AMUSEMENTS

No time will be lost in repairing the damage done to the Savoy Theatre, which was swept by fire early on Wednesday morning, entailing a loss estimated at nearly $25,000. To-day a gang of men began cleaning out the ruins at the back of the building, and before the end of next week the contractors will be busy effacing the signs of the fire's destructive work. Within six weeks the management expects to have the cosy little theatre ready to receive the public, looking spick and span, and, if possible, more attractive than when the doors were first thrown open nearly four years ago. The entire interior will be thoroughly renovated, the style of decoration entirely changed and a host of improvements made. It is likely that the Eckhart Company, of Chicago, who make a specialty of this class of work, will do the decorating. As the stage was the storm centre of the fire, entire new equipment and scenery will have to be purchased.

"There is one thing certain," said Manager Appleton, discussing the fire, "after the scorching the theatre received and the way it stood the test, no one can have any doubt as to the safety of the house. I think the fire proved that there is not another theatre in America better built. Although the stage must have been a roaring furnace for hours the walls surrounding it remained intact, uninjured by the fire. Viewed from the outside it would be impossible to tell that there had been a blaze.

"One is apt to gather from some of the reports that the asbestos curtain was of no use. As a matter of fact it is clear that the curtain confined the fire to the stage for hours and saved the threatre from destruction. If the house had been full of people when the fire broke out they would have been in no danger, for they would have had hours to escape before the flames crossed the footlights. Another thing the fire demonstrated was the strength of the fire escapes. The department had no ladders long enough to reach the top of the building, and the fire escapes, loaded with firemen, using that means to fight the flames, stood a severe test, without a sign of weakening. The fire was an unfortunate thing for us at this time, as the moving pictures proved a very profitable investment, but we have the satisfaction of knowing that the theatre has received as rigid a test as could be given it, and proved that it is absolutely safe from the public's viewpoint."

NEXT WEEK AT BENNETT'S.

An attractive holiday bill has been booked for the second week of the vaudeville season at Bennett's theatre, and Monday will doubtless see the house packed at both performances. The chief feature will be the amusing Irish sketch, "Mrs. Murphy's Second Husband," presented by Gracie Emmett, the well-known comedienne, and a clever supporting company. The laughing possibilities of Miss Emmett's sketch are said to be great. The lines are bright, the action quick, characters drawn for comedy only and the act exceptionally well staged. As the strong minded Irish matron who buys a second husband and first insures him to make sure that she will not lose on the deal, Miss Emmett gives a delightful characterization, without the common grotesqueries, handling the comedy passages with just the right degree of self confidence.

An animal act, which Manager Appleton describes as about the finest attraction in that particular line he has seen yet, is Silbon's Cat Circus. It comprises cats, dogs and ponies and the Silbons, a pair of clever entertainers. The wonderful work done by the cats distinguishes the act as a unique novelty. Anyone who has attempted to teach a cat how to perform tricks will appreciate the amount of time and attention required to perfect the work of these animals as shown in the exhibition they give. It should prove an exceptionally strong drawing card for women and children.

The Keaton family will appear in a screaming comedy success introducing the celebrated juvenile entertainer Buster Keaton. The act has been polished up a lot since last season, and is said to furnish twenty minutes of uninterrupted laughter.

GRACIE EMMETT,

Who will appear at Bennett's Theatre next week in "Mrs. Murphy's Second Husband."

An act that is always appreciated, especially by music lovers, is that of the Howard brothers, flying banjo artists. They are banjo artists of considerable merit and show that the banjo when played by an expert can produce real music. A number of grand opera selections are given and they play tunes while juggling six banjos, which they state took five years of earnest effort to learn.

John D. Gilbert is a comedian whose clever work ranks him with the best of vaudeville's entertainers. He has a very effective style and a lot of bright, breezy material.

The Sisters Dolly are dainty little comediennes in a bright singing and dancing skit. Their dancing is said to be particularly graceful.

Sidney Baxter, the wiry Scotchman, has an illuminated bicycle act in which he performs some unique feats on the slack wire, running up and down it on a single bicycle wheel. The kinetograph will show new motion pictures.

