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Amusements and Lectures

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REGULAR COMMUNICATION OF St. George's 42. A., F. and A. M., G.R. Il be held this (Wednesder) evening, Jan. 8, in the Masonic Temple. Visits me. John Blanch, Vor. Master; 0. M., Secretary.

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In the Matter of George F. Burns, of the City of London, in the County of Middlesex.

OTICE is hereby given that the above-signment to me under the provisions of chapter 124, It, S. O., 1887, of all his estate and effects in trust for the benefit of all his creditors. A meeting of the creditors of the said estate shereby convened, and will be held at the law fices of Gibbons, McNao & Mulkern, London, n Thursday, the 9th day of January, A.D. 396, at 2:39 o'clock in the afternoon, for the prointment of inspectors and the giving of irections with reference to the disposal of the kid estate. All creditors of the said estate are hereby required to file their claims with my solicitors, Gibbons, McNab & Mulkern, London (as

required to file their claims with my solicitors, Gibbons, McNab & Mulkern, London (as directed by the said statute), on or before the day of such meeting. After Feb. 1, 1836, I shall proceed to distribute the said estate, having regard only to such claims as I shall have notice of, and I shall not be responsible for the assets of the said estate or any part thereof, to any person or persons whose claim or claims shall not have been filed.

Dated the 30th day of December, A.D., 1895.

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Carrothers ALDERMAN.

Armed Britishers Entering the Transvaal Republic.

Their Return Said to Have Been Ordered by Mr. Chamberlain.

Alfred Austin Appointed Poet Laureate of England.

Sketch of Fis Work-New Year's Honors by the Queen-A Way Out of the Venezuelan Dispute.

BRITAIN'S HEALTHY EXCHEQUER London, Dec. 31.—The treasury returns issued tonight show that the net increase in the revenue for threequarters of the financial year amounts

FAMOUS ACTRESS DEAD. London, Jan. 1 .- Mrs. Stirling, the

actress, is dead. Mrs. Stirling was the stage name of Lady Fanny Gregory, who some years ago was one of the most accomplished and versatile actresses on the English

DUNRAVEN ROASTED. London, Dec. 31.—The St. James Gazette, referring to the hurried departure of Lord Dunraven from the United States, says: "Lord Dunraven, instead of leaving, should have faced the judgment of the New York Yacht Club like an English gentleman in New York, where alone an amende honorable from either party could adequately be made."

SOME COMFORT FOR SPANIARDS. London, Dec. 31.—The Spanish embassy has received an official dispatch from Madrid, stating that the Government has received a cablegram from Captain-General Campos, announcing the complete defeat of the rebels, under Gomez and Maceo, at Calimete, Province of Matanzas. The dispatch adds that the insurgent leaders have fied to the Sierra de Saguinea, in the south of the Province of Santa Clara, where they have taken refuge in the forests. Gen. Campos says that the rebel forces are now so broken up that they will be unable to join again without risking a pitched battle.

TWO NEW CRAZES.

London, Dec. 31. - Two new crazes have aken possession of fashionable people Instead of black ink various colors are used in corresponding with intimate friends. Several titled ladies frequently use five or six different colored inks in writis letter, each color having its own degree of warmth or emphasis. Gold ink is used for expression of terms of endearment and warm affection. Another fad is to have a dog trained to follow ladies and hold up their dresses. A few days since a well known artiste appeared on Regent street followed by a large black French poodle, clipped in the orthodox leonine fashion This animal held his mistresses' train between his teeth as carefully as a page might, and firmly resisted all attempts to beguile him from the path of stern duty by vagabond brethren.

THE WAY OUT. London, Dec. 31.—The Westminster Gazette this afternoon, in a leading article headed "A Way Out," says: "While the question of an intrinsic ally is not important, incidentally it is of great importance that Great Britain cannot retreat from the position she has taken up, and the United States will not retract from theirs. The only method of escape from this deadlock. which shall impose neither humiliation nor retreat on either side, is to find something which is not arbitration but which is as like it as possible." Continuing, the Westminster Gazette suggests that both countries agree upon a board of conciliation, not binding themselves as in the case of arbitration.

to accept its decisions; but on the chance of the conciliators being able to suggest a compromise acceptable to both countries. In conclusion the Westminster Gazette remarks: "We firmly believe that a couple of impartial, sensible men, say the chief justices of the two countries, could easily settle the matter by this method." ROSEBERY'S NOBLE PLEA.

London, Dec. 31 .- The morning papers will tomorrow print another letter from ex-Prime Minister Rosebery, of similar tenor to the letter from the same source published Monday morn-

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FOR ALDERMAN.

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R. W. BENNETT As Alderman for 1896.

