't take it off the chain, it has its place there with the rest.

Those who are too happy are sometimes a little cold. There's the year of the great sorrow, but it shines, the best of that year.

Of course, the great sorrow was hard to bear, but it passed, and, oh, the loving comfort of the friends who stood so faithfully by!

What a merry year is that one, at the beginning of the chain. That's the year of the first visit to the seashore—the laughter, the gayety, the glimpse of a broader life. I read your epitaph in the paper not long ago, old friend who gave me that summer of gayety. Light rest the soil above your faithful heart. How we did laugh, at nothing, in those days!

What's the Best Age?

How they sparkle and shine in the sunlight; how they gleam and darkle in the shade, the years, the shining years! I would not part with one of them, not one!

What age would you like to be—forever? I choose the age I am today.

Youth is the saddest time of all. Old age must be the loneliest. But middle life, why, it's like living in a glorious garden to be of middle age—a garden you have planted yourself and cared for with more or less attention!

Oh, how do you live your lonely lives, poor souls, poor souls! Without the love and the laughter of little, clear-eyed children to lean upon and cherish?

"Thru pleasures and palaces tho we may roam, be it ever so humble—"

Let's sing it together, children, all of us. They can laugh at the old song al, they want to, it's true, after all, the truest thing that was ever written or ever sung.

I'm glad there's the birthday in the house today. I'm going to take time between the festivities to sit down and count the rosary of the years and rejoice in every bead that hangs upon it.

EATON MEMORIAL CHURCH WILL OPEN IN TWO WEEKS

Chancellor Day of Syracuse Will Preach Opening Sermon.

Dr. Henderson announced at the evening service yesterday of the Timothy Eaton Memorial Church that the new church would be ready for opening on Sunday, Dec. 20. The services of Chancellor Day of Syracuse University have been secured for both morning and evening services, and for the following Sunday, Dec. 27, Bishop Bury of Philadelphia will officiate. Mr. Dalton Baker, the eminent English organist and singer, has been appointed choirmaster, and is now receiving applications for membership for the choir. These should be addressed to Mr. Baker, in care of the Toronto Conservatory of Music.

WILLARD W. C. T. U.

The Willard W.C.T.U. will hold a parlor meeting on Tuesday, December 8th, at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Squires, 620 Palmerston boulevard, corner Lennox street. The program will consist of brief addresses by Mrs. A. C. Courtice on "Woman's Place in the Church," and by Rev. Dr. T. Albert Moore, "Some Social Service Being Rendered by Women." There will be recitations by Miss Minnie Sale, and vocal solos by Miss Board and Mr. Richard Almond. Mrs. Fred C. Ward will preside.

VARSITY AT HOME.

University Residences held their annual at home last night at the Metropolitan Assembly rooms and 75 men of the residences and their lady friends enjoyed the event. On account of existing conditions it was decided to hold only one reception for all the residences this year, altho it had been the custom to have one for each of the three residences in previous years.

MRS. C. J. CAMPBELL RETURNS.

Mrs. C. J. Campbell has returned from Chattawaga and Nashville, Tennessee, where she has been attending the Southern States and National American Women's Suffrage Conventions.

HOLD A SUFFRAGE FAIR.

The United Suffrage Association are holding a Christmas Fair at the residence of Mrs. L. A. Hamilton, 32 St. Joseph street, this afternoon and evening. The proceeds are to be devoted to the aid of Toronto poor mothers.

SIR HENRY PELLATT I.O.D.E.

The Sir Henry Pellatt Chapter, I.O.D.E., will complete arrangements this afternoon at Columbus Hall for their Tipperary Fair, to be held tomorrow from 11 a.m. till 10.30 p.m. Members are asked to be at Columbus Hall this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock with their scissors.

MEDICAL SERVICE IN MODERN ARMY.

Lieut.-Colonel Fotheringham will address the Women's Canadian Club today on "Medical Service in a Modern Army." The meeting will be called at 4.15 p.m. in the Y.W.C.A. Hall. A large attendance is requested by the executive. Miss Dyas will be hostess this afternoon at the Women's Press Club.

YOUMAN PAUL W.C.T.U.

The Youman Paul W.C.T.U. will meet today at 3 p.m. in the Disciples Church, corner St. Clarens and Paton road.

DEER PARK WOMEN MEET.

A meeting of the Deer Park W.C.T.U. will be held on Wednesday at 3 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Edward Woodley, 183 Avenue road.

