Cabin-Home of Mark Twain Will Be Kept As Memorial

Tiny Hut in Nevada Gold Field, Where He Met Failure as Miner and Success as Writer, Has Been Removed to Idlewild Park by Lovers of His Works.

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Reno, Dec. 29.—The tiny cabin used by Mark Twain at Aurora, Nevada, while he prospected vainly for gold and sought literary recognition, has been converted into a shrine near Reno, dedicated to the youth of the west. It has been removed to Idlewild park from the blistering desert, and will be used by the Huckleberry Finn club of Reno to develop high citizenship ideals and stimulate interest in the colorful life of the greast humorist.

Nestled amid willow trees and guarded by a fence of rocks such as miners built, the cabin is furnished just as Samuel Clemens left it, with the table, bed, chairs and other articles used by the humorist in the darkest hours of his life, whence he emerged triumphant after years of bitter failure.

The cabin will be open to tourists and Mark Twain lovers.

While living in the cabin Clemens discovered a claim, which afterwards became one of the famous mines of Nevada, but he failed to reap any profits because he neglected the assessment work required by law. Wrapped in literary labors while his partner was absent, the budding humorist awoke one morning to find others had seized his holding and were extracting rich ore. Bitterly reproached by his partner, Clemens acknowledged his error and announced he was through with the mining game.

The old cabin was abandoned after the mines were exhausted, but pioneer friends of the humorist guarded it from destruction. For nearly sixty years its sturdy pine timbers withstood summer heat and winter storms, grizzled miners pointing it out proudly to the few outsiders who braved the desert barrens.

Then Nevada lovers of the author were startled by reports that Los Angeles people planned to purchase the cabin and remove it to Southern California. A roar of protest arose and the structure was moved to Idlewild park, where it forms a memorial to the humorist who immortalized the romance of the Silver Sixties, in his Roughing It.

ADAM BECK HIGH GROWING RAPIDLY

Structural Steel Now Awaited From Welland—Mumford Gives First Report.

Thomas Mumford, board of education building inspector for the new Sir Adam Beck collegiate institute, made his first report to the building committee yesterday afternoon, that the work, under John Putherbough, contractor, is progressing very satisfactorily.

The inspector stated that the contractor had got along so well with the excavation work and laying of the foundation, owing to the sandy nature of the soil and the favorable weather conditions, that the work is being held up because of lack of heavy structural steel material from Welland. It was explained that the company, which did not expect the contractor to get on so fast with the preliminary work, is shipping the steel the latter part of this week and that laying of bricks will likely be commenced early next week.

Mr. Putherbough intends to rush work on the outer walls of the building and get the roof on so that he will be able to work on the interior walls under any weather conditions. The fact that the building is of heavy structural steel construction will permit of this plan being carried out.

The committee will examine the medical school building with a view to permitting the contractor to lay the brick with flush joints to save time instead of laying the brick with raked out joints, as called for in the contract.

The inspector was instructed to secure an independent analysis of the sand excavated on the site for mortar purposes as to fineness and cleanness.

Chairman S. F. Lawrason informed the committee that Mr. Futherbough had promised him that the building will be ready for occupancy Sept. 1 next.

Boys' Parliament Declines To Give Suffrage To Girls

Motion to Give Vote to Girls in Training Finds Only Three Members in Favor—London Boy Speaks in Debate on Reply to Speech From Throne.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—Extension of the franchise to girls in the province who are organized into Canadian girls in training groups, was voted down at the third session of the fifth Ontario boys' parliament in the legislative chamber of the parliament buildings last night. A mover and seconder could be found for the female suffrage resolution, but when the motion came to a vote only three members declared themselves in its favor.

A plan for a national athletic meet to be held in the spring of each year was also rejected at this session.

