

TEA TABLE GOSSIP.

Last year Hamilton subscribed \$283.75 to the funds of the Lord's Day Alliance. Rev. O. P. Cooke will preach at the special Advent service held in St. Mark's Church this evening. The junior gymnasium class of the Y. W. C. A. will meet at 7.30 instead of 8 o'clock, on Friday evening. Mrs. Susan Miller, Ancaster, will appear in Police Court on Friday on a charge of insufficiently feeding her cattle. J. Callaghan, son of J. Orr Callaghan, has made a remarkable quick recovery from appendicitis. He is quite well and strong again. An excellent picture of Charles G. Bird and a sketch of his career in connection with labor, appears in this week's issue of the Industrial Banner. R. J. McLaren, an officer in the West Yorkshire Regiment, has arrived from England on leave. He is a son of the late Col. Henry McLaren, of Oak Bank. At the regular Y. W. C. A. Board meeting yesterday, Miss Saunders, of Toronto, was engaged as housekeeper. The annual meeting was set for the third week in January. James Osborne & Son, the reliable James street grocers, have an interesting Christmas ad in the Times every night. Read it and know where to get the season's good things. Frank Polleno, 39 Railway street, had one of his feet crushed at the Queen street rolling mills this morning by a heavy steel bar falling on it. He was taken to the City Hospital. F. T. Lucas, B. Sc., engineer in the service of the G. T. P. at Prince Rupert, has arrived home on furlough and will spend a few weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Lucas. The Hamilton Union, W. C. T. U., will hold its regular meeting on Thursday, Dec. 16th, at 3.30 p. m. in the parlors of the Y. W. C. A. Subject, "Scientific Instruction," by Mrs. Hale. Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Walton, of Toronto, announce the marriage of their only daughter, Lena Gertrude, to John Hamilton Ryckman, C. E., of Chicago, Ill., formerly of Hamilton, Ont., which will take place at an early date. Grafton & Co.'s big clothing store will be open every evening till 9 o'clock from now to Christmas. Special bargains will be offered in men's and boys' suits and overcoats, also furnishings. Come on in and have a look around. The Hamilton Boys' Club Union will hold its regular meeting at 8.15 to-night in the Y. M. C. A. Junior parlors. The members of the Advisory Council will meet for the first time with the Union. The principle features of the programme will be the formation of an indoor baseball league.

FATALLY CUT.

A Butcher Accidentally Slashes His Abdomen. Coaticook, Que., Dec. 15.—Eugene Guerin was accidentally killed last evening. He had killed a calf and was proceeding to skin it when the knife slipped, entering his abdomen, and severing a main artery. He bled to death. Two doctors were unable to help him. Guerin leaves a wife and three young children. He was 24 years of age.

GOLDEN WEDDING.

Richard White, Former Hamilton Man, Celebrated. Montreal, Que., Dec. 15.—Richard White, president of the Montreal Gazette Printing Company, and Mrs. White are to-day receiving the congratulations of their family and friends on the celebration of their golden wedding. On this date in 1859 Mr. White married Jean, daughter of the late John Riddle, of Montreal. Mr. White retired from active business some years ago, but for many years he was prominent in the public affairs of the city, and had wide business interests.

MEN'S MISSIONARY BANQUET.

On Monday last, at the invitation of the Missions Committee of the Herkimer Baptist Church, 37 men of the church and congregation assembled to partake of a banquet which had been daintily prepared by the ladies. After feasting on the good things provided, the pastor, Rev. H. McDiarmid, introduced the chief speakers of the evening, Dr. J. G. Brown, secretary of the Baptist foreign missions, and Dr. W. T. Stackhouse, general secretary of the Baptist Laymen's Missionary Union. Dr. Brown, at the first speaker, outlined the missionary movement 98 years ago, and also the commencement of the laymen's missionary movement two years ago. His address was helpful and instructive to all. Dr. Stackhouse spoke of the success of this movement throughout the whole of the Dominion where he has travelled, saying that it was also found that when foreign missionary givings were good the home missions were proportionately so. He pointed out that over twice as much was spent on chewing gum alone than was given to missions. His forceful and brilliant address was listened to with great attention. At the close a brief discussion took place on missions.

Afternoon Teas and Dinners.

Ladies who are anxious that every detail in regard to their afternoon teas, luncheons, etc., be carried out satisfactorily should consult H. J. O'Neill, 100-102 King street west. Mr. O'Neill has facilities to accommodate thousands of people, and his employees are experienced in the service. He handles banquets, suppers and dinners with equal satisfaction and at reasonable prices. His store is well stocked with confections of all kinds, candies, bon-bons, chocolates, ice cream and cakes, and Christmas shoppers will find pleasure in dealing at O'Neill's. His telephone number is 141.

