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The custom of sending New Year's remembrances and return gifts is growing stronger each year. This discount sale will help.

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A ROUSING RALLY

The Local Option advocates in village and township closed their series of public meetings with a good rally in the town hall on Wednesday evening last. There was a large attendance, and a spirit of enthusiasm and confidence characterized the proceedings. The speaker of the evening, Rev. T. Beverley Smith, rector of St. John's church, Toronto Junction, and all the resident ministers occupied seats on the platform, Rev. W. N. Scott presiding.

Following devotional exercises and a duet by Miss Iva Dunham and Miss E. Percival, the chairman delivered a capital opening address. Rev. S. Hollingsworth followed with a solo—an appropriate adaptation—"When the bar has gone to stay."

Rev. B. B. Patterson then, in a most speech, introduced the speaker of the evening, Rev. T. Beverley Smith, who for an hour held the undivided attention of the large audience. He is an ostentatious, unassuming, a pleasing speaker. He indulged in no flights of oratory, no scathing denunciations, but in a measured, even tone told the story of the working of Local Option in Toronto Junction, a story well calculated to win converts to the Temperance ranks. Toronto Junction (West Toronto) is a great manufacturing centre and many of the captains of these industries are behind the Local Option movement. These men are not moved to look up Temperance merely from sentimental considerations; they know that Local Option has benefited their army of employees and consequently their business. Local Option was never more popular with the people of that part of the great city of Toronto than it is to-day. He referred to the various railways and other large concerns where prohibition was enforced under penalty of dismissal. Of the evil traits of the liquor traffic he said but little, but his record of one week's experience, gained in his work as a minister, spoke volumes in condemnation of the traffic. The whole address was exceedingly practical and met with the unqualified approval of the audience. A vote of thanks to Mr. Smith, moved by Mr. McKinnon, seconded by Rev. H. Jones, was heartily endorsed on being submitted to the meeting.

A solo by the Rev. S. Hollingsworth followed, and then the Rev. F. A. Read spoke briefly along the line of the principal address of the evening. To allay the fears of those who thought that Local Option might prove injurious to the business interests of the village, Mr. Read read the following letters from nearby places where the law has been tried, proved and approved:—

Winchester, Ont., Dec. 18, '08.
 Local Option has been in force here for nearly two years and if put to the test to-morrow it would carry with a larger majority than it had in the first place.

We have several families who are now able to pay their way without any trouble who, under license, had very little to spend outside of what went over the bar. These people can now pay cash instead of being carried along month after month and year after year by the merchants.

Judged from a purely business standpoint, we are quite satisfied with Local Option and so far as the moral side of the question is concerned it is a decided improvement. The act has been well enforced. One man undertook to run in and sell some drink on the sly, but it got so hot for him that he skipped out and has not been heard from since. Since the conflagration of July, 1907, we have been somewhat handicapped in the matter of accommodation for the public. The citizens generally realized the need of a good hotel and formed a joint stock company (subscribed stock to the amount of \$15,200) and have built one of the finest hotels along the line. It is now nearing completion and will be ready for opening about Feb. 1. It has no provision for a bar, as it is not expected that one will be required again at Winchester.

Signed by ten leading business men of Winchester.
 Lansdowne, Dec. 22, 1908
 We the undersigned citizens of the village of Lansdowne, in the interests of temperance and moral reform, wish to testify to the merits of Local Option in our community from a business standpoint.

Having experienced both sides of the question, we have no hesitation in stating that we sincerely believe the open bar room to be a direct damage to legitimate business; whereas on the other hand the absolute prohibition of

the sale of intoxicants, being conducive to ideal citizenship, regulates the home of the moderate drinker, and diverts his money from passing into the pockets of the saloon keepers to the honest channels of business, where in return the home and family are deriving not only the bare necessities but the real comforts of life, thereby benefiting the merchant and also all branches of business.
 (Signed by 82 of the professional and business men of the village.)

NOMINATIONS

There was a good attendance of rate payers at the nomination meeting for reeve and councillors, held Monday afternoon, and many matters of interest to the municipality were discussed. At the close of the meeting the following were in the field:—

FOR REEVE

J. H. Mulvena, elected by acclamation.

FOR COUNCILLORS

Jas. Cuzhan, Ford Wiltsie, Stephen Kelly, Ed. Shea, Andrew Henderson.
 Mr. Henderson retired, leaving the council as above elected by acclamation.

The Athens nomination meeting passed off very quietly. The reeve reviewed the work of the year and his report seemed to meet with the approval of the meeting, as no criticisms were offered. For all the offices, a large number were nominated, and when the resignations were checked off the following remained among the possibilities:—

FOR REEVE

M. B. Holmes, E. J. Purcell.

FOR COUNCILLORS

Collins Mullen, Edward Taylor, W. H. Jacob, A. E. McLean, I. M. Kelly, E. J. Purcell, A. M. Eaton, Alpheas Scott, Charles Wilson, T. S. Kendrick, A. W. Judson, J. F. Gordon, Norton B. Scott.

Of these Messrs Purcell, Taylor, McLean, Judson and Mullen filed qualification for councillors, leaving Mr. Holmes elected reeve by acclamation. Voting takes place for council on Jan. 4th.

TRUSTEES—BY ACCLAMATION

Thos. Howarth, T. S. Kendrick, W. B. Connerty.

BLANCHER—EMMONS

There was a very pretty wedding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Emmons on the 22nd of December at high noon, being the marriage of their daughter, Blanche, and Mr. Clifford Blancher of Athens. A fine arch graced the entrance, the interior being decorated in modern ways. Mr. R. O. Brown of Bedford Mills was groomsmen and Miss Myrtle Emmons was bridesmaid. The bride entered, accompanied by her father. Rev. W. Henderson performed the interesting rite. Four generations were present, the two grandmothers having a prominent place at the table, where a well prepared and sumptuous dinner was served. The bride wore beautiful white silk and wealth of orange blossoms; travelling suit, brown silk. Many presents, useful and ornamental, that of the groom to the bride a gold necklace and locket. Amid well wishes the happy couple went westward on a tour, and later will probably reside in Watertown, N.Y.

There were also present Mr. and Mrs. Chancey Blancher, Mrs. Angeline Wiltsie, Mrs. Virginia Wiltsie, Mrs. Mary Heron, Mrs. Elizabeth Wiltsie, Mrs. E. C. Wiltsie, Mrs. A. A. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Eaton, Mrs. Bells Avery, Mrs. Sarah Lillis, Mr. Alex. Dixon, Mr. A. Emmons, Mrs. M. Emmons, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Susan Palmer, Mr. Lorne Emmons, Mr. Alex. McQuinn.

Mr. and Mrs. Chancey Blancher had a pleasant family reunion last week at which all the children were present. Ernie coming from Kitchener, Oscar and Irvin from Watertown.

What Shall I Give Him for New Year's?

This is the same difficult problem that presents itself at every recurrence of the season.

We come to your rescue and say: "Come here with all your troubles and let us show you."

We are in holiday attire and have the things a man buys for himself and appreciate most. We can also fill the boy's stockings as satisfactorily as the man's.

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Suits	Hosiery	Caps
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Fancy Vests	Suspenders	Sweaters
Smoking Jackets	Umbrellas	Etc., Etc., Etc.

We will lay away your selection until New Year's and will make any exchanges desired after New Year's.

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hundred and seventy-seven miles... this continent maintained playgrounds this year...

In no country has the playground movement advanced so rapidly as in the United States...

Washington, the capital of the United States, held a "Tag Day" and opened up eight new playgrounds during the year...

One of the most conspicuous successes of the year in playground work... according to the secretary, Dr. Curtis...

Pittsburg this year adopted a playground plan, calling for thirteen new recreation centres...

Kentucky City, Louisville, has what may be called a model playground... in Central Park...

Her Majesty, who was the supreme authority on the standard qualifications of the little Pekinese spaniel...

Sierra Leone—known to fame as the White Man's Grave—viewed from the deck of an incoming steamer presents an appearance distinctly attractive...

Are you discouraged? Is your doctor's bill a heavy financial load? Is your pain a heavy physical burden?

At a meeting of the Royal Astronomical Society in London, H. G. Tomkins offered a new explanation of the long-standing mystery of the bright rays emanating from some of the so-called lunar craters...

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Our habits are either our greatest help or our saddest hindrance. You may sow your sins in the dark...

DR. HUNT'S BUST DEVELOPER Will develop your bust from two to three inches in a very short time.

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Wit of a Suffragette. Miss Mary Gawthorne, the suffragette, completely turned the tables on an interrupter...

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THE CHEERFUL GIVER. "Here, Benny," said Mr. Bloombumper to his young son...

Some Satisfaction in That. Mrs. Hewlings—"You say that if a burglar wants to get into the house he'll get in in spite of everything you can do to keep him out...

Planned. "I come four hours." "But..."

THE GIRL—How did you married that scholar? Well, I was in a New York...

Tariff in Cactus Centre. We've observed down here in Cactus all this tariff fixin' talk...

They talked till well toward mornin' about the tariff rates— Of tacks and soap and frogs' legs...

There wasn't harsh words spoken until the Standpat gem. Remark'd Deuce didn't savvy what "ad valorem" meant...

They shot holes in each other, and they won't be out for weeks; They wounded Bill, the barkeep, and his barroom's full of leaks...

Repeat it—"Shiloh's Cure will always cure my coughs and colds."

Sentence Sermons. Character is caught, not taught. Living for bread is one way of losing the bread of life...

It's not the wrongs we do Him that worry the great Father of us all; It's the ill we do ourselves.

When you take the rats of business worry to the church, it's a nuisance they leave you nothing but chaff.

Sierra Leone—known to fame as the White Man's Grave—viewed from the deck of an incoming steamer presents an appearance distinctly attractive...

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Thoroughly Subdued. "Your town hall," said the travelling entertainer, "is an excellent one to speak in..."

