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New York Stocks. Reported by F. H. Butler, 15 and 16 Masoni Temple, for The Advertiser.

	New York, Dec. 20					
Yesterday's Close.	Open.	High.	ow.	2:30.		
Atcheson 18%	181/2	181/2	183/8	50%		
Atcheson Pfd 50%	501/4	503/4	531/4			
C., B. & Q12158	12116	121 1/2	12173	121%		
C. & N. W1405	1401/4	141	14014	141		
Bay State Gas 5%			*****	108		
Chicago Gas1081/2	108	1081/2	10734			
N. Y. Gas196	1951/2		1951/2	1971/2		
Gen. Electric 92%	93	93	93			
L. & N 6354	631/8	633/8	63	6314		
Man 961/4	961/8	97	98	961/		
Mo. P 4234	43	433/4	425%	43		
Omaha 9114	911/4	911/4	91/4	9114		
P. M	421/2	427/8	421/2	425		
R. I 109%			1091/2	1095		
Dooding 191/		19	183/4	183		
Reading 1914		123 .	1221/2	123		
N. Y. Central1227			1165%	1165		
St. P1167			353/4	36		
T. C. I 361	231/2			223		
Wabash 23				935		
W. U 943				72		
Brooklyn Transit 723			715/8			
U. Pacific 713	4 7134			68		
Leather Trust 685	6814					
Lead 317	8 017					
Sugar	8 1207		140%			
Mohacco 1415	2 124	142				
Southern Ry, Pfd 42)	8 347	8 427/8				
Jersey Central 92	31	94	931/2			
K. & T., Pfd 3()	B 373		36 7/8			
N. P., Pfd 76	18 763	8 76%	75%	75		
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Toronto Stock Market.

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Toronto Produce Market.

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TORONTO, Dec. 20.—Wheat is quiet, at 67c for red and wnite west; Manitoba wheat is firmer, at 80c for No. 1 hard grinding in transit, and 75c for Midland. Flour is dull, at \$3 35 for cars of straight roller in barrels west. Millfeed is firm, at \$14 to \$16 for shorts, according to quality, and \$12 for bran west. Barley is steady, at 46c to 47c for No. 1 west. Buckwheat scarce and firm, at 47c west. Rye firm, at 50c to to the west Corn steady at 34c for Can-51c west. Corn steady, at 34c for Can-ada yellow west, and 44c for Ameri-for a week. can, Toronto freights. Oats firm, at 27% for white west. Peas firm, at 63% to 64c west. Eggs steady, at 20c to 22c for new laid, 17c for fresh, and 15c for limed. Butter-The offerings are fair, there is a good demand, and the market is steady at 14c to 15c for good large rolls; 11c to 131/2c for dairy tubs; creamery is steady, at 20c to 21c for prints and 19c to 20c for packed. Dressed hogs-The offerings are fair, the demand is active, and the market is steady, at \$5 20, and \$5 asked for cars of weights here, and \$5 10 bid.

English Markets.

Liverpool, Dec. 20—Closing.

Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red western winter.
firm, 68 3d; No. 1 red northern spring, firm,
68 1d; No. 1 Cal., 68 10d to 68 10 d; No. 1 cash, nrm, 8s 2%d.
Corn—American mixed, spot old, firm, 3s 10%d; futures steady; Dec., quiet, 3s 10%d; Jan., 3s 9%d, March, quiet, 3s 8%d.
Flour—St. Louis fancy winter, steady, 8s.
Peas—Canadian, 5s 10d.

Peas—Canadian, 58 10d.
Pork—Prime mess, fine western, dull, 50s;
do, medium, western, dull, 47s 6d.
Beef—Prime mess, dull, 60s; extra India
mess, dull, 65s; do, medium, western, dull,

Mess, dun, 555; do, Medrum, Western, dun, 478 6d;
Hams—Short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., easy, 34s.
Bacon—Dull; Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 lbs., 50s; short ribs, 20 to 24 lbs, dull, 33s; long clear middles, light, 35 to 38 lbs, dull, 28s; long relear middles, heavy, 40 to 45 lbs. dull, 27s; short clear backs, 16 to 18 lbs. dull, 28s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs, steady, 23s.
Shoulders—Square, 12 to 14 lbs, dull, 22s.
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Lard—Prime western, dull, 27s 9d.
Butter—Finest American, 88s; good, 66s.
Rosin—Common, steady, 43 3d.
Cheesse—American finest white, steady, 47s
6d; do, colored, steady, 48s.
Tallow—Prime city, steady, 20s 3d.
Cottonseed oil—Liverpool refined, dull, 14s 9d.
Turpentine spirits—Strong, 31s 3d.

