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City and District

—Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Potts, of this city, are visiting their daughter in Guelph.

—Dr. D. C. Tennent, V. S., who has been visiting his parents, returned to Fergus yesterday.

—Principal Plewes, of Chatham Central School, is visiting at his home here for a few days.

—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pike and children, of Syracuse, N. Y., are visiting relatives in East London.

—Miss Cecillia Stinchcombe, of New York, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Stinchcombe, Wharncliffe road, West London.

—Miss Louise Taliaferro is spending the Christmas holidays with her brother, Mr. W. H. Taliaferro, 146 Colborne street.

—Mr. James Dale, of Indiana, and his brother, Mr. Oscar Dale, are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dale, of Glendale.

—Miss Florence A. S. Munro, of the manse, Proof Line, left Saturday to visit friends in Toronto. She will also visit her brother, Rev. Gustavus Munro, Oakwood.

—Mrs. Charles S. Bridgman, of Winnipeg; Mrs. Jos. O. Laird, of Blenheim, and Dr. W. T. McBroom, of Collingwood, are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo McBroom, of Hyman street.

—Mr. Wm. S. Wyatt, western representative for the Kemp Manufacturing Company, with headquarters at Winnipeg, is spending a few days in this city, the guest of his parents, 371 St. James street.

—Mr. George F. Munro, second son of Rev. Dr. Munro, Proof Line, was married to Miss Mabel L. Thornton, of Boston, Mass., in Christ Church, Vancouver, Saturday, Dec. 21, Mr. Munro is connected with a large wholesale house in Vancouver.

—A very interesting Christmas service will be held in the London South Salvation Army Citadel on Tuesday next, Dec. 31 The children, dressed in white, will give an entertainment of drills, recitations and songs. At the close of the entertainment Santa Claus will distribute presents to the children. A good time is expected, and all are invited to come and enjoy themselves.

—The trustees of the Protestant Orphans' Home convey their extreme gratitude to the Irish Benevolent Society for its very generous Christmas gift of $50. And would express renewed thanks for this and past favors.

—Mr. P. D. Harris, B. A., of the Winnipeg Collegiate staff, is spending the holidays at the home of his father, Rev. A. G. Harris, 151 Colborne street.

—Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Gladys Smith, of Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. and Master Willie Boothman, of St. Thomas, have returned home, having spent the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Rowe, 85 Wharncliffe road, South London.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings for the week ending Dec. 26, totaled $1,017,286 against $1,124,928, for the corresponding week of last year, a decrease of $107,642.

Hardy—Smith.

The wedding took place on Christmas Eve at the Hamilton Road Methodist parsonage of Miss Carrie Smith and Mr. Wm. Hardy, both of this city. Rev. D. E. Martin performed the ceremony.

Osgoode Hall.

In the case of Renton vs. G. T. R., Company, Featherston Aylesworth, for plaintiff, appealed from order of master in chambers allowing amendment of statement of defense. D. L. McCarthy, for defendants, contra. Motion referred to the trial judge.

Surprised the Conductor.

Conductor B. W. Bennett, of the Pere Marquette, was pleasantly surprised by the members of the Order of Railway Conductors employed on the C. P. R. at London, when they presented him with a handsome medicine cabinet in appreciation of his efforts to promote the welfare of the members of the organization.

Fiend Again.

Various residents in the vicinity of Victor street, South London, have from time to time lost valuable dogs and cats by poisoning at the hands of some party whose identity is strongly suspected. Should other cases occur, it is the intention to put a detective on the trail of the miscreant, who if caught will be severely dealt with.

Wedding Postponed.

St. Thomas Times: The wedding of Miss Clara Maud McCorkell, daughter of C. A. McCorkell, Wellington street, to Norman McNeill, of Grand Rapids, which was to have taken place on Christmas Day, was postponed, owing to the serious illness of the groom at the home of his parents in London. Still Improving.

All the victims of the Lambeth boiler explosion are still improving, Dr. Routledge informed The Advertiser today.

Lorrie Gave Out.

A G. T. R. lorrie came to grief in the alley next The Advertiser office this morning. Several lorries were hauling paper for The Advertiser, and the one in front, which had a load of six big rolls, went to pieces. The runners of the sleigh crumbled like matchwood when the cobblestones of the alley were reached. The absence of snow was responsible for the accident.

