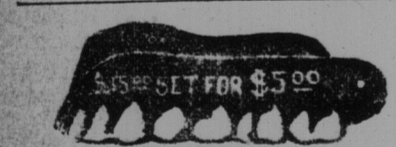


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LOCAL NEWS.

A special meeting of the R. L. Borden Club will be held on Monday evening at eight o'clock in their room, Bressa's Corner.

Latest reports of the collapse of the Suspension bridge at Charleston, West Virginia, state that only three were killed and four injured.

A meeting of the board of trustees of the New Brunswick and P. E. Island conference of the Methodist Church was held at the Clifton House last evening.

The city council of Toronto has adopted a resolution petitioning the Ontario legislature to grant power to the city to expropriate the Toronto Street Railway system.

The three ghosts on the lonesome road Spake each to one another, "Whence came that staid about your mouth."

The three ghosts on the sunless road Spoke each to one another, "Whence came that red hair on your foot."

The three ghosts on the wireless road Spoke each to one another, "Whence came that blood upon your hand."

Yet on the earth clean men we walked, Cluttered and fair it hid our stains, "That no man might discover."

A clearing sale of fifty pairs of frilled muslin curtains at only 99c, pair at the Walter Scott store, King Street.

Undressed kid or "Suede" gloves are probably most preferred by ladies for winter wear.

The same thing applies to insurance companies. They should be taxed equally, and not vary according to the amount of business done.

Acadia District I. O. O. F., Manchester Unity, is now well represented in St. John as a lodge was formed here Wednesday night.

Yesterday's Pacific express brought to the city Grand Master J. S. Edwards, of Halifax; Grand Secretary J. Burford, of Halifax; Past Grand Master A. J. McCoolon, of Halifax; Past Grand Master J. Toole, of Halifax, and Past Noble Grand George McEachern, Moncton.

At the conclusion of the lecture the Fabian League adopted the following resolution: Whereas, many cities deem it unwise and unfair to tax the living income;

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10 Pairs of FRILLED MUSLIN CURTAINS, at only 50c. pair. This is a great bargain at this price.

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Let Us Tell You. In confidence that the little ones will consider Santa a good fellow if he goes to SANBORN'S for their Christmas Shoes.



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A boy cannot study when his blood is full of bile! Ayer's Pills act directly on the liver.

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House Coats, \$3 to \$10.

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Our Breakfast Bacon, Roll Bacon, Hams and Lard are used in people who are particular about what they eat.

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Next week - Christmas week - everybody will be on the jump. What shall I get for Father, Brother - or somebody else's brother, will be asked by hundreds of people?

Many persons think it hard work buying Christmas presents for men. It needn't be, if you will let us help you make your decision.

Allow us to suggest some of the good things we have in stock:

- Overcoats, latest styles and patterns, \$5 to \$20. Suits, single and double breasted, \$3 to \$20.00. Ulsters, in a variety of colors, \$4 to \$12.00. Rain Coats, \$9 to \$20. Smoking Jackets, very nobby, a most excellent gift for a gentleman, \$4.50 to \$12. Mufflers, the made up kind, and the squares, 25c. and all prices up to \$2.00. Full Dress Shirt Protectors, \$1.50 and \$1.65. Gloves, lined and unlined, Dent's and Fownes' celebrated makes, 50c to \$4 pair. Suspenders, plain and fancy, 50c to \$1.50. Handkerchiefs, in fancy boxes, 50c to \$2.00. Underwear, fleece lined and all wool, all the leading makes, 50c to \$3 per garment. Umbrellas, in large variety 75c to \$5. Leather Suit Cases \$2.50 to \$12.00.

There is nothing a gentleman appreciates more than something to wear. If none of the above suggestions suit, give him

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SOMETHING NEW

ON TEMPERANCE. Eben Perkins Makes Some Strong Changes.

Rev. Mr. Walker Says There's No Reason Why a Man Shouldn't Drink - If He Wants To.

Before an audience composed mostly of members of the Unitarian church congregation assembled last evening in Odd Fellows' hall, Eben Perkins read a paper on the "Present Temperance Laws and Their Enforcement."

At the close of the paper a general discussion followed. Mr. Perkins said he noticed that Dr. John M. Smith, who as commissioner permitted the violation of the liquor laws, was also to be a candidate for the local house.

MONCTON NEWS.

MONCTON, Dec. 16.-The steady cold weather of the past week or ten days has had the effect of putting good sheets of ice in the skating and curling rinks.

HONEY 9000 YEARS OLD.