Turpentine spirits—Strong, 3ls 3d. Hops—At London (Pacific coast), dull, 44 15s to 25 15s.

Chicago Exchange.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20. Following are the fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade furnished by F. H. Butler, broker, Masonic Temple. Phone 1278. Open, High. Low. Close.

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Wheat-Dec	66	661/8	651/2	65
	671/4	67 3/8	6573	67
Corn -Dec	3458	343/4	343/8	34
May	351/2	3558	351/4	35
	251/2	251/2	251/2	25
		267/8	261/2	26
May		9 37	9 32	9 37
Pork-Jan 9		9 67	9 62	9 67
May 9			5 07	5 07
Lard-Jan 5		5 07	5 30	5 30
May 5	33	5 32		4 62
Ribs-Jan 4	62	4 62	4 62	
May 4		4 80	4 80	4 80
Puts-6634. C	alls-67	5/8.		

American Markets.

BUFFALO, Dec. 20 .- Spring wheat-No. 1 hard, 76%c; No. 1 northern, 73%c. Winter wheat—No. 2 red, 72½c to 73c; No. 1 white, 721/2c. Corn-No. 3 yellow, 374e; No. 3 corn, 36%c, on track. Oats No. 2 white, 32c, on track.

DETROIT, Dec. 20.-Wheat-White, cash, 691/2c; No. 2 red, cash and Dec., 69c: May, 701/2c.

TOLEDO, Dec. 20.—Wheat—Cash, 70c; Dec., 704c; May, 71c. Corn—Cash and Dec., 35c; May, 85%c. Oats—Cash,

27c; May, 27%c. MILWAUKEE, Dec. 20.-Wheat-

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 .- Flour-Receipts, 32,384 barrels; sales, 2,700 pack-eges; state and western quiet and lower to sell. Rye flour-Dull; sales, 150 barrels; good to fair, \$3 to \$3 15; choice to fancy, \$3 15 to \$3 35. Wheat—Receipts, 400,000 bu; sales, \$275,000 bu; options opened lower in response to bearish cables and further weakened under liquidation; March, 74%c; May, 71%c to 72%c; Dec., 73% to 73%c. Rye—Quiet; state, 56%c to 57c; No. 2 western, 611/2c. Corn-Receipts, 155,025 bu; sales, 20,000 bu; options sustained by higher cables and wet weather; May, 40%c; Dec. 40%c to 40%c. Oats Re- offense,

ceipts, 50,400 bu; dull; track, white state and western, 34c to 37c. Butter state and western, 84c to 54c. Butter—Receipts, 6,453 packages; firm; western creamery, 15c to 21c. Cheese—Receipts, 4,081 packages; very firm; large white and colored, 104c to 10½c; small do, 10¾c to 11c. Eggs—Receipts, 6,862 packages; firm Sugar—Raw. 6.863 packages; firm. Sugar—Raw, steady; refined, steadier. Coffee—Firm. Hops—Quiet. Lead—Firm; bullion, \$3 55; exchange, \$3 80 to \$3 821/2. Potatoes-Steady.

Live Stock Markets.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Hogs—Receipts. 35,000; left over, 7,565; market steady to 5c lower than yesterday; light, \$3 15 to \$3 37½; mixed, \$3 25 to \$3 45; heavy. \$3 15 to \$3 47½; rough, \$3 15 to \$3 75; Yorkers, \$3 30. Cattle—Receipts, 3,000; steady to strong; beeves, \$3 90; cows and heifers, \$2 to \$4 75; Texas steers, \$3 30 to \$4 55; stockers and feeders, \$2 80

atomizers and cut glass bottles. A new importation received for this season's trade direct from the leading manufacturers such as

> Piver, Pinaud, Houbigant, Roger & Gallet.

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Toronto, Dec. 20-11 a.m.-Prob-\* abilities for the lower lakes region \*
for the next twenty-four hours: \* South to west winds; gradually dlearing; mild weather.
 Wednesday—Fair and Wednesday-Fair and mild. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

-Ex-Ald. George Olmsted is being urged to offer himself for re-election in No. 2 ward, and has promised to

consider the matter. -The Christian Endeavor Societies of St. James' Church, South London, gave a delightful entertainment at the Old Men's Home last night, which, it is needless to say, was greatly appreciated by the inmates.