The debate on the reply to the speech from the throne closed Tuesday afternoon with speeches by H. Helmer, Dundas; H. Hookeway, London, and J. A. Oastler, Toronto

A suggestion that the various premiers of boys' parliaments in Canada meet in 1926 for the purpose of discussing their different problems, was put in the form of a resolution and carried. Other resolutions passed by the parliament included one that a provincial Canadian standard efficiency test news service syndicate be established in Ontario. The necessity of linking up the various boys' papers throughout the province was stressed by supporters of the resolution.

A resolution expressing to the Ontario boys' work board, the parliament's firm conviction that the heavy demand of co-operative C. S. E. T. work in the province requires the full time of a two-man staff was also passed.

A trail ranger leadership training bill was given third reading and passed after the house had gone into committee, and with B. Whidden, Toronto, in the chair, discussed the bill clause by clause.

F. Perkin, minister of co-operation, introduced a bill outlining the policy and program of the parliament, which was given first and second readings.

A suspension of the rules was moved after the completion of business before the house, so that the members might hear an address by Hon. N. W. Rowell, K.C., on "World Peace and the League of Nations."

BOY TO BE PAID DAMAGES SOON

Board Cannot Appeal as the Award Does Not Exceed $100.

Stewart Marsh, injured on the Victoria public school playground, will receive from the board of education within the next few days the sum of $100 damages allowed by Judge Talbot Macbeth in his decision handed down a day or so ago.

T. G. Meredith, board solicitor, informed the board that such was the course open to the board because no appeal is permitted against a decision in the division court for damages of $100 or less.

The executive committee will, however, consider the whole judgment carefully and report to the board as to what steps, if any, can be taken to protect the board against future actions on similar counts.

The question is regarded by the trustees as a most serious one, in view of the fact that it involves the liability of the board for accidents to children on the school grounds.

It is understood that Judge Macbeth added a postscript to his Marsh decision pointing out that this case is purely one of negligence upon the part of the caretaker in leaving a fire burning in which the young boy burned his foot, and that his decision does not mean that the board is to be held liable for accidents to children in games on the school grounds.

Nevertheless it is feared by some of the trustees that an avenue of court actions is opened against the board and they are anxious that the board's interests be safeguarded in every way possible.

Knollwood Park Minstrels Score Hit at Premier Show

Capacity Crowd Enjoys Concert Staged by Members of Improvement Association—End Men and Interlocutor A. Anderson Play Parts Well.

The Knollwood Park Improvement association minstrels made their debut last night, when they performed in a worthy manner before a capacity crowd that filled the basement of the Church of Resurrection.

The troupe, which has only been recently organized, excelled in choruses and in the end men. The stage effects were good, while the lighting was arranged to perfection. From the opening number from the orchestra, which consists of five members of the association, the show went with the snap and pep that showed the splendid ability of the members.

The costumes worn by the minstrels were indeed colorful. They consisted of blue pants, white shirts, and yellow sashes for the end men, and red sashes for the other members of the cast.

The interlocutor, A. Anderson, filled his duties exceptionally well. A concertina solo, Church Chimes, by Mr. A. Gee, was well received. The tiny mascot of the troupe, Master Cliff Sanderson, sang It Ain't Gonna Rain N'More."

The show was divided into two parts, the first part being taken up with humorous songs. In the second part, choruses featured. The endmen were Teddy Horlor, Dick Mathews, Charles Huntley and George Watson.

Others who took part in the show were Frank Horlor, J. Nixon, J. Nixon, Jun., E. Hayes, A. Sanderson, F. Pitt, F. Renault, W. Sanderson, T. Bennett, Cliff Sanderson, H. Sanderson, George Watson and Harry Down.

COMMUNIST PARTY RAPS STATEMENT

Secretary Denies Body Not Working Under Canadian Constitution.

Statements made by Rev. R. D. Mess, rector of the St. David's Anglican church, at the board of education meeting last night when he vigorously attacked the Communist party as an organization "that is not working under British or Canadian constitution," were stoutly refuted this morning by L. R. Menzies, secretary of the local branch of the Communist party.

The question arose over a petition by the Communist party to the board against religious teaching, cadet training and homework. The board unanimously declined to recognize the party, and the petition was returned to the secretary without comment.

