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EARTHQUAKE STORIES AND TELL TALES OF AWFUL EXPERIENCES

SCENES OF INDESCRIBABLE HORROR IN THE STRICKEN ITALIAN CITIES; NUMBER OF VICTIMS OVER 100,000

Thirty-five Cities and Towns Have Been Destroyed—Greedy Flames Are Completing the Razing of the Beautiful City of Messina—Prompt Measures Being Taken For the Relief of the Sufferers--Panic Stricken Refugees Fleeing To The Mountains.

A TERRIBLE RECORD There is no country of the world that has yet to feel the death-dealing influence or suffer the devastating effects of the earthquake. Its toll in deaths has been millions of souls, the financial loss it has wrought is incalculable. Long before the birth of Christ history records, there were great uprisings in which cities were utterly demolished and thousands upon thousands were killed. Antioch, the capital of Syria, probably has been the worst individual sufferer from earthquakes, for four visitations have as many times wrecked the city and slaughtered hosts of its inhabitants. In the last and most terrible of these, 250,000 lives were lost.

Bands of Looters Fight Over Booty

Rome, Dec. 29.—Bands of looters entered the wrecked houses at Reggio and then fought over the loot. One of the bands sacked the home of a rich merchant, leading a deaf car to his pitiful appeal to help himself, and his family who were pillaged by the walls. They stole the treasures and set fire to the ruins. Soldiers were hastily detached to guard the city, and they shot many of the looters whom they caught in the act. The first official news concerning Reggio reached the home office this evening from Gen. Scarsa, who was in Calabria, and he reported that the looting had been going on for several days, and that the deaths were numerous. Five distinct earthquakes shocks, all terrible in their effects, had been felt. Several hundred soldiers were killed at Catanzaro, and many policemen were killed and wounded. Thousands of charred bodies have been seen floating in the straits. At Palmi 300 corpses have been discovered, and many hundreds more are still beneath the wreckage of the town. Messina in Calabria was leveled. All the railway stations between Messina and Palermo were destroyed. Every little village has its quota of dead.

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Palermo Citizens in a State of Panic

Palermo, Dec. 30.—There was a slight earthquake shock early last evening, and it caused a terrible panic. The population fled to the churches and carried out the images of the saints and sacred vessels, then marked in a procession through the streets, imploring a cessation of the earthquake scourge. Many are in danger of starvation in Messina. All trains bring refugees by the hundreds from the stricken cities. The volcano Stromboli is active and the sea around the island are very agitated and dangerous to navigation. The Pope has telegraphed the Archbishop of Palermo a large sum of money and instructed him to proceed to Messina immediately to help the survivors. From the latest estimates today it is feared that the total number of victims in Sicily and Calabria will reach more than one hundred thousand and while the damage to property will be several hundred millions.

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Messina Refugees Tell of Suffering

Catanzaro, Dec. 29.—Tales of terror and suffering are told by the Messina refugees, who have reached here. The majority of these are being treated in the hospitals, while the others have secured shelter in private homes. A woman, who escaped unhurt told of her experiences. "We were all sleeping in my house when we were awakened by an awful trembling which threw us out of our beds. I cried out that it was an earthquake, and called to the others to save themselves, while I quickly pushed a few clothes into a valise. The shocks increased. The walls cracked and my husband split in two and then crumpled to the floor, nearly crushing me. My hands trembled so that I could hardly open the door. To increase my agony, a rainstorm accompanied by hail, swept through the broken windows. Finally, with my brother and sister, I succeeded in gaining the street, but soon lost them in the mad race of terror-stricken people who surged onward, uttering cries of pain and distress. During their flight I saw many chimneys and tiles showered down as continuously. Death ambushed us at every step. Instinctively I rushed toward the water-front, but there found the grand promenade transformed into a muddy, filthy lake, in which I slipped and often fell. I only learned afterwards that I was rescued senseless by a soldier and carried to a train."

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Summary of the Damage Done

Rome, Dec. 30.—The premier has received a telegram from Signor Felice, a deputy at Messina, summing up the situation as follows: "Messina is completely destroyed and razed to the ground. The victims may be numbered by tens of thousands. The congregation, which is still raging, is completing the destruction of the city. Sacking implements, firemen and soldiers must be sent immediately. The disaster exceeds the wildest imagination."