-John ("Bull") Brennan was arraigned before Judge Edward Elliott this morning for sentence, having pleaded guilty to stealing a bicycle from W. Mann & Co. Brennan was sent down for six months, to the Cen-

-Hugh McCurdy made his 67th appearance as a drunk before Magistrate bald McDonald, a drunk, was remanded

-Mrs. Ann Doney, an old resident of London, passed away yesterday at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. E. H. Grenfell, 140 Wellington street, aged 76 Deceased was the relict of the late Joseph Doney, of Bruce Minee, Algoma. Chronic bronchitis was the cause of death. The funeral (private) will take place tomorrow afternoon.

-The sittings of the county court were resumed this morning before Judge Edward Elliott. The one case disposed of was that of Mrs. Rachel Watson vs. Mrs. A. McAlpine and Archibald McAlpine, an action to recover \$250 on a promissory note, with interest. Judgment for plaintiff for \$267 50 and costs; J. B. McKillop, for plaintiff; U. A. Buchner, for defend-

-The second of a series of twilight organ recitals will be given by Mr. W. H. Hewlett in Dundas Center Methodist Church next Saturday afternoon, at 4 o'clock. Mr. Alfred D. Sturrock, the celebrated baritone, late soloist at St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, and the Dominion Methodist Church, Ottawa, will assist. The recital promises to be a most enjoyable one.

-James Whittaker, of North Dorchester, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Detectives Ward and Northgreaves on a charge of fraud, preferred by Dennis Collins, of West London. It is alleged that Whittaker purchased a horse from J. H. McMechan, for \$50, and ker sold the horse to Dennis Collins gave a lien note. On Oct. 27, Whittafor \$41. The note fell due on Nov. 1, and not being paid, Mr. McMechan recovered the horse from Mr. Collins. Whittaker was brought before Squire R. F. Lacey last night and remanded

to appear on Saturday next. -At the last regular meeting of Lodge Princess of Wales the election of officers was the feature of the evening. The following were chosen: Pres-Sister Cripps; vice-president, Sister Nntkins; chaplain, Sister Hooper; secretary, Sister Emith (refained); treasurer, Sister Dyson; medical offieer, Bro. Dr. English; first guide, Sister Deeley; second guide, Sister Patton; third guide, Sister Nichol; fourth guide, Sister Blanchard; inside guard, Sister Leonard; outside guard, Sister Russell; trustees, Sisters Deeley and Patton; auditors, Sisters Crippe and Hopper and Bro. Nutkins. The meeting closed with singing the "National Anthem."

CLOT OF BLOOD ON THE HEART. Agnes T. Oliver, who lived near St. Marys, died at an early hour this morning at 505 English street, where she was visiting. Her death was very sudden, and due to a clot of blood on the heart. The remains were conveyed to St. Marys this afternoon for interment.

The cruiser Cincinnati ran full speed upon a rock at Santiago, clearly defined in the charts, but not buoyed. She is probably not seriously damaged.

A dispatch to the New York Herald from Havana says Yellow Jack has cleamed its first victim among the American troops-a member of the Second

Volunteer Engineers. William Steele, former cashier of the wrecked Chestnut street (Philadelphia) National Bank, was today sentenced to six years' and six months' imprison-

ment and \$300 fine. The Berlin provincial court has acquitted Mr. Frank Knaak, of New York, of the charge of lese majeste, in referring to Emperor William as "a sheep's head," because, it appears, Mr. Knaak was intoxicated when he committed the

# VANTAGE

Ald. McPhillips and Douglass Strike Off About 75 Names

In the Wards Where They Seek Re election-Those Whom They Attacked

As a result of the revision of the voters' list yesterday, some 75 names were struck from the roll for various causes, such as not being entitled to vote on income, as not being tenants, or not being owners, etc. The big majority of those stricken from the list were at: tacked on the ground of being ineligible to vote on income, as they were other-In pretty packages, wise qualified. The whole matter seems to be that Ald. McPhillips and Ald. Douglass took advantage of this technicality to better the chances of their election. The great bulk of the names dealt with are in wards 1 and 2, where Ald. McPhillips and Ald. Douglass respectively are seeking re-election. There were, however, many more stricken off in ward 1 than in ward 2. The following were struck from the