In replying to the statement, Mr. Menzies said: "I would like to point out to Rev. Mr. Mess that the Communist party of Canada is a legal party, working under the Canadian constitution, and employing only constitutional methods in advocating the necessities for a change in the present system of society." Referring to the statement by Mr. Mess in regards to the letter not being signed by a ratepayer, Mr. Menzies stated that the communication was signed by a ratepayer, and all the members of the Communist party are workers, who eventually pay all the rates and taxes.

"As far as recognizing the Communist party," he declared, "the board showed by their actions that they were forced to recognize that there is such a thing as a Communist party. We will continue to use all the constitutional means within our power to better the conditions of the working class.

"We are willing to debate the questions raised in our letter to the board of education with any member of the board," he stated.

SCHOOL SECTIONS MEETING TODAY

Too Few People Taking Interest in Rural Education, Is Belief.

All rural school sections of the province of Ontario meet today, the Wednesday between Christmas and New Year's day, for the annual school meeting.

Trustees for the coming year will be named and the year's work reviewed.

Officials in touch with rural education in the county are of the opinion that too few people in the rural districts take enough interest in these annual meetings to attend. As a result educational affairs in a great many districts are left in the hands of a few people.

These same officials urge every year that all the ratepayers in the various school districts get out to the annual meetings to register their approval or disapproval of the way things are run and to elect men to the position of school trustee whom they are willing to support throughout the year.

HUNDRED EXPECTED FOR CAMP REUNION

Y.M.C.A. Boys Will Receive Prizes For Athletics This Evening.

Tonight the annual Silver Beach camp reunion will be held at the Y. M. C. A. Dinner will be served at 6:15, after which the presentation of prizes will be made and an address given by W. E. Saunders on camping and birds. About 100 boys are expected.

The winners of the prizes are: Senior athletics, Robert Johnston; senior swimming, Alan Foot; intermediate athletics, Arthur Glen and Jack Whitton, tie 1st; intermediate swimming, Ross Murray; junior athletics, Ben Higgins and Sid Reid, tie 1st; junior swimming, Ben Higgins.

For this afternoon at 2:30 a treasure hunt has been organized. A watch night service is to be held tomorrow. The Rev. W. R. MacIntosh will bring a New Year's message. The service will commence at midnight and all boys in the city of 14 or over are invited to attend.

Public speaking classes are to be held in January. All information regarding this excellent course can be obtained at the "Y" office.

THAMES PARK RINK WILL BE READY SOON

Schedules For Playgrounds Hockey Leagues Are Being Drawn Up by Supervisor.

Instructions given by the public utilities commission at its final meeting of the year last week regarding the construction of a hockey rink at Queen's park playground have been carried out.

Work is progressing in connection with the skating rink at Thames park. The commission has found it necessary to roll the snow as the foundation for the ice surface because of the unevenness of the ground itself. The rink will be ready, however, within the next day or two.

Although the question of providing uniforms for the members of the teams in the public school hockey league, which is carried on under the auspices of the playgrounds commission, has been dropped, the league schedules are now being drawn up by Gerald N. Goodman, chief supervisor of playgrounds, and the leagues will make a start in the new year.

DENNIS' SUCCESSOR UNDER DISCUSSION

One of Main Problems to Come Before Conservative Convention.

Resignation of E. R. Dennis as president of the Western Ontario Conservative association will be one of the first problems to be dealt with at the annual meeting of that body which will be held in London Jan. 5.

Mr. Dennis presented his resignation during the recent federal election campaign in October, but no action was taken on it, and it was referred to the annual meeting to be dealt with. Whether or not it will be accepted is up to the annual meeting, but as ill-health is said to have been one of the reasons prompting Mr. Dennis' action, the chances are that steps will be taken to elect a president in his place.

It is expected that Hon. Dr. R. J. Manion, M.P., of Fort William, will be present to address the meeting, which will be held in Ulster hall.