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Fraser Ingram Settles With the Wabash Railway.

A settlement has been reached in the action of Willoughby Fraser Ingram, of 145 Colborne street, this city, against the Wabash Railroad, which has running rights over the Grand Trunk system. Ingram lost a leg while coupling cars at Nixon Station last August, and sued for $10,000. The writ had been issued, but the case had not been set down. Mr. J. M. McEvoy acted for Mr. Ingram, and Mr. Edward Rose, of Toronto, for the railroad. Mr. Ingram is now visiting in Nairn.

Amusements

Has Good Scenery.

Howard Hall's brilliant play "The Fatal Flower," will be presented at the Grand tomorrow, matinee and night, with William Walcott and Florence Rossland. This play presents a theme seldom used, as the central pivot of its plot, and it is said to possess decided merit. The scenery is elaborate and appropriate, while the dressing is in keeping with the high-class atmosphere represented.

"His Last Dollar."

With the patter of hoofs and the tick, tick of the ticker, "His Last Dollar," the great American racing play, with David Higgins and Mary Servoss at its head, will come to the Grand Tuesday evening. The play tells of the life of a Kentuckian, his rise from a jockey to financier, incidentally disclosing a clever love story, of which he is the hero.

DRUCE GRAVE OPENING TO BE KEPT SECRET

London, Dec. 27.—The consistory court today granted permission for the opening of the grave of T. C. Druce to determine whether or not it contains a body or a roll of lead. The actual date of the exhumation is being kept a secret in order to avoid attracting a crowd, but there is reason to believe that Monday or Tuesday of next week will see the mystery of the coffin cleared up.

The court has refused the application of George Hollamby Druce, grandson of T. C. Druce, who is bringing the perjury suit against Herbert Druce to substantiate his claim to the title and vast estates of the Duke of Portland, to be present at the opening of the grave on the ground that it is desirable to limit to the utmost the number of persons present at the exhumation. G. Hollamby Druce, however, will be officially represented.

HONORED THEIR LEADER

Sarnia Police Make Presentation to Chief Pengelly—Two Weddings.

Sarnia, Dec. 26.—On Tuesday evening the members of the town police force met at the police station, when a pleasing event took place, being the presentation of a complimentary address and a beautiful pearl and gold-handled umbrella to Chief of Police Jos. Pengelly. The address was read by P. C. Melville Harris and the presentation made by P. C. Joseph Booth.

Rev. Mr. John Rennie, of this town, assisted in two joyous events Christmas Day. One of them took place at the residence of the bride's mother, No. 157½ Front street, when Miss Minnie J. Graham, step-daughter of the late Rev. J. W. McLintock, was united in marriage to Mr. Wm. J. Hastie, of Port Huron, Mich. The other wedding took place at the residence of Mr. James Armstrong, 210 Parker street, when Miss Margaret Euphemia Kerr became the bride of Mr. Robert John Bland.

AN INSURANCE MERGER

The Royal Victoria and Crown Life Companies to Amalgamate.

Montreal, Dec. 26.—Good authority exists for the statement that the Royal Victoria Life Insurance Company, of Montreal, and the Crown Life Insurance Company, of Toronto, are about to amalgamate. Several meetings have been held, and it is stated that the chief difficulties in the way have been overcome. The union of these two companies would form the third largest assurance company in Canada. The Crown Life has an authorized capital of $1,000,000 and the Royal Victoria has a capital of an equal amount.

It is believed that the fusion of the two companies would be beneficial to both and to the interests of the policyholders. The choice of a head office is one of the difficulties in the way, but it is felt that as the Royal Victoria does practically all its business here, and as the Toronto firm does a good share of its business here, too, Montreal should be chosen.

Manager Burke of the Royal Victoria confirmed tonight the announcement that several meetings looking to amalgamation had been held.

According to official statistics furnished by Consul W. T. Gracey, of Tsingtau, there are now 34,469 Japanese subjects in Manchuria. Of these about one-third are in the leased Liaotung district.

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BIG AWAKENING IN HINDUSTAN

Writer in an English Magazine Advises Britain To Keep Rifles Ready.