Electors Ward No. 6! Your vote and influence respectfully solicited for the re-election of

EDMUND WELD As Alderman for 1896!

ing, in which Lord Rosebery took the Government severely to task for its action, or, rather, its maction, in regard to Turkish affairs. In his last letter Lord Rosebery advocates the holding of many mass meetings to express the public opinion on the subject. Some safety-valve, he says, must be found for the pent-up irrepressible indignation of the people. He adds: "To build the mightiest navy in the world and give absolute power to the Ministry in order to see our every effort baffled and ridiculed by a Sultan, and such a Sultan, is enough to make every gorge in the country rise."

FIGHTING SEEMS INEVITABLE. London, Jan. 1.—The Morning Post will today publish a dispatch from Vienna saying that a telegram from Pretoria, capital of the Transvaal, states that an armed force of the British South Africa Company, numbering 800 men and armed with Maxime and other guns, is reported to have entered the Transvaal. This force is said to have reached the vicinity of Rustenberg and intends to march on Johannesburg. President Kruger has ordered that its advance be forcibly prevented, and has issued a proclamation appealing to the burghers to de and thair country. The dispatch adds that fighting seems inevitable.

The papers here will tomorrow publish a statement emanating from commercial source that Dr. Jamesson, the administrator of the British South Africa Company has of the British South Africa Company has led 500 armed men into the Transvaal to assist the Uitlanders or foreign residents of that republic to enforce their demands that the public to enforce their demands that to see the old year out and the new they be granted equal political rights with the Boers. The papers will add that Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain has ordered the immediate return of this force to British territory.

THE NEW POET LAUREATE. London, Dec. 31.—In acordance with the usual custom of conferring honors on the occasion of the new year, the Queen has elevated to the peerage Sur Frederick Leighton, president of the Royal Academy, and Henry Hucks Gibbs, formerly member of the House of Commons, and lately a director of the Bank of England, and has knighted Hon. P. P. Crease, senior puisne judge of British Columbia. Henry H. Girbs has been a large donor to the purse of the Conservative party. Her Majesty has also appointed Alfred Austin poet laureate, an office which has been vacant since the death of Lord Tennyson on Oct. 6, 1892.

Alfred Austin, the new poet laure-ate is a boet, critic and journalist. He was born at Headingley, near Leeds, May 30, 1835. His father was a mer-chant and magistrate of the borough of Leeds. He took his degrees at the University of London in 1853, and in 1857 he was called to the bar of the Inner Temple. But the publication, although anonymously, of a poem, entitled "Randolph," when he was 18, showed the bent of his disposition. From his earliest years he was imbued with the desire and determination to devote his life to literature. His first acknowledged volume of verse, Season: A Satire," appeared in 1861. His other poetical productions are: "The Human Tragedy," 1862; "The Gold in Age: A Satire," 1871; "Interluces," 1872; "Rome or Death," 1873; "Madonna's Child," 1873; "The Tower and Babel: A Drama," 1874; "Loxzko, the Bastard: A Tale of Polish Grief. 1877; "Savonarola: A Tragedy," 1881; "Soliloquys in Song," "At the Gate of the Convent," "Love's Widowhood, the and Other Poems," "Prin and "English Lyrics," all published be-tween 1881 and 1890. He has published three novels-"Five Years of It," 1858; "An Artist's Proof," 1864, and "Won by a Head," 1866; also the poetry of the period reprinted from Temple Bar, 1870, and "A Vindication of Lord Byron." 1869, occasioned by Mrs. Stowe's article, "The True Story of Lord Byn's Life." He has written much for the London Standard, and for the Quarterly Review. His political writings include "Russia Become Europe," 1876; "Tory Horrors," 1876, a reply to Mr. Gladstone's "Bulgarian Horrors," and "England's Policy and Peril," a letter to the Earl of Beaconsfield in 1877 In 1883, in conjunction with W. J. Courthope, he founded the National Review, and continued to edit it till the sumemr of 1893. In 1892 Messrs Macmillan issued a collected edition of his poems in six volumes, since which time they have published "Fortunatus, the Pessimist" and "England's Darling, and Other Poems," and a prose work, entitled "The Garden That I Love

A DARK NEW YEAR

For British Foreign Interests-A Gloomy Outlook, Says the Times.

London, Dec. 31. - Tomorrow the Times will say: "The New Year opens with mingled omens. At home the auguries are external politics is most serious, even alarming. The revival of the war spirit in the United States, or what simulates it, and the prolonging of the uncertain position in the east are almost equally disquieting. The long impending crisis in South Africa hs become acute. We are bound therefore to be prepared for contingencies which may call for a vigorous exertion of power, that last resort that must be relied on to hold the British Empire together. Happily, it is certain that the nation is fully capable of meeting the probable demands on its re-

THE PHILADELPHIA BOURSE. Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 31.-The Philadelphia Bourse, the first general exchange to be erected in this country, was formally dedicated today. building, which is eight stories in weight, runs through from Fourth to Fifth street, and between Chestnut and Market streets. The structure complete has cost \$2,500,000. It is already occupied by a number of trade organiza-

Senator Brice has introduced in the United States Senate a bill looking to the restoration of the harbors of the great lakes by raising the lake levels. He poses a commission, working with a Canadian commission, to investigate the feasibility of constructing a canal for ocean vessels between the great lakes and the Atlantic Ocean and of maintaining the level of the great lakes at a uniform level, either by a system of dams or otherwise.