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Thousands of Persons Buried in the Ruins

Catanzaro, Dec. 30.—One of the Messina survivors gave a vivid account this morning of the appearance of that city. He says that only a small proportion of the total population escaped. Thousands of persons are still buried alive in the ruins, where they are suffering slow death by torture. The flames are still making their way slowly over the devastated area in an inexorable advance. Imprisoned and pillaged humans being unable to articulate themselves, are being buried alive. Others are dying of their injuries, while still others are starving. The streets are filled with confused masses of brick and mortar, beams, furniture, chimneys and roofs. It is impossible to imagine one thoroughfare from another. In many cases they appear as narrow crevices or great ditches, twisted into fantastic shapes. The water is well up in the hold of the vessels, but there is hope of floating her. Part of the crew have arrived at Catanzaro, while the captain and three men are staying in the vessel. Tugs have gone down and they will be mostly intact, except as to the prospects of floating the vessel.

NEW BRUNSWICK GOVERNMENT ISSUES ITS ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE PROVINCIAL FINANCES

The Receipts for the Year Are Shown to be \$3,089,187.80—A Detailed Statement—Interest Charges on Money Owed by Province Are Nearly \$234,000.

Table with columns for RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURES. RECEIPTS: Balance 31st October, 1907, \$5,389.40; Dominion subsidies, \$21,363.90; Territorial revenue, \$48,292.77; Fees provincial secretary's office, \$2,373.61; King's printer, \$1,419.89; Liquor license, province share, \$9,829.54; Dominion government share, \$18,829.54; Private and local bills, \$810.00; Dominion government surplus, \$10,000.00; Succession duties, \$3,489.37; School books, \$1,097.71; Ordinary revenue, \$1,086,736.34; Proceeds treasury bills, 1908, \$3,489.37; Deposits by bridge contractors, \$4,494.19; Interest held to meet payment on treasury bills due Feb. 15th, 1909, \$15,730.81; Equity court deposits, \$4,991.30; Total, \$3,089,187.80. EXPENDITURES: Administration of Justice, \$19,770.19; Agriculture, \$2,987.19; Agricultural Commission, \$1,828.21; Auditor General, \$2,150.00; Appeal, Knickerbocker v. Malison, \$500.00; Boys' Industrial Home, \$8,000.00; Contingencies, \$18,800.33; Disfranchisement, Home Purchases, \$1,043.75; Exhibitions, \$5,000.00; Executive Government, \$11,400.57; Education, \$23,741.51; Education, U. N. B., \$18,048.48; Fish, Forest, and Game Protection, \$19,451.69; Free Grants, \$240,000.00; Factory Inspection, \$48.39; Guarantee Bonds, Govt Official, \$24.30; Historical Society, \$125.00; Immigration, \$1,000.00; Interest, \$23,944.00; Legislative Assembly, \$28,202.20; Legislative Library, \$700.00; Mining, \$2,224.41; Natural History Society, \$60.00; N. B. Rifle Assoc., \$300.00; Provincial Hospital, \$1,515.99; Portraits of Governors, \$1,034.43; Printing, \$11,889.97; Public Health, provincial board, \$1,780.47; Public Health, smallpox, \$7,701.00; Public Health, hospitals, \$9,700.00; Quebec battalions, \$7,500.00; St. John's Land, \$1,332.22; Revisors, \$1,870.74; Stumpage collection, \$11,072.94; Superannuation, \$490.00; Surveys and inspection, \$6,224.48; School books, \$11,889.97; Succession duties, \$1,288.38; Tourist attractions, \$2,500.00; Total, \$3,089,187.80.

VESEL STRIKES ON WHITE POINT

The Gloucester Fishing Schooner Vira on the Rocks Near Canso—Two Men Swept From Her Deck and Drowned.

Halifax, Dec. 30.—(Special)—While trying to make Canso harbor at an early hour this morning in a blinding snow storm, the Gloucester schooner, Vira, Capt. Martin Garcia, struck on that dangerous head land, White Point, which has proven the graveyard of so many fishermen, and sailing vessels. The Vira, has been seven weeks from home, and had a fair trip of fish, but a week ago today, two men, Joseph Mann and Frank Vancouff, were washed overboard from the deck in a storm and drowned. They were both unmarried men, and belonged to Newfoundland. The water is well up in the hold of the vessel, but there is hope of floating her. Part of the crew have arrived at Canso, while the captain and three men are staying in the vessel. Tugs have gone down and they will be mostly intact, except as to the prospects of floating the vessel.

POLICE COURT

James Powell and James Martin, who were arrested on Sheffield street on Christmas eve for fighting, gave contrary dictory versions of the quarrel in the police court today. Powell, who lives from Waterloo, Kings County, alleged that while he was journeying to the dance in Bjou Hall, Martin insulted him and drew a bottle from his pocket, attempting to hit him. Powell brandished a false hood, his antagonist's assertion that they met originally in one of the disreputable houses on the street. Martin claimed that on the advent of Policeman Cavanaugh, Powell said, "Yes, defend Crown Land," and he was taken to the station. He was fined \$4 each. Joseph Burns and Michael Murphy, two others charged with intoxication and profanity on Sheffield street on Christmas Day, were fined \$4 each. James Huntley was fined \$8 or two months for obscenity, profanity and smoking in the ferry building. As he had looked passage on the Lake Michigan he was allowed his liberty.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Miss Margaret C. Sharp was held from her home, 115 St. John street, this afternoon at 2.30. Services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Flanders and interment was in Fernhill.

