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NOTICE.
The annual general meeting of the
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3rd, at 8.30 p. m.
J. O. SKINNER, J. FRED PAYNE,
President. Secretary.

**The West St. John
Office of
St. John STAR**

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Advertisements and Sub-
scriptions left there will
receive careful attention

A story of extraordinary deafness
was unfolded at a recent meeting of a
medical society in Philadelphia. An
elderly woman, exceedingly hard of
hearing, lived near the river. One after-
noon a warship fired a salute of ten
guns. The woman, alone in her little
house, waited until the booming ceased.
Then she smoothed her dress, brushed
her hair back in a quaint manner, and
sweetly, "Come in."

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ST. JOHN STAR.
ST. JOHN, N. B., JAN. 1, 1907.

IN NEW BRUNSWICK.
In New Brunswick the year which
has just closed has not brought many
important changes though there has
been progress in all directions. Politi-
cally we are in about the same position
as at this time last year, there has
been a relaxation in party lines and
since the excitement over the last fed-
eral election has died out we are more
than ever united for the general well
being of the province. Before next
New Year's day, however, changes will
undoubtedly come which may result in
a partial re-arrangement of the govern-
ment, if current rumors are worthy
of credence.

Industrially, our development has
been slow but steady. A number of
small manufacturing plants have been
established, many others have been
enlarged, and the gratifying circum-
stance is that all have been kept busy.
Perhaps the most important engineer-
ing undertaking in the construction of
the power plant at Aroostook falls,
which plant will, it is expected, be in
operation by next autumn. The Grand
Falls Company seems to be very gradu-
ally approaching the beginning of
construction work. Numerous new saw-
mills have been erected. An important
railway line has been almost carried
to completion in the northern part of
the province, opening up a very valu-
able section of country. All this is
along the line of natural progress, and
no great strides have been made in
any one direction. But we may expect
more during the new year, for the east-
ern section of the Grand Trunk Pacific
will be under way and its completion
will be an event of moment to New
Brunswick.

In education there has been a mark-
ed awakening to the advantages of a
system which is suited to the needs of
all, one which provides practical in-
struction rather than book learning
alone, and along this line may be noted
the establishment of a number of
schools equipped for manual training
and kindred branches, while several
other such schools are now under con-
sideration. There is to be seen too, in
religious life a realization of the fact
that solemn sermons are not alone suf-
ficiently powerful to hold the interest
of the young in church work. Twenty
years ago many staid old deacons, who
fortunately are now in their graves,
would have been stricken dumb by a
suggestion that sacred church property
should be used for anything but
church purposes. Nowadays our dea-
cons and elders have more sense, and
perhaps after all John Knox will not
turn in his grave when he sees boys
and girls skating behind a Presbyterian
church, nor will Wesley rise up when
Methodists use the vacant church land
for tennis courts. These old leaders and
more like them will be inclined to rest
satisfied with the knowledge that some
at least of their followers are appre-
ciating the true teachings of the gospel
and are gathering off the streets those
men and women and boys and girls
who have hitherto been so sadly neg-
lected. This re-action on the part of
the church, this reversion to practical
Christianity has been most marked
during the past year, and will no doubt
be continued for the good of the people.
New Brunswick is a province which
must depend to a large extent on the
success of its lumbering, and during
the year this industry has been most
prosperous. Year after year the op-
erators and millmen pull long faces,
strenuously object to any innovations
which may increase their expenses, and
announce that they are almost ruined
when a few million feet of logs are
hung up. But year in and year out they
fourish, most of them are wealthy,
and although they no doubt have
met with some minor reverses in 1906
it must be admitted that on the whole
they have done very well.

General business has been exception-
ally good, failures have been few, pay-
ments prompt, money plentiful, and
good times have prevailed, due chiefly
to the strong demand for labor.
Agriculture has received only a share
of attention. The deplorable tendency
among people to get to the cities still
exists, and J. J. Hill's advice to "go
back to the land," is not being follow-
ed, but there is a hope that the people
will before long realize for themselves
the advantages of remaining on the
farms.

THE DEATH OF THE OLD YEAR.
Full knee-deep lies the winter snow
And the winter winds are wearily
sighing.
Toll ye the church bell sad and low,
And tread softly and speak low,
For the old year lies a-dying.
Old year, you must not die;
You came to us so readily,
You lived with us so steadily,
Old year, you shall not die.

FOR THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.
(Harper's Weekly.)
An amusing story of amateur sport
comes from Rockville, Maryland, where
each year there is held a series of races
"for all comers."