Making the Thing Clear. The superintendent of a Sunday School class in Philadelphia recently called upon a visitor to "say a few words" to the class...

Wagner's Swan. What interests me about Wagner, says a writer in London Opinion, is his affection for live beasts and animals...

NEW ADVERTISING AGENCY. Messrs. Fred Diver, manager Central Press Agency, Toronto, and Mr. Fred W. Thompson, manager of the advertising department of the same company...

Origin of Californian Petroleum. In a recent paper A. M. Edwards discusses the origin of the petroleum of California...

A Woman's Sympathy. Are you discouraged? Is your doctor's bill a heavy financial load? Is your pain a heavy physical burden?

No Flirting at Glasgow University. The senate of Glasgow University has issued an order that girl graduates are not to converse inside the cloisters with the students of the other sex...

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150 OLD TIME SONGS. Words and Music Complete. 110 COMIC RECITATIONS, THE PRACTICAL POULTRY KEEPER...

Where Negro Labor Doesn't Pay. "The Southern colored people cost me \$8 a month in food," said the manager of one of the biggest farms in California...

A WINDSOR LADY'S APPEAL. To All Women: I will send free with full instructions, my home treatment which positively cures leucorrhoea, ulceration, displacements, falling of the womb...

An Insomnia Cure. An amusing story is told of the late Bishop of London, Dr. Creighton, and Lord Rosebery...

PILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS. PAZO OINTMENT is guaranteed to cure any case of Itching, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days or money refunded...

The Unexpected. "Bet you a dinner," said Rivers, in an undertone, "she faces to the rear when she gets off..."

Huge Peg Board in a Club. A Brooklyn club has installed a peg board from which the clubmen may tell at a glance just what members are in the club...

Office Boy Humor. Some time ago an office boy, answering the telephone for the first time in his life...

Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in a cow. Office Boy Humor. Some time ago an office boy, answering the telephone for the first time in his life...

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria. Salt on the Moon? At a meeting of the Royal Astronomical Society in London...

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THOUSAND HOMELESS.

Block of Tenement Houses Burned in New York.

Twenty Persons Overcome by Smoke—Plucky Policeman.

Herald Square Theatre on Fire During Performance.

New York, Dec. 28.—More than a thousand persons were made homeless and hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of property destroyed in a fire which burned out a block of apartment houses between Second and Third avenues and 44th and 45th streets, Brooklyn, to-day. Twenty persons were overcome by smoke, but were rescued by firemen. The great Bush Terminal docks on the edge of the fire zone were saved by a fire boat, which kept the flames from sweeping over Second avenue.

Occupants of the blazing buildings were driven, half blind and shivering, into snow-swept streets, and a score of others were dragged unconscious from their apartments by policemen and firemen.

A policeman clapping in his arms the tiny form of a baby, was carried fainting from a hallway by his comrades. Reviving, he returned at once to the work of rescue.

The fire gained great headway before the water was poured on, as the engines were hampered in their rush to the scene by the slippery streets. Three times the firemen were forced to turn their streams on to the structure of Fifth avenue elevated railroad, from which vantage point they were handling the hose. Practically the whole block had been destroyed before the flames were controlled.

HERALD SQUARE THEATRE FIRE.

New York, Dec. 28.—Fire broke out in the Herald Square Theatre at 35th street and Broadway to-night ten minutes before the close of the performance of "The Three Twins" and before it was brought under control had done considerable damage to the building, driven the actors and chorus into the streets in their scant costumes and caused great commotion among the theatre crowds on Broadway.

There was no panic and no one was injured, the audience remaining in ignorance of the fire until most of them had passed into the street.

The fire caught from a large electric sign on the front of the theatre building and spread to the front of the theatre building and spread to the offices, which were opposite the second gallery of the auditorium. It was just ten minutes before the curtain was closed and the performance to end, when two women came down from the second gallery and reported to the theatre attaches that there was smoke in the upper part of the building.

Treasurer Lyon quickly went behind the curtain and explained the situation to the staff, who told them to get out of the theatre. This was quickly done, and the curtain was lowered without any announcement to the audience.

The big crowd shuffled slowly out, not knowing that a fire was being fought in the upper gallery. Most of them had reached the streets, but some remained behind waiting for their wraps to be taken from the coat room. As the flames continued to gain headway the theatre employees urged the tardy ones to hurry out, as there was a fire in the theatre. Some of them left without waiting for their wraps, and braved the driving snowstorm in their evening dress.

Alarm spread among the actors and chorus, and many of the young women left the building to the stage entrance and went out into the storm without giving a thought of their scant and unconventional attire.

THE DEAD ALIVE.

Man Dead For 18 Years Turns Up in Guelph.

Guelph, Dec. 28.—Nearly eighteen years ago, in July, 1891, a report appeared in the papers of the Province of the death of Corp. Morgan, of the Northwest Mounted Police, at Fort MacLeod, Alberta, who had previously left for England and had, after leaving New York, been found dead in his berth. Corp. Morgan was well known in Nicol town, where he died in Guelph, and the report of his death being confirmed, nothing more was heard of him.

What was the surprise of Mr. S. Broadfoot, of the Inland Revenue Department here, when William Morgan, for eighteen years supposed to be dead, walked into his office and greeted him as an old friend. He was immediately recognized and has altered little during the time he was supposed to have sojourned in another world. The mistake occurred over the death of another man of the same name on board ship.

FRAMING A TARIFF BILL.

The Taking of Testimony Completed by Committee at Washington.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The House Ways and Means Committee to-day completed its hearings on the proposed revision of the tariff, and the sub-committee, consisting of the Republican members of the full committee, began the work of framing a new tariff bill, which will be submitted to Congress at the special session next March.

The sub-committee will hold daily meetings behind closed doors. No tariff revision committee has ever had at its command so large a fund of information as the present committee.

There was little done at to-day's meeting aside from sifting out the plans to be pursued in drafting the new bill.

LOWER CABLE RATES.

Mr. Lemieux Says They Will Prevail at No Distant Date.

New York, Dec. 28.—That not only cheaper but very much cheaper rates for cablegrams across the Atlantic are near at hand was the confident assertion of Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, the Postmaster-General of Canada, this afternoon on the eve of his departure for Canada after a day spent in this city following his arrival from Europe last night.

"The reform has been accomplished on the Pacific," declared Mr. Lemieux, "and it will soon come about on the Atlantic."

Mr. Lemieux said the movement had recommended itself to influential interests in the United States also, but he declined to state whether or not the United States Government had been or would be approached by Canada or Great Britain in the matter.

If the cable companies would make the reductions that would satisfy the governments, according to Mr. Lemieux, there would be no new cable laid across the Atlantic, and he believed that was what was likely to happen. In any event, he added, he had received such assurances in London that he felt almost certain the day of very much cheaper cabling between Europe and America was not distant.

He believed a State-owned cable across the Atlantic, if it should become necessary to lay one, undoubtedly would be as successful and satisfactory in every way as the Pacific cable from Canada to Australasia, and that project had reduced the cost of cable messages between Australasia and England from \$2.25 a word to 75 cents a word.

Mr. Lemieux said the demand on the Atlantic cable companies, which was expected to come to a conclusion in the spring, was not for an arbitrary rate of two pence a word, as he said was erroneously supposed in many quarters. It had been proposed instead that messages be divided into several classes, such as urgent, semi-urgent and deferred, for instance, and charged for accordingly, but, in any event, the rate to be considerably lower than the prevailing shilling or 25 cent rate. If a State-owned cable is to be laid it is the belief of Mr. Lemieux that it would eventually admit of a charge of five cents a word.

THE CAMERA.

WILL BE USED AGAINST PITTSBURG ALDERMAN.

Flashlight Caught Him in Act of Accepting a Bribe—Bank Officials Admit Paying \$17,500 in Bribes—Seven Members of Council and Two Bankers Under Arrest.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 28.—A flashlight photograph of a member of the Council in the act of accepting money from a decoy "promoter," it is said, will be one of the strongest features of the evidence to be presented to-morrow morning. A seven members of the Pittsburg City Council and two former bank officials are to be given a preliminary hearing on charges of bribery, corrupt solicitation and other illegal acts, brought by the Voters' League. This picture, it is said, was taken in a private room in a downtown hotel last night immediately before the councilman was arrested.

Besides the councilman, the flashlight photograph is said to show an agent of the Hurling Detective Agency of Scranton, Pa., which worked up the cases. This man is reported to have posed as a member of a firm anxious to sell wooden paving blocks to the city and to have become very intimate with the councilman. With other detectives concealed within hearing distance the councilman is alleged to have been induced to tell of the negotiations to secure the passage of the legislation, to name the other members who were to share in the bribe, and to say that the members were fired of promises and wanted to see the real money.

The promoter took a number of \$100 and \$500 bills from a large roll and just as the councilman reached for his allotment the flash was ignited. The councilman, it is said, broke down and wept, and when he accused his companion of trapping him there was no denial. Then the officer appeared and made the arrest.

President W. W. Ramsey and Cashier A. A. Vileack of the German National Bank, have admitted spending \$17,500 to secure the selection of their bank as a city depository. The directors of the bank have repudiated the action of the officers and have asked and received the resignations of these men. It is reported that some of the bribe money was paid in cheques and that the cheques and stubs will be offered in evidence. It is practically admitted that a number of decoy contractors and promoters were introduced to trap councilmen, and that many temptations have been offered councilmen during the past months.

KISSING IN THE STREET.

Vienna Magistrate Decides That It Is Not a Punishable Offense.

London, Dec. 28.—A Vienna Magistrate has been called upon to decide whether kissing in the street is an offence against public morality. Arnold Schmidt, a university student, was taking a fond leave of his sweetheart at the door of her house. This so shocked a clerk who saw the embrace that he complained to the police, and Schmidt was arrested for a breach of the public morals.