GOSHEN, N. Y., Dec. 12.-Alonso Murphy, a farmer, living near Pochuck, while digging a ditch through some black dirt on his place ran across a trunk of a tree about four feet below the surface.



Think It Over

by all means, before you decide where to buy your Holiday Presents.

We have many pretty pieces suitable for Xmas Gifts.

For the Older Folks: Fancy Cabinets, Secretaries, Centre Tables, Dressing Tables, Shaving Stands, Rockers, Morris Easy Chairs, Etc.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

- VISIT QUEEN LILLA, world famous scientific Palmist and Clairvoyant. One visit will convince you she is all she claims to be. 72 Prince William street. MRS. H. D. EVERETT, 57 Brussels street, will continue her sale until Christmas of hand-worked Centre-pieces, D'Oyles, etc. Painted work and Christmas novelties. "SKATE SHARPENED-Fifty years' experience, R. WOTTRICH, 254 Union St. SKATE SHARPENING.-Manufacturer of Tubular, Racing and Hockey skates. R. D. COLES, 151 Charlotte street. ART WORK SALE. Mrs. J. G. Armstrong, 125 St. James street, announces an opening of art work to continue until Christmas. The sale will include decorative painting in china, oils and water colors. A choice collection of Japanese embroidery will also be shown.

FOR SALE.

- FOR SALE-DOHERTY ORGAN, brand new, polished oak piano case. WM. H. DUSTIN, Lansdowne House, King Square. FOR SALE-Cheap, a two seated sleigh, one single seat and a delivery pump. Address E. S. DIBBLEE, 30 Pond street. FOR SALE-Horse, harness and eleven. Enquire 8 Ann street. FOR SALE-1 1/2 inch auger, 1 1/2 inch auger, 2 steel squares. Apply at Star office. FOR SALE-Black Minorca fowl. JAMES W. BARBER, Torryburn.

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- NECKTIES in French Derby, Puffs, Bows, String, Flowing Ends, Etc. FANCY Braces, Armlets, Socks, Handkerchiefs, Etc. MUFLERS Shaped with Fancy Lining, Square, black and color'd 50c to \$1 SUIT CASES, \$7.00 to \$10. GLOVES, Unlined, Silk lined, Flannel lined, Silk lined, 50c to \$2.00.

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White and Colored Shirts. Underwear. Sweaters, Collars, Cuffs. Snaps in Boys' Sweaters worth from 75c to \$1.00 Now selling at 25c., 50c. and 75c.

We were fortunate enough to secure a large lot of Men's and Boys' Winter Clothing at about half the regular price. To this we have added all regular lines in which the sizes are broken, the whole making a splendid assortment of new and up-to-date goods.

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Overcoats.

We have sold more Overcoats this season than ever before in a whole winter. The reason is, the exceptional values we have been giving—but now they are cheaper than ever. \$ 5.00 Overcoats now \$3.95 6.00 Overcoats now 4.95 7.50 Overcoats now 6.98 8.50 Overcoats now 8.75 10.00 Overcoats now 12.00 9.50 Overcoats now 13.50 and \$15.00

Reefers.

Men's D. B. Reefers, with storm collar, heavy frieze, with heavy flannel lining, regular price \$6.00; now selling at \$2.98 Boys' D. B. Reefers, regular prices \$2.75 to \$4.75; now marked at \$1.49, \$1.98 and \$2.49 Boys' Short Pants, regular prices from 50c. to 1.10; now marked at 3 special prices, 25c., 49c. and 69c.

Men's Suits.

Some genuine bargains will be found in Men's Suit \$ 7.00 Suits now \$8.95 6.00 Suits 5.00 Suits 7.50 Suits now 99 8.50 Suits 9.50 Suits now 68 10.00 Suits 14.00 Suits now 10. 15.00 Suits

J. N. HARVEY, Men's and Boys' Clothier 199 and 201 Union Street.

UNDER CONSIDERATION. J. L. Stewart Regarded as a Possible Opponent Candidate in Northumberland.