The sun was blazing down on field of
hot, excited horses and men, all wait-
ing for a tall raw-boned beast to yield
to the impetuosity of the starter and
get into line.
The patience of the starter was near-
ly exhausted. "Bring up that horse!"
he shouted, "bring him back!" "You'll
get into trouble pretty soon if you
don't!"
The rider of the refractory beast, a
youthful Irishman, yelled back: "I
can't help it! This here's been a cab-
horse, and he won't start till the door
shuts, and I ain't got no door!"
It is the custom of a well-known
veteran to point his sermons with either
"dearly beloved brethren" or "now,
my brothers." One day a lady member
of his congregation took exception to
this.
"Why do you always preach to the
gentlemen and never to the ladies?"
she asked.
"My dear lady," said the beaming
vicar, "one embraces the other."
"But not in the church!" was the
instant reply.

The productiveness of the soil of
Indian Territory and all things that
unto pertaining is constantly grow-
ing. An exchange offers a cow for sale
in the following words:
"Full-blooded cow for sale, giving
milk, three tons of hay, a lot of
chickens and several stoves."

His—I hate a dirty woman.
Her—How about a dirty man?
His—Oh, well—that's different. Wo-
men are attractive that a man has
some excuse.

Dupont—I think your son will be
celebrated if he lives long enough.
Durand—In what way?
Dupont—Why, for his great age.

**PIONEER AEROPLANIST,
RUINED, WILL TRY AGAIN**

**Count Ferdinand Zeppelin, After Spending
Fortune, is Undaunted.**

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—Now that the
Wright Brothers and M. Santos Du-
mont have all but solved the problem
of aerial flight, it is pathetic to con-
template the present condition of
Count Ferdinand Zeppelin, the pioneer,
who fifty years ago began a study of
the question, despite the jeers of his
contemporaries, who regarded him as
a madman.

Of all the magnificent estates the
Count inherited nothing now remains
to him. Every house and every acre
has been spent in futile experiments,
and with his devoted wife, the old in-
ventor has been living for the last few
years in a small four-roomed cottage
in a remote village in South Germany,
dependent for support on wealthy rela-
tives.

Year after year, from 1866, with only
a break of one year, when he got mar-
ried, Count Zeppelin constructed all
sorts of flying machines, making ex-
pensive journeys to Paris, London and
other capitals to watch the progress of
other aeronauts.

Little by little his estate was frit-
tered away, and he was forced to face
ruin and destitution.
After devoting forty years to a fu-
tile attempt to construct a successful
flying machine Count Zeppelin ap-
plied himself to the construction of a
navigable airship. The last unsuccess-
ful attempt was made in 1901, when the
Count, who was then 63 years old, in
despair, publicly announced that he
was determined to abandon his effort.
But he managed to collect funds to
build another airship, which was com-
pleted this year. It had its first trial
in September, and was reported to be
a comparative success. Subsequent
trips were comparative failures; but,
nevertheless, the count, with money he
has borrowed from sympathetic friends,
will try once more next year.

He lieth still; he doth not move;
He will not see the dawn of day,
He hath no other life above,
So long as you have been with us,
He gave me a friend, and a true, true-
love.
And the New-Year will take 'em
away.
Old year, you must not go;
So long as you have been with us,
Such joy as you have seen with us,
Old year, you shall not go.

How hard he breathe! over the snow
I heard just now the crowing cock.
The shadows flicker too and fro,
The cricket chirps; the light burns
low;
His nearly twelve o'clock.
Shake hands before you die.
Old year, we'll dearly rue for you;
What is it we can do for you?
Speak out before you die.

His face is growing sharp and thin,
Alas! our friend is gone,
Close up his eyes; tie up his chin;
Step from the corpse, and let him in
That standeth there alone.
And waiteth at the door my friend,
There's a new foot on the floor my
friend,
And a new face at the door, my friend,
A new face at the door.

—TENNYSOON.
A parliamentary candidate was being
heckled. One of the questions had
reference to the religious denomination
to which he belonged.
"Well," he said, "you have asked me
an honest question, and you shall have
a straightforward answer. My grand-
mother was a Scotchwoman—a rigid
Presbyterian."

Obvious disappointment was shown
on the faces of the audience, so the
candidate proceeded:
"My grandfather was English, and
therefore a member of the Church of
England."

Still no enthusiasm, but rather the
reverse.
"My father, on the other hand, was
a good Baptist," went on the desper-
ate candidate, who was still unrewarded
by applause. He grew anxious, so
he hurriedly added: "But my dear
mother, long since dead, was a Metho-
dist."

Instantly all faces were radiant, so
he concluded:
"And, gentlemen, I follow the pre-
cepts of my dear old mother. I'm
Methodist and I don't care who knows
it!"