Hon. Charles McCrea and Hon. W. H. Price also will be speakers at a noonday luncheon in the Tecumseh house on the day of the meeting. Hon. Andre Fauteux, former minister in the Meighen government, is a possible speaker.

The women's organization of the party also will meet in London on the same day.

KNOX ENTERTAINMENT PROVES BIG SUCCESS

Hearty Applause Greets Young Singers and Musicians in Each Number.

The annual Christmas entertainment of the Knox United Sunday school on Tuesday evening, in the schoolroom, proved a great success as each number was greeted with very hearty applause. Wm. Waddell acted as chairman. Among those taking part and rendering their selections in a very able manner were Master Tom Parker, who greeted the audience, Miss Doris Parker, in a splendid recitation on the visit of Santa Claus; Betty McIsaac in a well rendered solo; Paul Kemp in a recitation; Walter Blakeley rendered a piano solo in such pleasing style as to call for tremendous applause and had to give an encore; Helen Haylock rendered a piano solo; G. Quantz gave a selection on the cello, accompanied on the piano by his father, E. G. Quantz; Willa Wyeth rendered a piano solo. Quite a few of the classes of the school gave short dialogues, which were well rendered and gave evidence of careful preparation. At the close of the program each member of the junior and primary departments received a novelty Christmas package and thus was brought to a close a very pleasant evening.

CHURCH NEWS

HYATT AVENUE CHRISTMAS TREE.

The members of the primary department of Hyatt avenue United church held their annual Christmas entertainment last night. After a delightful program of recitations, solos and choruses, presented by the classes, Santa Claus appeared with his pack and distributed gifts of toys to the children. A charming Christmas tree, decorated with red balls, tinsel and other novelties was the center of attraction and a very enjoyable evening was spent by the children and their parents.

HOME LEAGUE MEETS.

The members of No. 1 Home league of the Salvation Army met for their last meeting in the old year yesterday afternoon, when a short entertainment was given. The program included piano solos by the Misses Clara Green, Dorothy Ursakle, Marion Potter, Lucy Judd and Mary Vanderhiden; violin selections by Master Joe Flowers and Walter Reading; vocal solo by Della Davis and a reading by Miss Gladys Smith.

GRACE UNITED LEAGUE.

The members of the young people's league of Grace United church held their regular meeting last night. F. Stairs led in prayer, after which lantern slides were shown of "Paul in Rome." Rev. G. M. Dewey closed the meeting with prayer.

WELLINGTON STREET CONCERT.

A most enjoyable time was spent last night at Wellington street United church, when the pupils of the primary department of the Sunday school held their Christmas entertainment. Lantern slides on "The Life of Christ" were shown and explained by J. D. Woollatt and the program included recitations by Harold Mitchell, Elaine Robilliard, Lillian Joliffe and Willa Livingston; violin selections, Edward Pudney, and choruses by the children. Rev. J. W. Hibbert was the chairman.

At the conclusion of the program Santa Claus arrived and distributed toys to the children and a large Christmas tree made a charming background for the distribution.

Mrs. Harry Woollatt, the superintendent of the department, and Mrs. John Bailey, the assistant superintendent, were the conveners of the event, and Mrs. W. T. Weames was the pianist. There was a large attendance.

WEEK OF PRAYER.

Plans are being made in many of the city churches for the week of prayer, which begins next Monday. Special services are being arranged by the league members and other organizations of the churches.

The United churches of the city will, in most cases, follow the programs which have been drafted by the central committees of the church. Final arrangements for the week will be made at the regular meeting of the ministerial association on Monday.

ST. GEORGE'S S. S. TREAT.

The children of the primary class of St. George's Anglican Sunday school entertained their mothers last night at a delightful Christmas party. Supper was served at small tables, prettily arranged with Christmas decorations of red and green and a beautiful Christmas tree added to the attractiveness of the scene with its lanterns, paper chains and presents. Following the supper a splendid program, consisting of Christmas carols, songs and recitations, was presented by the pupils.