He pleaded in court that his kiss was a token of respect to the maiden. An elderly spinster living in the house opposite, who had been an involuntary witness of the scene, told the magistrate amid much laughter that she indignantly withdrew from the window at once, because she said, "kissing was not aesthetically."

The court, after much deliberation, dismissed the case, holding that kissing was no transgression of common morals.

PLUCKY GOMEZ.

Frustrates Plot of Conspirators to Kill Him.

Single-Handed Arrested Two of the Plotters.

Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 28, via Willemstad, Curacao, Dec. 27.—The downfall of President Castro in Venezuela was completed Saturday last with the frustration of a desperate plot to assassinate Juan Vicente Gomez, the acting president of the republic.

A prominent lawyer has filed an accusation in the High Federal Court, charging President Castro with complicity in the attempted assassination and proposing his impeachment.

There was a meeting Friday night of the plotters in the residence in Caracas of Barbrisa Guzman, who was secretary-general in the last Castro Cabinet, and



JOSE MIGUEL GOMEZ

who was placed in charge of President Castro's personal business in Venezuela when the president left for Germany.

A COUP D'ETAT DECIDED ON.

The conspirators decided upon a coup d'etat. They determined to assassinate Acting President Gomez, Jose de Jesus Paul, the Foreign Minister; General Leopoldo Baptiste, and other prominent men, seize the administration of the country, and with the army terrorize and overawe the population.

Torres-Cardenas, who was at one time Minister of the Interior under President Castro, and later his personal secretary, was the active leader of the conspiracy. He was entrusted with the carrying out of the plot. He had as lieutenants the commanders of three battalions.

GOMEZ FRUSTRATES PLOT.

In spite of the precautions taken an intimation of what was on foot reached the ears of Acting President Gomez. As soon as he had satisfied himself of the truth of the reports he took immediate steps to frustrate the attempt. Early Saturday morning he went alone on foot to the barracks in Caracas, where a mutinous regiment under the command of President Castro's brother was quartered. With unexampled courage he entered the building and placed the brother of the president under arrest. The cool nerve of Gomez made it possible for him to carry out this dangerous manoeuvre successfully. He then went to the "yellow house," the executive mansion where he had a brief interview with Torres-Cardenas. The chief of the conspirators maintained a defiant attitude and denied the existence of any plot. Gomez would not be deceived by such assurances. He seized Torres-Cardenas by the shoulders, and shaking him roughly, said: "I have discovered your plot to assassinate me. You are my prisoner."

SEIZED BY GOMEZ. Torres-Cardenas tried to use his revolver on the acting president, but Gomez was too quick for him. He pinned the man's arms and called the guard. Cordes-Cardenas was seized and disarmed and hurried away to jail.

These two arrests, made single-handed by Gomez, broke the back of the plot. Gomez's friends came forward quickly to his support. Orders were at once issued and carried out rapidly for the arrest of Garbrisa Guzman, Lopez Baralt, Minister of the Interior in the Cabinet that was forced to resign on December 17; Senor Bermudez, director of the national telegraph system; Commander Casanova, Commander Angulo and other adherents of Castro suspected of complicity.

As soon as the news of the sensational occurrences became known throughout the city an immense crowd gathered in the Plaza Bolivar and gave unmistakable evidence of its satisfaction with the turn of affairs.

\$10,000 BILL.

Found in Old Tomato Can by a Teamster.

East St. Louis, Ill., Dec. 28.—Patrick Sullivan, an ice wagon driver, found a \$10,000 bill in the bottom of an old tomato can which he picked up in an alley in the residence part of the town. Conrad Reeb, cashier of the Southern Illinois National Bank, examined the bill through a microscope, and said it appeared to be a genuine gold certificate. The bill was taken to the treasury in St. Louis for further examination.

NO ATLANTIC RATE WAR.

White Star Not Frightening Allans From North Atlantic Conference.

London, Dec. 28.—The Canadian Associated Press understands a German line of steamers from Hamburg to Canada is threatened in direct competition to the Allan line from Havre. As regards the Liverpool rumor that the Allan line is to retire from the North Atlantic conference if the White Star enter the Canadian trade, it is ridiculed in shipping circles in Liverpool. The Allan Company know nothing of any possible rate war.

WAS IT SUICIDE?

Death by Gas of Former President of National Reserve Life.

Police Say That Burnham Committed Suicide.

New York, Dec. 28.—Frederick A. Burnham, former president of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company, was found dead in his bedroom at his residence, 68 East 70th street, this morning, gas poisoning. The police say that Mr. Burnham committed suicide.

The Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company went into the hands of receivers in February last. President Burnham, his brother, Geo. Burnham, jun., the treasurer of the company, and Geo. D. Eldredge, the actuary, were indicted on charges of larceny and forgery, which grew out of an alleged payment of the funds of the company in satisfaction of personal claims against some of its officers. Geo. Burnham, jun., was tried on the charge of larceny, convicted and sentenced to serve two years in prison, but the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court set aside the sentence, and Burnham was released. The case against Frederick A. Burnham had not come to trial, and it was understood that it would not be prosecuted unless that against his brother George was eventually won by the prosecution.

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The soft spot on the top of a baby's head could be felt on hers. She had no appetite and was mentally unobscured.

COUNTRY'S TERROR.

Tennessee Night-Riders Are Held in Deadly Fear.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 28.—When Mrs. Emma Jackson, one of the State witnesses this afternoon in the night riders' trial, was excused from the stand, she turned to Judge Jones and said: "I will not leave the court room without armed protection. I know these men."

Mrs. Jackson told a vivid story of several visits of the night riders corroborating Fehring's testimony in many details, as did other witnesses, and identified by name at least twenty-seven members of the band. She was followed on the stand by her daughter, Miss Dora Jackson, an eighteen-year-old girl, who corroborated her mother's testimony.

The last witness of the day was Will Russell, another alleged night rider, who has turned State's evidence. Russell came to Union City after the Rankin killing and made a confession. He was trembling with fear and could scarcely raise his voice above a whisper.

The Attorney-General had to repeat most of his answers in order that the jury might hear them. Russell is under constant guard, but says he fears that he will be killed in spite of these precautions. Russell's story was practically the same as that told by Fehring.

A number of other witnesses told of having been whipped by night riders. One was given the choice of being whipped or hanged, another of leaving the neighborhood or being hanged.

CLIMBED CLIFFS.

Sixty-Five of Crew of Steamer Irada Save Themselves—Six Drown.

Crookhaven, Ireland, Dec. 28.—The 5,000 ton British steamer Irada, Capt. Roberts, from Galveston, Dec. 6, for Liverpool, is a total wreck on the southwest point of Mizzen Head. Capt. Roberts, a stewardess and four men were drowned. The remainder of the crew, sixty-five men, saved themselves by climbing the face of the cliffs.

The steamer was driven ashore by heavy weather during a dense fog. She was loaded with cotton, and the bales of her cargo are now being washed upon the beach.

OIL COMPANIES.

Fixed \$50,000 and Driven Out of State of Missouri.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 28.—The Supreme Court of Missouri handed down a decision this morning ousting the Standard Oil Co., of Indiana, and the Republic Oil Co. from the State of Missouri, forbidding them again to do business in Missouri, and dissolving the Waters-Pierce Oil Co. of St. Louis. In addition each of the companies is fined \$50,000.

EARTHQUAKES IN MONTANA.

Shock Extended From the Yellowstone Park to Virginia City.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 22.—Earthquakes extending from the Yellowstone Park to Virginia City have been continuing for three days, but without much damage. The greatest harm was done to the old town of Virginia City by several shocks last night. Several buildings were cracked and large rents made in the earth. In some of them three inches wide. A report from Crater Lake is that the shocks were especially severe there. Fissures were made in the mountain sides, some of them a foot or two wide. The Crater Lakes are formed by the craters of thirteen extinct volcanoes.

SIX MONTHS FOR M. P.

Nationalist Member Sent to Jail for Advocating Boycott.

Dublin, Dec. 28.—James P. Farrell, Irish Nationalist member of Parliament for North Longford, who has been advocating the boycott of certain individuals in the Longford Leader, of which he is the editor and proprietor, refused to give sureties for his future good behavior, and to-day was sentenced to six months in jail.

She (admirably)—Your eyes are gray, aren't they? He (absent-mindedly)—Yes, prematurely so.—New York Telegram.

DEVELOPS GROWTH.

Effect of Medicine on Woman With Body and Mind of Child.

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This continued to October last. A physician then diagnosing the absence of the thyroid secretion took charge of the case. He administered 12 1/2 grains of extract of thyroid glands daily. The patient has grown 2 1/2 inches. Her skin is moist and warm, her face is considerably developed and she has cut several new teeth. She is constantly hungry.

In her most wonderful change, however, is in her mental condition. She has become extraordinarily loquacious, using a vocabulary she could not have acquired in two months, which shows that she unconsciously listened to and stored up words without the power of employing them.

FREED FROM JAIL.

SUFFRAGETTE LEADERS GIVEN A GREAT RECEPTION.

Procession Quarter of a Mile Long Escorts Them to the West End of London—Met the Police Inspector Who Arrested Them.

London, Dec. 28.—Miss Christabel Pankhurst and Mrs. Pankhurst were released to-day from Holloway Jail on the completion of their sentences. They were sentenced on Oct. 24 and had the option of a fine or imprisonment. They elected to go to jail.

As anticipated, a great reception awaited them. A procession to celebrate their release took place, starting from Holloway Jail and proceeding through the West-end.

After a long march the Suffragettes had breakfast at which Miss Pankhurst spoke. She announced that the Suffragettes were engaged in civil warfare.

"We are sending out little Davids to meet giant Goliaths," she said, mentioning David Lloyd-George, the Chancellor, as an instance of the latter. "Next year," she said, in conclusion, "must see the enfranchisement of women."