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PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

Fredericton, Dec. 30.—(Special)—All members of the local government were present at a meeting here this morning, and several matters of importance engaged their attention. The question of granting pensions to school teachers was considered, and will be referred to the Board of Education at its next meeting. A grant of \$100 was made to the poultry show to be held during the winter at St. John, Moncton and Hartland, conditional upon the prize list being in excess of that amount. Applications for letters patent from the Miramichi Cemetery Company, Rigby Hardware Company, Eastern Amusement Company and Standard Publishing Company were referred to the attorney general. A list of immigrants placed in the province during the past year by the Salvation Army was laid before the executive. Allan A. Davidson, K. C., of Newcastle, was appointed judge of probate pro-vice in the estate of Wm. Milan. The question of immigration was under consideration and it was understood that in the near future steps will be taken to place the attractions of the province for settlers before the people of the British Isles in a more thorough manner than ever before attempted. It is likely that the legislature will be summoned early in February.

HON. H. R. EMMERSON IN THE CITY TODAY

Hon. H. R. Emerson, M. P., passed through the city at noon from Ottawa en route to his home in Dorchester. Asked for an expression of opinion on the Hon. G. P. Graham's policy of retrenchment, the I. C. R. he said that the earning power of the I. C. R. was a difficult proposition to deal with. On a company operated such a move would mean a great opposition, but on a government road people did not pay so much attention to retrenchment. The plan would reduce incomes and, of course, would meet with protest. "However," said Hon. Mr. Emerson, "I will do my talking when the time comes."

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The Maple Leaf forever.

"The People who will not support their own City must one day want a City of their own to support."

THE MAYOR APPROVES

Mayor Bullock has expressed his sympathy with the movement for ward prohibition and it may be assumed that a majority of the members of the city council will be of like mind. At least, it may fairly be assumed that they will grant the reasonable petition of the temperance workers to ensure a secret ballot and a square test of public opinion in the four wards affected by the movement.

THE CUBAN SERVICE

The value of the new market opened up by the steamer service between St. John and Havana has impressed itself upon the minds of leading merchants in this city, and an effort is being made to secure a federal subsidy in order that the service may be regularly maintained. There is always some difficulty in gaining new markets, but the Cubans need much that this part of Canada can supply. Moreover, many Canadians are interested in Cuban enterprises. It would be an advantage to St. John to have a regular and well-served direct service, but it would also be of benefit to the whole country. The statements of local merchants, quoted on another page of today's Times, should very favorably dispose the federal government toward a subsidy for the service.

LICENSE REDUCTION

The opponents of license reduction in the city of Toronto contend that a reduction in the number of liquor saloons would not decrease drunkenness but that the concentration of drinking which would follow would produce the opposite result. In a circular they put forth the following statement: "In 1887 the number of hotel licenses was reduced from 215 to 150. For the four preceding years the number of arrests for drunkenness had averaged 3,700. The next four years under license reduction, they averaged 5,330, and this with but a slight increase in population."

NORTH SHORE MAN FOUND DEAD NEAR I. C. R. TRACK

Peter Lawlor, of Jacques River, Had His Neck Broken and Was Badly Frozen.

Campbellton N. B., Dec. 28.—Peter Lawlor, a resident of Jacques River, was found dead beside the I. C. R. track near Jacques River Saturday morning by section men going to work. When found the unfortunate man was lying just outside the rails in the snow. Upon examination it was found that his neck was broken but no other serious marks were found on his body. His hands and face were badly frozen and the condition showed that he had been dead for a considerable length of time.

Coroner Ellis, of Jacques River, has the matter in hand and is making a thorough investigation.

A young man named Savoy was creating a disturbance on No. 35 train Thursday evening. Officer Oulligan was called upon to arrest him, which he quickly did, placing handcuffs on him and conveying him to the baggage car where he was left while the officer went after his chum.

While the officer was away Savoy jumped from the train into the soft snow and made tracks for the tall timbers. The train was stopped and search made but no trace could be found of the prisoner.

The complete statement given by Controller Spence is of sufficient interest to be given in detail:—

Arrests for drunkenness

Year. Drunkenness ul. 1900. 1,000

1883 2,971 98,121

1884 3,467 105,211

1885 3,864 111,890

1886 4,283 118,403

1887 5,200 126,169

1888 4,882 144,035

1889 5,441 160,141

1890 5,023 167,439

1891 3,768 170,881

1892 3,657 169,090

1893 3,644 167,633

1894 3,392 174,909

1895 2,773 176,858

1896 2,679 178,185

1897 2,629 183,172

The population figures given are according to the returns of the assessment commissioner.

