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GAUNTLETS.

- Children's Astrachan Gauntlets, red, white, black and gray. A splendid Christmas gift, regular 50c, now selling for per pair... 39c
Ladies' Black and Gray Astrachan Gauntlets, worth 69c, reduced to per pair... 50c
Ladies' Fine Black Astrachan Gauntlets, regular 75c line, now pair... 59c

UNDERWEAR DEPARTMENT.

- Misses' Combination Suits, size 48 inches long, regular 75c; a genuine bargain, per suit only... 39c

CHICKENS FED ON \$327

Mrs. Hughes Thinks Her Fowls Are Worth \$10 a Pound.

New York, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Sylvester Hughes, of Corona, L. I., was in deep trouble yesterday when she appeared before Magistrate Smith in the Flushing police court. She had lost \$327.

The magistrate's close questioning elicited the fact that she had placed the big roll of greenbacks in the pocket of her wrapper shortly before she went to feed her chickens on Monday morning.

"That's where your money went to," explained the magistrate. "The bills fell out of your pocket and the chickens took them for fresh green leaves and ate them up."

Mrs. Hughes hastened home and had all her fowls decapitated. They will go to the market today and Mrs. Hughes thinks they ought to sell for about \$10 a pound.

THE ENGINE CUT CAPERS

Engineer and Fireman Were Hurled Forty Feet.

New Haven, Dec. 23.—Charles Fox, aged 28 years, a freight engineer on the New Haven Railroad, was taken to the New Haven hospital today with his skull fractured as the result of a peculiar accident.

Fox and his fireman, Charles Payne, had just backed an extra freight into the yard at Cedar Hill, where the engine and were going to a crossover with the locomotive when the main air storage reservoir, which is usually charged with a pressure of 70 pounds, exploded.

It was situated on the right side of the engine, under the cab. The force of the explosion threw Fox and his fireman out of the cab as if they had been shot out of a cannon. Fox landed on the track near his engine and his skull was fractured. Payne's flight through the air was stopped by a sand bank 40 feet from the engine. He was unconscious, but soon revived. He was not injured.

Then the locomotive began to cut up capers. The explosion of the air tank reversed the engineer of which tried to hold the runaway. The runaway with the switcher went a mile before its power of propulsion died out.

ONE MORE ADDED

To the Many Wonderful Cures Made by Dodd's Kidney Pills in New Brunswick

Central Waterville, York County, N. B., Dec. 23.—One more wonderful cure from Kidney Disease has been added to the many made by Dodd's Kidney Pills in New Brunswick. The man cured is a well-known resident of this place, Mr. F. W. Harris. He tells the following story:

"I suffered for two years and a half from Kidney Trouble, being unable to attend to my work the greater part of the time. I tried many medicines but continued to grow worse till I commenced to use Dodd's Kidney Pills. Three boxes of them cured me completely."

Dodd's Kidney Pills are the only remedy that ever cured Bright's Disease. But if you cure the earlier stages of Kidney Disease by using Dodd's Kidney Pills you will never have to cure Bright's Disease.

The longest canal in the world is that which extends from the frontier of China to St. Petersburg, 4,472 miles. In India there are 14,000 miles of canal, irrigating 8,000,000 acres of land.

THE WORLD IS FULL OF PAINS.—The aches and pains that afflict humanity are many and constant, arising from a multitude of indistinguishable causes, but in the main owing to man's negligence in taking care of his health. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil was the outcome of a universal cry for some specific which would speedily relieve pain, and it has filled its mission to a remarkable degree.

The Metropolitan Art Museum of New York has just purchased an old chariot for \$50,000. It was unearthed near Rome some time ago and is 2,600 years old and splendidly preserved.

Tonight

Just before retiring, if your liver is sluggish, out of tone and you feel dull, bilious, constipated, take a dose of Hood's Pills

And you'll be as bright in the morning.

SEVEN THOUSAND ROASTED SHEEP

\$75,000 Worth of Live Stock Was Destroyed at Buffalo.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Seven thousand sheep were burned to death at the East Buffalo stock yards last night. The long, narrow sheds in which they were confined were swept by the flames before any of the animals could be released. The loss is estimated at \$75,000. It was stated by Superintendent Hunt that the fire would in no way interfere with the handling of live stock at the yards. Plenty of space is available in the cattle and hog sheds to take care of sheep arrivals.

The sheep were housed in two long, narrow sheds, covering a total area of 80,000 square feet. Running parallel with them on either side were the hog and cattle sheds. The flames were discovered by a watchman in the south end of the sheep shed shortly before 8 o'clock. Aided by a brisk wind the fire destroyed the buildings in an incredibly short time. The firemen turned their attention to saving the adjoining structures, with their squealing and howling tenants. The fire was under control at 9 o'clock. The sheep were what are known as "exporters," and were in charge of federal officers.

JOHN TURNER'S CASE

Reds Interest the Labor Unions in His Behalf.

New York, Dec. 23.—The New York Press yesterday says: After an animated debate the Central Federated Union decided, in the face of protests from a small minority, to father the movement in this city to prevent the deportation of John Turner, the English labor leader and "philosophic anarchist," who was seized by the United States immigration authorities upon his arrival here, and is now on Ellis Island. Since the seizure of Turner was made the anarchists and other radicals, it is remarked, have been trying to force organized labor to take a hand in the fight. In Boston the Turner case was taken to the attention of the American Federation of Labor. That organization decided to have nothing to do with the controversy. Having failed there, the "Reds" and radicals, it is said, decided, if possible, to agitate among the central labor bodies in all the cities. The Central Federated Labor Union here voted to permit the use of its name to inaugurate a second meeting to be held in Cooper Union soon under the auspices of the Free Speech League, which recently held a meeting on the same subject.

27 SHARKS ON ONE HOOK

A Boatswain's Yarn of the Southern Seas.

New York, Dec. 23.—"Did you ever hear of catching twenty-seven sharks on one hook?" asked Bo'sun L. W. Dadd of the British bark Antigua yesterday. The bark, Capt. Brady, lies at the foot of Richard street, Brooklyn.

"I never heard tell of such a thing until fair and full winds from Buenos Ayres just above the equator. The ship had not been in the tropics more than a few minutes when along comes an ordinary sized shark nosing around."

"Word was passed up for'ard, and a chunk of pork as big as my head was baited on a hook and cast astern. The shark took right hold and we hauled it alongside and aboard."

"It was a peculiar kind of a shark that didn't have no teeth whatsoever and its tail, which had two flukes to that sort. All there was in that shark that we could find was twenty-six little sharks, so that made twenty-seven sharks on one hook."

"The little ones were about six inches long, all alive and all were toothless and having white stomachs."

