



The Partello Stock Co. presented the sensational drama "The Way of the West," at the Grand last night before a large audience. The performance was a very creditable one and seemed to give a great deal of pleasure, judging from the applause. Miss Alice Kennedy, the leading lady of the company, made a favorable impression in the role of the heroine.

As Jack Potts, the gambler, James Sheehan, the Hamilton actor, displayed his histrionic ability to good advantage. The other members of the large company acquitted themselves creditably.

Interesting specialties were given between the acts. The bill to-night will be "Under Two Flags." The company will hold the boards at the Grand all week.

At the Savoy.  
Good sketches of the quality of the one in which Nick Long and Madeline Cotter are seen at the Savoy Theatre this week can always be relied upon to get the business, for there is nothing that a vaudeville audience appreciates more than entertainment of this class. It is not exaggerating to say that nothing more pleasing in that line has been presented at the Savoy than the sketch Mr. Long and his partner are featured in and there is ample proof of this in the hit that these clever performers



FLORENCE MOORE,  
Of the sketch team of Montgomery and Moore, at Bennett's Theatre.

have made. Miss Long gives a remarkably clever impersonation of four widely varied characters, but aside from this phase of it the sketch has real merit and holds attention right to the finish. "The Jungle Bales," Greene and Warner, are one of the best liked numbers on the bill. Mr. Greene has no peers as an interpreter of "coon" songs and his selected numbers go extremely well. The pair work fast and smoothly, the novelty and picturesque dressing of the act doing the rest. Marguerite and Hanley do a wonderful hand balancing act. Sine and Evans have a bright little sketch that gets the laughs. John Le Clair is one of the best jugglers in the business and gives a performance that never fails to suit all tastes. Frank Bowman, a magician, adds a good dash of comedy to his offering and Gilday and Fox, Hebrew comedians, are another well-liked number. The show played to good business again last night, a large and fashionable audience filling the house. Mayor Stewart and several of the aldermen occupied boxes.

Miss Small's Recital.  
The recital given by Miss Edith Margaret Small, of Montreal, in St. John's Presbyterian Church was largely attended last evening, and the audience was thoroughly satisfied with the excellence of the programme presented by Miss Small and the talent that assisted her. Miss Small is a reader of recognized ability, especially when dealing with the habitant, as depicted by Dr. Drummmond. She has an easy and graceful manner, a pleasant speaking voice, and her descriptions of the famous poems were indeed a rare treat. Mr. C. R. McCullough acted as chairman, and made a few remarks. Mr. George Richmond and Mrs. Thomas Christie sang in a pleasing way. The recital was under the auspices of the Young Ladies' Mission Band and the Young Men's Union of the church. Quite a handsome profit was realized. The programme was: Song, Mr. George Richmond; group of ballad poems, (a) "The Slave Leetle Canadienne," (b) "Domitienne," (c) "The Cure of Calumette," Edith Margaret Small; song, Mr. George Richmond; "The Story of the Other Wise Man" (Henry VanDyke), (a) "The Sign in the Sky," (b) "By the Waters of Babylon," (c) "For the Sake of a Little Child," (d) "In the Hidden Way of Sorrows," (e) "A Pearl of Great Price," Edith Margaret Small; song, Mr. George Richmond; "The Automobile," Edith Margaret Small; song, Mrs. Christie; group of ballad poems (W. H. Drummond), (a) "Mon Frere Camille," (b) "The Last Portage," (c) "Johnnie's First Moose," Edith Margaret Small.

At Bennett's Theatre.  
Bennett's this week offered a fine show and is being well patronized. The fact that next week is Christmas and that every man has a heavy drain on his ex-

## ON LITTLE WHEELS.

Great Race For the Championship on Friday.

The next race on Friday night in the two-mile roller skating competition at Britannia rink for the gold and silver medal fobs and the championship of the city will be one of the best and most exciting ever pulled off on the little wheels. Gordon Riggs is confident that he can defeat young McMichael, who nosed him out in the last race, and McMichael is sure that he can win again by a larger margin, as that contest was his first attempt at the racing game, and he has been training faithfully for two weeks.

Then there is Sandy McMaster, winner of the race three weeks ago, and who finished third to McMichael in the last race, after falling. He is sure to be a factor. Elmer Hawkes is another dangerous speed merchant, who has had a second place in the race, and with W. Daniels, jun., Lockie McMaster, Harvey Muir and others who have entered, the race will not be easy for any of the contestants.

McMichael was a big and popular surprise in the last event, and there may be more wonders in the next race. Much interest will be shown in the contest for several reasons, two in particular, one being that if either McMichael or McMaster wins, he will capture the gold medal. The other reason is the rivalry between Alexander and Britannia skaters. McMichael, Riggs and Hawkes represent the Alexander, while the two McMaster brothers and Daniels will try hard for the Britannia.