To this statement the Toronto Telegram adds another, to the effect that while the arrests for drunkenness New Year's Day, 1908, all bars closed all last with all bars open part of the day numbered 130.

The Boston Herald gives the following statement as an illustration of the effect of the observer's point of view:—The Twentieth Century Club philosophers met to consider what is the greatest social need of today and no two of them were agreed as to what this greatest need might be. Coincidentally, several eminent people are asked to name the most important or significant event of the year now drawing to a close, and their views are equally divergent. One points to navigation, another to the inauguration of the great national war against tuberculosis, another to the return of the Chinese indemnity, another to the peace pact made by Secretary Root and Baron Takahira, as representatives of the United States and Japan, and another to the election of William H. Taft to the presidency. From which it is easy to infer that there are still many men of many minds, and that much depends on the point of view."

"Columbia University," says an exchange "alive to the needs of New York city, has arranged to co-operate with the Bureau of Municipal Research in training young men for service in scientific administration of city affairs. A later announcement tells of President Butler's appointment of a committee of scientists, physicians and economists to report upon a plan for establishing a school of sanitary science and public health in connection with the university, the aim being to train youth to fill positions as public health officers and sanitary inspectors. Action of this kind by Universities proves adjustment to environment a modern conception of what universities are for and a worldly wisdom that insures more generous support by communities which they endeavor to serve."

A London music hall song tends to discourage emigration to Canada. The Toronto Telegram does not regard this as an unmixt evil. It says:—Emigration from the centres of England to the cities of Canada needs to be discouraged. Canada offers agricultural workers a career in this land. The music halls of England are not ideal recruiting stations for the grand armies of Canadian agriculture. This nation has no just grievance against a song which may emphasize the truth that Canada is no paradise for old world clerks and artisans."

Judge Wilson's remarks concerning the Queens county jail should cause some agitation for improved conditions in that municipality. It is well to discourage crime, but in Christian discouragement one does not expect to hear of jails that are not fit for a human being to occupy. The county council is the party directly responsible but the whole people share the reproach.

Reuf, the corrupt San Francisco boss has been sentenced to fourteen years' imprisonment. The sentence is severe, but many a common thief fares worse. Reuf was of the aristocracy of plunder.

The Sicilian earthquake proves to have been one of the most destructive recorded in modern history. The loss of life was appalling in its magnitude.

Murderous Italians are on trial today in two counties in this province. This is part of the price we pay for railway construction.

The gentleman who as President Castro landed in Europe but a few days ago is now plain Senor Castro. Interest in his movements will soon subside.

While the United Kingdom has blizzard weather the winter in these provinces continues fairly mild, and without any severe storms.

The Odd and End Sale Includes SUITS as well as OVERCOATS

and not only Suits and Overcoats, but Underwear, Gloves and odds and ends in almost every line of Clothing and Furnishings, are being cleared at greatly reduced prices at these stores now. For instance:

Men's Overcoats, Sale Price, \$3.95 Up. Boys' Overcoats, Sale Price, \$1.98 Up. Hewson's \$1.25 Underwear, Sale Price, 98c.

J. N. HARVEY, Clothing & Tailoring, 199 to 207 Union St.

Women SHOULD NOW WEAR Good, Sensible Walking Boots

Rubbers cannot give satisfaction now that the ground is frozen and bare and so much sand scattered on the sidewalks.

Our CALF LEATHER LACED BOOTS

At \$2.50, 3.00, 3.25, 3.50, 4.00, 4.50, 5.00

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SNAPS FOR HOUSEKEEPERS

A SMALL QUANTITY OF HIGH QUALITY GERMAN ENAMELLED WARE THAT DON'T MATCH OUR WHOLESALE STOCK. TO SELL THESE BEFORE STOCK TAKING, WE HAVE CUT THE PRICE IN TWO.

TEAPOTS, SAUCEPANS and DOUBLE BOILERS IN THIS LOT.

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of Christmas Toys, Fancy Goods, etc. Games, Blocks, Books, Sleds, Framers, Doll Carriages and Sleighs. Christmas Books Novelties in variety. Come in and look over our stock. Prices Will Interest You, at

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Dolls from 14 cents up. Picture Books, 5 cents and 10 cents Popular Games, 5 cents, 10 cents, 15 cents.

A. B. WETMORE, Rubber Dolls 25 cents 59 GARDEN ST.

Christmas Gifts FOR ONE AND ALL! BOTH GREAT AND SMALL!