The latest oddity in queerly colored game brought out of the Maine woods s a deer with a polka-dot hide. color of the hair is almost , and the whole body have teen notably pretty

The Birth of 1896 Was Comparatively Tranquil.

Watchnight Services and a Midnight Army Parade.

"Roll the Old Charlot Along"-Trainmen's Ball-Cake Walk-Bishop Baldwin at St. Paul's.

BORN-At midnight last night, to Father Time and Posterity, a new

Luna, in the fullness of her pale glory, was present at the nativity, so that the unsophisticated yearlet was not launched into a cold world in darkness. Old Boreas blustered around and dried up the tears Nature was shedding on Monday (in the shape of rain), presumably over the approaching demise of the old year. He blew so year in. They had not been out an hour until they met a lusty young fellow called Storm King, who joined them, and together they raised such a ruction with the elments that sparrows who were timorous enough to venture from their nests yesterday morning found that they could not fly against the storm. Pedestrians had equal difficulty in walking. Along in the afternoon Boreas got tired and was lulled to sleep; Storm King departed to look for trouble elsewhere, and Jack Frost alone stood by the old year until the church bells announced that 1895 had become simply a matter of history. Nature was very tranquil, and Jack Frost whispered to Old Boreas that the new year would refrain from coming in like a lion, so that neither President Cleveland, Mr. Olney, or any other jingo American would have an excuse to twist its tail!

In London New Year's Eve was marked by the usual watch-night services, dances, parties, etc. The stores kept open late, as they always do be-fore a holiday, but business was dull, as purchasers were all at home making New Year's resolutions and practicing writing 1896.

SERVICES AT ST. PAUL'S. Bishop Baldwin preached the old year out at St. Paul's. The church was well filled. He chose as his text the second chapter of the book of the Prophet Micah, a portion of the 10th verse: "Arise ye and depart, for this is not your rest." The bishop drew attentian particularly to the fleeting character of time. "All the scenes about us," said he, "the long fare-"All the scenes wells, the constant recurrence of death every voice that speaks to us seems to say, 'Arise ye and depart, for this is not your rest.' If you look back upon the year that has just come to its close, you see that when it began it was like one of those great rolls of paper that our newspapers employ. At first it is a mass of paper; then printed upon. But with this difference -what you have written on the book is every thought, every word. Every action of the year is now stereotyped, without a word of alteration possible, without an action that you can change. It goes into the hand of God

as your history for 1895."
AT DUNDAS CENTER. The Methodists of the Queen's Avenue and Dundas Center congregations held a watch-night service in the new school room of the Dundas Street Church, which was largely attended and very impressive. Rev. E. B. Lance-ley presided. Ten minute addresses were given by Rev. Messrs. Edwin Holmes, J. G. Laird, James Kennedy, Dr. Daniels and E. B. Lanceley, their remarks being of a very earnest character, and urging all to enter upon the new year with a new life and more sincere consecration. The quartet-Misses Roblin and Ruse and Messrs. Skinner and Dr. Ziegler-rendered a number, and a duet was given by Mr. Skinner and Miss Roblin. When the close of the year approached, silent prayer was engaged in and continued

until after the new year had arrived. THE SALVATION ARMY. Adjutant Taylor presided at the Salvation Army watch-night service, which was held in the Citadel base-Afterwards, during the midnight hour, the band paraded the streets playing lively music, and the singers shouted a New Year's resolution to continue to "Roll the Old Charin every way favorable. The outlook of jot Along." Thirty officers of the district will meet in council on junior

soldiers' work today SWITCHMEN'S BALL. The third annual assembly of the London railroad switchmen was held in the City Hall last night, and attracted about 75 couples, who enjoyed a good night's dancing to the music of Chadwick's orchestra. The com-mittee which so energetically promoted the affair comprised Messrs. Taylor, master of ceremonies: A. Douglas, treasurer; W. J. Ball, chairman; A. Leslie, secretary. Messrs. J. Navin, J. Watson and W. Hicks were the floor committee, and Messrs. R. Gould and I. Colling IN HEARD'S HALL.