"I wanted the cook to make a shark stew, for young shark is tender and good eatin'; but the other hands wouldn't listen to it, so we threw 'em all overboard, and the cook put another bit of beef in soak."

ONTARIO NOMINATIONS

The Candidates For Municipal Elections Chosen.

Municipal nominations were held throughout Ontario yesterday and in the majority of instances there was no dearth of candidates.

Guelph—Mayor J. H. Hamilton and Ex-Ald. John Newstead were nominated for mayor.

Hamilton—Mayor—W. J. Morden, re-elected by acclamation. Mount Brydges—For reeve, S. Oakes, H. Hardy, O. Monger; for councilors, J. W. Watson, W. Richards, H. Brodie, S. Nagle, A. McNeil and Wm. Courtis.

Newbury—For reeve, Wm. Bayne (acclamation); for councilors, G. Snell, G. A. Archer, J. E. Armstrong, Wm. Gleason, Thomas Kelly; for water commissioners, James W. McCutcheon, John Kerr, M. Haley, Wm. English, R. G. R. MacKenzie; for school trustees, ward 1, Wesley Downer (acclamation); ward 2, Charles Williams (acclamation); ward 3, W. S. Covert (acclamation); ward 4, Alex. Buchanan (acclamation).

Port Stanley—Reeve, V. Cromwell, A. Taylor, F. E. Sheppard, W. A. Day, John Ferguson, John Beasley; councilors, Ben. Hines, C. T. Taylor, Rudolph Longat, F. R. Dale, W. C. Payne, H. Cherry, Charles Stanton, Arthur McDonald, W. M. Hough, C. Crowell, Fred Pollock, Trustees, L. J. Mothersill, C. F. Weir, Major Berry, C. A. Cromwell, F. Sheppard, Clare Thorn, Ben. Goodhue.

Ridgeway—Mayor, L. J. Reyroft (acclamation); for councilors, L. D. Payne, R. B. Hunter, R. R. Lothian, D. Simpson, W. C. McLaughlin, J. McCulloch, T. F. Routledge, D. J. McLean, P. G. Brock, J. Cochrane, John McPherson and A. Long; for school trustees (acclamation), L. J. Hummel, John McGregor, Norman Steer, Robert Porterfield.

St. Thomas—Mayor, Charles Francis Maxwell (acclamation); for water commissioners, Charles Scraze, James Ewin; for street railway trustees, Wm. E. Isard, Robert McCully, Wm. Trot and Edward Horton; for aldermen, Sperrin Chant, Alfred E. Hookway, Richard Sanner, Leonard L. Porter, Alf M. Hutchinson, Harry A. Turpenney, Wm. Frott, Thos. Meek, Pat Meahan, Calvin G. Dwyer, J. J. McPherson, Fred Guest, Percy A. Housinger, Jas. Keene, Thos. G. Courtney, A. Snider, Ed. W. Moylan, John Mallon, George E. Hall, M. J. McAndrew, Robert McCully, Wm. D. Boyce, Jas. Egan and Andrew J. Clarke.

Stratford—Mayor, Hephburn was elected by acclamation here for a second term. For aldermen, M. Bab, J. Barnett, Wm. Daly, William Davidson, D. D. Dwyer, J. Dillion, G. Douglas, E. Duffon, E. Edin, D. Ferguson, W. Ferguson, J. Hamilton, T. Holliday, P. Hurley, J. McLaughlin, J. Mallon, W. McCully, C. McLaughlin, J. McRimmon, G. McLagan, W. Norfolk, J. Orr, A. Panton, P. Peau, T. Savage, J. Stamb, J. Trow, J. Welch.

Sarnia—Mayor, T. H. Cook (acclamation); for councilors, Walter Kirton, W. J. Barrie, Robert S. Oliver, Wm. H. Minife, Joseph B. Dagan, W. J. Proctor, J. G. Morrison, Frank Litchell, Robert Irvine, George D. Kirby, David Milne, Robert Fleck, John L. Campbell, John M. Newton; for public school trustees, first ward, Randal Kenny; second ward, R. C. Palmer; third ward, J. W. Smith; fourth ward, Jas. K. Nelson.

Stratford—For mayor, R. Dickenson, Wm. Geddes, Chas. Coulter, H. Owens; councilors, Alex. Reed, John Anderson, Neil Mitchell, H. Owens, C. Wright, Ernest Ray, Howard Evey, John Berdan; water commissioners, E. Rowland, Jas. W. Smith; public school trustees, J. P. Whitehead, O. L. Berdan, H. Thompson.

St. Marys—Mayor, R. S. Graham, by acclamation; councilors, A. Mennie, W. W. Haines, T. T. Garner; north ward, A. Mennie, Geo. Gibb; south ward, W. W. Haines, M. J. Dewey, T. T. Garner; east ward, J. Roberts (acclamation); west ward, Leo Woolway (acclamation); school trustees, north ward, A. H. Leitch, E. Epplett, J. N. Lang; west ward, J. K. Longhorne (acclamation); east ward, J. Heady (acclamation); T. T. Bennett (acclamation); south ward, J. Clide, R. Treacy, A. W. Hotham, J. Gordon, W. W. Haines; waterworks commissioners, E. Butcher, F. F. Sharp, C. Richardson, F. L. Rice, T. D. Stanley.

Wyoming—For reeve, J. E. Anderson, Wm. Alkin, G. G. Hartley; for councilors, W. B. Jones, A. C. Clinne, M. Legget, G. H. Hartley. By acclamation, T. T. Bennett (acclamation); D. Brown, D. G. Parker; councilors, J. H. Hamm, J. D. Brown, J. E. Fow-

ler, R. Hill, Jos. Saunders, R. Johnston. Woodstock—At the municipal nominations here Mayor White was re-elected by acclamation.

MR. ARMOUR'S NEW WHEAT CORNER

The Profits Are Already Estimated to Amount to \$750,000.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—For the second time this year Armour & Co. are showing how one house of enormous resources can control the price of wheat in the United States. Armour is now estimated to have contracts for 15,000,000 bushels of May wheat. A large part of this line was accumulated in November, when the May price was 76 cents. The price is now 83 cents. The short interest, a big one, is nervous, and is inclined to take back wheat, so that a runaway market is among the probabilities.

Estimating the gain at 5 cents on 15,000,000 bushels, the deal shows a paper profit of \$750,000. Armour has single-handed, put the market up against the opposition of all scalpers and traders. It remains to be seen whether the line will be liquidated with as much success as the line of almost a year ago, or that other line which was taken on in April and sold out in May.

BOMB KILLS TWELVE

A Dynamite Disaster at an Italian Festival.