Our Holiday Stock of Watches, Jewelry, Silverware, etc., was never more complete in all our various lines than it is the present season. Come and make your selections early. Anything desired will be reserved for you.

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A LITTLE HAND

Perhaps there are tenderer, sweeter things Somewhere in this sunbright land, But I thank the Lord for His blessings, And the clasp of His little hand!

A little hand that softly stole into mine that day, When I needed the touch loved so much To strengthen me on my way.

Softer it seemed than the softest down On the breast of the gentle dove; But its touch grew and its sweet caress Were strong in the strength of love.

It seemed to say, in a strange, sweet way, "I love you and understand!" And called my fears, as my hot heart-tear Fell over that little hand.

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IN LIGHTER VEIN OVER AGE

Humorist--"I suppose this little joke will go to the reader's head if accepted?" Editor--"Yes, I guess so. It is too old to travel--but you'll like it." LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON.

Father (who has helped his son with his home lessons)--"What did teacher say when you showed him the sums?" Little Freddy--"He said he thought I was getting more stupid every day."

NEWCOMER--"You told me Miss Yellowfoot was as good as she could be. Why, she's a perfect fright!" "Nevertheless, she is as pretty as she can be."

LOVELY OF HIM "Why do you think Mr. Pennington, that your new book of poems will have a large sale?" "The publishers have had the wisdom to put a picture of a beautiful girl on the cover. It is my belief that it will sell around here as well as elsewhere."

ON THE SAME TERMS Diner (who has on a heavy bill)--"You are a shaver here, eh? Well, six months ago I dined here, and unfortunately, being unable to pay my bill--you kicked me down stairs." The Manager: "Very sorry, indeed, sir, but business, you know--I had to--"

SARCASM OF THE ROAD "Lady," said Piddling Pete, "dat bulldog o' yer's mighty bear caught me." "He did?" exclaimed the woman with a smug set jaw. "I'll give him the worst beating he ever had."

FATHER, DEAR FATHER. Father, dear father, come home with me now. The clock on the chandelier strikes one. Don't fuss with the car any longer pupah: You can't get the oil tub to run. The cylinder's cracked and the timer won't work. And mother's been waiting since tea. So tuck the car up on the trolley with me. Come home, come home, etc.

THE INGLENOOK PHILOSOPHER of Kennebecasis Bay.

A few days since the death of Donald G. Mitchell, aged 84 years, occurred at Edgewood, near New Haven, Conn. He was a philosopher, a man of letters, a man who glanced casually at the common questions of the day, and especially to such an event? Thousands are passing into the silence every day, and when he was alive I opine Mr. Mitchell was not especially boisterous; I never heard of him before in any event.

Very true. There are multitudes of men and women who never heard of King Alfred, Elizabeth Fry or your next door neighbor, whose examples, if followed, would render the business of the professional reformer unnecessary, but as the examples are of little practical value.

Mr. Mitchell was born at Norwich, Conn., April 12, 1822. He prepared for college at the school of Dr. John Hall, at Ellington, and entered Yale, whence he graduated in 1841. As his health was fragile, he spent the next three years in European travel and on his return he entered a law office, intending to make the health of his life work, but his practice of law his life work, but his health would not permit him to do this, so he decided to give his whole attention to literature.

In 1880 Mr. Mitchell (now well known by his pen name, Ik Marvel), married a Miss Pringle of Charleston, S. C., and in 1885 he bought a farm near New Haven which he named "Edgewood," and it was at his home there that he died.

At Edgewood Mr. Mitchell was at home though his health did not permit him to follow the plow or swing the scythe, and it was there he wrote most of the books that have made his name and the name of "Ik Marvel" illustrious, and made him very dear to thousands and hundreds of frequent readers. He wrote but one novel, "Dr. Johns," but he was the author of several volumes of European travel, "My Farm at Edgewood," "Five Days at Edgewood," "Fudge Doings," in the Knickerbocker Magazine, and delivered many lectures connected with literature and agriculture. "Queen Anne and Georges," published in 1895, was his last volume.

But it is on "The Reveries of a Bachelor," and "Dream Life," published in the first fifties, that Mr. Mitchell's fame rests. The first chapter of the "Reveries" appeared originally in the "Southern Literary Messenger" (Charleston, S. C.) to which at that time Edgar A. Poe was a frequent, and an occasional contributor. The author was immediately flooded with letters from all over the country, asking all sorts of personal questions and like Oliver Twist, soliciting "more."