MOUNTAIN THEATRE.

The celebrated English farce comedy, "Charley's Aunt," will be the offering for all next week at the Mountain Theatre, and no better piece for laughing purposes could possibly be secured, as the entire company have every opportunity to display their ability as laugh producers. This farce is well known, and has always been well received wherever produced. The first production will be given on Labor Day, matinee at 2.30. For the comfort of the patrons a wall has been erected on the north side of the theatre, making it quite comfortable in the cool weather, so large crowds are looked forward to for the remainder of the season's engagement.

VOICE CULTURE.

Bruce A. Carey has returned from a short holiday near Bala, Muskoka, and is opening his fall class at the Conservatory of Music. Mr. Carey has added to his studies of last year abroad a thorough coaching this past season under Geo. Sweet, of New York, in the production of the singing voice, and will specialize in this particular branch. Those wishing appointments may telephone or call at the institution.

THEATRICAL NOTES.

Margaret Anglin is to appear in a new play, in New York, next month. The play is an adaptation by Charlotte Thompson of Mrs. Deland's novel, "The Awakening of Helena Richie."

Viola Allen has gone to the White Mountains for a short visit before beginning rehearsals of "The White Sister."

Chauncey Olcott opened his season at Saratoga, N. Y., last Tuesday night in "Ragged Robin."

John G. Brammall has been engaged by Maxine Elliott for a prominent role in her support in her coming tour in "The Chaperon." Miss Elliott's season will open early in October.

John Philip Sousa has named his new march, upon which he has been at work several months, "The Honor of the Yankee Navy." Arrangements have been concluded between Mr. Sousa and Blanche Ring whereby the composition is secured exclusively for her new musical comedy, "The Yankee Girl."

Willard Holcomb, who made an adaptation of Augusta Evans Wilsons novel, "St. Elmo," so good that three companies have been required to supply the managerial demand for it, is an extremely busy person these warm days. He is rehearsing the newest company, fighting off pirates who have agreed with the critics that "St. Elmo" is quite certain to be a very profitable production, and all the while is acting as advance man ahead of one of the companies presenting his own play.

THE SUNDAY QUESTION.

Dear Editor: May I ask you, with your usual courtesy, to kindly find a space for the following lines from the pen of "Mr. Eugene Stock": Men do not complain of the sixth commandment, which protects their persons, nor of the eighth, which protects their property; why, then, should they complain of the fourth, which protects their rightful heritage—a weekly day of rest? Again thanking you. Yours very faithfully, R. E. Randall, 29 Napier street, city.

HAMILTON HARMONIC SOCIETY.

The programme chosen for this season's work by the Harmonic Society of Hamilton will prove to be one of the best ever presented to citizens by a local society. The society will hold its rehearsals every Thursday evening, beginning October 7, in the recital hall of the Conservatory of Music. The concert will be given in the Grand Opera House on a date secured in the first week of February. The orchestra will be the same as last year, only strengthened in the string section. The conductor will be Dr. C. L. M. Harris, and H. E. J. Vernon, Mus. Bac., will preside at the piano during the rehearsals. The programme is as follows: March and chorus from "Carmen," Bizet. This number will have besides the chorus of the society an additional chorus of fifty children, the children's part being a separate and distinct part from the other chorus parts. March and chorus from Tannhauser; polonaise and chorus from Glunka's "Life to the Czar." The three numbers above will give the audience and chorus a taste of grand opera. Besides the above will be given Gade's fine dramatic cantata, "The Crusaders;" Saint Saens' new work, the 150th psalm. This setting of the 150th psalm has never yet been given anywhere, and therefore is a decided novelty. All the above works are full orchestra and chorus. The chorus will be limited to two hundred adult voices.

A HIT AT TORONTO.

The Siege of Kandahar, which is being staged at the National Exhibition in Toronto by Mr. John Hackett, and for which the T. W. Hand Company supplies the fireworks, is making a great hit. The Toronto World says: The thousands of spectators were kept in a state of admiring suspense as one surprise after another broke upon the view.

The population of Persia is estimated at ten thousand.