Naples, Dec. 23.—Notwithstanding the police prohibition against using dynamite in the Christmas festivities, the people of Positano, studying the vigilance of the authorities, prepared bombs. While this was in progress the dynamite exploded, and twelve persons were killed and many wounded.

LOST TWO OUNCES OF BRAIN

But the Victim is Conscious and May Recover.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Fred Kienzie, a veteran of the Franco-Prussian war, is at the Englewood Union Hospital with a bullet in his brain, but conscious and likely to recover. He had attempted last Thursday to commit suicide.

In the operation that was necessary to save his life Kienzie lost about two ounces of brain; nevertheless, he talked rationally. If he recovers he will be partly, if not entirely, blind.

Kienzie is 58 years old. He was dependent because he was ill and unable to buy Christmas presents for his wife and children.

"It is a wonderful case," says Dr. Carl Barnes, chief of the hospital staff. "Kienzie lay in the house for five hours before the police were called, his wife being afraid to enter."

FAMOUS HERO DYING

One of the Few Surviving Officers of Balaklava.

London, Dec. 23.—Lord Tredegar, who is reported to be dying, is one of the few surviving heroes of that magnificent "Charge of the Six Hundred" at Balaklava, which constitutes the theme of the finest and most stirring of Tennyson's poems. Lord Tredegar, who was one of the officers of the "Charge of the Six Hundred" at Balaklava, had his horse shot under him in the charge, and only reached the British lines by jumping on a gun carriage.

After having escaped, though wounded, from this scene of carnage, which Tennyson so justly describes as "the light of one of his eyes through the carelessness of a guest whom he had invited to shoot with him over the family of one of the most ancient in Wales, being descended in a direct line from Llewellyn Ap Ivor, and from Rhys, prince of South Wales, the immortal being renowned for their good looks and Lord Tredegar is no exception to the rule.

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The girls then discussed the position, and arrived at the conclusion that there was but one way to put an end to the situation and that was to marry. This was an "American duel."

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THE SATISFACTORY STORE.

This is the store for the rich, the poor and the great "middle classes." Our aim is to serve well all people in every walk in life. The world's newest and best wares are here. We go away to get them so as to enable our customers to get the cream of the market at the smallest possible cost. Our buyer is now on his way to Europe in our interest, as well as in the interest of our large number of patrons. The well-to-do seldom object to saving money on the fine things they always want to buy, and those of the great "middle class" are glad of the opportunity this store offers for saving money on the good things they must have. No matter where we start to talk of the advantages gained in buying at this Satisfactory Store, we are naturally led up to the point—our great success is the result of our splendid service and low prices.

MAKE THE HOME CHEERFUL.

We are showing a splendid line of New Madras Draperies, any one of which will make your home cheerful and attractive at a small cost. The showing includes a complete assortment of most exquisite designs and colors, suitable for draping doors, window arches, cozy corners and dens. All 54 inches wide, at per yard, 40c, 50c, 60c, 75c and 85c.

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SPECIAL SALE LADIES' SILK WAISTS.

We are clearing a splendid lot of Stylish Waists of Taffeta, Soft Japan and China Silks, in dainty shades and newest styles. Good assortment of colors. Some worth \$6.50 for only \$4.45; others, regularly priced at \$4.50, now \$3.67, and 13 only regularly sold at \$6.00 each, now only \$3.35.

SMALLMAN & INGRAM, 149, 151 and 153 DUNDAS STREET.

HELD UP WHOLE RAILROAD

Grimes Took Possession of For Hours No Trains Moved.

Cumberland, Md., Dec. 23.—A. E. Grimes is in jail at Kingwood, W. Va., on a charge of holding up the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at Anderson. Grimes held the road completely at his mercy and traffic was blocked at that point for several hours, until orders could be sent to Cumberland and Tunnelton to dispatch a special officer on an engine to arrest Grimes. Special Constable J. O. Herndon got him. Grimes' attorney telegraphed the office at Anderson, and with two guns held up Operator J. T. Cruise. Breaking in, he took possession and threw the signals, blocking the road both ways. He has a knowledge of telegraphy and tried to manipulate the instrument, to the great danger of trains and traffic.

Grimes says he has no recollection of his doings.

AN "AMERICAN DUEL"

The Right to Love and Life Was Fixed by Lot.

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Advertisement for The Best, featuring an image of a bottle and text: 'IT PAYS TO The Best. CANADA BUSINESS COLLEGE, CHATHAM, ONT., Canada's greatest school of Business, Shorthand and Penmanship, will reopen for the New Year on Monday, Jan. 4. We shall need 200 more bright young men and women, in addition to those we now have, to meet the calls for office help for this year, and will guarantee to place that number or more at good wages. We placed 345 in the eleven months ending June 30, at wages averaging \$20 per annum, and nearly as many more good positions had to go unfilled. If you have not seen our Catalogue you are not yet familiar with the best Canada has to offer. Write for it. D. McLACHLAN & CO., 781-ywt 82c Chatham, Ont. The Mexican Government has reduced the import duty on ferromanganese with the view of encouraging the manufacture of steel by modern methods in the Republic.'

DEATHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS.

DEATHS. MERRAY-In this city, on Dec. 28, 1903, Maud C., youngest daughter of David and Kathleen Murray. Funeral on Wednesday, at 3 p.m.; services, 2:30 p.m. Private.

FEMALES HELP WANTED.

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WAR VESSELS ON THE LAKES.

No Treaty Preventing the U.S. From Increasing Navy.

AN AGREEMENT AS TO SIZE.

Gunboats of Both Nations Must Not Exceed One Hundred Tons the Armament.

Ottawa, Dec. 29. - Mr. Joseph Pope, C. M. G., under secretary of state, in an interview this morning, pointed out that it was all a mistake to suppose that any treaty existed between Great Britain and the United States limiting the number and armament of vessels to be maintained by the United States or Canada on Lakes Champlain and Ontario and the other great lakes.

VIOLET PERFUMES.

Russian Violets, Vera Violetta, Valley Violets, Italian Violets, Violetta Reine, Violetta de Parme. Fashion has always a kindly smile for delicate extracts.

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DOWIE'S THREAT THAT FAILED.

Newspaper Woman Defends Herself Against Prophet.

SHE "CALLED" THE LIEUTENANT.

Who Attempted to Frighten Her and Published Elijah's Humbug Performance at Garden.

New York, Dec. 15. - Not the least interesting feature of the Dowie episode was the attitude of unflinching self-restraint in the face of extreme provocation maintained by the newspaper representatives at Madison Square Garden, New York. The new Elijah spent many hours in pouring calumny and abuse, not at the press in general, but at the individuals seated within a few feet of him.

Letters to the Editor.