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The Times Christmas Paper

The Times Christmas number is always looked forward to with pleasure by Hamilton people as being one of the best of the holiday newspapers. It will be issued next Saturday, 18th Dec., and orders are now being received for copies, which can be had in wrappers ready for mailing. It will be the only Hamilton Christmas paper illustrated in color. It will be profusely illustrated, and besides containing many of the finest Christmas stories and poetry, it will have quite a number of local features (also illustrated), which will add to its value, and make it a first-class paper to send away to friends. Advertisers cannot afford to miss this opportunity of having their goods advertised in it. Times readers have the money and now is the time when they are ready to spend it. Send ads in at once or as early as possible. The printers will do their best to make your ad. attractive and help you to reap a rich harvest at this Christmas season.

FOR THE POOR.

Salvation Army's Appeal For Christmas Cheer. To the Editor of the Times: The Salvation Army in Hamilton is again desirous of helping, cheering and alleviating the wants of the less fortunate in the city. Numbers of applications for work and food have been made to officers and myself for most deserving cases. I say deserving, as most of the applications have been made by men who are willing to work, and some who are good mechanics who expressed their willingness to take a laborer's position, in order that they may provide food and warmth for their needy families. Therefore, I appeal to the many friends and sympathizers of our city to help me with funds for this purpose. The piercing gusts of wintry winds seem to voice the pangs of poverty and remind us of the dead hopes of mothers with large families to care for—they often being robbed of bread winner through sickness, accident, death or other causes, while numbers of widows and orphans have a dreary future to look into. The work of the Salvation Army is now so well known and understood that lengthy explanations are needless, and years of experience in dealing with the destitute have taught us to discriminate between the worthy and those who are not. Last year we were able, through the generosity of a number of ladies and gentlemen, to supply a large number of baskets full of substantial provisions, and to clothe those who, but for these gifts, would have suffered intensely, and on their behalf I again thank you. This year the need is great, and to enable us to take food to those now suffering through keen want, I ask your most generous assistance, by sending either money, produce, or dolls to warm clothing. If you will kindly send post card, I will have parcels called for. Letters, information or parcels to be addressed to Major William Henry Green, Salvation Army Citadel, Rebecca street, Hamilton, Ont. In the name of the poor, I thank you in anticipation of a hearty response to my appeal. Yours faithfully, Wm. Hy. Green, Major.

A PLEA FOR MERCY.

I saw girls of 17 and 18 weeping with pain and weariness at 11 o'clock at night, as with shaking fingers they made their counters attractive against the next day's brutal rush. I saw one girl drop a dead fawn after selling dolls to a fond mother of children. I saw little boys fall asleep in rubbish corners at the noon hour, their untasted luncheons in their tired hands. That night, when I went to my supper I saw a boy, small for 16 years, sitting on a box, before the employers' elevator, for which he waited. He looked up at me with the craving for sympathy innate in children, he sighed softly: "Oh, my God, I wish 11 o'clock would come."

BOMB FOR BISHOP.

Lisbon, Dec. 15.—The anniversary of the revolt of the seminarists was marked by the throwing of a bomb at the Bishop of Braganza. The latter was uninjured. The police are looking for the authors of the attack, to which no particular significance is attached.

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MARRIAGES.

GILLAN-BYERS.—At Calgary, on the 22nd Nov., by the Rev. G. W. Kerby, Charles Gillan of Charleholm, Alta., to Rosie May Byers, youngest daughter of Mrs. Richard Byers, of Hamilton.

DEATHS.

HARDIE.—At the City Hospital on Tuesday, 14th December, 1909, David Hardie, moulder, aged 51 years, at his late residence, 42 Caroline street north, Thursday at 3.30 p. m. Interment at Hamilton Cemetery.

THE WEATHER.