Archdeacon Sage was the chairman. Miss Bowles and Mrs. James Dean were in charge of the program, and the refreshment committee included Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Dean, assisted by Mrs. Fred Kingsmill, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Fortnom and Mrs. Norton. Miss English was the pianist.

At the close of the evening each child received a Christmas gift and a treat of candy and oranges.

FIRST UNITED PARTY.

A jolly Christmas party was held at First United Sunday school yesterday afternoon from 3 to 5:30, for the children of the primary department and cradle roll and their mothers. Ice cream and cakes were served at small tables and Santa Claus provided treats of candy in pretty little red and green bags. During the afternoon the children enjoyed playing games. Miss Bapty was in charge of the primary department and Mrs. Beattie was convener of the cradle rool department, assisted by Miss Jean Fish, Miss Sibelle Grant, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Murrey and Mrs. Miller. There was an attendance of about 70 mothers and children.

CRONYN MEMORIAL CHOIR.

The members of Cronyn Memorial church choir, under the direction of Ernest O'Dell, organist and choirmaster, met at Victoria hospital Monday evening and rendered Christmas carols at the various wards of the hospital, which were greatly enjoyed by the patients. The choir was afterwards invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. O'Dell, where they were pleasantly entertained.

CENTENNIAL CONCERT.

A very fine Christmas entertainment was given last night by the members of Centennial United Sunday school. In addition to the usual readings and solos two very fine tableaux were presented. About 450 parents and scholars were in attendance, and at the conclusion Santa Claus distributed gifts of candy to all the scholars.

Much credit for the success of the entertainment is due to the program committee, which includes Miss Anita Graham (convener), Miss Powe and Miss Watkin.

The program was composed of the following numbers: Selections by the orchestra; recitation, Marjory Gilkes; piano solo, Norah Pruss; chorus, Japanese, Miss Skinner's class; piano duet, Anna and Etta Doan, of Mrs. Dowswell's class; reading, Muriel Gregory, of Mrs. Marsh's class; vocal solo, Miss Jean Dundas, of the junior Bible class; recitation, What I'm Going To Be, Frances Claire Boyce of the junior primary; dialogue, The Boy Who Over-Talked, Mr. Oldham's class; reading, Mrs. Higgs, of Mrs. Dundas's class; violin duet, Gladys Udy and Ann McLean, of Mrs. Cake's class; The Two Sides, by three boys of Miss Watkin's class; quartet, Warm Up, four boys of Mr. Oldham's class; pantomime, Just As I Am," by Miss N. Powe's class of girls; chorus, The Baby's' Lullaby, Miss Winnifred Kernohan's class; dialogue, Christmas Every Day," Miss Wilkie's class of girls; recitation, Missing, Frances Claire Boyce; piano duet, Nina Ashton and Mildred Ogilvie, of Mrs. Marsh's class; vocal solo, Ernie Mills, of Dr. G. N. Hazen's class; recitation, Morris Taylor, of W. A. Torney's class; tableau, Silent Night, Holy Night, by young ladies of Mrs. Tufts' class.

SUMMER SCHOOL REUNION IS HELD

Fifty Attend Annual Christmas Fete at New University Buildings.

Members of the summer school of the university of Western Ontario gathered at the university college yesterday afternoon for the annual Christmas reunion. Some fifty guests were present, including members from all over Western Ontario.

The program was for the most part a social one. A turkey dinner was served in the cafeteria of the university at noon, and in the afternoon a dance was held in the auditorium.

Included in the program was a discussion of the class of next year. It was brought to the attention of the guests that the attendance of last year had been double that of the year before, and it was hoped that next year it would be doubled again.

The committee in charge of the afternoon included Dr. H. Carr, president; J. N. Edwards, vice-president; Miss Anne Dunstan, ex-president; Miss Alma Saverley, chairman of the social committee; J. M. Sterling, convener of the publicity committee; N. R. Whightman, secretary-treasurer; Miss Helen Clarke and others.