A MANUFACTURER'S COMPLAINT. To the Editor of The Advertiser: I noticed in reading the Montreal Herald an article regarding "high-priced cottons," in which the writer, while no doubt airing his own grievances against the mills, voiced the sentiments of all Canadian cutters regarding the intolerable position the present tariff imposes.

My vote and influence respectfully solicited for re-election for 1904.

U. A. BUCHNER Alderman for 1904.

FOR ALDERMAN NEIL COOPER.

TO THE ELECTORS OF LONDON: ROBERT S. ABRAM.

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The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. By order, L. E. JONES, Secretary, Department of Works and Canals.

WAR VESSELS ON THE LAKES.

No Treaty Preventing the U.S. From Increasing Navy.

Ottawa, Dec. 29. - Mr. Joseph Pope, C. M. G., under secretary of state, in an interview this morning, pointed out that it was all a mistake to suppose that any treaty existed between Great Britain and the United States limiting the number and armament of vessels to be maintained by the United States or Canada on Lakes Champlain and Ontario and the other great lakes.

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Boss Rule in Civic Affairs.

London is not the only Canadian city suffering from machine rule. In Hamilton also party politics have been grafted on civic affairs. The machine there is more brazen than here. In London the names of those fortunate enough to get a place on the party slate are whispered through the ranks, while the organ of the machine stoutly declines against partisan interference in municipal contests. In Hamilton they make no bones about it. The Spectator frankly and joyously advises its readers to vote only for the Conservative nominees for the council and school board, and prints their names at the top of its editorial page. We reproduce the Spectator's article as an example of candor, which contrasts with the occult methods in London:

Following are the gentlemen who are recommended by the Spectator for the vote of assistance and of friends. There are sixteen in all, of the candidates for aldermanic honors, and it will be noticed that the list contains enough tried and true men to assure a good council for next year. The candidates are: Ald. Donville, Ald. Birrell, Ald. Biggar, Ald. McLeod, Ald. Main, Ald. Baird, Ald. Kingdon, Ald. Wallace, Ald. Sweeney, Ald. Stewart, Ald. Nicholson, C. W. Grantham, Dr. Craig, Samuel Howard, George Clapham, Dan Sullivan.

The Hamilton Herald, Independent, is disgusted with the machine business, but draws some comfort from the situation in London. Says the Herald:

"London, it seems, suffers from the same curse of machine politics that afflicts the civic life of Hamilton. And as in Hamilton so in London, Conservative politicians are responsible for the introduction of the blight of party politics into the municipal government. But in London the bad system threatened by the party which introduced it by causing internal dissension. That is retributive justice of a most wholesome sort, and if the same danger should threaten the Conservative party in Hamilton there might be some hope of seeing the local leaders soon coming to their senses."

The Hamilton Times, Liberal, also testifies to the debasing effects of the system in this trenchant manner:

"It has always been bad enough, but the degradation of civic affairs in Hamilton to the level of the worst form of Tammanyism, in which a party boss from the chair of a Tory club dictates what business shall be done and who shall do it, and the tribute he should pay to be allowed to go on the party ticket, has made it infinitely worse. Good men—men who respect themselves, and who would do business for the city on principles which have led to success in their own case—decline to be puppets at the end of a party machine. On the other hand, the party machine boss, they are willing to sacrifice much in time and labor for their manhood. Hence we have fewer first-class men at the board than we should have. And if such are the citizens, with no party end to serve at the city's expense, allow their names to go on the ballot to give the city a chance of getting a council of substantial, capable men to do the business of 1904, we shall feel that Hamilton has reason to be thankful."

Conditions in London are not quite so bad as those described by the Times. Boss rule has not entirely driven good men out of the field. The citizens of London, by laying party aside, may select twelve excellent aldermen among the candidates for 1904. There is an exceptional opportunity to choose a council, which will be independent of machine influences. The tyranny of the past two years has engendered partisan bitterness and discouraged a healthy interest in municipal affairs by all classes of citizens. Sensible Liberals and Conservatives would be glad to see an end of boss government, especially if it can be brought about without having the appearance of a victory for either party. For this reason, Mayor Beck will be well-advised if he listens to those who are counseling him to withdraw. His retirement at this stage would smooth the way for those who would place civic affairs on a non-partisan basis once more. It would be an act of grace and would be accepted as a pledge that the Conservative managers desired to call a truce. The olive branch would be accepted and electors, who have had their party feelings stimulated by the condition of things during the past two years, would be disposed to lay these feelings aside and choose candidates solely on personal grounds. Mayor Beck is too closely identified with the boss system to repudiate it in office, but he may help the cause by quietly stepping out. If he is wise he will do this, before waiting for an outraged public opinion to "smash the machine." The number of Conservatives who are insisting on running for the council, against the desire of the bosses, shows that the game is nearly up. The mayor and his club associates have now a chance to save their faces? Will they do it?

Your Niche.

[Exchange.] There's a niche for you in the world, my boy. A corner for you to fill; And it waits today; Along life's way. For the boy with a frank "I will!" So, lad, be true. In the corner that you may fill. There's a niche for you in the world, my girl. A corner for you to fill; Which no one else is kind; With a pure, sweet mind. A place that is waiting still. So, lass, be true. The world wants you. In the corner that you may fill.

French Lady, Respected By Day, a Criminal By Night.

Paris, Dec. 23.—Louise Rougier was a most exemplary person at Sartroville, some miles from Paris, where she lived with an elderly, respectable-looking man who passed as her husband. She had many friends in the little borough, and was considered to be a serious woman and a model bourgeoisie. On fine afternoons the excellent bourgeoisie came up to Paris, and it is what she is known for. She was a woman of "ententeuse," which means one who deceives men and robs them. She practiced her system of "ententeuse" on the bourse, near which she had rooms, and for these she paid \$200 yearly. The men whom she plucked generally said nothing, being afraid of exposure, with the exception of one, a commission agent, who, while drinking champagne with her in her rooms, was eased of \$500. This man was not afraid of exposure, and as soon as he discovered his loss he returned with a policeman to the place near the bourse where he had been robbed. But Louise Rougier was not to be found there. Her address at Sartroville was subsequently ascertained.

The Kaiser and Waterloo.