MISS MAXINE ELIOTT.

If the actor-folk had a 400 of their own, Maxine Elliott's name would be No. 1. She is known among European royalty as well as on this side of the water. Also she has her own theatre in New York, where she can produce her own plays in "Her Own Way," which is one of her favorites.

Miss Elliott—accent on the Miss since she and Nat Goodwin parted company—owns the biggest motor car in the country. It is a hotel on wheels, and she's thinking of touring from city to city in it.

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York

Building of the new Town Hall is progressing favorably.

Mr. Orwell Runchy, in company with some friends from Niagara Falls, came here on a hunting expedition on Wednesday.

Mr. Pearl Bradt, of Brantford, spent Sunday under the parental roof.

The garden party held on the M. C. grounds on Aug. 27 for the furthering of cement walks in the village was a decided success. Over $114 was raised.

A number from here are going to Toronto Fair.

The stork visited the home of Mr. Sandy Melon on Thursday, Sept. 2, and left a baby boy.

The last twin babe of Mrs. F. Brown died on Monday, and was buried on Tuesday in the cemetery here. Rev. Mr. Walling, of Cayuga, officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Martindale and son left on Monday for an extended visit to Toronto, Sarnia and other points.

Rev. F. Crowle, who has been visiting friends in Toronto and other places, returned home on Thursday.

Mrs. Williamson, of Cayuga, her son George, of Peterborough, and Nurse Williams, were calling on friends in the village on Friday.

The grist mill is being run by Mr. F. Fireman, in the absence of Mr. C. Martindale.

Mr. Joe Sage, contractor, is rushing the new parsonage along lively.

West Flamboro

Mr. Norman Ross, son of Mr. A. C. Ross, has returned from the Northwest for a month's visit at his parental home. He is engaged on the railway, and has not been home for seven years. His many friends welcome him back.

Mr. R. L. Biggs is building a new house at Christie, having purchased the land from Mr. Minchon.

Mr. Charles Adams has left for Calgary to attend the Normal School.

Mrs. W. J. Stutt and family have returned from the Beach, where they have been spending a few weeks.

Alberton

Adam Phelps received his new engine from Sarnia this week.

O. L. Bradshaw has recovered from a short but severe illness, which threatened pneumonia. Dr. J. L. Gibson was attendant physician.

Mr. T. Book, Waubaushene, is spending some days with his brother, C. A. Book.

The Trinity L. A. Society held a meeting at the home of Mrs. Holdrich.

All will be pleased to learn that Mr. John Sharp is convalescing.

Kenneth and Mrs. Vanderlip spent Sunday at Bethesda, guests of Mrs. Wm. Beggs.

Mrs. John Johnson visited relatives here this week.

John Burnside is ill and under the care of Dr. Farmer.

Ira Bradshaw spent a few days at the commencement of the week with Allan Baker and family, Greensville.

Miss C. Vanderlip visited Miss Susie Book Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. T. Lane is ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Zeno Deagle, Middleport.

Rev. Mr. Webster has been making calls in the village this week.

Owing to inclement weather the Foresters were unable to hold a meeting last Tuesday evening.

R. and Mrs. Horning and Miss Charity visited relatives in Binbrook Sunday and Monday.

The Alberton boys are arranging for a game of baseball with the Bethesda boys some evening in the near future.

FALL FAIRS.

Dates of Some to be Held In This Vicinity.

Ancaster	Sept. 28, 29
Aberfoyle	Oct. 5
Burford	Oct. 5, 6
Burlington	Sept. 30
Binbrook	Oct. 4, 5
Caledonia	Oct. 7, 8
Dunnville	Sept. 21, 22
Fenwick	Oct. 12, 13
Freelton	Oct. 6, 7
Glanford	Oct. 6
Jarvis	Oct. 5, 6
Ohsweken	Sept. 29, 30, Oct. 1
Onondaga	Oct. 5
Rockton	Oct. 12, 13
Smithville	Sept. 23, 24
Simcoe	Oct. 12, 13, 14
Waterdown	Oct. 5

PAPAL DECREE.

Ex-Members of Religious Orders Debarred For Honors.