THE TWO VAGABONDS.
Although a fairly large audience at-
tended the Robinson Opera Company's
production of The Two Vagabonds last
evening, many others might have
been present if the piece had been ad-
vertised under its more familiar names
of Robert Macaire or Erminie. This
old favorite was splendidly presented,
the costuming was most attractive,
the chorus work well up to the mark,
and too much praise cannot be given
to the soloists. Miss Wallace, who took
the lead, never sang more sweetly
than in the lullaby nor were the mem-
bers of the chorus ever heard more
favorably. There are many gems in
the opera and all were rendered with
ability and expression. Mr. Neeson
and Mr. Henderson were an amusing
couple as The Two Vagabonds and the
other parts were taken with the usual
ease of some, chapped skin, and
cess and should draw a crowded house
on its presentation this evening.

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Numbers"**

**Said Rory as he put down
the Tiger Tea Pot to take
another look at Kathleen.**

MARRIAGES.
STONE-CALÉ.—At the United Baptist
Parsonage, Victoria street, St. John,
Dec. 24, 1906, by Rev. Gideon Swim,
Edgar Stone and Mabel Calé, both of
St. John.

HIGGINS-FIDDLER.—At the United
Baptist Parsonage, Victoria street,
by Rev. Gideon Swim, Harry W. Hig-
gins of Salmon Creek, Queens Co.,
N. B., and Addie R. Fidler, of Up-
per Salmon Creek, Sunbury Co., N. B.

DEATHS.
HOLMES.—In this city on the 30th
inst. after a short illness, Honora,
widow of Carl Holmes, in the 75th
year of her age, leaving one son to
mourn his loss.

Notice of funeral in evening papers.
DONALD.—In this city, on the 31st
Dec., Margaret (Bird), aged 24 years,
wife of Alexander B. Donald, and
daughter of Mary Ann and the late
John Hackett.

Funeral on Wednesday, Jan. 2nd, at
3 o'clock, from her late residence,
Lombard street. Friends and ac-
quaintances are invited to attend.

WILLES.—In this city, on Dec. 31st,
Thomas Willis, in the 83rd year of
his age, leaving one son and one
daughter to mourn their loss. (Boston
papers please copy.)

Funeral on Wednesday, the second day
of January, from the residence of
his daughter, Mrs. Alexander Gray,
No. 12 Prospect street. Service at
the house at 2.30 o'clock. Friends and
acquaintances are respectfully invited
to attend.

O'BRIEN.—In this city, on Dec. 31st,
Bridget, the beloved wife of John
O'Brien, in the 74th year of her age,
leaving a husband and one sister to
mourn their loss. (Boston papers
please copy.)

Funeral on Thursday morning at 8.30
from her late residence, 188 Rockland
road, to Holy Trinity church. Re-
quiem high mass at 8. Friends are
invited to attend.

**Taft ANNOUNCES HIS
CANDIDACY FOR 1908**
Looked Upon as One to Carry Out
President's Policies.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Secretary
of War William Howard Taft today
announced himself a candidate for the
Presidential nomination.

His statement expresses neither great
hope that his ambitions will be real-
ized, nor does it urge any reasons why
they should. Nevertheless, as it is
read here, it is accepted as an un-
announced definite as any man
could make at this time, and as placing
Taft in the field as the most promi-
nent, and probably the most likely Pre-
sidential possibility.

It is effect has already been apparent.
Taft is looked upon as the candidate
of the Roosevelt wing of the Republi-
can party, and the men who will op-
pose him are the men who have fought
the Roosevelt policies, and would fight
Roosevelt himself were he again an as-
pirant to the nomination.

Concerning his Presidential aspira-
tions, he said:—
"For the purpose of relieving the
burden imposed by recent publications
upon some of my friends among the
Washington newspaper correspondents
of putting further inquiries to me, I
wish to say that my ambition is not
political."

"I am not seeking the Presidential
nomination, and I do not expect to be
the Republican candidate; if for no
other reason, that of what seems
to me to be objections to my avail-
ability, which do not appear to lessen
with the continued discharge of my
own official duties."

"But I am not foolish enough to say
that in the improbable event that the
opportunity to run for the great office
of President were to come to me I
should decline it, for this would not be
true."

Mr. Taft's statement was due to
pressure brought to bear by friends in
Ohio. It was preceded by a publish-
ed announcement of his candidacy in
the Cleveland Leader of this morning,
a portion of which appeared in The
North American.

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IN CINCINNATI HOSPITAL

**WEALTH LEADS TO
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Solitary Lives of Three Misers End in
Lunatic Asylum and Death.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 31.—Horrible dis-
coveries have been made by the com-
mittee of the city club, appointed to in-
quire into the condition of the old
Cincinnati Hospital and to ascertain
the necessity of a new one.

It was learned today from a member
of the committee that the reporter,
Ralph Caldwell, instance a baby pa-
tient, part of whose ear was bitten off
by a rat, which also gnawed the sole
of one of the baby's feet.

Joseph Thatcher, wounded by a po-
liceman, begged to be removed from
the hospital to the jail, because he
feared the rats in the ward.

A woman gave birth to a child in the
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