YOUNG MEN'S CABINET ANNOUNCES PROGRAM

Annual Hike To Be Held on Friday Afternoon, Beginning at 2:30.

The young men's cabinet of the Y. M. C. A. has announced its program for the month of January. On New Year's day will be held the second annual hike for young men at 2:30 p.m. On Sunday, Jan. 3, they will attend a Sunday service at Westminster hospital. Cars will leave the "Y" at 9:10 a.m. On the 7th the young men's club will meet at 8:45 p.m., and J. G. Stephenson of the London Life Insurance Company, will address the meeting. Jan. 15 marks the father and son banquet at 6:30. Lou A. Buckley, national boys' work secretary, will be the speaker.

On the 21st the young men's club will meet again at the same hour for a debate, "Resolved that Canada should be annexed to the United States." The following week, on Jan. 28, the young men will again meet at 8:45, and will hear B. L. Baulch, manager of the Northern Electric Company, speak on "Modern Means of Communication."

MORE PHYSICAL TRAINING URGED

Chief Cadet Officer Offers Services of Military Instructor.

Although the 1925 board of education held its final meeting of the year yesterday afternoon, certain board committees will find it necessary to hold one or more meetings before the board actually goes out of office on January 14, the date of the inaugural meeting of the 1926 board.

The executive committee had at least two important questions referred to it by the board at yesterday's meeting, including Judge Talbot Macbeth's decision against the board in the Stewart Marsh damage suit for $100 for injury suffered on the Victoria public school playground and a letter from Lieut.-Col. G. H. Gillespie, chief cadet officer, M. D. No. 1, urging more physical training in the public schools and offering the services, without charge, of one of the military physical training instructors to assist the regular teacher instructors in the schools.

The special attendance department committee, under Trustee Rev. R. D. Mess as chairman, must meet to fix the amount of the car allowance for T. H. Holmes, who was appointed as successor to M. M. Sims and Miss Dallas Radcliffe, at a salary of $2,000 per annum, together with car allowance, the exact amount of which, however, has never been settled. It is just possible that the committe will make a full report of the re-organization effected in the department during the year and make some recommendations relative to the work of the department for the coming year, prior to going out of existence with the organization of the 1926 board.

VOTERS TO BALLOT ON ROAD SYSTEM

Township Electors Expected to Retain Present Plan of Co-operating With Province.

Besides electing a reeve, one deputy reeve and one councillor, London township voters will decide, at the forthcoming municipal elections, whether they will adhere to the present system of highway improvement or go back to the old system of statute labor, whereby the whole cost of roadwork would be borne by the township.

Under the system at present in force, which is the only one advocated and assisted by the Ontario government, the province pays 30 per cent of the cost of the work and bears 50 per cent of the burden of paying the salary of the road superintendent. The work is done by experienced labor in the employ of the township and not by the farmers themselves.

Members of the 1925 township council are unanimously in favor of the present system, and there seems to be hardly any doubt that the people will vote to retain the present economical way of keeping up the roads.

LONDON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL INCREASED

Will Have Four Representatives on County Governing Body Next Year.

With acclamations the order of the day in several municipalities of Middlesex county, the county council for next year will not have as many new faces as was at first predicted. Reeve J. S. Cousins, William Boler and Harvey Davis will represent Westminster township on the 1926 Middlesex body. Reeve Dave Calvert of Dorchester was returned by acclamation, and it is expected that this will strengthen his candidacy for the warden's chair. Mr. Calvert has been considered a strong candidate in any case, and was fully as popular a member of the 1925 council as was the reeve of London township, A. C. Hodgins.

Besides Mr. Hodgins, Austin Winter has qualified as a candidate for the reeveship of that township. No matter how the people of London township vote they will have one more member on next year's county council than they have had in 1925. London township council next year will consist of the reeve, three deputy reeves and one councillor. This is the first time in history, according to Miss Mary Grant, that any municipality in Middlesex has had a representation of four on the county council.