The procession occupied a quarter of a mile and was composed of members and supporters of the militant faction of the Suffragettes. All the banners were bedecked in banners and other emblems of the enfranchisement cause. They marched four deep and escorted the triumphant Pankhurst trio, Mrs. Pankhurst and her two daughters, through the crowd of Christmas shoppers. The procession was headed by Mrs. "Generalissimo" Drummond. Behind her several bands were playing at full blast.

A tall blonde marched at "Gen." Drummond's side, assisting in the direction of the marching militants. According to witnesses, she could give the drum major points in his art.

While marching with great enthusiasm and singing their version of "The Marseillaise," the Suffragettes met and recognized Police Inspector Jarvis, who made the arrests of the Misses and Mrs. Pankhurst and "Gen." Drummond. They ecstatically accorded him bows and tremendous applause. The reception of the parade by the crowd was good natured.

A WOMAN'S CONGRESS.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—The Women's Congress, composed of four hundred delegates from various parts of Russia, began its sessions here this evening. Mme. Anna Filosofoff, the mother of the noted writer, Dmitri Filosofoff, was warmly greeted as the pioneer in the movement. Foreign speakers have been invited to attend.

TICKER OUT OF DATE.

GRAND TRUNK TRAINS TO BE DESPATCHED BY TELEPHONE.

London, Ont., Dec. 28.—This afternoon Superintendent Nixon, of the G. T. R., stated that the company will, as soon as practicable, do away with the system of operating their trains by telegraph, and will install the telephone system. "A year's trial of the telephone as a means of despatching trains," said Mr. Nixon, "has proved its practicability. Railwaymen recognize that the day of the ticker is past as far as they are concerned, and they are preparing to hasten the change all over the continent of America."

MARTYRDOM FOR MURDERERS.

Extraordinary Sequel to a Dresden Murder Case.

London, Dec. 28.—At Dresden there has been an extraordinary sequel to the Beier murder case. Grete Beier, aged 22, was executed for the murder of her fiancé, whom she shot after having attempted to poison him. The tomb of the criminal has become the object of a strange species of worship. Wreaths are frequently deposited upon the grave, to which every Sunday women belonging to the best society in Dresden resort to pray. Last Sunday the crowd was so great that the police were compelled to take special precautions, and now access to the cemetery is forbidden to such visitors.

JAIL FOR GOMPERS.

President of Federation Sentenced to One Year Imprisonment.

President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison Also Go to Jail.

For Contempt of Court in the Buck Stove Case.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The famous contempt case of the Buck Stove & Range Co., against President Gompers, Vice-President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison, of the American Federation of Labor, was decided to-day by Justice Wright, of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, adversely to the federation officials. Gompers was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment, Mitchell to nine months and Morrison to six months.

The case grew out of the alleged boycott of the company's products and the putting of that company on the "unfair list," and the federation's alleged violation of Judge Gould's recent mandamus, has attracted wide attention.

The Bucks Co.'s prosecution of the officials of the Federation began in August, 1907. The original action was a best case, wherein it was sought to enjoin the labor unions from using the "unfair" and "we don't patronize" lists in their fights against firms and individuals. Justice Gould, of the Supreme court of the District of Columbia, issued an injunction which later was made permanent, forbidding the publication of the company's name in those lists.

President Gompers, in an editorial in the Federationist of January last, made known his intention not to obey the court's order, contending that the injunction issued was in derogation of the rights of labor, and an abuse of the injunctive power of the courts. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison subsequently were cited for contempt, and this phase of the case has been before the courts for several months, proceedings taking the form of a hearing of testimony before an examiner.

Judge Wright's decision was a scathing denunciation of the defendants. He rejected the conditions antedating the injunction and referred to the fact that for twenty-five years the Bucks plant had operated as a ten-hour shop and also spoke of the numerical strength of the American Federation of Labor, with its 2,000,000 members, and of its repeated endorsement of the boycott of the Bucks Stove & Range Co., through the American Federationist, the Federation's official organ, speeches by the defendants, letters, circulars, etc. The court referred to the use of the "We don't patronize" list and "unfair" list of the labor organizations, and said that members of labor unions were forced and coerced into supporting it, "whether individually willing or unwilling, approving or disapproving," by various methods.

The court read extracts from numbers of resolutions of labor organizations bearing on the Bucks case as tending to show the methods of influencing members of unions, "and these methods," the court remarked, "seem to be known as persuasion."

The customers of the stove company, the court said, had been intimidated, browbeaten and coerced out of their business relations with their customers, "by direct interference with and boycott of their (the customers') trade relations with their own customers and the public generally."

SCALED MT. HUASCARAN.

Miss Annie S. Peck Tells of Climbing the Andes.

New York, Dec. 28.—Fresh from a triumphant tour of the Peruvian Andes, during which she scaled the summit of Mount Huascaran, one of the highest peaks in the world, Miss Annie S. Peck, of Providence, R. I., arrived here to-day aboard the steamer Alliance from Crystal, Cal. For her successful ascent Miss Peck was personally congratulated by President Leguin, and a gold medal was presented to her by the Peruvian Government.

In speaking of her perilous trip up the precipitous slope of Mount Huascaran, Miss Peck ascribed much of her success to the two Swiss guides who accompanied her. "It was, thanks to the experience of these two men, aided by what I myself had gained in scaling the high summits of the Alps and a number of detached peaks in the Andes and Rockies," said Miss Peck, "that I succeeded in reaching the 24,000 feet altitude which marks the summit of Mt. Huascaran. This height, I believe, surpasses that reached by anyone before me. Heretofore, the record had been held by W. W. Graham, whose ascent of the Himalayan peaks is set down as a climb of 23,800 feet.

"We reached the summit on September 2, and the following night as we were making our way down, Taugwelder, who was leading, slipped and carried me with him over the edge of a fissure. The other guide, fortunately for us, had seen the misstep and had braced himself with his alpenstock, so that when the rope that bound us all together yanked taut he retained sufficient purchase in the ice not to be carried off his feet by our combined weight. He called to us instructions to dig ourselves footholds that would lighten the strain both on the rope and on himself, and gradually pulled us, both back to him. It was the closest call I ever had."

RAILWAYS IN CANADA.

Amount of New Construction Unequaled in World.

London, Dec. 28.—W. J. Odworth, chief engineer of the Northeastern Railway, in an interview, said Canada presented more great railway development at the present moment than any other country in the world. The advance was marked on every hand, and the amount of new construction in progress quite unequalled.

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Man's Fall and Recovery

"So then, as through one trespass, the judgment came unto all men to condemnation; even so, through one act of righteousness, the free gift came unto all men to justification of life."—Rom. V, 18 (Am. Rev.)

One writer has said: "This epistle is very difficult, mysterious, wonderful, and sublime, but contains much that even a child can understand; like a rock a man cannot climb, with mosses and flowers at its foot an infant can gather."

If St. Paul in Rom. V 15, teaches that through offense of one man many are dead, that his character was marred on account of disobedience, that in his natural state all his tempers are sensual and earthly, and his affections set on temporal things and not on things eternal, and that he merited no interposition in his behalf; he just as plainly teaches in Rom. V: 7, 8, that His love is impartial and universal, that the blood of Christ, God's dear Son, atones for all the race, and that every son of man has the transcendent privilege of being restored to righteousness, and true holiness, of being made into a vessel unto honor. We believe that Christ tasted death for every man, but none can partake of the benefit except in believers.

Many there are who do not believe these things. They believe in a partial atonement only, or the doctrine of particular redemption with its associate doctrines of particular election and particular reprobation. We have not so learned Christ. If these doctrines be true, then free-will, or the doctrine that man chooses or rejects salvation, is almost abrogated. We institute a battle-field here, and humbly assert that the grace of God is not only unmerited on the sinner's part, but that it is boundless and free.

Again, there are those who never heard perhaps, of absolute predestination, yet they are grinding in the prison-house as did Samson, waiting for God to compel them to be saved, saying, "If I am to be saved, I will be; if I am to be lost, I will be." These seem to be trusting in traditional or parental teaching to guide them, instead of the Word.

There is yet another class of people who are under the fatal delusion that man, after all, is not so very bad, and if they do not actually commit murder, adultery or theft in very deed, but keep well within the civil law, being fair outwardly, they are not far from the kingdom, but actually in it. A certain man was heard to exclaim, "She is a good girl; what has she ever done?" Pharisees were sticklers for forms and ceremonies yet the Master accused them of being whited sepulchres because of their uncleaness inside. The heart was not right.

Now, there are very few persons who dare to make shipwreck of life intentionally, but nearly all seek in some way to build surely. When we build upon the rock Christ Jesus, the rains may descend, the floods come and the winds blow, and beat upon that house, but it falls not, for it is founded upon a rock. Dear reader, let us search the Word as for eternity. To that end, O Lord we pray to be instructed and enlightened as we consider:

1. Man's love to each other partial. 2. God's love to us impartial. Man's love to each other partial. Man is the noblest of all God's creatures, is fearfully and wonderfully made, endued with great powers, and yet he is a finite being. No man can redeem his brother or give to God a ransom for him—Ps. XLIX., 7. His attributes are limited. The scriptures declare this when they say that a measure of faith only is given unto every regenerate man—Rom VII 3., and likewise also in regard to hope and love. God has unlimited power and wisdom and love, but the creature can only love in proportion to his knowledge. The disciples marvelled when they beheld their Master in conversation with a Samaritan heretic (John IV., 27), but their all seeing Master beheld in her a convert. The disciples love to the woman was partial, it was biased, unmatre.

When the Master was ill-received in a Samaritan village (Lu IX., 53), his disciples, James and John, entreated that fire be sent from heaven to consume them; but the Master rebuked them and said that the Son of Man came not to destroy men's lives but to save them.

In the text we have Paul's testimony as well. The great apostle says, "For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die." Not an instance do we find in the word of God where any person sacrificed his life for a righteous man, i. e. a moral, upright man; but we do find in 2 Sam. XXIII, 16, where a number of men risked their lives for a good man, i. e. a benefactor to society. Paul plainly states though that the occasion was a chance one. We read thus, David was in an hold, and longed for water, and three mighty men, Adino, Eleazar, and Shamah, broke through the ranks of the uncircumcised and obtained the precious draught at the risk of their own lives.