list principally in respect of income: A. D. Aikenhead, Adair. Abraham, Maxwell Armstrong, S. J. T. Brown, J. K. Ball, J. Barnhart, Claude Brown, George Bayley, H. Buttery, Thomas A. Browne, W. Brockenshire, J. M. Breen, Wm. Brodison, D. M. Cameron, C. E. A. Carr, J. D. Clarke, John Durand, D. B. Dewar, Ben Dwyer, Cecil Fife, G. Gammage, Janet Gammage, R. H. Geise, Rosomond Greig, E. H. Haynes, James Herrick, Jacob Harris, James Harris, W. J. Hyman, Thomas Horsman, Robert Hardy, George W. Hayes, Man, Robert Hardy, George W. Hayes, W. R. Jarmain, J. D. Keenleyside, F. C. LeGrange, Will Long, A. E. Lennox, John Milne, Nathaniel Mills, L. G. Mercer, J. G. Merchant, Alex. Macfie, John A. Moody, J. Moore, B. S. Murray, R. D. Millar, Alex. Milne, H. H. Middleton, George McFroom, John K. Moddleton, George McFroom, John K. McGreen, J. Mc dleton, George McBroom, John K. Mc-Leod, J. G. McIntosh, J. M. McPherson, B. C. McCann, R. McKenna, J. A. Nelles, C. B. Niles, John O'Hearn, John Pringle, A. B. Patterson, Joseph Pigot, Mrs. John Peters, M. H. Rowland, Geo. W. Stuart, T. Saddlier, George A. Somw. Stuart, T. Saddict, eville, James Shillington, Alex. Tytler, John Waters, C. A. Whitman, W. J. Willis, Edward Wrigley, Samuel Williams, Margaret Walsh, J. D. Young.

The following were added for various causes: Alex. Arnett, Geo. Brown, W. H. L. Bennett, H. Burt, Wm. Brown, Mrs. Brodison, J. H. Chalmers, Harry Campbell, George E. Chittick, John Clayton, Richard Elson, Wm. Fields, Charles B. Gower, Herbert Gower, Jas. Herron, Charles Henstridge, W. H. Holland, J. H. Leathorn, Walter R. Lindsay, J. R. Monison, W. J. Mulloy, John R. Minhinnick, George F. Morris, Harold Mitchener, Mrs. Geo. McGuire, Jeremiah McDonald, Wm. Phillip, Mrs. Joseph Pigott, F. E. Perrin, E. E. Parsons, Walter W. Teale, W. E. Thorpe, Louise L. Turner, Harry Warner, Aaron Wolf, Isaac Waterman, W. A.

Wilson, W. Westby. From the above it would appear that the efforts of Mr. McPhillips and Mr. Douglass were not applied to purge the list so much as for personal or political purposes.

## SUCCESSFUL

Result of the Recent Examinations at

London and Strathroy. The following is the result of the

Model School examination, ranged in order of merit in teaching: LONDON.

Gilliland, j.l.; M. M. Coughlin, j.l.; W. J. Stevenson, s.l.; Jennie O'Brien, j.l.; Jessie A. McColl, j.l.; J. D. Bannatyne, j.l.; Ella Scott, j.l.; J. E. Kilgour, j.l.; S. S. McMillan, j.l.; Jennie Grant, j.l.; O. M. Walker, pr.; Margaret Knowles, s.l.; W. A. Robb, j.l.; Katie McLachlin, j.l.; L. D. Egan, pr.; Nellie Kerr, j.l.; E. J. Rogers, j.l.; G. A. Ramsay, pr.; Katie McGregor, j.l.; Margaret Fraser, pr.; Bessie Mc-Intosh, j.l.; A. J. George, j.l.; Edith D. Sawers, j.l.; Nina McGregor, j.l.; L. M. Claris, s.l.; L. A. Showler, j.l.; E. N. Finlayson, pr.; F. L. Beare, j.l.; F. J. Dodton, j.1.; Margaret Kingston, pr.; Katie Harris, pr.; Victoria McLean, pr.; J. G. Bice, pr.

STRATHROY.

E. E. Landford, j.l.; G. E. Trueman, s.l.; M. Milliken, j.l.; A. Newton, pr.; E. D. Stewart, j.l.; L. N. Douglas, j.l.; A. M. Paterson, j.l.; J. A. Watson, j.l.; M. G. Quarry, j.l.; D. E. Johnston, pr. S.l., senior leaving; j.l., junior leaving; pr., primary.

# NO CHRISTMAS

Nor Any Year Without a Visit to the Palace of Flowers.