Disapproval of Those Who Pass the Secular Office.

Rome, Sept. 3.—A sweeping decree has lately been issued by the congregation for religious affairs, bearing the signature of the great Spanish canonist, Cardinal Vives y Tuto, which is the most radical piece of legislation as yet enacted by that benign reformer, Pius X.

Briefly the decree bars all ex-members of the various religious orders, from now forward, from the enjoyment of all ecclesiastical honors and dignities, and by inference sets a strong seal of disapproval on members of the regular clergy who seek to pass to the ranks of their secular brethren. Whilst the pontiff will, under exceptional circumstances, grant a decree of secularization, it will be hedged about with hitherto unknown severity.

Complaints were rife that in many places ex-religious were put in competition with the members of the order they had forsaken, thus causing scandal and dissension. The recurrence of such conditions will be hereafter impossible. Here is a translation in full of the decree:

"A decree by which certain abridgments are enjoined on such of the regular clergy as hereafter seek to be secularized."

"Since there is but little edification, save in a few extraordinary cases, where those who have made profession of solemn vows in a religious order or religious institute, which make perpetual vows, are seen to occupy any eminence in diocesan offices, through having obtained an indult of secularization, either for a time or permanently; and lest other religious might be induced by such conditions to seek various pretexts of foregoing their obligation, which as experience warrants happens too frequently, our most holy father, Pope Pius X., has deemed it worthy to decree that all future rescripts through which, temporary or permanent secularization, or a relaxation of the perpetual vows, granted to priests or clerics in major orders, that the subjoined limitations be annexed, even though not expressly stated, the dispensations from which are reserved to the holy see.

"Without a new and special indult of the holy see they are forbidden the following:

"1. Any office, as far as they are eligible to any such office, any benefice in the major or minor basilicas, and in cathedral churches.

"2. Any chair or office in clerical seminaries or institutes in which clerics are being educated, or in any university or institute which enjoys the apostolic privilege of conferring academic degrees in philosophy, theology, or canon law.

"3. Any office or function whatsoever in the episcopal courts.

"4. The office of visitor or moderator of houses of religious of either sex.

"5. An habitual residence in places where there is a convent or a religious house of a province or cleric or one who has been freed from his perpetual vows as above stated had belonged. All things to the contrary notwithstanding."

MRS. MACDONALD.

Widow of the First Premier of Ontario Dies at 90.

Cornwall, Sept. 3.—The death of Mrs. John Sandfield Macdonald, widow of the late Hon. John Sandfield Macdonald, first Premier of Ontario, occured at her residence here to-day. Although in her 90th year, Mrs. Macdonald was quite active up to a couple of weeks ago, when she was taken ill. Her daughter, Madame Langlois, of Portneuf, Quebec, and her only surviving son, Mr. George Sandfield Macdonald, of Montreal, were with her during her illness. The other surviving children are Mrs. (Col.) Uppleby and Mrs. (Col.) Pemberton, both of England. The funeral will leave her late residence on Monday morning at 9 o'clock for St. Columban's Church, thence to St. Andrew's, where the remains will be interred in the family burial plot in St. Andrew's Cemetery, beside those of her late husband, who died in 1872.

LATEST HAT.

The "Dr. Cook," Named After the Discoverer of Pole.

Chicago, Sept. 3.—Dr. Cook, struggling against the blizzard heat of the great north and the more subtle danger of the food tin, little thought of the fame that was to be his when he reached the very top of the world. The newest fashion in women's hats has been named the "Dr. Cook." It is suggestive of the Polar region. It seems as high as the cartoonist's picture of the Pole, although in reality it is only two feet tall. It is constructed of brown fur, fuzzy and expensive. It is just such a hat as the famous explorer might have drawn over his head when the wild wind blew cold, and it looks massive and solid enough to furnish forth a good soup in case of Arctic emergencies. Further heightening its chilly effect is a snow-like spray or aigrette high up in the left side. The President of the National Association of Retail Milliners, in session here, is the designer.

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Empire Day Challenge Cups and League of Empire Prizes.

Essay Competition For Schools For Empire Day 1910.