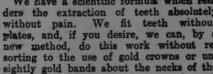
"Ik Marvel" had won fame, almost by a pen stroke, and when the book was completed the demand for it was something enormous. The "Reveries" were followed almost immediately by "Dream Life," written in a similar vein, and the two books enjoyed and still enjoy a popularity unique in the history of American literature.

secret of this lies in the deep human interest which they possess for the high and the low, the learned and the unlearned. The "Reveries" is a "Sketch Book" of Geo. W. Curtis' "Free and I" and "Poitphar Papers," Hawthorne's "Scarlet Letter" and "House of the Seven Gables" and Mitchell's "Reveries of a Bachelor," and "Dream Life," at his elbow, no one need feel lonely even in a desert.

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SUSSEX MASONS HAD MERRY TIME

Zion Lodge Observed St. John's Day by Installation, Presentation, Dinner and Dance.

Sussex, N. B., Dec. 29.—Zion Lodge, F. & A. M., held its annual dinner and ball last evening, the anniversary of St. John's Day. The lodge opened at 8 o'clock and immediately proceeded to the installation of officers. Past Deputy Grand Master George Goggin conducted the ceremony and the following officers were installed for the ensuing year:

Wor. Bro. Rev. Scovil Neales, W. M.; Wor. Bro. James Lamb, J. P. M.; Bro. H. P. Titus, S. W.; Bro. H. G. McLean, J. W.; Wor. Bro. Jas. T. Kirk, chaplain; Bro. E. DeBois Bailly, secretary; Bro. Fred R. Conley, S. D.; Bro. George H. Ingraham, J. D.; Bro. W. H. G. Clarke, S. S.; Bro. W. H. Hayes, J. S.; Wor. Bro. J. R. McLeod, D. of G.; Bro. Dr. D. S. Cleveland, I. G.; Bro. Thos. Coggin, Tyler.

At the close of the lodge the members and their guests repaired to the dining hall down stairs which was decorated for the occasion. About 150 people sat down to the tables, which were beautifully decorated and laden with all the good things desirable. The toast list was out short to enable the lovers of dancing to make the best of their time. The Sussex orchestra, under the leadership of George H. Warren, rendered splendid music.

A number of members from outside lodges with guests were present. The retiring master, Wor. Bro. James Lamb, was presented with a suit master's jewel by Wor. Bro. Rev. Scovil Neales, who, in a few appropriate words, referred to his faithful work during his period of office. Wor. Bro. Lamb, who was somewhat taken by surprise, made a fitting reply.

The Masonic building, which has been undergoing extensive repairs, is now finished and is one of the best in the province. The lodge room, up stairs, presented a beautiful and homelike appearance. The walls, woodwork and ceiling are newly painted and tinted and in the ceiling are placed 150 electric lights, which are handled in sections by means of switches for the working of degrees and down stairs is an up-to-date dining hall and ball room.

The organ recital held in the Church avenue Baptist church this evening was a grand success. The proceeds went toward paying for the new pipe organ, which has recently been placed in the church. Prof. D. Arnold Fox, of St. John, provided the organ and rendered several splendid

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HEARING BEGUN IN GOODSPEED CASE

One Witness Examined Yesterday and Case Adjourned Until This Afternoon.

The preliminary examination of Edna Goodspeed, alias Edna Gibson, on the charges of theft against her, was begun in the police court yesterday afternoon. She was remanded till 2 o'clock this afternoon, when it is expected that Mrs. Travis, from whose boarding house jewelry was stolen, and Frederick B. Francis, manager of the Bank of Commerce, will give evidence.

Miss Jane Kinoid was on the stand yesterday afternoon. She described the manner in which she became acquainted with the prisoner. Their rooms were on the same floor and to get to hers the defendant would have to pass hers. They were never in each other's rooms, as far as she knew, nor had Miss Kinoid ever told the prisoner anything about having money in the bank. The first time she was taken from the bureau drawer in which she usually kept it was on Monday when she wished it to make some further deposits. She identified the bank book found on the prisoner as hers and when shown the order for the money presented at the bank stated that it had not been made out in her writing.

This closed her evidence and the witness entered into the usual recognizances Tuesday in January.

In the Tabernacle Square Baptist church last night a pleasing concert was given. The choir, under whose auspices the entertainment was held, sang two anthems. The following also took part: Sterling Stackhouse, reading; Mr. Hains, club swinging; Bond brothers, bands and songs; selection, Orton, male quartet; reading, Alex. Baird; solo, Mr. Hazlewood; duet, Mr. and Miss Byers; reading, C. H. Wasson; reading, Miss Thomley; solo, John Woods; readings, Miss Currie and Ernest Stackhouse.

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SIMCOE POLICE CHIEF TRIED TO MURDER HIS SUBORDINATE

Chief Malone Lured Constable Wilkins to a Secluded Spot and Then Fired Four Shots at Him—Officer Charges Chief With Robbery and Arson.

Simcoe Ont., Dec. 28.—Fully 1,000 men and women occupied the room when Magistrate John Beemer this morning opened the inquiry into the case of Archibald Malone, chief constable of the town, charged with attempting to murder Constable Wm. Wilkins.