The Kaiser has warmed British bile by his speech at Hanover, in which he credited Blucher and the Prussians with "rescuing the English army from destruction at Waterloo." This remark has given almost as much offence in Great Britain as the famous telegram to Kruger after the Jameson raid. The answer to that was the flying squadron, which the British Government in the

newspaper polemics, who are fighting the battle of Waterloo over again, and are angry enough to wish Kaiser were in Napoleon's shoes. The address was delivered to the Hanoverian regiments, and as the Hanoverians under Wellington's command at Waterloo matched the British in numbers, the Kaiser could justly claim for Hanover some of the glory of the battle. But to say the Prussians saved the English army from destruction was far from the truth and singularly ungracious. Napoleon was defeated unless he could defeat Wellington. All his hopes depended upon routing the army which faced him at Waterloo. A drawn battle would have been his doom, as the armies of the allies were closing in on him. He was doomed when he failed to overthrow the British squares, and he had launched all his thunderbolts when the Prussians came up, not to defeat him, for he was already beaten, but to turn defeat into a rout. There is a touch of ingratitude in the Kaiser's remarks, that is his chief sting. What would have become of the Prussian army, what would become of Prussia herself, but for British aid in the Napoleonic struggles? Has he forgotten Great Britain's role as the savior of Europe? British gold, British arms, the British fleet were the only stay of European countries when they were nearly submerged by the wave of Napoleonic conquest. The British saved the Prussians, not the Prussians the British. Great Britain was still fighting Napoleon when Prussia had become his vassal and Prussians were fighting with him. It was the British army in Spain that gave Napoleon his first severe check and turned the tide against him. Great Britain's command of the ocean enabled her to pour her troops into Europe and she lavished her blood and treasure to sustain her thankless allies on the continent. The memory of this service should have restrained the Kaiser from praising Prussian valor by disparaging the British. It is not likely that he was consciously throwing a slight on the British army, but his "break" showed a lamentable want of tact in a ruler who has tried to cultivate British goodwill.

Undoubtedly.

[Chicago News.] "The horse may be a noble animal, as you say," remarked the pessimistic person, "but I fail to see it."

Sequel.

[Chicago News.] "Flasher used to buy too many diamonds for a young man of his salary."

Then and Now.

[Chicago News.] Mrs. Nixon—My husband is a very hard man to please.

His Sermon in Form of a Play.

Pastor Writes; Stages and Produces Drama at the Sunday Service. Baltimore, Md., Dec. 23.—A moral lesson in a sermon is the theory of the Rev. A. F. Sterger, pastor of the Trinity German Lutheran Church, who produced Sunday a drama written by himself.

A Poster Censor.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—The Dominion Government has appointed Dr. J. A. Smith, collector of customs at Windsor, censor of all international literature coming into the country by way of the port of Windsor; also of the advertising matter of theatrical people.

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It takes a political orator to say things that sound well and mean nothing.

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is a matter for each one of us individually. This is the doctrine that Carlyle preached to England and that Chicago could profit by.

Used to It.

[Toronto Globe.] Miss Rhona Adair has talked of playing golf in the snow in Canada. At one time that would have threatened our connection with the empire, but since the reflections cast on the beauty of Canadian girls by an English lady our feelings have been dead to false and cruel aspersions.

The Tibet Expedition.

[Chicago Tribune.] Russia isn't at all taken with that Tibet expedition. The Novos Vremya remarks that if the English ever get possession of Lhasa it would make her, in the eyes of 500,000,000 Buddhists, the most powerful nation in the world. The suggestion is advanced that perhaps it would be well to "exercise a little pressure upon certain points and create a slight diversion in some directions that would be disagreeable to British politicians."

In which case Great Britain probably would make "a slight diversion" in another direction by slipping the leash and saying "sic em" to the Japanese.

As time rolls on it becomes increasingly apparent that British diplomacy has not quite yet reached the condition of decay which is so frequently bewailed by the sorrowful and simple-minded British press.

Premier Not Doleful.

North Renfrew Vote Not Seriously Significant. Pembroke, Ont., Dec. 23.—Final returns of the North Renfrew provincial bye-election give Dunlop, Conservative, 602 majority.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—The Parliament buildings was as quiet a place as there was in Toronto today. There was but one topic of conversation. That topic, it is scarcely necessary to say, was the interview as to the result of the Premier's visit to the Lieutenant-Governor, who now has an office in the Parliament building. But this is not an unusual occurrence. It is stated that the visit had nothing to do with the political situation.

The only other minister in the building was Hon. F. R. Latchford, but he instructed his private secretary to say that he was not in the building. Conservatives claim that the Government should resign on the strength of the result, and cabinet changes are being discussed. It does not seem probable, however, that the immediate future contains developments of any delphic or successful nature.

The relation of the parties is further complicated by the existence of seven election "protests" against members elected in recent bye-elections. Five protests are against Liberals, as follows: Hon. E. J. Davis, in North York; A. G. Mackay, in North Grey; John Brown, in North Perth; A. M. Little, in North Norfolk; C. N. Smith, in South St. Marie.

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Premier Not Doleful.

North Renfrew Vote Not Seriously Significant. Pembroke, Ont., Dec. 23.—Final returns of the North Renfrew provincial bye-election give Dunlop, Conservative, 602 majority.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—The Parliament buildings was as quiet a place as there was in Toronto today. There was but one topic of conversation. That topic, it is scarcely necessary to say, was the interview as to the result of the Premier's visit to the Lieutenant-Governor, who now has an office in the Parliament building.

The only other minister in the building was Hon. F. R. Latchford, but he instructed his private secretary to say that he was not in the building. Conservatives claim that the Government should resign on the strength of the result, and cabinet changes are being discussed.

The relation of the parties is further complicated by the existence of seven election "protests" against members elected in recent bye-elections. Five protests are against Liberals, as follows: Hon. E. J. Davis, in North York; A. G. Mackay, in North Grey; John Brown, in North Perth; A. M. Little, in North Norfolk; C. N. Smith, in South St. Marie.

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How Turks Make Coffee.

To make the perfect cup of Turkish coffee is, like many other things, very easy when the maker knows how to do it, but unless the art has been learned in Turkey it is difficult.

No one can make a perfect cup of coffee unless he has been to Turkey. There is as much difference between the ordinary cup of coffee and the exquisite and alluring beverage with all its subtle aroma as made by the artist as there is between a good and a bad English beef. The Turk's method is simple. They have many little pots of various sizes. If they want to make two cups only they use the smaller one, and if three cups they use the larger one. When the water has boiled they fill the pot almost to the top with water, then put in three lumps of sugar and put the pot on the fire and boil. When it has boiled they tap the bottom gently on the stove till the froth goes down. Once again the pot is put on the fire and the process of tapping the pot on the stove is repeated three times.

The next step is to place the pot on the fire again and watch it very carefully until the coffee bubbles up to a froth, and before this froth escapes over the side you tap the pot on the fire and tap the bottom gently on the stove till the froth goes down. Once again the pot is put on the fire and the process of tapping the pot on the stove is repeated three times.

The Englishman who makes coffee at all. He tries hard, but never succeeds in making a perfect cup of Turkish or French coffee. The Frenchman, on the other hand, also tries to make a perfect cup of Turkish coffee, but he succeeds with little more success than the Englishman.