December without Christmas would be as great a misnomer as Christmas without flowers. Nowadays people of taste consider flowers and plants as the sweetest and best, the most desirable and appreciated of all the myriad items in the Christmas present list. What could exceed the pleasure of being the recipient of a graceful palm, a glistening rubber plant, a stately pandanus, a lovely dracena, or any of the thousand and one varieties of decorative and flowering plants offered by Gammage & Sons, corner of Dundas and Clarence streets? For many recurring Christmases this popular store has been the main source of pleasures and delights, and this season special efforts have been made to meet the ever-increasing demand on the fascinating products of their immense conservatories. Those coral begonias are exquisite, and they last so long! Cyclamen and primulas are always dainty and delicious. You don't need to come out in the wet, you know. Just telephone No. 90, and you will be per-fectly satisfied with the treatment ac-Please don't leave your orcorded. ders till the last moment, but get them in early.

D. Stewart & Co., Glasgow, will invest \$1,250,000 in the Jamaica sugar in-

The steamer Gallia, which arrived at Hallilax Monday, from Liverpool, brough 559 soldiers and a number of officials of the army. The vessel had a rough winter passage.

Gen. Kouropatkine, Russian minister of war, has been summoned to meet the czar in St. Petersburg, to consult as to means of quelling the mutiny of Finnish soldiers, who refuse to serve in the Russian army outside of Finland.

Farmers Incensed at the City Council's Action

Upon the Petition for the Dismissal of Market Clerk Wilson-The Long-Promished Financial Statement Will Be Given Next Year.

A number of farmers on the market the action of the city council last night in throwing out the petition for the dismissal of Market Clerk Wilson, without giving the petitioners a chance to substantiate their claims. The solicitors for tine petitioners, Messrs. Jarvis & Vining, have other large petitions, which will soon be ready to be presented to the council. And they asked that the matter be referred to committee, so that they might enter into specific details and give evidence when these other petitions were ready. What particularly incensed some of the council's critics was the remark of an alderman that so long as I ie clerk pleased citizens, it made no difference about his treatment of outsiders.

Two changes have been made in the polling places announced for the muni-

cipal elections: The politing place in division 6 of No. 1 ward will be at Geo. Stevenson's, 189 Simcoe street, instead of D. O'Hearn's house, Richmond street. In division 1, ward 6, the polling place will be John Broomfield's house, lington road, instead of Mrs. Walton's

house, High street. The change in the latter place is on account of a scarlet fever patient. The reason for the other change was D. O'Hearn's objection to having his house

The promised financial statement was not forthcoming at the council meeting last night. No. 3 committee was the only one the standing of which was given. It was as follows:

Estimate. Expenditure.

Market ..... \$1,600 Street watering..... 5,900 6.424 08 22,108 97 Street lighting ..... 24,000 14,368 54 Fire Department ... 16,320 9,100 00 1,478 80 Water ..... 9,100 Pavilion .....

\$56,920 Accounts outstanding amount thus the overdraft \$3,464 84,

Speaking of the council's finances the mayor said that, including the amount paid City Hall claimants, the total expenditure would about equal the re-

A Meeting of the Street Railway Directorate To Be Held.

Employes Waiting Action by Director Smallman-Two Men Reinstated.

A meeting of the directorate of the street railway company and the com-MODELITES street railway company and the committee of employes was not held this morning, as the men desired. They waited upon Mr. Smallman last night to request that the meeting be arranged for 11 o'clock this morning, but Mr. Smallman replied that the directors could not be summoned together so hurriedly. The men spent the morning waiting to hear from Mr. Smallman. A letter was received from Mr. Smallman, stating that he had communicated with the manager and the president, with a view to having a meeting of the directors at the earliest possible mo-

As a result of the conference yesterday afternoon between Messrs. Smallman and Potter and the men, it was decided to reinstate Conductors Hobbs and Smith. Mr. Smallman advised the men to appeal the other cases to the directors. He would do all in his power to have them favorably considered, he said.

### ASSASSINATED AT A CHRISTENING

Reported Tragic Death of the President of San Dominge.

Paris, Dec. 20.-A dispatch from Cape Haytien, received here today, says that it is rumored that the Dominican president, Heureaux, has been assassinated while attending a chris-

tening incognito.