London, Dec. 27. — In his address to the Legislative Council of India, after the seditious meetings bill had been passed, Lord Minto, viceroy of India, said:

"The Government of India would be blind to shut its eye to the awakening wave which is sweeping over the eastern world, overwhelming old traditions, and bearing on its crest a flood of new ideas. We cannot check its flow; we can but endeavor to direct it into such channels as may benefit the generations that are to come. We may repress sedition — we will repress it with a strong hand—but the restlessnes of new-born and advancing thought we cannot repress. We must be prepared to meet it with help and guidance. We must seek for its causes. In the first speech I made in this country, I said that I looked for assistance in furthering that sense of security and rest throughout the length and breadth of India, so indispensable for the development of her internal resources, her vital necessities and the general happiness of her people. Is it too much to hope that the leaders of Indian political thought will give that assistance to the Government of India?

"I can assure my honorable colleagues that a heavy responsibility rests on the shoulders of Indian reformers, for it is upon their support and upon their influence with their fellow-countrymen that British administrators should largely be able to rely. I will not believe that the great bulk of the educated community are opposed to law and order, and I do believe that the masses of the Indian people render loyal homage to their King-Emperor. I repudiate once for all the insinuation that the Government of India has for political reasons favored the interests of one community against those of another. It has been the pride of the British Raj to balance without prejudice the claims of nationalities, of religions, and of castes. It will continue to do so, and I am grateful for the numerous expressions of loyalty I have received from ruling chiefs." In conclusion he said that, in case of need, he would not hesitate to use the full powers of the act, though he hoped no such action would be necessary.

An articles in the Calcutta Review, by a well-known Paris scholar, says India's discontent may be traced to ever-increasing expenditure and taxation. He adds:

"However that may be, the English should always in this country quietly keep their powder dry, and their rifles ready. Let them go on governing this dependency as their conscience dictates, without much heed to the criticism of any particular class. And let them, above all, not depend on such political reforms and concessions as do no good to the people at large, but only benefit the selfish few who are far from feeling grateful for the boon."

Advertiser Correspondence

The Rational Sunday League; A Rejoinder.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

We quite agree with the Rational Sunday League with regard to the street cars on Christmas Day. There was nothing objectionable whatever. They were certainly a great convenience. But that's a totally different thing from their running on Sunday. Christmas is a holiday, and on this year a week day. Sunday is God's holy day, and all Christians rightly regard it as a day that is as far as possible to be fenced off from all the other days of the week by a great and sacred distinctiveness. To go on the street cars on Christmas would offend nobody. To go on them on Sunday would hurt the conscience of thousands. What we stand for is the character of Sunday as the Lord's Day, and for everything that will help to keep it sacred and distinctive.

DYSON HAGUE.

Some medical societies are hewing to the line pretty close in their endeavor to uphold ethics, says a western medical journal. The society at Peoria, Ill., hauled one of its members over the coals recently for driving a piebald horse on the ground that it was a bid for public attention.

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Sunday School Annual Entertainment

The annual entertainment of the Sunday school pupils of Colborne Street Methodist Church, which was held last night, was very largely attended and proved most successful.

The programme, which was of a varied nature, was under the direction of Mrs. Cochrane, soloist of the church, and Mr. A. E. Westman.

The fancy drills were executed by the scholars with a precision that won loud applause. The drills were the feature of the evening.

Besides a long list of songs and recitations, two sketches, scenes from "The Cricket on the Hearth" and from "Edytha's Burglar," were given, and proved most entertaining.

On Sunday next the Sunday school scholars intend putting on a cantata entitled "Welcome the King," and part of this was rendered at last evening's entertainment.

LIVELY BROOD OF PYTHONS

LIVELY YOUNG FAMILY—FIRST INSTANCE OF HATCHING IN CAPTIVITY.

London Tribune: Most people know that vipers bring forth their young alive and that the common English grass snake deposits its eggs to be hatched by the heat of the decaying matter. Some of the great constricting snakes, however, exercise a certain amount of care over their eggs, gathering them into a heap and coiling around them till the young make their way out or are helped into the world by the kindly offices of the keepers who break away the hardened shell.

A case of this kind occurred with the Indian python in the Tower Menagerie in the early part of the last century, and others are on record at the Jardin des Plantes in Paris, the Regents Park Gardens and at a later date in those at Leipsic. An incubation which has been unusually successful is just recorded from the Tierpark of Herr August Frockelmenn at Gross-Borstel, near Hamburg.