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How the Mink Hunts.

If you will follow a mink's tracks in the snow any winter day it will usually lead you before long to the mute story of a tragedy—just some trampled snow and a red stain. The whole method of the mink's hunting is told by the snow. We see how it follows a rabbit, taking every precaution not to betray its presence while the wretched creature feeds, for then it is alert; how it follows bunny to where it sleeps beneath a log, an upturned root or the snow-covered top of a fallen tree, and then stealthily creeps on the unsuspecting prey. How sometimes the rustling of a dead leaf warns the rabbit, who leaps forward perhaps just in time to avoid the furious onslaught of the mink; though more often too late, and the red stain tells us that the rabbit has been eaten where it expected to sleep.—Country Life in America.

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Back to the Farm

One of the most serious problems that confronts the economic world today is to keep the young men on the farms. For many years there has been a tendency to congregate in the cities, and to such an extent has this been carried that all the vocations of city life have been so over-crowded that today it is well-nigh impossible for a stranger to get a foothold. For every situation there are a score of applicants, and the young man who has no influential friends to render him aid is indeed unfortunate. We have long believed that this condition of affairs would correct itself. On of the reasons that our young men have been willing to leave the old country home has been the lack of country attractions. This can hardly be said to hold good today. The trolley car, telephone and free rural mail delivery have well-nigh wiped out the distinctions between city and suburban life. Another powerful factor now working for the upbuilding of the country life is the agricultural college. Our young men are fast learning that farming is no longer the haphazard business of former days, but is one of the most exacting and scientific of pursuits. With this knowledge comes a higher respect for the vocation and a stronger desire to enter the industry. The tide is thus gradually but surely turning, and the time is near at hand when regard here that it has long been in England. In that country when a man achieves financial success he at once seeks a country estate for a home. Here the reverse has long held true, and the city home has been held up as the ideal. This false system of ethics is rapidly going to the wall and a more exalted idea of country life is taking its place. Rich and poor alike are beginning to take to the farm. It is the ideal spot for a home.—Lewiston Journal.

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LATEST MARKETS, STOCK MARKETS. New York, Dec. 23-24. Remarkable strength was displayed throughout the market this morning.

Table with columns for various commodities like Wheat, Corn, and Flour, listing prices and market status.

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Under heavy southwest selling and weakness at St. Louis, December 24, 1903. May, 87c to 87 1/2c; July, 82 1/2c to 83c.

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Chicago, Dec. 23. Butter—Steady; receipts, 3,744 packages; creamery extras, per lb. 22c; do, firsts, 21c; do, seconds, 20c.

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Rumor Says the Mayor Will Retire From Field

While all this talk is being indulged in, Ald. Judd and his mayoral aspirations have been lost sight of. If Mayor Beck intended to drop out, why was not Ald. Judd nominated?

Some Interesting Gossip of the Municipal Campaign. School Trustee Gammage Is Re-Elected by Acclamation.

ILL Ald. Campbell will be elected mayor of London by acclamation. The question is one that is being seriously considered on all sides.

Candidates For the Council Filing Their Declarations of Qualification—Notes of Interest.

Mr. Beck declares that such a thing as his withdrawing from the mayoralty contest and allowing Ald. Campbell to become mayor is preposterous, as the present holder of the office is extremely anxious for another year.

ALDERMEN QUALIFYING. Up to 1 o'clock the nominees who had filed declarations of qualification with City Clerk Edwards were as follows:

Ex-Ald. Brener, Ald. Saunders, Ex-Ald. Garratt, Ald. Becher, Ald. Gerry, Ald. Forristal, Ald. Wyatt, Ald. Abram, Ald. Stevenson, Ald. Cooper and U. A. Burcher.

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UNEXPECTED DEATH OF REV. WALTER AYERS (Retired), at His Home in South London.

One of the oldest Methodist clergymen in the western district—Rev. Walter Ayers—died very unexpectedly last evening at his residence, 29 Bruce street, South London.

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LARGE CROWD PROMISED Tickets Selling Well for St. John's Woodstock Game.

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VER one hundred and fifty Masons assembled at the Masonic Temple last evening, Sunday, being St. John's Day.

DELAWARE WEDDING. A very pleasant event took place at the home of Mr. Andrew Colvin, Delaware, on Dec. 22, when Mr. Colvin's youngest daughter, Ada Pauline, was united in marriage to Mr. Franklin G. Calvert, of British Columbia.

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**CONCERT FOR THE AGED PEOPLE.**  
The young people of the St. James Church, South London, gave a concert at the Aged People's Home last evening, and the programme was very much enjoyed by the inmates. Rev. Dean Davis presided, and among the numbers on the programme were vocal solos by Miss Beers, Miss McNeil, Miss Mattinson, Miss Mowat; violin selections, Mr. Dev; instrumental, Miss Opleith; recitations, Miss Mason and Miss Irwin; reading, Miss Hunter; harmonica selection, Mr. Nichol; duet, Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Yeomans; trio, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Yeomans and Mr. Wallace. A treat was also provided for the aged people in the form of candies and fruit.

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among the guests at the wedding of Mr. Meers' eldest daughter, Miss Louie.  
—Miss Cecil Farewell, of Port Huron, is visiting here.  
—Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Tretheway are visiting Owen Sound relatives.  
—Miss Maud Sanborn, of Chicago, is visiting at her home, 54 King street.  
—Dr. H. A. Abbott went to Buffalo today to attend a meeting of dentists.  
—Miss Edith Hawkins is home from Port Huron for the Christmas vacation.

—Mrs. Horace L. Hall has returned from a visit with friends and relatives in Barrie.  
—Mr. and Mrs. Pierce and family, of Port Huron, are the guests of London friends.  
—Miss Luella Tripp and Miss May Peterham, of this city, are visiting friends at Durand.  
—Mrs. Lillian, of Chicago, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hooper, Horton street.

—Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Burkholder and family, of Port Huron, have been visiting relatives in London.  
—Rev. and Mrs. H. T. Leslie, of Winnipeg, are visiting the former's sister, Mrs. James Ross, Piccadilly street.  
—Mr. and Mrs. D. Armstrong, Clarence street, have as guests, Mr. Jos. Eby and daughter, of Southampton, and Mr. Jos. Armstrong, Owen Sound.  
—Mr. J. Bart Simpson, has returned to London with the firm of Messrs. Laing, Sutherland & Co., of this city, is in town visiting old friends.

—The Bishop of Montreal will hold a visitation at Emmanuel Church, London township, next Sunday afternoon and administer the apostolic rite of confirmation.  
—Mr. B. C. Ashford, after serving the Grand Trunk as carchecker and tracer in the freight yards at Brockville for several years, has returned to London, having secured a position with a lumber firm.