A large number of the colored peo-

ple of the city spent New Year's Eve in Heard's Hall, Wellington street, where a competitive concert was held under the suspices of the Forest City Band. Competition was the life of the concert. There was a pie-eating contest, a bun-eating contest, and a contest between the vanious soloists of the evening. In the former Charles Clinton, George Gray, and Morgan Gray, jun., were the only entries. They were each supplied with a whole pumpkin ple, on a new thin plate, and the prize was awarded to the contestant who finished first. Mr. Clinton proved the fastest eater, and carried off the prize, The time was not given, nor were rules of etiquette observed. Cox F. Duncan and C. Clinton entered the bun-eating contest, the former succeeding in finishing first. were hung by a string from the ceiling. The judges were Mcsrs. Alex. Logan, Amos Harris, and Thomas E. Taylor. The prize for the solcists was equally divided. The programme was introduced by Mr. Morgan Gray, who acted as chairman. It was as follows: Selection by the band, under the leadership of Mr. G. H. Clinton; comic song, Charles Cox; address, Thomas E. Taylor; solo, Miss Susie Throgmorton; solo, Mrs. Branham mic sono Stephen m: select

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SNOW EXPECTED.

Toronto, Dec. 31-11 p.m,-The storm center which was over Ontario last night has moved northeastward to Labrador and has caused a strong gale from the Lak Atlantic. A storm center now in Arberta is likely to move quickly eastward, and be followed by a pronounced cold wave in the Northwest Territories.

Minimum and maximum temperatures. Edmonton, 8-14; Calgary, 14-24; Prince Albert, zero—10; Qu'Appelle, 4 below—14; Winnipeg, 22 below-ero: Toronto, 24-26; Montreal, 34-40; Quebec, 32-40; Halifax,

PROBABILITIES.

Toronto, Jan 1. - 1 a.m. - Fresh to strong winds; fair and moderately cold today. A light snowfall at most places to-

brohers; stump speech, John Stephen-son; solo, Miss Susie Berry; solo, John Fountain; solo, Mrs. Morehead; violin selection (by request), Alfred Vialet: Miss M. Irons acted as accompanist.

Escaped the Gallows.

Short's' Death Bentence Commuted to Life Imprisonment.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—The death sentence passed on Shortis, the Beauharnois murderer, has been committed to imprisonment for life.

Gross Practices in the Pennsylvania Oche Regions-Highest Bidders

Get the Girls. Dunbar, Jan. 1.—The selling of wives by the Italians in this section of the coke region has been revived by the sale of a girl, about 15 years of age, to an Italian for \$300. The father of to an Italian for \$300. the girl had previously been offered \$200. This suitor, however, was overbid, and the father gave his daughter to the man who offered the most for the prize. The ceremony was solemnized yesterday. Near the Anchor coke works there is an Italian settlement, where it is said the grossest immorality exists among this class of people. It is no uncommon thing for parents to barter their children to anyone who will give them a required sum.

WEST HUPON.

Vigorous Campaigning by I'r. M. C. Cameron.

A Conservative High Tax Supporter and a P. P. A. Candidate Also in the Field.

Goderich, Dec. 31.-A' contingent of the Conservative workers who have recently been in North Ontario and Cardwell arrived today in West Huron. The bye-election campaign begins tonight. Several meetings have been announced for this week and next week. It is expected about 50 meetings will be held. Mr. R. Newman, of Toronto, the P.P.A. candidate, has announced four meetings and there is considerable curiosity regarding his candidature, which is looked upon as frivolous. The other candidates are Mr. David Weismiller, who previous to 1890 was a Liberal but upon that date became an Equal Righter. In 1891 the ran as an independent against Mr. John McMillan, M.P. for South Huron, and in 1894 he ran as a straight Conservative in South Huron, opposing Mr. M. Y. Mc-Lean, M.P.P., unsuccessfully. This shows the stages whereby Mr. Weisbecame an admirer of th tawa Government and all that that im. plies. He, too, is an outsider. party has had to import a candidate. The Liberal campaign will be one of the most energetic in the history of the party. Mr. M. C. Cameron Q.C., the party. the Liberal candidate, has entered enthusiastically into the campaign, and organization will be perfected in every poiling district within the next day or two. The majority of districts have already been attended to, and there is every assurance that th Liberal candidate will receive an enthusiastic support from all sections of the riding, that his election will be beyond question. Mr. Cameron has suffi-ciently recovered in health to superi 1tend the work of organization and take part in the meetings. At the public gatherings he will be assisted by Sir Richard Cartwright. Hon. Gec. Ross, Mr. J. D. Edgar, M.P., Dr. Peter Macd and, M.P., Dr. Geo. Landerkin, M.P., Mr. John McMillan, M.P. Mr. James McMullen, M.P., Mr. James

F. Lister, M.P., Mr. Frank Pedley, and Several Liberal meetings have beannounced for this week, and ne week gatherings will be held eve Statements have been circul ed to the effect that besides those n tioned there would be other candid but all these rumors are, upon the best authority, denied. The c

eld, and no others, for Mr. N run, unless the Governm him to retire.