"Was there a woman in the case?" "No, sir." "Was Malone drunk?" "No." "Had he been drinking?" "Yes, I could smell it." "Is it possible you are mistaken as to who shot you?" "Not in the slightest, possible degree." "Counsel tried to bring out that Malone had been made to Wilkins by the prosecution provided he connected Malone with the case. Witness denied any such arrangements."

SYNOPSIS OF A DISCOURSE BY BRIGADIER ROBERTS

The following is a synopsis of Brigadier Roberts' address on the Epistle to the Ephesians, delivered at the Salvation Army Citadel yesterday.

Its height is seen in the exalted heaven into which it will eventually lift us. In an early part of the Epistle we have a description of the condition of those who are out of Christ. Then in the first chapter we have a description of the present position of those who are in Christ. After which in the succeeding chapters, our present and future duties are laid down for us if we wish to be successful for Christ.

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Rome Dec. 29.—One hundred thousand dead; Messina, in Sicily, and Reggio and a score of other towns in Southern Italy overwhelmed; the entire Calabria region laid waste; this is the earthquake's record so far as it is at present known from the reports that are coming slowly into Rome on account of the almost complete destruction of lines of communication to the stricken places.

THE WORLD'S GREATEST EARTHQUAKES SINCE 12th CENTURY. Table with columns: Year, Place, Persons Killed.

entire walls had been thrown down. From every side of me arose the screams and moanings of the wounded. The people were half dead with excitement and fear. Most of them had rushed out in their night clothes. In a little while we were lying shivering under a torrential downpour of rain. Everywhere there were dead bodies, nude, disfigured and mutilated. In the ruins I could see arms and legs moving helplessly from every quarter. came piteous appeals for aid.

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grief, and lamentations are heard on all sides. Here and there, one asks another "when will this awful repetition of devastation and death in our country end?"

The hands of all the nations have been extended to Italy, in her affliction. Her rulers have come messages of condolence and from the people, spontaneous promises of aid which brings the world together in sympathy.

At the time of the earthquake the torpedo boat Sappho was lying in the harbor of Messina. Her officers told us that the occurrence was as follows: "At half-past five in the morning the sea suddenly became terribly agitated, and the ship pitched and rolled as if by a heavy sea. It was not long before she was struck by a tidal wave of huge proportions swept across the strait, mounting the coast and carrying everything before it."

In the Calabrian district, which was only beginning to recover from the effects of the earthquake of 1905, Reggio was the centre of the earth's upheaval. The sea port of Reggio is reported as no longer existing and the city proper is in ruins. The loss of life on both sides of the strait in eastern Sicily was enormous. One of the refugees from Reggio, who was the first to bring the news of the city's destruction tried to make his way to Sicily in a sailboat, but was compelled to return and finally found safety at a peninsular port. In describing his experience he said: "The sea was strangely, mysteriously agitated and the heavens were ablaze. Sicily, the clearing smoke revealed the mystery! Messina was in flames. In the frenzy of despair, I turned my boat back to Calabria."

Eight sailors from the Sappho landed and took up the work of rescue. Officers literally tried to pick up the boat and shake it. Other craft nearby were similarly treated and the ships looked like clubs of cork bobbing about in a tempest. Almost immediately a tidal wave of huge proportions swept across the strait, mounting the coast and carrying everything before it.