Many no doubt will not be exactly suited with the above interpretation, and say that we have put man in too low a scale. They will affirm that they are the martyrs' spirit, that if they are a holy people—and rightly; that they are perfected in love; that they have the martyr's spirit; that it the

awful fires of persecution broke out they would be able to stand the test. We admit that many would gladly do it; but for whom would they sacrifice their life?—humanity or divinity?—Christ or the creature?

One of the chief lessons to be noted in this text is the vast difference between man's love and the love of God. Paul contrasts them; he notices what men will scarcely do for each other; then exultingly and proudly, speaks in wonderful measure of God's sacrificial nature. Is it any wonder that St. Augustine exclaims in rapturous accents in regard to the incarnation of Christ, "O, marvellous mystery! O, inexplicable conjunction!" Men have been martyred for truth, for causes, for Christ, but Christ died an ignominious death for us, for sinners. How he loved us! it is indeed ineffable.

God's love to us impartial. Men may have the love of God in their hearts, yet abound in love, but in comparison to God's love, it is only as a drop of water, to the mighty rushing torrent. God's love is impartial, unbiased and without distinction in regard to man. It is high, and deep, and voluminous, and past finite man's conception in full. When we are loosed from these tabernacles, when we see not through a glass darkly, but face to face we will have a better conception of His love. We can have a foretaste here though, as did Moses the meek, the consecrated Isaiah, the weeping Jeremiah, the holy Paul, the loving John.

The text says that God commendeth his love toward us. Now the word "commendeth" means, "displayeth," a setting off, and is in glorious contrast to all that men will do for each other. The manifestation of God in Christ is the most wonderful expression of God's love to us. God gave his only begotten Son—the Word—the Word became flesh, dwelt among us, wept with us, suffered with us, experienced agonies for us, sweat great drops of blood, took the sins of the whole world upon him, and on Calvary testified that the sacrifice was finished and—Glory to God!—rose again for our justification. The atonement for all mankind has been made, and in all embracing, Luther, a profound theologian and Master in Israel, held this opinion when he said that salvation had come to all, but upon only believers. So then we must believe to receive. To reap the merits of Christ's death we must exercise faith, (Heb. XI, 6.

This love was commended toward us while we were yet sinners, while we were as yet unholy, while we were as yet aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise. If a man wishes to how narrow his character is, let him look into God's looking glass, the Bible. He can see himself there as one that is dead i. e. without life, without spiritual life. He that believeth on the Son hath life, John III 36. Paul in Eph II, 1, said that the Ephesians were dead in trespasses, and in sins. When Adam left the garden of Eden he was a dead man spiritually speaking, for he had sinned.

We might say also that the sinner is without hope in regard to the world to come, Eph. II, 12. When a man is utterly without hope in regard to temporal things he sometimes ends all by suicide. Is it any wonder then that the hopeless impenitent cries for the rocks, and the mountains to fall upon him and hide him, as he stands before the bar of Almighty God to give an account of every deed done in the body.

Again we see that this love was shed abroad while we were yet without strength. Surely mercy is added to mercy. The sinner is helpless and nothing stands between him and perdition. He does not belong to the bridehood for he has on no wedding garment. There is no intervening Christ for him; no intercessor. He is without strength because he is without God, (Rom. V, 6). Israel the beloved of the Lord was in Egypt groaning under bondage, and oppression, and forced to give in a certain toll of bricks with means. These men were to help themselves but when the mighty God instituted Moses to be their deliverer, who could deny them deliverance? Neither Pharaoh, and his hosts nor the impassable red sea could do it for God came to their help.

"When Israel of the Lord beloved, Out from the land of bondage came; Her fathers God before her moved, An awful guide in smoke and flame."

The Bible may be called a history of redemption. It is completed now. God's love—in Christ—was manifested toward us in due time. God's time is the right time. The apostle says, "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his son made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that they might receive the adoption of sons."

"The church has its own ages," God does nothing prematurely but foresees the end from the beginning waits until all is ripe for the execution of his purpose. Had Christ come directly after the fall of man the enormity and deadly fruits of sin would not have been realized fully by man, so as to feel his desperate state, and need of a Savior. Man's inability to save himself whether by obedience to the law, whether that of Moses or that of conscience, was completely manifested;

all prophecies of various ages found common centre in this particular time. God often permits evil long before he teaches the remedy. The small pox was a scourge for long years but vaccination brought relief. It was essential to the honor of God's law to permit evil long before He revealed the remedy."

Now, beloved, thou hast heard in part of God's great love wherewith he loved us, and how rich in mercy he is, even willing that none should perish but that all should come to repentance. Dost thou love God? Hast thou ever tasted and seen that the Lord is good; if thou hast thou canst indeed say with the Psalmist, "Blessed is the man that trusteth in him." Jesus came among men saying, "Repent—i. e. leave off sinning—for the kingdom is at hand" Didst thou ever repent, and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ? Art thou covered with the garments of salvation, and hast thou on the robe of righteousness? Hast thou on the wedding garment? Without thou shall never receive an entrance to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Sinner thou art just on the verge of the rest so sweet; for thou hast heard the blessed invitation from God himself, and Jesus stands waiting, but thou art also just on the verge of eternal damnation, for if God should snap the brittle thread of life thou wouldst go down quick into hell. Oh profit by Lot's example and flee from the wrath to come. Flee quickly for thou hast no time to lose. Flee for thy life. Flee now. Listen. All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass (I Pet. I, 24) To day you may be the picture of health with cheeks fairer than Spring, and sweeter than the virgin rose; but to-morrow you may be in an opposite state to this. These short lived beauties fade. To-day you may be in manhood's fiery prime; but to-morrow you may be a shorn Samson. The way to the kingdom is easy. There are only three steps from the bondage of this world, to the kingdom of God, and these are, "Repentance, prayer and faith. Take them."

These last few lines we address in particular to heads of families. Oh father if thou art a poor child of the wreck or a backslider—and they will have a place in the heart of God—consider your responsibility toward your Maker. The scripture command that the weaker vessel—your wife—learn of you at home; but how can she? how will she do it when thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked? "I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in fire that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness may not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye salve, that thou mayest see" (Rev. III 18). Dear brother, consider also the example you place before your children if you have any. You love them, would shield them, and would make almost any sacrifice for them, and yet you refuse to obey the simple command of scripture, to "Train up the child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Don't you see your reward? There is that scattereth yet increaseth. Remember that hardly a tree falls in the woods without doing more or less damage, sometimes taking other trees down with it or at the least damaging others to some extent. So it is in regard to ruler of a house. But example is better than precept even. My hope and prayer is that God may take these few lines and use them to His honor and Glory. Amen. John S. Eaton

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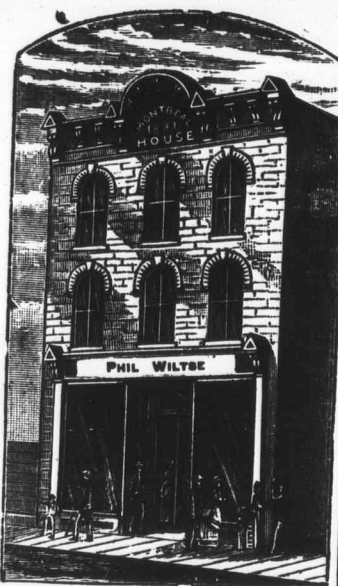


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GOING WEST		
No. 1	No. 8	
Brockville (leave)	9.40 a.m.	3.40 p.m.
Lyn	10.10	3.55
Seeleys	*10.20	4.02
Forthton	*10.33	4.13
Elbe	*10.39	4.18
Athens	10.53	4.25
Soperton	*11.13	4.41
Lyndhurst	*11.20	4.47
Delta	11.28	4.53
Elgin	11.47	5.07
Forfar	*11.55	5.13
Crosby	*12.03	5.18
Newboro	12.12	5.28
Westport (arrive)	12.30 p.m.	5.40
GOING EAST		
No. 2	No. 4	
Westport (leave)	7.30 a.m.	2.40 p.m.
Newboro	7.42	2.55
Crosby	*7.52	3.06
Forfar	*7.57	3.12
Delta	8.08	3.22
Elbe	8.17	3.31
Lyndhurst	*8.23	3.48
Soperton	*8.29	3.56
Athens	8.45	4.25
Elgin	*8.52	4.31
Forthton	*8.57	4.38
Seeleys	*9.08	4.49
Lyn	9.15	5.05
Brockville (arrive)	9.30	5.30

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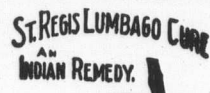
KING ST. BROCKVILLE

Nomination Meeting

A meeting of the municipal electors of the Township of Rear Yonge and Escott will be held in the Township Hall, Athens, on Monday, Dec. 28, at 1 p. m. for the purpose of nominating a reeve and four councillors for 1909, and in case a poll be required the votes of the qualified electors will be taken on Monday, Jan. 4, 1909, from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. at the following places:—

P.S.D. No. 1—At Mrs. J. Langdon's.
E. M. Fair, D.R.O.; M. C. Bates, P.C.
P.S.D. No. 2—At John Fortune's house.
Chas. E. Howard, D.R.O.; Ambrose Shea P.C.
P.S.D. No. 3—At Anne Derbyshire's residence.
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The Kingston Whig says—The popular Marks Bros., No. 1 Dramatic company opened a week's engagement at the Grand Opera House last evening before an immense audience. The company of old favorites, all artists of ability in their different roles gave an entertainment of unusual merit. This talented company plays in the town hall, Athens, on January 4, 5 and 6. Prices, 10c, 15c, and 25c. Matinee 4 p. m. Wednesday, 6th—prices 10c and 15c.