Who will fill the vacancy in the local legislature caused by the resignation of W. S. Loggie? This is a question which is just now agitating the minds of the people of Northumberland to some extent. It is really about time some move was made in the matter. The names of the Hon. John Burcill, late speaker of the house, and Robert Murray are most prominently mentioned in connection with the government candidature. Mr. Burcill has served this county faithfully and well in the local house and there are many who believe that he is entitled above all other men to the nomination. On the other hand Mr. Murray has many supporters who believe that his years of service to the party entitle him to nomination above all others. The matter will doubtless be settled in a few days. Donald Morrison, M. P., a prominent local leader of the opposition, speaking to a reporter for the Advocate yesterday said that his party was merely waiting to see what the government would do. He was of the opinion that the opposition would bring out a candidate, but he declared that nothing was settled as yet. The opposition will probably meet in convention as soon as the name of the government candidate is announced. J. L. Stewart, editor of the Chatham World, is regarded by some as a likely candidate—Advocate.

ROW AT RIDEAU HALL. Servants Quarrelled and as a Result Some are Discharged—New Immigration Agents.

OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—As the result of a row at a farewell dinner given by servants of Rideau Hall, two of the Dominion Police have been dismissed. The dinner was given about the time of the departure of the governor general and his staff, but the affair was hushed up, and has only leaked out through the dismissal of Constables Gastonguay and Dewitt. It is said that some thirteen or fourteen men were in the mix-up. Application on behalf of the crown for an inspection of the ballot cast at poll No. 2, Clarendon and Millar, in the electorate riding of Frontenac was made by J. P. Shepley this morning, and granted by Justice Anglin. It is believed that a defective box was used at this poll. To cure Headache in ten minutes use Kumford Headache Powders, 10 cents.

HALIFAX NAVAL DOCKYARD. British Admiralty Has Ordered it to be Closed Down at Once.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 15.—Orders were received from the British admiralty today by cable directing that the naval dockyard here be closed down at once in accordance with this order the employees were given one week's notice that their services would no longer be required. This order is in keeping with Sir John Fisher's scheme for reorganization of British naval methods and for the establishment of a huge and powerful flying squadron instead of a fleet permanently stationed at Halifax and Bermuda. The naval dockyard at Halifax has been in existence for 140 years and its employees numbered at the height of the season some 400, though now they are down to about 100. The dockyard embraces a stretch of half a mile of the west part of the water front and its great area is enclosed by thick stone walls twelve feet high. It is situated just north of the government railway water terminals and it has long been desired to obtain it for the use of that road. It is probable now that the dominion government will make an effort to secure it for the intercolonial railway.

CANTATA IN TRINITY. Trinity church choir gave Garrick's Two Advents last night before a crowded church. The music of this cantata is by no means easy, but it would be hard to find any fault with the rendition given last night. The cantata is in two parts, the first dealing with the birth of Christ, and the second with the last day of his life, and the second coming of the Saviour. The music throughout retains its sacred character. In the second part the meaning of the words is kept well to the front in the music. Miss Munro rendered the soprano solos in a particularly artistic manner. J. A. Kelly well sustained his reputation and put much feeling into his words. Miss Smith, who took the alto solo, appeared a little nervous in the opening bars, but with confidence regained, she sang in a very effective manner. The choir was conducted by A. C. Ritchie, and J. S. Ford presided at the organ. His work contributed greatly to the success of the evening. While never obtruding the organ on the singers he played with a vigor and feeling which well backed up the efforts of the choir.

WANT HUGHES TO REMAIN. LINDSAY, Ont., Dec. 15.—The executive of the Victoria county Conservative Association have declined to allow Col. Hughes, M. P., to retire in favor of R. L. Borden.

SAILORS SCALDED TO DEATH. Three Men Dead and Others Seriously Injured by Accident on U. S. Battleship Massachusetts.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15.—Caught in a trap and helpless to save themselves, three men lost their lives and four others, including Lieut. Wm. Cole, were terribly scalded today, by a rush of steam and boiling water in the fire room of the battleship Massachusetts, lying at the League Island navy yard. The dead are: Edward Bub, married, boilermaker and civilian; Andrew Hamilton, married, a boilermaker and civilian; Charles Ritzke, boilermaker, helper and civilian. Injured: Lieut. Wm. Cole, U. S. N., assistant chief engineer of the Massachusetts, scalded about the head and body; taken to the naval hospital. James Wilson, boilermaker's helper, badly scalded; taken to the naval hospital. James Wilson, boilermaker's helper and civilian employee, scalded; taken to Methodist hospital. Jos. A. Duran, boilermaker's helper and civilian, scalded; taken to St. Agnes' hospital.