In August last he bought a large reticulated python from a sailor trading to the East. Within a month she began to lay eggs, and when one was examined it was found to contain a partly developed embryo. As time went on others were opened, and in this way the proprietor obtained a series of specimens of young in different stages of development. The mother python paid the greatest attention to her eggs, leaving them only at night, when she went for a time into the bath.

The general results appear to be far better than have hitherto been obtained. At Regents Park, though it was found that the eggs had been fertilized, no living young were produced. At Gross-Borstel twenty-seven young pythons came out, and their owner described them as very lively little reptiles, with much the appearance of common grass snakes, measuring from twenty-two inches to thirty inches in length and biting readily at anything offered to them with sufficient force to make an impression on one's finger.

On November 25 they took food for the first time—white mice of a pretty good size. All appear to be in the best possible condition and should they reach maturity the fact of their having been hatched in confinement will no doubt enhance their value considerably, for this appears to be the first instance in which this particular species has so bred.

WOMAN'S INHUMANITY.

"Talk about woman's inhumanity to woman," remarked a demure little woman yesterday. "I saw an illustration of it a day or two after the Y. M. C. A. dining-rooms were thrown open to women for the first time, not long ago.

"Two other women and I went over to try the noon luncheon one day. We were among the first to get there after the dining-room opened, and took advantage of the opportunity to get a nice cool seat over by the window. We were just about to sit down when a waitress rushed up to us in great excitement and told us that we couldn't sit there. 'That is for two men,' she told us.

"'But,' I said to her, 'there's nothing to indicate that it is reserved.'

"'No, it isn't reserved exactly, but these men always sit there, and they'll want the seats they always take when they come in.'

"Then she started to slide us to a table away over in the corner, but we left.

"I think the whole trouble was that it simply annoyed the girl to see a woman beating a man to a desirable seat. That's a woman for you."—Cleveland Plaindealer.

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"TUPPENCE," A LONDON HABIT

EVERYTHING COSTS THAT OR A MULTIPLE OF IT ON THE OTHER SIDE.

When I walked down Broadway the other day in the rain with an American friend and heard him remark that he didn't care "tuppence" whether he got wet or not, I realized that my friend had been in London. He admitted that he had just returned from a trip across the water.

Tuppence—meaning, of course, twopence, and equal to the sum of four cents in United States currency—is the dominating sum in London. It is as much an institution as the war debt, beer, or the game of cricket. Wherever you go, whatever you do, whatever you sell, or whenever you open your mouth, it is tuppence, or a series of that sum, that is extracted from you. It more than takes the place of the five-cent piece in America, or the three-penny bit in the British Possessions.

Tuppence is as much as a fairly well-to-do worker can afford for his meal at mid-day. In the poorer restaurants, that sum gets him two slices and a big mug, or three slices and a little mug, or a portion of cake and a drink, or a fried egg, slice and small mug, or a sausage with mash or bread, or a rasher of bacon. In the next higher class, everything drinkable is 2d. per cup, while pastry, pies, etc., are the same sum per head. At the "popular" (i.e., "no gratuities") restaurants, the waiters expect a tuppeny tip (though it is advertised otherwise by the proprietors), and the non-tipper has a bad time. At most cafes tipping is the usual thing, and tuppence is expected, and is accepted with the servile bow and pleased expression that distinguish and Continental waiter upon such occasions.

The Tuppeny Tube is well-known. You deposit that sum, and you get in anywhere, and get out anywhere else you please. On trolley cars and 'buses that amount will carry you for an hour or two very often, usually to the terminus. The railroad porter, who carries your rug a few yards, or who says "Yus" when you ask if the train has stopped, always has his hand out for the usual fee, though he will carry your two large bags, and whatever else you have for half a mile, over high stairs and low lines, and accept the same amount with the same satisfaction.

The cabby to whom you give coppers over the legal fare salutes you respectfully, but if you pay double fare in a lordly manner, he wants more and is apt to make disparaging remarks about your breeding, as may the boot-black to whom you give one instead of two pennies. The cabby is the surer of the two, however, for disparaging remarks, to which characteristic, I really believe, can be traced the advent of the taximeter.—A. F. W., in New York Post.

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