BUSINESS COLLEGE

College closed Wednesday noon for Xmas vacation. Classes will resume work Jan. 4th. A large increase in attendance is promised.

J. A. Dowsett is relieving in the post office during the Christmas rush, Miss L. Kingland, of Morristown, N. Y., and Miss Teresa Murphy, of Elgin, have graduated.

The following letter is from one of last winter's students and speaks for itself:

675 St. Dennis, St. Montreal,
December 19th, 1908
W. T. Rogers Esq., Brockville Business College.

Dear Sir,—I now write to let you know that I am employed in a different office, I am now with the Canadian express Co. and it is as twice as good a position as the one I had. Sometimes I get from 80 to 120 letters per day and some of them would make your face twist on account of fast dictation. Cardinal is well represented this year at your college, I hope the boys are trying to keep up the name of the old town.

Extend the season's greetings to all connected with the college and hoping you will open with a large number of students, I am,
Wm. Sleeth.

MAPLE LEAF VALLEY

Mrs Bell Gray's many friends are pleased to see her able to be out driving again.

Mr W. Gray is home from the West.

Miss L. Moulton of Seeley's Bay is visiting her father Mr James Moulton, Mr and Mrs R. Shaw visited at Mr Hazelton's Delta, recently.

Mrs John Morris returned home after a weeks visit with her cousin, Mrs G. S. Johnston of Forfar.

Mr A. and Mrs L. James of Frankville visited their brother, Mr Job James.

Mr George Cleetham and staff expect to leave in the near future for Morton where he will be engaged in the pine woods.

Mr Baker had the misfortune to lose a valuable horse on Saturday.

Miss Irene Morris is visiting at the home of her uncle, A. Morris of Glen. Quite a few from the Valley attended the party on Xmas night given by Mrs Alf Maile, and all had a jolly good time.

Miss Ruby Morris is visiting her cousin, Miss Irene.

Eloida Honor Roll

IV—Gerald Scovil.
III—Edith Mackie, Hibbert Holmes, Bernice Kilborn, Mackie Henderson, Wesley Henderson, Dorothy Henderson.

St. II—Gussie Purcell, Floy Whalen, Alfred Whalen, Flossie Griffin.

St. Pt. II—Thelma Craig, Edna Henderson.
Jr. Pt. II—Erm Griffin, Vine Griffin.

Pt. I A—Howard Henderson, Bruce Kilborn.
Pt. I B—Francis Mackie.
Average attendance, 16 7/8.

SOPERTON

T. R. Whaley and M. Singleton of Queen's are spending the holidays at their home here.

Mr and Mrs Halladay of Edmonton are visiting the latter's parents, Mr and Mrs A. Pre-ton.

Miss G. Suffell of Greenbush is spending the holidays with her parents.

Mr Herbison of Junetown is visiting at the home of Mr G. Horton.

The Xmas entertainment held in the church on the evening of Dec. 23rd was voted a complete success. The children did remarkably well performing their respective parts without any hesitation. Among the most pleasing numbers on the programme was a quartette rendered by the Misses Frye and Messrs Howard and Singleton, being enthusiastically encored they responded several times. Another pleasing feature was the S. S. Cadets, a march and chorus given by eleven young ladies of the place dressed in white with red cadet caps and sashes and carrying flags. This was repeatedly called for with the result that they were invited to give their drill at Delta the following night, where they were received equally as well. Although all the numbers were specially note worthy "The May Queen" tableau and a duet by the Misses Frye are worthy of mention being of a high class order. A vote of thanks moved by Mr Singleton of Oak Leaf and seconded by Mr Johnston of Delta was tendered the Soperton people for their excellent programme.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON I.—JAN. 3, 1909.

The Ascension of Our Lord.—Acts 1:1-14.

Commentary.—I. Jesus alive from the dead (vs. 1-3). 1. The former treatise—The former "history"—the gospel written by Luke. Luke was also the author of the Acts. Theophilus—Nothing is known of this person, but he was no doubt a person of rank and perhaps a Roman officer who had been converted to Christianity (compare Luke 1:3).

II. The promise of power (vs. 4-8). 4. Being assembled.—With the disciples, quite probably on Ascension Day, commanded them.—The last commandment given by the Lord to the apostles directed them to await the gift of the Holy Spirit in Jerusalem, not depart from Jerusalem.—The coming of the Spirit was to be at the next great feast after the crucifixion. Jerusalem was the centre of Jewish influence and at that time strangers would be reached from all parts of the world. They were not qualified to go until after the Spirit came upon them. Wait—Many run too soon. Carry at the promise till God meets you there.—D. H. Moody, promises of the Father—Through the prophets the gift of the Spirit had been promised by the Father (see Isa. 44:3; Joel 2:28, 29; compare Acts 1:16, 17). heard of me—The promise is found in John 14:16; 15:26. Reference also made in Luke 24:49. The Holy Spirit was promised to the church through Christ.

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8. Shall receive power.—The word power comes from the Greek word "dynamis," which is translated by the word "dynamic." They were to receive spiritual dynamite. It is not the power of logic or eloquence, but "the power of a living union with a living God." "This power has its source outside the church and human life altogether. It is to be received as a gift; not generated from within; not attained by straining present powers or enlarging present capacity." Bb. Illus. They were given power. 1. To become the sons of God (John 1:12). 2. To overcome the world. 3. To work miracles for the purpose of proving their divine mission and establishing the truth they preached. 4. To lead men to Christ. 5. To overcome all their enemies. It comes from—The Holy Spirit gives: 1. Knowledge and understanding. 2. Faith. 3. Holiness. 4. A spirit of prayer. 5. Courage. 6. Steadfastness. 7. Zeal. Shall be witnesses.—They shall not merely bear witness, but be witnesses to their own persons.—Lange. They were to be witnesses to a crucified, risen, and a living Christ. In Jerusalem, etc.—Jews were to begin at home, with the glorious gospel preached the whole human race.

III. The ascension (vs. 9-11). 9. Had spoken.—From Luke 24: 16 we learn that he was blessing them. While they beheld—The disciples did not see him rise out of the grave, because his resurrection could be easily proved by their seeing him return to heaven, as there would be no other way to prove it. Taken up.—The ascension was not an imaginary, a visionary affair, but a real passing of the risen Jesus from earth to the unseen world. Stephen, Paul and John all saw Jesus after his ascension. A cloud—"Perhaps it was like the fiery, cloudy pillar, the symbol of God, that led the Israelites through the wilderness; or Elijah's storm chariot; or the bright cloud of glory that overshadowed Christ on the Mount of Transfiguration."

10. Were looking (R. V.)—Wondering what it all meant. Two men—Angels in the form of men. White apparel—See Matt. 28:3. The white garments were an emblem of purity. 11. Shall so come.—The second or final coming. This will not be in obscurity like His first coming, but He will come in power and glory, in the clouds, and with His holy angels (Matt. 24: 30, 31; 26: 64). 12. Olivet—Frequently called the Mount of Olives. Sabbath day's journey.—About three-fourths of an English mile. 13. Come in.—That is, into the city from the country. Into the upper chamber (R. V.)—Probably the upper room which had been used by our Lord and His disciples for the passover feast.—Cam. Bb. Where abide—"Where they were abiding"—R. V. "This does not mean that this was their present habitation, but that they remained there for the descent of the Holy Spirit"—Barnes. 14. Continued.—During the ten days they waited. With one accord—With one mind. There were no schisms, no divided interests, no discordant purposes. Steadfastly in prayer (R. V.)—Their prayers were earnest and persistent. With the women—This probably refers to the women who followed him from Galilee, but it may mean merely that women were present. Mary—This is the last mention in Scripture of the mother of Jesus. His brethren—The brothers of Jesus at first rejected Him (John 7: 5), but now they believed in Him and are present at the Pentecostal outpouring.

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MARKET REPORTS

TORONTO MARKETS.

Receipts of live stock at the City Yards were 36 carloads, composed of 282 cattle, 429 hogs, 704 sheep and lambs and 38 calves. Not many good cattle were on sale. As there was a light run, business was active and all offerings were taken at about steady prices. Exporters.—One load of exporters was reported at \$5.15 per cwt.; bulls at \$3.25 to \$4.50 per cwt. Butchers.—George Rowntree bought 65 butchers, as follows: Cows at \$1.50 to \$4.40; medium cattle at \$4 to \$4.30, and good to choice, heavy cattle, at \$4.70 to \$5.12 per cwt. Exporters.—One load of exporters was reported at \$5.15 per cwt.; bulls at \$3.25 to \$4.50 per cwt. Butchers.—George Rowntree bought 65 butchers, as follows: Cows at \$1.50 to \$4.40; medium cattle at \$4 to \$4.30, and good to choice, heavy cattle, at \$4.70 to \$5.12 per cwt. Exporters.—One load of exporters was reported at \$5.15 per cwt.; bulls at \$3.25 to \$4.50 per cwt.

FARMERS' MARKET.