A CURIOUS CONTRAST. (Music and Drama.) When Charles Wyndham first put on "David Garrick" at the Criterion in London, that a bonnet by Harry Hamilton the dramatist, at the other's expense, went the round of the clubs. One afternoon during the run of the piece Wyndham was sitting in the corridor of the Garrick Club, under Garrick's portrait, in the Garrick chair, which is one of the club's treasures, when Hamilton entered. He gazed upon Wyndham; then upon the portrait of Garrick, and then upon Wyndham again. "Charles," he said, finally, "do you know that you are growing more like Garrick every day?" "Do you think so?" returned the actor with gratification. "Very glad, I'm sure." "Yes, indeed," proceeded Hamilton.

SIMILARITY. Ida—So you refused the last nobleman and are not married yet? May—Yes, I am something like a doubtful state after election. Ida—How is that? May—I am waiting for the right count.

LATE SHIP NEWS. Domestic Ports. HALIFAX, Dec 15—Ard, str MacKay-Bennett, from New York. HALIFAX, Dec 15—Ard, str Pro Patria, from St Pierre, Mic. Cld, sch Nimrod, for Cienfuegos, Cuba. British Ports. LONDON, Dec 15—Spoken, bark Hinemoa, from St John for Melbourne, Nov 6, lat 3, lon 28. LIVERPOOL, Dec 15—Ard, str Cedric, from New York via Queenstown. GLASGOW, Dec 15—Ard, str Montevideo, from Boston. INTRAHULL, Dec 15—Passed, str Siberian, from Philadelphia and St Johns, NF, for Glasgow. QUEENSTOWN, Dec 15—Sld, str Baltic, from Liverpool for New York. PORTSMOUTH, NH, Dec 15—Ard, sch F H Sawyer, from Sheepscot River, Me. MANCHESTER, Dec 15—Ard, str Manchester Trader, from Montreal via Charlestown. GLASGOW, Dec 15—Ard, str Alcedo, from St John. Foreign Ports. HAVRE, Dec 15—Ard, str LaTouraine, from New York. CITY ISLAND, Dec 15—Bound south, sch Pacific, from Halifax, NS; Anna Partridge, sch Railway, from Pembroke, NS. PORTLAND, Me, Dec 15—Ard, str Cutman, from Liverpool; Hilda, from Parrboro, NS; sch Pillsbury, for Bridgetown, Barbados. HAVRE, Dec 15—Ard, str LaTouraine, from New York. CALAIS, Me, Dec 15—Ard, sch Annie Blanche, from Parrboro, NS. VALENCIA, Dec 15—Ard, str Norman, from Montreal and Quebec via Sydney, CB, for Barcelona. NEW YORK, Dec 15—Ard, str Maquette, from Liverpool; sch Wm L Walker, from New Bedford. GLOUCESTER, Mass, Dec 15—Ard, sch Tav, from Boston for St John. BOSTON, Dec 15—Ard, str, Halifax, from Halifax, NS; Boston, from Tarmouth, NS; sch Avila, from Nova Scotia. VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass, Dec 15—Ard, schs A W Ellis, from Port Johnson for Rockland; Annie A Booth, from Edgewater for St John; William F Green, from Fort Reading for do; Otis Miller, from Ellsabethport for do; H J Melanson, from New York for Nova Scotia; Andrew Peters, from Calais for New York. Returned, barkentine Edith Sherman, from New York for Halifax; schs Rebecca W Huddell, from New York for Portland; T W H White, from Port Liberty for St Stephen; Edna, from New York for Calais; Frank and Ira, from New London for St John; H A

Holder, from Warren, RI, for do; Lotus, from New York for St John; Cora May, from Carteret for St John; Viola, from Ellsabethport for do; F Kimball, from Virginia for Bath. Sld, str Consuelo, for Hull via New York, bath; Freeman, for Rosaris. Another eastern king, the James of Muscat, has in his collection a pearl worth \$185,000, weighing 12 1/2 karats. The daylight can be seen through it. Princess Yousouppoff's, finest gem is wonderfully beautiful. It was first heard of 820, when Georgeus Calais sold it to Philip of Spain for \$180,000. The pope's pearl is worth \$80,000. It has descended in a regular course to the incumbent of the throne from one of the earliest popes who became possessed of it in a manner which has not been told.

MOST FAMOUS PEARL. The most famous pearl in all the world is owned by the Shah of Persia and is called the Tavernier. It was named for the celebrated traveller of that name and was sold to the Shah's ancestors by him for \$500,000. Today it is probably worth more than \$200,000. Another eastern king, the James of Muscat, has in his collection a pearl worth \$185,000, weighing 12 1/2 karats. The daylight can be seen through it. Princess Yousouppoff's, finest gem is wonderfully beautiful. It was first heard of 820, when Georgeus Calais sold it to Philip of Spain for \$180,000. The pope's pearl is worth \$80,000. It has descended in a regular course to the incumbent of the throne from one of the earliest popes who became possessed of it in a manner which has not been told.