J. E. Butler has been returned by acclamation as first deputy reeve, as also has R. S. Douglas for the third deputy reeveship. In the fight for the post of second deputy reeve there will be a fight between Richard Dengate and Ellis Hodgins of Broughdale.

Haliburton Kennedy and Charles E. Harding are the candidates for the councillior's position, one to be elected.

Every candidate for Westminster township was returned to office by acclamation.

AGED MAN DROPS DEAD IN DOWNTOWN STORE

George L. Minhinnick of Dundas Street Dies Suddenly From Heart Attack.

An acute attack of heart trouble resulted in the sudden death this afternoon of George L. Minhinnick, aged 85, one of the best known residents of this city.

Mr. Minhinnick left his residence at 7 Dundas street, apparently in good health, to make some purchases downtown. After walking upstairs in Grafton's he was seen to fall suddenly and had passed away before medical aid could be secured.

Mr. Minhinnick came here from Tavistock, England, at an early age, and had resided in London most of the time since then.

He leaves two sons, John R. Minhinnick, manager of the Grand theatre, and George Minhinnick, also of this city.

The funeral arrangements will be made tomorrow.

U. S. OIL PROSECUTIONS COME TO ABRUPT END

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—The prosecution of Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana, by the department of justice was halted abruptly today in the District of Columbia supreme court.

The indictment returned here against the senator alleging an oil land conspiracy, was dismissed on the ground that it failed to charge a violation of the federal statutes.

Unless an appeal is taken in the case here the decision today ends the prosecutions started in 1924 while Senator Wheeler was conducting the sensational investigation of the administration of the department of justice under Harry M. Daugherty.

ROYAL ACADEMY PRESIDENT DEPLORES MODERN ARTISTS

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Dec. 30.—Sir Frank Dicksee, president of the Royal academy, has not much use for some of the modern artists who go in for freak art.

"There are young men and women today who want to show the world their own personality in their work. That is all right if it is worth seeing. Those who say that in certain light and certain positions they see a person's nose looking a tremendous length and the other features looking weird, should not put these sights on canvas. They should go immediately and see an oculist."

NEAR, MOFFATT TO ATTEND GOOD ROADS SHOW IN U.S.

City Engineer W. P. Near and Paving Superintendent J. A. Moffatt will attend the American good roads show being held in Chicago from Jan. 11 to 15.

DISTRICT MASTER WILL CONDUCT INSTALLATION

Ten London Orange Lodges to Conduct Joint Ceremony Tonight.

One of the outstanding events in the local Orange calendar will take place tonight at Ulster hall when the officers of the ten London lodges will be jointly installed. A special program of speeches has been arranged and Rev. Dean Tucker will deliver the principal address. The installation is under the direction of Rev. R. D. Mess, district master, and his staff.

The lodges to be installed are as follows: Ahogill, No. 230; Boyne, No. 298; Forest City, No. 762; Hackett, No. 805; Rev. Wm. Lowe lodge, No. 2056; Beaver lodge, No. 2102; Nassau, No. 2170; Langemarck, No. 2625; Star of Bethlehem, No. 2769, and Pro Patria, No. 2851.

News Briefs

Chicago, Ills.—Wreckers have started to demolish the famous old residence here where Eugene Field wrote most of his poems. A $1,500,000 apartment building is to be erected on the site.

TWO ARE FOUND IN CAVE.

Freeport, N. J.—Efforts are being made to locate relatives of Alfred Canique, aged 40, and his mother, Christina, aged 78, who were found living in a cave near here during the cold wave. They were clothed in rags, used a pile of straw for a bed, and lived on apples and wild fruits.

POLAR BEAR BORN IN DIXIE.

Macon, Ga.—In the wake of the coldest night registered here in years, a polar bear was born at Central park zoo here yesterday. Circus men say it was the first polar bear ever known to be born in Dixie.

SPORTSMEN'S DANCE.
Special to The Advertiser.

Fingal, Dec. 29.—The softball team is holding a dance on Thursday evening in the town hall. The New Year will be appropriately welcomed.