Receipts of grain to-day were small. Wheat is unchanged, with sales of 300 bushels of fall at 93c. Barley farmer, 400 bushels selling at 50 to 56c. Oats unchanged, with sales of 400 bushels at 41c. Poultry in active demand, with turkeys bringing 18 to 20c per lb. Hay is unchanged, with sales of 25 loads at \$12 to \$13.50 a ton for No. 1, and at \$7 to \$10 for mixed. Straw sold at \$13 a ton for a load of bunds. Dressed hogs are steady at \$8 to \$8.25 for heavy, and at \$8.50 for light. Wheat, fall, bush, \$0.93 to \$0.90. Oats, bush, \$0.42 to \$0.40. Barley, bush, \$0.48 to \$0.53. Rye, bush, \$0.70 to \$0.72. Peas, bush, \$0.87 to \$0.90. Hay, per ton, \$12.00 to \$13.50. Straw, per ton, \$7.00 to \$10.00. Dressed hogs, \$8.00 to \$8.50. Butter, dairy, \$0.28 to \$0.30. Eggs, new laid, \$0.45 to \$0.40. Do., creamery, \$0.30 to \$0.33. Chickens, dressed, lb., \$0.12 to \$0.14. Ducks, spring, lb., \$0.11 to \$0.14. Geese, lb., \$0.10 to \$0.13. Turkeys, lb., \$0.18 to \$0.20. Cabbage, per dozen, \$0.30 to \$0.50. Celery, dozen, \$0.30 to \$0.40. Potatoes, bag, \$0.80 to \$0.90. Apples, barrel, \$0.65 to \$0.75. Beef, hindquarter, \$2.50 to \$3.50. Do., forequarter, \$1.50 to \$2.00. Do., choice, carcase, \$7.50 to \$7.75. Do., medium, carcase, \$5.00 to \$6.50. Mutton, prime, per cwt., \$8.50 to \$10.00. Lamb, per cwt., \$8.50 to \$9.50.

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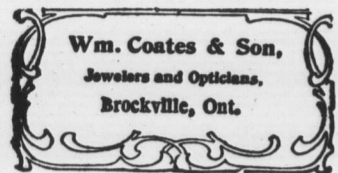
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TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

The Council of Rear Yonge & Escott met after Nomination on 28th inst. Members all present, except Mr. Holmes. Minutes of last meeting read and adopted.

Orders on treasurer were given as follows:

J. H. Ackland, refund for over charge in statute labor of G. N. W. Telegraph company, \$1.00; Theodore Foler, refunded \$3.00; Byron Brown, brooking main road twice in winter of 1908, \$4.00; supplies for the Biglow family, \$11.25.

The collector was instructed to collect John Ronan's Statute Labor tax for 1906

Minutes of meeting were read and adopted and council adjourned.
R. E. Cornell, Clerk.

CHRISTMAS IN ATHENS

A quiet day—a home day—a day of many glad reunions—a day in which the Christmas spirit was generally manifested in many pleasing ways that brought comfort and joy to all.

At the close of the day a large audience assembled in the town hall to enjoy with the children the Xmas program of the Methodist S. S. Good singing in concert, duets, dialogues, drill, etc., gave to all a delightful evening, concluding with the presentation of two classical tableaux, arranged by Mr. B. S. Cornell. These were beautiful and impressive, the poses and all details being well worked out.

The secretary's report showed the school to be in a flourishing condition with a large attendance of pupils and a faithful staff of teachers.

DEATH OF HARVEY BROWN

After being ill for the last eight months, Mr Harvey Brown died at his home in Delta on Monday morning last, aged 69 years.

Deceased was well known and highly esteemed in this county. Though for several years a resident of Manitoba, he regarded this as home, and here he returned to spend the declining years of his life.

He is survived by his wife, who is a sister of Mrs Horace Brown of Athens, C Stowell of Brockville and Dr O. Stowell of Watertown. N. Y., two brothers, Horace of Athens and Norman of Addison; one sister, Mrs O. L. Gardiner of Lynn. He leaves also two daughters, Mrs John Russell of Delta and Mrs Wm. Hartwell of Manitoba.

Thought of a quiet disposition, Mr Brown had many warm friends who join with the Reporter in extending condolences to the bereaved relatives.

The funeral takes place at Delta to day.

Hockey Meeting

A meeting of Athens Hockey Club was held in the Gamble House sample room on Wednesday evening last. There was a good attendance and a keen interest was manifested.

A. W. Parish was elected vice-president. F. Dier having resigned. G. Lawson and R. Parish were added to the executive committee.

The fee of membership to the club was fixed at 25c, and G. Lawson was appointed to canvass for members.

At a meeting of the executive held at the close of the meeting a satisfactory agreement was made with the proprietor of the rink as to practices, games, etc., and arrangements made for procuring suits for the team.

—Wedding Stationery—the very latest at the Reporter Office.



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See our 25c horsehide unlined mitts. Our Comfort Mitts with horsehide cordovan palms for 50c have no equal.

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Robes, the kind you have been looking for. The Saskatchewan, which is wind and water proof, we have in all sizes.

Get one of our chest protectors for your horse for 10c, worth 25c. Protect him from the cold breezes. Everything for the horse and cutter.

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H. H. Arnold will sell during December his entire stock of

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The People's Column

Yorkshire Boar

The undersigned has for service at his farm, Temperance Lake, a thoroughbred Yorkshire Boar.

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The Tappin farm, adjoining the village of Athens, consisting of about 35 acres. Farm and residence will be sold separately if desired. Apply to

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The undersigned has comfortable accommodation for two lady students. Apply to

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The undersigned has for sale a buckskin mare well built, good roadster. Apply to

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Special Offering for December

For the approaching holiday season we are placing in stock a line of individual pieces of Furniture, handsome in design, elegant in finish—suitable for a gift, and not too high priced for your own home.

See our Parlor Suits, Dining Room and Bedroom Suits—all of the latest design and finish. We can meet your views as to both beauty and value.

When you are preparing for Xmas, give sensibly—call and see what we can do for you in the line of Rockers, Easy Chairs, Conches, etc.

T. G. Stevens

ANALYTICAL CHEMIST TELLS OF PATENT MEDICINES

A graduate in organic chemistry, who has made a study of many of the best-known patent medicines on the market, states that many have virtue, but as a rule people have to pay for a lot of unnecessary expense. The following is the recipe of a well-known secret preparation, and is known by authority to be one of the best stomach and liver tonics. It is prescribed by many of the best physicians.

This mixture cures constipation and biliousness. The recipe:—
Fluid Extract Cascara..... ½ oz.
Syrup Rhubarb..... 1 oz.
Carrara Compound..... 1 oz.
Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla 5 oz.

Take a teaspoonful after each meal and at bedtime.
An eminent authority, who has made a careful and scientific study of the relative values of drugs having a specific action on the kidneys, bladder, and liver, pronounces this an excellent combination.

You can buy the ingredients separately and mix at home.
Cut this formula out and save it.

STUDENTS

Who contemplate taking a Business College course should communicate with the Reporter office. We can save you money.



It is sometimes hard to persuade people that they are missing many opportunities by not taking advantage of what we offer. Here's a chance that requires little or no persuasion to induce you to buy your holiday delicacies from us.

- Blue Point Oysters, 60c
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- The finest selection of Bon Bons.
- Xmas Candies at prices to meet the pocket book.
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We have lines specially suited for the great New Year festival.

Spices, Extracts
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HIS LORDSHIP'S ROMANCE

"Something must be done at once," her guardian thought, "to control and keep within proper bounds that wild, impetuous disposition."

Unfortunately the wrong thing was done. To all the young girl's longing, eager questions of the world beyond the bounds of Serranto, the lady turned a deaf ear. Like her mother, she had no pleasure, no amusements, no companions.

Her day was divided between dry monotonous duties and hard study; Madame Monteleone seldom left her home, and the child was never allowed to leave the boundary of the castle. In vain she asked of the absent father whose name she scarcely knew; by Madame's wish she was called by her own name of Monteleone, and it was many years before she knew that she had any other.

It was like old times at Serranto; the only difference was that every one was older. Even the servants forgot at times, and called the young lady "Bianca."

Madame Monteleone never once thought that the life Inez led was dull; Bianca had not found it so; she had never complained; she had never asked questions of the great unknown world, nor seemed to long to join it. She never tired of study as Inez did, for that young lady at times flung down her books and passionately declared that she would never read another line.

"I want to see men, and women, and children," she cried one day to her horrified listener. "I see no one but you and the servants; I am tired of you all, tired of my books and my work. Let me see something fresh, or I shall die."

Then did poor Madame Monteleone clasp her hands and mourn over the degeneracy of her daughter's child.

The life that had contented Bianca Monteleone was one monotonous wearying round to her beautiful and well-spirited daughter. Day by day she became less endurable. A new knowledge was growing upon her, the knowledge of her loveliness. Child as she was, she understood that the face which smiled at her from the depths of the old mirrors was beautiful beyond words.

The bright dark eyes that flashed there had a world of strange meaning in them.

"What is the use of it all?" sighed the girl; "I am young, and my face is like the picture in the gallery; but, who cares for it?—who sees me?—who cares for my singing or anything else I do? Was ever life so dull as mine?"

Long hours in the evening gloaming were spent in wondering what the world was like beyond Serranto—that bright world where gay cavaliers wooed and won beautiful ladies, where dancing, and music, and song gladdened young faces and light hearts—that world of which the few romances she had read, unknown to Madame Monteleone, gave her fair a glimpse.

Inez Lynne's ardent imagination led her through all these scenes. Dreaming among the oranges and myrtles, she saw herself a queen among gay and gallant cavaliers; the queen of the tournament, the belle of the ball, for whose smiles and kind words men fought and struggled. The time must come for her, as for all other girls, when the great love words would be whispered to her in the twilight, when her smile would give rapture and her frown despair. All these pictures she made for herself; and while the sun was still golden in the sky, before the flowers and birds were quiet, she saw the sharp voice of old Caterina would be heard calling the young signora in; it was time to close the house and go to rest.

After a few cold, formal words with Madame Monteleone, the young girl was dismissed to her room. Standing by the window, watching the sunset and the moon rise over the Andalusian hills, the broken reveries were resumed. The dull, gloomy castle ceased to exist for her; she was in gay palaces and brilliant rooms. Love and homage surrounded her; the bravest and noblest sought her smiles.

From such glowing dreams the girl awoke with a shudder to the cold, stern reality of her life. She lived at last almost entirely in dreamland. There all was fair and charming, while the reality was dull and prosaic beyond measure. It was easier for that gifted, artistic, imaginative being to make a world for herself and live in it, than to school her proud spirit to bear patiently the monotony and gloom of her daily life.