THE NEW REPORTER. (Kansas City Star.) A Green county paper hired a new reporter the other day and sent him out after some news. Three hours later he returned and began writing. After twenty minutes of hard work he handed the editor a sheet of paper on which he had written: "Joe Green had an accident at his home today. His wife fell off a porch and landed on the dog. It was an unfortunate occurrence."

IN THE OLD BARN. "They were husking corn in the old barn." "They say love is blind," remarked the buccolic lass in gingham gown. "Yes, color blind," whispered the girl in the knitted shawl. "Hiram thought a yellow egg of corn was red and kissed me twice."

FATHER IGNATIUS. Is Well Known in Fredericton.

There has been some interest about town caused by the Associated Press despatch published in the Gleaser last evening in which it stated that Father Ignatius had reiterated his firm conviction that the days of miracles are not yet passed, and that he himself had been used by God in their performance, even to raise the dead. As published in the despatch, Father Ignatius gave his reasons for so believing and spoke of cases in which he claimed to have restored the dead to life and to have given health to the sick. The despatch further stated that independent investigations were being made to determine regarding the statements. This despatch might not have had such a local interest if it had not been so generally known that Father Ignatius is a relative of people at present residing in this city and of some others who left here some time ago and removed to Brookline, Mass. The full name of Father Ignatius is Father Joseph Lovestor Lyne and he has been a monk all his life and has become famous as such. He was born 67 years ago and has lived in monasteries all his life. He was the founder of Westminster, the Welsh Abbey, and has lately lived with the other monks in the world known Llanthany Abbey. There are many who will remember the sensation he caused by his visit to America in from 1856 to 1858. Father Ignatius is a first cousin of Mrs. Payne Sills, who previously used to live in this city, in the house on George street at present occupied by James Lynn. Some years ago Father Ignatius was visited at his abbey by Mrs. Sills, who removed from here to Brookline, Mass., some time ago. Mrs. Bernard Plesney, who resides on King street above Westmorland street, would therefore be a second cousin of Father Ignatius on account of her relation to Mrs. Sills—Gleaser.

A BRAVE HEN. An Oregon woman is the owner of a hen that she would not trade for an entire flock of poultry. A Philadelphia daily declares this hen to be the only one in the United States that ever fought and killed a hawk. The hen was tending her brood in the usual way, when a chicken-hawk made its descent. The hen did not squawk and run, but with a fierce and well-directed blow buried her bill under the hawk's left wing. It may have been a chance blow, but it did its work. The hawk seemed surprised and afraid. It rose feebly and against a clothesline and dropped dead. That the "sure customer" for whatever you have to sell is a reader of the want ads, is one of the safest guesses you can possibly make in an uncertain world.

F. D. MONK, M. P., Thinks Provincial Convention Will be a Good Thing for Conservatives.

MONTREAL, Dec. 15.—F. D. Monk, M. P., stated today that he believed the provincial convention would be an excellent thing for the conservative party, but that it ought not to take place before a date well on in the spring. "I have not been approached on the matter at all," said Mr. Monk, "but I know that there is a strong group of young men in the party who are very earnest about this convention—very earnest to have it held almost immediately. I do not think myself that the time is quite ripe for it. There is a need of the convention for the purpose of organizing the party and I think it would be an excellent thing, but it should not be held until well on in the spring." A movement in favor of an early convention, which has its centre in the young group, at Jacques Cartier Club is evidently confined as yet to the outer circles.

WILKESBARRE'S GREAT CLANCE. (Hamilton Times.) Some candidates for the office of Mayor have platforms and some have none other than the desire to get there. But the Hon. Marcus Smith, who wants to be Mayor of Wilkesbarre, Pa., has one with nine planks, from which our majority candidates may get some hints. He will: 1. Divide his salary between the Home for Friendless Children and the Old Ladies' Home. 2. Divide the offices among the Republicans and the Democrats pro rata to the votes cast for him by each party. 3. Let the bosses make the appointments. 4. Favor or provide municipal assembly rooms, a municipal theatre and municipal Turkish baths. 5. Advocate auxiliary swimming pools and roof gardens for the school houses. 6. Advocate five cent round trip trolley tickets for children and working-men. 7. Advocate free funeral cars on street railways that pass cemeteries. 8. Have free daily brass band concerts. 9. Make Greater Wilkesbarre the Paris of Pennsylvania.