—The Emmanuel Church, London township, will have a service (Wednesday) evening, has, owing to unforeseen circumstances, been postponed to Monday evening, Jan. 1.  
—The following ladies—Mrs. Howard and the Misses Beattie, Martin and Clegg—representing the flower mission in connection with the Anglican churches in this city, visited Victoria Hospital the other evening, and presented each patient with roses, carnations and appropriate texts, which were greatly appreciated.

—Sunday the children of the Dundas Center Methodist Church Sunday school contributed about \$40 toward the relief of those who were rendered homeless by the Jamaica hurricane. Each Christmas year, the collection taken up in the Sunday school, and the proceeds devoted to some special cause.  
—Miss Bertha Christie was the hostess of a very charming dinner last evening at Christie Hall, for the Snake Island Fishing Party. The dinner was given in honor of her father, Mr. John Christie, and a most enjoyable evening was spent in whist and song. Miss Christie also assisted in receiving by her sister, Mrs. W. J. Christie, of Winnipeg.

—The children of the junior branch of the W. A. M. A. of St. Paul's Cathedral, were afforded on Monday afternoon a most enjoyable sleigh drive, given by a prominent member of the congregation, which the little ones were entertained at tea in Crony Hall by the president, Miss W. Haskett, Mrs. Luscombe, Miss Lochhead and several other ladies.  
—The society is two-fold—to cultivate a charitable, generous and loving spirit in the children, and to help others, as well as themselves.

—At the Adelaide Street Baptist Church on Sunday, splendid Christmas music was given by the quartet, which comprised: Miss May Pierce, soprano; Miss Maud Pierce, alto; C. F. Maynard, tenor; and C. G. Moorhead, bass. The programme also included: "Behold, I Bring You Glad Tidings"; tenor solos, C. F. Maynard; "The New Born King"; "Shout, the Glad Tidings"; soprano solo, Miss May Pierce; duet, the Misses Pierce; quartet, "Town of Bethlehem"; solo and quartet, "It is Jesus."

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Lockwood on a charge of stealing from Wm. Assand's hat, containing a watch for it.  
**SPRINGBANK LINE OPEN.**  
The Springbank line of the street railway was opened again this morning. The snow had drifted badly in many places, but it was particularly heavy in the vicinity of the water-works.

**PALL CAUSED DEATH.**  
Mrs. Eliza West, of Brydges street, who had her hip broken by falling on a slippery sidewalk a few weeks ago, died yesterday at Victoria Hospital. She had attained the advanced age of 79 years. Coughs were not allowed in the east end. She had a daughter in the Woodstock.

**PLEASING PRESENTATION.**  
At Petrolia the other evening, Rev. Mr. Livingston, who is to become the pastor of the Wellington Street Methodist Church, next June, was presented with a handsome fur-lined overcoat, as a gift from the congregation and friendly outsiders. The curiers of Petrolia had been presenting a well-known gentleman with a fine pair of curling stoves.

**THE LIMITED DELAYED.**  
The International Limited did not arrive from Montreal until 11:40 last night—four hours behind her schedule time. The delay was caused by the breaking of an axle on the baggage car after the train was a few miles out of Montreal. Fortunately the limited had not reached a high rate of speed when the accident happened.

**CONVICTIONS QUASHED.**  
At the adjourned sitting of the general sessions of the peace held on Monday, Judge Edward Elliott quashed the following convictions: Samuel Caron, of the damaging trees belonging to Thomas Seed; Robert Short, convicted of breaking a window belonging to Montreal; and two boys who were not allowed in either case. The appeal of six boys who had been convicted of insulting a woman, was dismissed.

**ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT.**  
A full attendance of pupils of the Memorial Church Sunday school was present at the annual entertainment, last night. The children all received gifts of candies and spent a happy time. During the evening the rector addressed by Rev. W. J. Clark and stereopticon views were shown by Mr. Rennie, the collection being that of Rev. H. C. Dixon. The entertainment was most interesting, and pupils, teachers and parents enjoyed themselves.

**BIDDULPH CHRISTMAS TREE.**  
A successful Christmas tree and entertainment was held the other evening in the Sunday school on the third concession of Biddulph, and which is in connection with St. James' church, Clarendon. Rev. Geo. McQuillin, acted as chairman, and a pleasing programme was carried out by Mr. J. Fox, of Lucas; Mr. S. Hodgins, of Lucas; Mr. Bloomfield, of Moorefield, and Mr. McGee. At the conclusion of the programme, gifts were distributed to the children. The school was addressed by Rev. W. J. Clark, and the school generously remembered the pastor with a purse of money.

**ENTERTAINMENT IN HOME.**  
The inmates of the Home for Incapacitated were made happy last night when Christmas tree and entertainment were held in the home. Captain T. E. Robson and Mr. C. F. Complin officiated in the distribution of gifts, and a programme was given, which included addresses by Rev. W. J. Clark and Rev. W. L. Wickett, songs by Miss Ethel Bradford, Mr. R. S. Robson, Mr. Halden, Miss Scarlett and Captain T. E. Robson; also recitations by Rev. Mr. Wickett and Rev. Mr. Clark. Miss Robson, Miss Bradford and Miss Smith acted as accompanists. After the programme had been concluded, the inmates were presented with gifts from the Christmas tree.

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**Mr. T. H. Shore Elected by Acclamation—Nissouri's Councilors Unopposed.**  
The nomination meetings throughout the county were held at the usual hour yesterday, and in every instance they are reported to have passed off very quietly. The attendance at some of the township gatherings was very large, showing a general interest on the part of the taxpayers in matters relating to their municipality.  
Westminster Township will not have a contest for the reeveship, but there will be a stiff battle for the council, there