Many faults, many errors, must be pardoned her; if there had been any outlet for that ardent imagination, the fate of Inez Lynne would have been very different. Properly trained and educated, she would have made an artist or an authoress. Her quick, active, glowing fancy would have found legitimate occupation; as it was, it fed upon itself until the girl's whole life became one unreal dream. Even had she known the future that Madame Monteleone destined for her, it would have been better, but that lady, frightened and rendered cautious by her failure with Bianca, said nothing to Inez of Madrid, the court, or the grand marriage she expected to make. "Let it come upon her suddenly," she thought; "and she will all the more probably comply with my wishes."

No word was said to Inez that gave her any prospect or hopes of brighter days. "I shall live here," she said to herself, "until I am old and wrinkled and cross as grandamma. What will my life have been—how shall I bear it through the long years?"

Wildly enough she beat against the bars, but all in vain. No bird in a cage was ever more solitary or more sad. Where was the English father of whom she heard ever and anon from the old servants a few mysterious words? Months ago, one day when she had longed more than ever to leave Serranto, she went boldly to Madame Monteleone, and asked where her father was. Her heart was touched by the stately lady's frown as she folded her in her arms and said, "You are all mine, Inez; you were given to me to be my own, in your mother's place. No one in the wide world cares for you but me."

With her ears still wet with her father's words, she looked courage

ed the air, grew as they would. The grounds were not cultivated; they were beautiful in their rich and luxuriant wildness. The boundary that separated the high road from the grounds was a very frail one—a line of small flowering shrubs. By the shrubs, day after day, there might have been seen a graceful girlish figure, waiting slowly, with dreamy, wistful eyes gazing on the high road.

One evening—ah, to the last day of her life every detail of it was vivid and clear to Inez Lynne—she was walking as usual in the grounds. For years afterward she remembered how the sun shone and the flowers bloomed, how the birds sang and the deep blue sky seemed to smile upon her. Her beautiful, restless face was turned to the long road that led to the city, when she heard the sound of a horse galloping quickly. Looking back, she saw a horseman vainly trying to restrain his steed. It had taken fright, and seemed anxious only to throw its rider and make its escape. For many minutes the young girl waited with fear, for the horse appeared quite unmanageable; but she could not help admiring the ease and bravery of its rider. Through all that terrible contest he never once lost his nerve or his self-possession. His courage and calmness won the victory; at last, and the trembling steed recognized a master's hand.

The cavalier was obliged to dismount, for in the struggle the plumed hat had fallen from his head, and the silver-mounted riding whip lay on the ground. As he raised them he caught sight of the beautiful face watching him so intently. A cry of surprise fell from his lips, and he gazed in bewilderment, doubting whether it was a vision or reality. But when he saw the rich crimson flash that covered the face, and the dark eyes drooping under his gaze, he knew that it was a beautiful reality which had so greatly startled him. Raising his hat, he bowed profoundly to the young girl, and galloped away. She had seen his face distinctly; it shone dark and handsome; but had the poor, motherless child been older, she would have distrusted at a glance those false lips and those deep, piercing eyes. As it was, she saw but the beauty of the first face that had ever looked admiringly at her. She had seen the young man's dark curls upon the broad, sunburnt brow, the dark mustache that concealed the treacherous lips, the deep, dark eyes that had gazed so ardently upon her. He belonged to the gay world—perhaps even then she thought, her might hastening to see some lovely lady who would smile upon him and call him her knight. How handsome, how brave, how courteous he was!

That night when Inez dreamed her dreams, she had a real hero for them; and he lost nothing from her vivid, graceful fancy.

CHAPTER XVII.

"I wonder," thought Inez to herself, "if I shall ever see that face again." She had seen so few strange faces that a young and handsome one was sure to interest her. No visitors ever came to Serranto. Madame Monteleone had never even during her daughter's lifetime visited, for one in or near Seville. The friends of her youth were all far away; most of them resided in Madrid. She had not cared to make new acquaintances when she brought little Bianca to Serranto so many years ago. She saw no one there likely to help her in the object for which she lived, isolated from the world, she had found her happiness in the discharge of her duty and in planning the restoration of the Monteleones. Isolated from the world, Inez found her sole pleasure in longing for it and dreaming of it.

This face that had smiled at her with such vivid admiration shining in the dark eyes, was the first of its kind she had seen. It was a dream coming true. The heroes she had made for herself were brave and courteous and kind. Would he remember her? Would he ever think of her again? Perhaps not; for he saw beautiful ladies every day. "If ever he rides on the highway again, I wonder whether he will look for me?" she thought.

That wonder increased until Inez felt it must be gratified. When the evening came she went out to the boundary line. Up and down the hard road those beautiful, wistful eyes wandered; but there was no sign this evening of the gallant rider and his horse. She could not tell if she was disappointed; she had hoped never expected to see him; she had only wondered if he would pass by again.

Suddenly upon the calm evening breeze there came the sound of a horse's rapid gallop. Even in the far distance Inez knew the plumed hat and the dark face.

With a crimson face and heart beating loudly she concealed herself behind a group of trees. She heard how the rider slackened his pace as he drew near the shrubs where he had seen her. He drew rein there, and sat for some minutes looking over the grounds of Serranto. She could not see the disappointment that clouded his face; then he turned and galloped back to Seville.

"He came on purpose to see me," she cried to herself. "He looked and waited for me. He has thought of me, just as I have of him."

"Where have you been, signorina?" cried old Juanita, when she saw the young girl entering the house. "How well you look! You have a color like a damask rose, and your eyes are as bright as two stars. What has come over you?" "Is mine really a nice face, Nita?" asked Inez, simply. "Tell me, if you were to see my face once, would you think of it, and want to see it again?" "Listen to the child!" cried the old servant, in affected horror. "Did ever any one ask such questions. Your face is well enough, signorina. It is the mind, not the body, we must care for." Then, seeing something like disappointment in those questioning eyes, she said: "It is a bonny, bright face, young lady. You will know its value some day," she added, smiling as she spoke.

It was a break in the monotony at last. There was something to dream about; a real incident had happened, more interesting and exciting than any she had ever dreamed of, and she was the heroine.

Impatiently enough Inez waited for the next day. It rose at last, bright and beautiful as its predecessor had been. Her first thought was: "Shall I even him? Will he come?"

Even Madame Monteleone remembered how bright and radiant the young man was that smiled upon her.

The animal voice that gaily bade her good-morning.

"How beautiful she is!" said the lady to herself, with a deep sigh; "more lovely by far than her mother ever was." If I were but well now, all would be safe.

When the hour's reading was ended, Madame Monteleone kissed Inez more tenderly than usual as she dismissed her.

"This long day," said Inez to herself; "I have this long day before me. Will he come?"

When the evening hour drew near, again she waited, and hearing once more the horse's gallop, she watched during the long pause the rider made by the shrubs, and heard his half-muttered exclamations of disappointment at not seeing her. Every day during that bright, long week the same thing happened; and from behind the trees she watched the gallant young cavalier. She was too shy and timid to let herself be seen; but the day would have been blank to her that did not bring him past Serranto.

One evening it was past the usual time that he had been reading for nearly an hour in her usual hiding-place, but there was no sound of a horse's gallop. No words can describe the blank feeling of desolation that seized the girl's heart.

"He has forgotten me," she said; "he is tired of never seeing me, and will not come again."

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These machines will knead from 200 to 1,000 pounds of bread in an hour or in less time, and they will knead from one pound of bread up to 500 pounds. They are used in nearly every bakery in France, and the old style of kneading by hand is nearly out of use.

The troughs in which the dough is kneaded in these machines are generally about four feet in diameter. When the work of kneading is in progress the trough turns round slowly, and the dough is turned over by a system of metallic claws which lift it up, throw it over and give it a thorough turning as completely as could be done by hand. By this system every part of the dough is thoroughly kneaded.

It is said that the bread made by this system is better than the article made by the old method. The mechanical bread kneader employed in France some twenty-five years ago became very unpopular, but upon investigation the cause of the unpopularity was found to be in the poor quality of flour used. It is now considered beyond dispute that the mechanical bread kneader produces better bread; that it is healthier than the bread made by the old methods.

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FIRE FIGHTERS.

U. S. Cities Efficiently Protected Against Flames.

It is only a matter of recent history since volunteer fire companies have been replaced by drilled and disciplined forces constantly on duty. In fact, with the single exception of Paris, where the corps des sapeurs pompiers dates from 1747, the fire departments in the larger cities of the world have been organized since 1820. The London brigade was formed in 1833 by the fire insurance companies, but did not come under public control until 1866. Milan and Madrid organized fire brigades in 1839 and 1843 respectively.

The Berlin department was not founded until 1851, that in Brussels a year later, St. Petersburg's in 1860, large American cities with those of Vienna's in 1864 and New York's, the first American city's, in 1865.

The earliest of these, however, cannot be classed with the modern fire department whose present efficiency is due largely to the movable fire engines, which had not been constructed in a form for practical use until after the middle of the last century. The development of efficient brigades was no less dependent upon the existence of an adequate and well-distributed water supply, and the construction of extensive waterworks is also of recent date.

Comparing the fire brigades in the European capitals, the former are always larger and better equipped with steam engines, horses and men. Within the last few years the system of depending to a considerable degree upon call men has been given up by practically all the larger municipalities. San Francisco and Jersey City are the only places with over 100,000 population which still have an appreciable number of call men. Boston, Detroit and Providence have a small number of the regular firemen and a larger part of the brigades

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BIRDS OF A FEATHER.

Miss Sweet—I should like to see the merry widow hats.

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Beyond Words.

A costermonger while trundling his apple laden cart down a London street was run into by a coaching party. The coster's cart got the worst of it, losing a wheel, and its ruddy freight being scattered all over the street. The driver of the coach came back to settle for the damage and expected to come in the rollick of choice cursing. But the coster looked at his cart, looked at his apples, looked at the coach, and finally gasped out: "Guv'nor, dere eye'n't no word for it!"—Argonaut.

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