Hay-Eating Horses Are Uneasy At Sudden Scarcity of Fodder

Snow-Blocked Roads Prevent Farmers From Replenishing Local Supplies—Steeds "Working For the City" Have Nothing to Worry About as Municipal Barns Are Bulging With Feed.

There is no hay in London;
The steeds are off their feed.
Birds can live on crumbs of bread
But equines need their weed.

There is a distinct shortage of hay in the city, due partly to blocked country roads and the fact that most farmers within 15 miles of London have barely enough hay to put their stock through the winter.

It has often been said that it pays to work for the city, and this holds true as far as the horses belonging to the garbage department are concerned. Superintendent Dodd states that the city barns are bulging with feed and that there are plently of hay and oats to last the 33 horses throughout the winter.

Mr. Dodd stated that he knew there would be a shortage in feed this winter and purchased a large supply much below market prices.

Dealers state that they have enough baled hay on hand to take care of the equine population of London for some little time, pointing out that there aren't as many horses in the city as there were 20 years ago, when a hay shortage was something to worry about.

ONLY ONE MAIL DELIVERY TO BE MADE ON FRIDAY

Postoffice Will Remain Open From 8 to 10 a.m.

The public are hereby notified that as Friday is New Year's Day, the London postoffice will be closed on that day for the transacting of business except between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., during which period the general delivery, registration and postage stamp wickets will be open. The postoffice lobby will be open for the convenience of box holders from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Money order, savings bank and postal note wickets will be closed the entire day.

There will be a morning delivery by letter carriers and all special delivery letters received will be delivered.

The outgoing mails due for despatch after 12 (noon) will be closed at that hour. The night mails will be despatched as usual.

Only one clearance will be made from the street letter boxes and parcel receptacles commencing at 7:30 p.m.

INSTRUCTS CADETS.

Lieut.-Col. G. H. Gillespie, officer in command of cadets of military district No. 1, spent yesterday in Tillsonburg, where he looked over the cadet corps of the town. At noon he addressed the Lions' club on the work of cadets in Ontario.

CONTROL COMMISSION TO QUIT BULGARIA SOON

Sofia, Dec. 29.—Premier Tzankoff was notified by the allied representatives today that the allies will withdraw their military control commission from Bulgaria in the immediate future. This decision has been taken as a result of a report to the council of ambassadors that all the military provisions of the peace treaty with Bulgaria have been complied with.

MOTHER OF MARY PICKFORD WILL UNDERGO OPERATION

Associated Press Despatch.

Hollywood, Cal., Dec. 30.—Mrs. Charlotte Pickford of Toronto, Ont., mother of Mary Pickford, is to undergo an operation for the removal of a tumor, and as a result the European trip of the actress and her husband, Douglas Fairbanks, has been postponed for one or two weeks from its schedule date, it is announced here.

VICTORY OF MARSHAL FENG NOT CONSIDERED DECISIVE

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Dec. 29.—Despatches reaching official quarters in London indicate that Marshal Feng Yu-Chang's defeat of General Li Chung Ling, former civil governor of Chihli, and the resulting capture of Tientsin did not constitute as decisive a victory as has been supposed.

It is stated that General Li's forces were not badly disorganized, and appear to be capable of preventing further advances by Feng's troops south of Tientsin.

Rejuvenation Theories False, Declares American Biologists

Associated Press Despatch.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 29.—Theories upon which the rejuvenation operation is based have been proven false in the opinion of physiologists attending the annual convention of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology.

Persons who have undergone such operations, if subjected to a cross-examination, likely would admit that they feel no younger today, and on the whole may be worse off than before, it was claimed.

These conclusions were drawn from researches of Dr. R. N. Oslund of the University of Illinois, made public today. Dr. Oslund did not, however, mention Dr. Steinach, the Austrian surgeon, nor his operation.

The cause of pernicious anaemia, long a mystery, was believed to have been solved by Dr. C. D. Leake, University of Wisconsin, and Dr. J. I. Farrell, Northwestern university.

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