UNION JACK CHAPTER MEETS.

At a meeting of the Union Jack Chapter, I.O.D.E., Mrs. L. A. Hamilton will speak. The meeting will take place at 3 o'clock today in Harrison's Hall, Mimico.

WILLARD WOMEN'S SOCIAL.

Willard W.C.T.U. will meet for an open parlor social tonight at 8 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Squires, 520 Palmerston Boulevard. Addresses will be given by Mrs. A. C. Courtice on "Woman's Place in the Church," and Rev. Dr. T. Albert Moore on "Social Service Being Rendered by Women."

IN SHERBOURNE METHODIST.

The Sherbourne W.C.T.U. meets this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the ladies' room of the Sherbourne Street Methodist Church.

CANADIAN BUSINESS WOMEN.

A meeting will be held in the Faculty of Education Building, corner Bloor and Spadina, of the University Extension Circle of the Canadian Business Women's Club tonight at 8 o'clock.

A DRUMMOND AFTERNOON.

The Janet Carnochan Chapter, I.O.D.E., will be treated to a Drummond afternoon at their meeting today, by Mrs. James George. The meeting will be held at 4.30 p.m. in Sherbourne Street Methodist Church.

THE GUNAIKES CLUB.

The Gunaikes Club meets at 3.30 this afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Robert Eaton, 150 Farnham avenue.

MONEY FOR THE SAILORS.

Women thruout the Dominion are asked to send money contributions for the Canadian National Ladies' Guild Fund for Sailors to Lady Willison, Elmsley place, Toronto, at the earliest date possible. The fund is to assist with Queen Mary's Needle Work Guild in providing requirements for the sailors, as approved by the admiralty.

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The World Acts as Christmas Goodfellows' Agent

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Arrangements for securing names and addresses from the civic social workers are complete. If you cannot play Santa Claus, The World will do it for you. But you will miss the spirit of the thing if you don't do it yourself. Do your Santa Clausing early.

To join the Good Fellows write a letter to The World, something like this:

I live at ..... street. I will be Santa Claus to ..... children (any number you wish).

Signed .....

This letter, when it reaches the Good Fellow Department, will be endorsed with names and addresses and sent on to you. There will be no publicity. Then you get busy. That's all.

POLLY AND HER PALS

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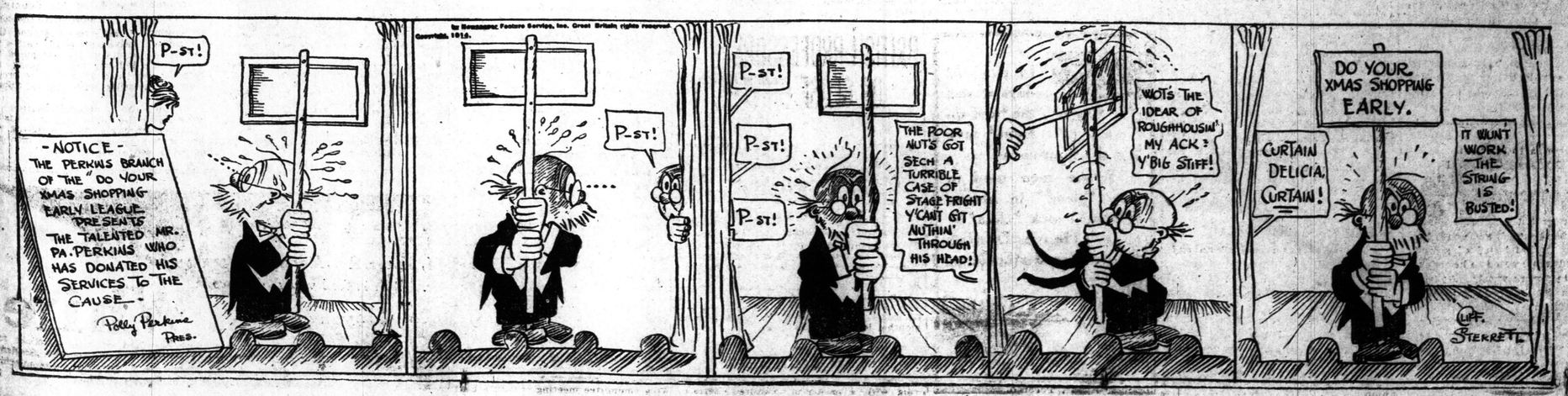
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