The following are the subjects and conditions for the essay competition inter-all secondary schools and inter-all primary schools of the Empire Day, 1910.

A. Secondary Schools:

Subject—"The improvement of communication between the different parts of the British Empire; its political and social effect."

Conditions (secondary schools)—A silver challenge cup, value £10 10s., presented by the Right Hon. the Earl of Meath, K. P., to be held by the school, and a personal prize of £5 5s., given by the League of the Empire, is offered for competition, inter-all secondary schools of the Empire, for an Empire Day essay, not exceeding 2,000 words, age limit, 14 to 18.

B. Primary Schools—

Subject—"The influence of the different climates of the Empire upon domestic and social life."

Conditions (Primary Schools)—A silver challenge cup, value £10 10s, presented by the Right Hon. the Earl of Meath, K. P., and a personal prize of £3 3s, given by the League of the Empire, is offered for competition, inter-all elementary schools of the Empire, for an Empire Day essay not exceeding 1,000 words. Age limit, under 14 years old.

All essays must first be judged in the schools, and afterwards by the education authorities kindly co-operating with the League, or by branches of the League in the different countries of the Empire. Only those essays sent in through authorized channels will be eligible for the final judging arranged for by the Federal Council of the League in London. The essays which are entered for the final judging in London must reach the central office by the first of March next.

The names of the winning scholars will each year be engraved upon the cups, which are replicas of the Warwick vase. The cups and prizes will be dispatched in time to reach the winning schools on Empire Day, the 24th May.

Further particulars may be obtained from:

The League of the Empire,
Caxton Hall, Westminster, S. W.

He Answered It.

A party of young men were camping, and to avert annoying questions they made it a rule that the one who asked a question that he could not answer himself had to do the cooking.

One evening, while sitting round the fire, one of the boys asked, "Why is it that a ground-squirrel never leaves any dirt at the mouth of its burrow?"

They all guessed and missed. So he was asked to answer himself.

"Why," he said, "because they always begin to dig at the other end of the hole."

"But," one asked, "how does he get to the other end of the hole?"

"Well," was the reply, "that's your question."

YOUNG BOY SHOT.

A Bullet Fired at a Muskrat Goes Astray.

Lindsay,, Sept. 3.—About 2 o'clock this afternoon Dominick Spratt, aged 14, fifth son of R. W. Spratt, of the firm of Spratt & Killen, was shot through the abdomen while at work in the mill yard of John Carew.

The accident occurred in this way: Some young men were on the river in a boat shooting muskrats and a bullet from their rifle struck young Spratt. It is supposed that the young man with the gun either made a bad aim or that the bullet, striking some obstacle, glanced toward Spratt, inflicting a dangerous wound in the stomach.

The ambulance was quickly summoned and the young lad taken to the Ross Memorial Hospital, where he now lies in a critical condition. At the present writing Doctors McAlpine, White and Blachford hold out very little hope of saving his life.

Jacob Smith, the young man who did the shooting, came forward manfully and expressed extreme sorrow for the unfortunate result, and declared the affair was not through carelessness, but clearly accidental.

MAN MISSING.

Relatives Believe Torontonian Was Murdered in Detroit.

Detroit, Sept. 3.—Believing that he has been murdered, relatives of William Desmond, aged 19, whose home is in Toronto, have asked the Detroit police for aid in solving the mystery of the young man's sudden and mystifying disappearance fom his Detroit boarding-house on the evening of Aug. 22. James Desmond, an elder brother with whom William roomed, says that he last saw the young man in a Detroit saloon in company with a party of five, three men and two women, about 11 o'clock on the Sunday night on which he disappeared.

When he did not return home no alarm was felt, as James Desmond believed he might have gone home to Toronto, but letters from that city say that he has not been there. The missing man is described as weighing 140 pounds, and being five feet eight inches tall. When last seen he was dressed in a grey suit with a black derby hat. He was employed by the Michigan Telephone Company, where he still has quite a lot of money due him for back wages, which he failed to collect.

The two Desmond brothers came to Detroit last January from Toronto, and have resided here since that time.

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