the new aspirants being Messrs. Samuel Grant, Caleb Milner, John R. Hodgins, Foreman and David Nicholls. It is said that Messrs. Beattie, Dale and Grant are sure of election, and that the fourth place will be between Mair and Nicholls.  
**IN WEST MISSOURI.**  
The nomination for West Nissouri took place at Farthing's Hall, Thorndale, and there was a large attendance of the electors of the district.  
There promise to be a warm contest for the reeveship. Those in the field are William Elgie and Thomas Farley, both of whom have been councilors from time to time.  
The councilors for the four wards were as follows: Ward 1, Donald Urquhart; ward 2, Mr. Hudson; ward 3, John McFarlane; ward 4, Thomas Bradshaw.  
**WILL BE BRISK FIGHT.**  
There will be a brisk election in London township. Two men of the same name, Hodgins, are out for reeve; and besides all the out council, who are seeking re-election, four new men are in the field. The reeve and four councilors compose the council.  
The candidates for the reeveship are the present reeve, John R. Hodgins, and James H. Hodgins, an ex-reeve of the township. Councilors McLeod, Needham, Kimball and Donaldson are those standing for re-election. The new men are Messrs. S. F. Glass, Samuel Wheaton, Thomas Jackson and D. L. DeHart.  
All the new nominees addressed the meeting of electors of the township yesterday at the nominations, which were held in the town hall, St. John's, the chair being occupied by Mr. R. A. Powell. The number who attended the meeting was larger than for some time and the greatest interest is being taken in the elections. Speeches were also made by the present councilors of their record for the past year.  
The first meeting of the week's campaign will be held tomorrow night at Kennedy's hall, Eglarburg, when a lively time is looked for.  
The nominations were closed yesterday at 1 o'clock, and the clerk, Miss Grant, declared the following to be nominated, with the names of their nominees:  
For reeve—John R. Hodgins, by W. C. Hodgins and Frederick G. Fuller; James H. Hodgins, by John Sutherland and Wm. West.  
For Councilors—Samuel Wheaton, by John Sutherland and Thos. Fraleigh; Joseph McLeod, by W. E. Talbot and A. W. Burwell; Thomas Jackson, by Thomas A. Shoebottom and Edgar Morden; Hamilton Needham, by Edward Dann and A. Donaldson; D. L. DeHart, by Wm. McCormick and Winfield P. Armstrong; Geo. Kimball, by R. H. Smith and G. B. Kennedy; S. F. Glass, by Thomas Fraleigh and Henry Percival; John Edwards, by Richard Eedy and Edward Dann.

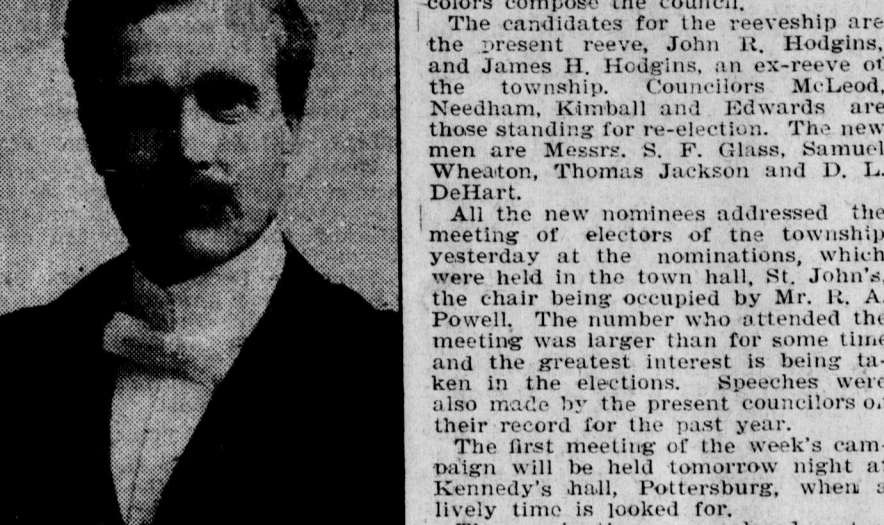


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being no less than eight candidates. Mr. John McDougall, who has served as reeve for two years, and who was on the council for six years prior to that time, was again asked to stand, but he was compelled to decline, owing to his inability to give the position the attention it required. He retired in favor of Mr. T. Hardy Shore, a well-known cattle breeder, who has served in the council for the past five years. Three of the members of the council of 1903 are seeking re-election. They are Messrs. Angus Beattie, Joseph Dale and James H. Mair.

**INJURIES OF PTE. THOMAS WORSWICK PROVE FATAL**  
**Soldier Who Was So Severely Hurt in Barracks Explosion Dies This Morning—Double Military Funeral Arranged—Condition of Other Injured Men Improves.**

Private Thomas Worswick, of No. 1 Company, R. C. R., who was so seriously injured by the boiler explosion at Wolsey Barracks on Sunday, died at Victoria Hospital at 9:20 o'clock this morning. This makes the second death as a result of the accident.  
From the time Worswick reached the hospital and the extent of his injuries were ascertained, the hospital staff and Dr. Delton, the medical officer of No. 1 Company, gave little hope of recovery. The improvement in his condition on Monday was only considered to be temporary, and as expected, it only continued for a portion of the day and last night. This

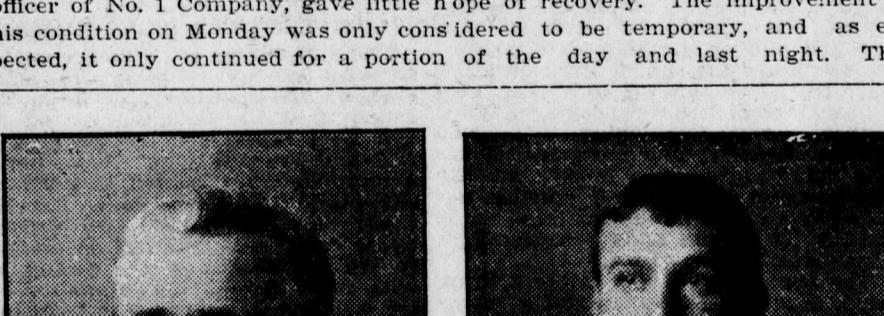


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**MUSIC AND DRAMA**  
Mr. Joseph Murphy, the "legitimate Irish comedian," who each year comes as unfailingly as the seasons with his money-making Irish drama "The Kerry Gow," was here again last night, and as usual was greeted by the people of London with a full house. "The Kerry Gow" it might be explained, means nothing other than the Kerry blacksmith, and Mr. Murphy threatens to cause this Kerry blacksmith to live longer in the memories of the people of this continent than the blacksmith whom Longfellow saw standing under a certain New England chestnut tree. It is as unnecessary to reveal the plot of "The Kerry Gow" as it is unnecessary to dilate upon the plot of Hamlet. For 20 years now it has been well known, and the play does not show any great extent of its popularity. But not so with Mr. Murphy—indeed, not so with Joseph. Mr. Murphy has gradually accumulated a vast reputation until his appearance has become eagerly awaited by Pickwickians. For a man of his age and weight he is remarkably good, but this lets him out, and the fact of his making it all right in farce comedy in Irish lingo scenes it doesn't in. Mr. Murphy, now that he is in, he is worth a cool million, should have some consideration for a play that has been indulgent for years. The company supporting Mr. Murphy this year are of a very ordinary order. As Valentine Hay, the "heavy" villain, Mr. Charles Edmonds was, alas! however, and Miss Mary Fernier, Ana Drewe, took her part very well.

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