MAY HOLD ICE SPORTS. Ice sports will be the next thing on the programme and already a few evenings of this sort are in contemplation. The Shingle Sawyers and Bunchers' Union of North End are talking of holding a series of speed events in one of the large rinks early next month, while the local flyers are themselves getting into trim for fear some of the rink managers may spring a meet in the near future.

Crowds Are Daily Flocking to the Big Sale Now Going on at the MONTREAL CLOTHING STORE, 207 Union Street. Fall in Line With the Crowd.

ST JOHN STAR, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1904.

Over the Border

By ROBERT BARR, Author of 'Jennie Baxter, Journalist,' Etc.

(Continued). This remark calling for no response, received none. "Sixteen years ago! Then that was in..."

HOCKEY. Sussex is Out of the Game and Moncton is in.

The annual meeting of the executive of the N. B. Hockey League took place last evening in the Royal Hotel. President J. D. Chipman occupied the chair, and C. H. Allen performed the duties of secretary.

Our Grand Clothing Sale Still Going On.

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET CALLED AT OUR STORE to get the benefit of the great stock sacrificing prices, you should not delay any longer, but give us a call at once, as it is easily seen by the great crowds who are daily patronizing our store that the people appreciate our great bargains.

- We go the limit on the best grade of goods and lowest prices: 14 Men's Overcoats, All-Wool Beaver. Regular Price \$60.00. Sale Price \$45.00.

BANK BURGLARS

Attempted to Rob York County Bank - Blew Off Combination Knob of Safe.

BAR MILLS, Me., Dec. 15.-An attempt was made to rob the safe of the York County Bank at West Buxton some time last night. The burglars blew off the combination knob and falling to open the safe by that means, tore down a portion of the walls of the vault.

CANADIAN PACIFIC Atlantic Steamship Service. From Liverpool to St. John, N. B. Nov. 29, Lake Erie, Dec. 17, Dec. 13, Lake Manitoba, Dec. 21, Dec. 27, Lake Champlain, Jan. 14, Jan. 19, Lake Erie, Jan. 23, Jan. 24, Lake Manitoba, Feb. 11, FIRST CABIN, To Liverpool, \$47.50 and \$50 and upward, according to steamer.

Arnold's. Best values in St. John. 50 and 75 cent counters. Dressed Dolls - 10c. to \$3.00 each. Sewing Dolls 5c. to \$1.50 each.

GARDNER WON.

Defeated Jack O'Keefe in Chicago Last Night.

BITTLE, Mont., Dec. 15.-Jimmy Gardner of Lowell, Mass., defeated Jack O'Keefe of Chicago here tonight in eleven rounds of what was to have been a 20 round contest.

A STRANGE CREATURE.

Wild Man on Vancouver Island is Supposed to be a Long Lost Child.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 15.-Rumors always hitherto discredited that Vancouver Island was the home of a Mogwai, the facts of whose life rival King Kong's action has been fully confirmed by Messrs. Crump, Kincaid, Tatchell and Best, four reputable members of the Quailcum district.

DEATHBLOW TO BOXING.

Chicago Mayor Takes Action in This Respect.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.-A deathblow to boxing in Chicago was administered today by Mayor Carter H. Harrison. To each club that has been conducting boxing contests of any kind, and to the chief of police, for enforcement, Mayor Harrison has sent copies of an opinion by the corporation counsel which will compel even the Chicago Athletic Association to discontinue its exhibitions.

FREDERICTON.

Invitations Out For Marriage of Kingston Teacher and St. Mary's Lady.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 15.-The wedding of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cochran, the bride was given a box containing a pair of slippers to play with, she opened the box and discovered the contents. The result was fatal, the little girl passing away shortly afterwards in spite of medical assistance.

MRS. GEO. J. DENNISTON DEAD.

Mrs. Florence Maude Denniston, wife of George J. Denniston, died yesterday morning at her home, 6 St. Andrews street, after an illness of over three years. Mrs. Denniston was the daughter of the late George Rieby, but had been adopted by her uncle, the late Benjamin Miles. She was in her thirty-seventh year and is survived by her husband and two sons, Walter and Leslie, both quite young and living at home. The funeral will be held on Saturday at half-past two.

Gents' Furnishings.

- 86 Dozen Men's Fleece Underwear, Noted Penman's Sanitary Wool Fleece. Regular 60c. a garment. Sale Price 38c. a garment, or 75c. a suit.

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