Gen. Ulysses Heureaux had been president of the republic of San Domingo for about ten years. He was a Haytien, about 58 years of age, and a fine type, physically, of the West Indian negro. While in office he became immensely wealthy by his several manufacturing monopolies, notably that of soap, the importation of which is practically impossible. Several insurrections have taken place with the idea of overthrowing President Heureaux, but he succeeded in putting them all down, shooting the leaders very often without trial. In the early part of June last it was reported that Gen. Heureaux had been assassinated during a revolution in San Domingo.

Woman's ruling passion crops out in her desire to rule a husband. Cupid puts in a good deal of his time at target practice.

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OPEN EVERY NIGHT TILL NINE O'CLOCK.

Yesterday's Storm Results in the Wrecking of Two Buildings.

Inquest in the Birdsall Case Begun-Charles Admits Throwing the Fatal Plate, but Claims It Was Done in Self-Defense.

[G. N. W. Special to The Advertiser.] St. Thomas, Ont., Dec. 20.—The storm here last night was very severe, and did a lot of damage. A brick building oc-cupied as a blacksmith shop collapsed this morning on account of the heavy The drive shed at the Grace Methodist Church also fell during the night.

The telegraph and telephone companles suffered considerably.

THE BIRDSALL INQUEST. The inquest as to how Joseph Birdsall came to his death began at the Wilcox House last night before Coroner Gustin. Charles Birdsall, through whom his brother Joseph is alleged to have lost his life, was present. Coroner Gustin will have a post-mortem examination made of the body of the deceased. Charles Birdsall, the accused, is 21 years of age. He admits having thrown the plate at Joseph, but says he was compelled to do so, in selfdefense. He claims that Joseph, who had come home beastly drunk, attacked the members of the household, and at last came at him (Charles) with a club, and that it was to defend himself that he threw the plate that fractured his brother's skull.

## EIGHT-HOUR DAY

Struggle To Be Brought to a Climax in 1900.

Support of the American Federation of Labor Pledged.

Kansas City, Dec. 20.—It was decided in the nattional convention of the American Federation of Labor yesterday to bring the struggle for an eighthour work day to a climax in the year 1900. James Duncan, the delegate to the convention from the Granite Workers of America, announced on the floor of the conventiton last evening their decision to inaugurate the struggle on May 1, 1900, and asked the support of the federation. He said the granite workers had committed themselves to the introduction of an eight-hour day by inserting a provision to that end in their constitution.

Following Delegate Duncan's statement, the convention adopted unanimously a report submitted by the committee on an eight-hour day, pledging to the granite cutters in their coming struggle the moral and material support of all affiliated organizations of the American Federation of La-

The contention between the local and national organizations of waiters was

The Socialist delegates were again sat down upon. They urged the federation to send delegates to an internation trades union congress, to be held in Paris in 1900. A delegate asked of in Paris in 1900. A delegate the fra-ternal delegates here from the British trades congress, their opinion of the proposed Paris congress. The Englishmen both expressed the opinion that it would be composed chiefly of Socialists, and advised the federation to have nothing to do with it. Their recommendations were concurred in by an overwhelming vote.

A Modern Maid.

"Am I the first girl you ever loved?" she asked him, more as a matter of habit than anything else.
"I cannot tell a lie," said he. "You are

not. You are simply the best of the Being a modern maid, she was content with that.-Cincinnati Inquirer.

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Melbourne, Dec. 20. - The Sabbath school of the Presbyterian Church will hold their annual Christmas entertainment on Monday evening, Dec. 26. An excellent programme, consisting of vocal and instrumental music, readings, recitations, dialogues, and a grand drill, will be rendered by the scholars. Also a dialogue entitled "A Christmas Holly," and a drama, "A Sea of Troubles," will be given by the young peo-The committee expect this entertainment to be the best that the school has ever held. The chair will be taken by the pastor, Rev. R. Stewart, B.A., at 8 o'clock. Admission, 25 cents and 15

cents. Mr. R. Nicolls, merchant, has sold his entire stock of general merchandise to Mr. C. Norsworthy, of Orwell, and Mr. D. S. McGugan, Melbourne. A new business firm for our town—Nors-

worthy & McGugan. The new schoolhouse is nearing completion. It is expected it will be opened before the new year. Rev. W. Cooper, of Listowel, preach-

ed an eloquent sermon to a large and appreciative congregation in the Presbyterian Church Sunday evening. His text was from Deuteronomy, xxxii., 7: "Remember the days of old."

Bad Case.

"They say his conscience troubles him so he can't sleep nights."
"Nights, ma'am? Why, he can't even sleep in church." Detroit Journal.

Nothing ages like laziness.—Bulwar