FORECASTS.—Strong westerly winds, cloudy with snow flurries. Thursday westerly winds, cloudy, with a little lower temperature. The following is issued by the Department of Marine and Fisheries: Temperature. 8 a.m. Min. Weather. Victoria ... 42 32 Cloudy. Calgary ... 34 30 Cloudy. Winnipeg ... 18 16 Cloudy. Port Arthur ... 22 12 Cloudy. Toronto ... 38 30 Snow. Ottawa ... 32 30 Clear. Montreal ... 36 34 Snow. Quebec ... 28 26 Cloudy. Father Point ... 34 28 Snow. \*Below zero. WEATHER NOTES. The disturbance which was over New England yesterday has moved northeastward across the Maritime Provinces accompanied by gales with rain and sleet, and an easterly snow storm has occurred in the province of Quebec. The weather is moderately cold in Manitoba and quite mild further west. Toronto, Dec. 15. (11 a. m.)—Forecasts for Thursday: Cloudy with a little lower temperature. The following is the temperature registered at Parke & Parke's drug store: 9 a. m., 32; 11 a. m., 33; 1 p. m., 34; lowest in 24 hours, 27; highest in 24 hours, 34. Washington, Dec. 15.—Eastern States and northern New York—Partly cloudy to night; local snows and colder in north and west portion; Thursday partly cloudy; moderate southwest to west winds. Western New York—Local snows to night and probably Thursday; moderate west winds.

ACORN LODGE, S. O. E.

Acorn Lodge, No. 29, Sons of England Benefit Society, held its annual election of officers last night. President H. Wilkins was in the chair. The election passed off most harmoniously, and resulted as follows: President, T. A. Eastery; Vice-President, H. Kimpton; Chaplain, Chas. Kemp; Secretary, E. L. Rastick; Recording Secretary, J. Pearce; Treasurer, J. H. Thomson; First Committeeman, H. E. Thomson; Second Committeeman, T. Binson; Third Committeeman, Geo. Kemp, jun.; Inside Guard, M. Coleman; Outside Guard, Wm. Murton; Physician, Dr. J. H. Peters; Auditors, Wm. Murton, T. Binson, Wm. Holmes. Lodge Trustees, Geo. W. Kemp and Robt. Jarrett. Grand Lodge Delegate, F. Hayward. Alternate Delegate, Wm. Hancock. Hall Trustees, Jas. Gadeby, F. Hayward, J. Stedeford. Decoration Day and Church Parade Committee, H. E. Thomas, H. Williams, J. Stedeford. Cemetery Plot Committee, Wm. Hancock. Juvenile Committee, J. Stedeford, F. Hayward. Excursion Committee, H. Wilkins and Kimpton. Trafalgar Day Committee—T. A. Eastery. A vote of thanks was passed to the brothers who acted as scrutineer, Bro. Gillard, of Unity Lodge, Bro. Glover, of Unity Lodge, Bro. Booth, of Britannia Lodge.

KING IS DOOMED.

Paris, Dec. 15.—A special despatch to the Temps from Brussels says: "King Leopold is doomed. Before the operation was undertaken the physicians were in doubt whether he was suffering from simple intestinal obstruction, which an operation would relieve, or from paralysis of the intestines, for which there was no remedy. Since the operation there has been no sign of intestinal activity, and this has led the doctors to conclude that the organ is paralyzed."

HOPELESS.

(Kansas City Times.) "Will there ever be a woman President?" "No. The constitution says the President must be over forty-five years old, and women don't get that old."

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TORONTO FIRE. Raisins Raisins. Second Blaze Destroys White & Co's Building. Other Buildings Burned—Loss will Be About \$150,000. Toronto, Dec. 15.—Five hours after the firemen, as they supposed, had extinguished the fire which badly damaged the fruit and produce warehouse of White & Co., corner of Church and Front streets, early this morning, the flames burst out anew, this time in the top storey of the building. The firemen were on hand promptly, but before the fire was under control the White building had been practically destroyed, together with the premises of McWilliam & Everist, also fruit and commission merchants, adjoining on Church street, and the premises of the Club Coffee Co., on Front street, Read, Halliday & Co., makers of aniline dyes and chemicals, occupied the second storey of the White building, the third storey being occupied as mess rooms by the Queen's Own Rifles band. The total loss by the two fires is about \$150,000.

SALE OF WHARF. Shelters For Passengers and Goods at Flag Station. (Special Wire to the Times.) Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 15.—Circumstances connected with the sale of a wharf at Richibucto, N. B., to the Government were investigated by the Public Accounts Committee to-day. Mr. Thos. O. Murray, Richibucto, manager of the Kent Northern Railway, examined by Mr. Crockett, stated that he purchased the wharf in May, 1908, from Richard O'Leary for \$700, and sold it to the Government in November of the same year for \$5,000. The Railway Commission has made an order intended to provide the basis of a discussion relative to facilities at flag stations and minor points on railways. The order directs railways to erect suitable shelters for passengers and goods and suitable platforms and approaches at all flag stations. The freight delivered at such points by the railway shall be placed under shelter, that at points where the earnings are fifteen thousand dollars a year from freight and passengers the railways must erect suitable stations and appoint a permanent agent.

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