The entries for Friday's race close this evening at the Britannia rink box office.

## HANGED HIMSELF.

Father of Hamilton Man Found Dead in Room.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—George Barkworth, aged 62, sidewalk salesman for Husband Bros., clothing store, 125 King street east, hanged himself in his room, a few doors away from the store, last night. He had been absent from his work for several days, and yesterday he was missed by the landlady. W. R. Graham, one of the roomers at 129 King street east, for him at 6 o'clock last night and found the door of his room locked. He broke the door in, to find Barkworth hanging by a cord from a nail driven into the top of the door frame. The bed had been moved up close to the door and the dead man had stepped on it after adjusting the cord about his neck. When found, the body was still warm. The remains were removed to the morgue in a patrol wagon and later to the Mortuary undertaking establishment. Coroner Dr. Pickering made an investigation, but decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

The dead man leaves two sons, one of whom is employed with the Grand Trunk, and the other at the Waldorf Hotel, Hamilton.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Pioneer True Blue Lodge, No. 1, elected the following officers last night: Walter Davidson, W. Master. Chas. Winham, recording secretary. John Davidson, financial secretary. Daniel Robinson, financial secretary. Geo. Belling, treasurer. H. Reinhold, chaplain. John Dundas, D. of C. Arthur Robinson, conductor. Jas. Menzie, inside tyler. H. Wakeham, outside tyler. Wm. Gilliland, first committeeman. Robt. Jacques, second committeeman. Wm. Irvine, third committeeman. John Waring, fourth committeeman. H. Crowther, fifth committeeman. Wm. Sirmam and A. Fisher, auditors. W. Davidson, Chas. Winham and John Davidson, trustees.

## GUILTY OF CONSPIRACY.

Elliott and the Hopkins Brothers Convicted.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—After a very brief recess, the jury of the Court of General Sessions brought in a verdict of guilty against Cecil Elliott, Norman Hopkins and Arthur Hopkins, yesterday evening. The prisoners were charged with conspiracy to defraud two accident insurance companies and the Toronto Railway Company by means of damage claims for alleged accidents.

Elliott took the stand, and admitted collecting \$700 on an accident insurance policy, and \$275 from the Toronto Railway Company, the latter also paying his doctor's bill of \$100.

Norman Hopkins told of falling from a bathurst car and being laid up in consequence. Mr. Forrest, the claims agent of the Railway Company, called, and the witness agreed to settle with the company for \$200 and his doctor's bill.

The prisoners were remanded for sentence, but being accepted for their appearance when called on.

## Plenty of Work for Canals.

Grain freights on the Erie Canal were higher in the season just ended than at any former time in fifteen years, taking the average from the opening of navigation to the close. That meant prosperity for boatmen. It furnished fresh evidence of the timeliness and the common sense of the canal improvement programme of the richest and greatest commercial State.

The usefulness of the Erie Canal is only one of many evidences of the better outlook for interior waterways. The land transportation lines in this country and in Europe are so busy that they need the relief of much movement of coarse freight by water. The canals supplement the railroads.

The United States has on hand the greatest of all canal enterprises, but after the Panama Canal is finished, and even before, many other improvements, of like nature though different in conditions and extent, will be pushed forward by public sentiment and enlightened statesmanship.—From Cleveland Leader.

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## Cruelty to Animals in Germany.

Owing to the action of the newly formed Berlin Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Horses, the Prussian Minister of the Interior has issued a decree ordering all police officials in large and medium sized towns to undergo a special course of instruction in matters affecting the well being of animals.

In those parishes where it is found impossible to give each official individual instruction the attention of the authorities is drawn to the procedure laid down by the Berlin police president, who has caused a special list of rules to be drawn up for the guidance of policemen.

Preceding the rules is the following general observation: "Self-evident cruelty to animals must be energetically combated by officials. They must not stand by and let it be tried to lie out of it."

wait until their intervention is requested by the general public."

The list comprises seven main parts, of which those concerning draught animals (excluding dogs) are most comprehensively treated, and ten samples are cited in which the intervention of the police would seem particularly desirable.

—Berliner Tageblatt.

Mary Josephine Crane, daughter of Charles R. Crane, the well known Chicago iron manufacturer, intends to become a farmer. Miss Crane has been deaf and dumb from birth.

—How about a woman convinced against her will? Hobbs—There never was such a thing.

Wigg—Did you ever catch Longbow telling the truth? Wagg—Only once, combated by officials. They must not stand by and let it be tried to lie out of it."