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 WANTED—MAID FOR GENERAL HOUSE work. Apply MRS. EDGAR H. FAIRWEATHER, 10 Sewall Street, phone 202.
- WANTED—GENERAL GIRL WANTED AT**
 once for washing. References required. Apply MRS. PERRY HUMPHREY, 118 Westworth St.
- WANTED—AT ONCE, GOOD HOUSE-**
 maid for out of town home. Good references required. Personal application. Apply to MISS B. BOWMAN, 121 Prince Street, St. John.
- WANTED—CAPABLE GENERAL GIRL**
 for good work. Liberal wages to competent person. Apply to MRS. W. ALLISON, 11 Westworth Street.
- WANTED—GIRL FOR GENERAL HOUSE**
 work. Liberal wages to competent person. Apply to 123 King Street (east).
- WANTED—GIRL FOR GENERAL HOUSE**
 work. Apply 44 Elliott Row.
- WANTED—PANTRY GIRL AT VICTORIA**
 HOTEL.
- WANTED—COOK AND NURSEMAID—**
 Apply MRS. WALTER W. WHITE, 111 Sydney Street.
- WANTED—FIRST OR SECOND-CLASS**
 female teacher for school district No. 11, parish of Lancaster. Apply to JAMES M. CAVOY, secretary school trustees, Lorneville, S. J. No. 10.
- WANTED—KITCHEN GIRL APPLY FOR**
 POSITION RESTAURANT, 20 CHARLOTTE ST., Times Office.
- WANTED—GENERAL HOUSEMAID**
 Highest wages paid to help. 41 Gormain St., Times Office.
- MISCELLANEOUS**
 DANCING—EVENING CLASSES RE-OPEN Dec. 29th at 74 Gormain Street. Afternoon classes also. Private classes a specialty. MISS SHERWOOD, Instructor, Times Office.
- FRANCIS KEER CO., LTD., 100 SPRING**
 ST. JOHN, N. B. MFR. OF CAST IRON WORK OF ALL KINDS. ALSO METAL WORK FOR BUILDINGS, BRIDGES AND MACHINE CASTINGS. ESTIMATES AND QUOTATIONS ON REQUEST. LOWEST RATES. OFFICE, 11 AND 13 SYDNEY ST. TELEPHONE 24.
- WANTED—OLD MAROQUIN TABLES**
 and chairs, broken, old brass casters, etc. of George Washington, W. A. KAIN, 118 Gormain Street.
- WANTED—1,000 COGS GOOD, DRY**
 barkwood, also 400 lbs. of softwood. FRANCIS KEER CO., LTD., 101 Charlotte Street, phone 128.
- TOYS AND FANCY GOODS—THIS YEAR**
 we have the largest and best stock of Toys and Fancy Goods we ever offered. Buy at McGRATH'S and save money. It is the cheapest and best place to buy. McGRATH'S DEPARTMENT AND FURNITURE STORE, 11 and 13 Brussels Street.
- FOR SALE**
 FOUR SALE—TWO LOTS IN SECTION Twenty-two, lots of 2000 ft. each. Selling price, \$200 for both lots. Apply by letter to "SARAKANTO", care Times Office, 203-1-12.
- FOR SALE—FRESHHOOD PROPERTY**
 on Douglas Avenue. Possession given at once. Apply on premises after afternoon 5 o'clock. J. P. McNEIL, M. D., 118-1-12.
- FOR SALE—CUT-UNDER CUSHIONED**
 Three Staphano bugles, used only short time. Best. Sale price \$10. BRICKLEY'S STABLES, CHUR ST.
- DISCOID GOLD-MOUNTED RECORDS FOR**
 December, cheap early for choice. Photographs with latest improvements. New Records, play twice as long as the old ones. Photographs repaired. W. M. CHAPMAN, 101 Princess Street, near White Street.

- HELP WANTED—MALE**
 WANTED—OFFICE BOY, ONE WHO CAN write shorthand preferred. Apply by letter to OPPORTUNITY, care Times, 212-12-29.
- WANTED**
 TWO GENTLEMEN BOARDERS WANTED in private family. Good board. Address 212-12-29.
- PALMIST AND ASTROLOGER**
 LICENSED PALMIST AND ASTROLOGER will give you best advice on health, business, love, marriage, or anything you wish to know. Will tell you, exactly, your months and years; also how to pick best LIFE PARTNER; the length of your life, etc. Take your opportunity before I leave town. PROF. A. S. JACKSON, 30 Carleton St., cor. Elliott Row, from 9 p.m. till 10 p.m. except Sunday. Fee 10 cents.
- LOST**
 OST—ON KING, CHARLOTTE, OR GERM-ain street, or in market, brown leather purse, containing over ten dollars. Finder please bring to Times Office.
- OST—SATURDAY EVENING ON 40**
 1/2 tip of Ferry or Rodney street, a pair of eye glasses. Finder please bring with collector West Side Ferry.
- LOST—BETWEEN CITY MARKET AND**
 West Side Ferry Place, an envelope containing a sum of money, addressed to A. J. FEWICK, City Market. Finder please come to 101 West End.
- TO LET**
 TWO BRIGHT OFFICES, CANADA LIFE Building with Heat and Light. Apply J. M. QUEEN, Canada Life Building, City Market.
- FURNISHED ROOM—ONE LARGE, COZY**
 room. Heat moderate. 14 SYDNEY ST.
- TO LET—A PLEASANT ROOM IN A**
 private family. References preferred. Address "E. F." Times Office.
- TO LET—ONE GOOD WARM ROOM, IN**
 good locality, can be had furnished or unfurnished. Apply to BOX 7, Times Office.
- TO LET—FINE FRONT PORCH CELLARS**
 suitable for storage, surplus rooms by contract. Apply to J. N. HARVEY.
- FURNISHED FLAT TO LET—FROM**
 corner St. 4th and Water, electric heating, well furnished by hot water, electric lighting, well heated. P. O. BOX 21, CITY.
- BOARDING**
 BOARDING—COMFORTABLE ROOMS with Board, 15 Paddock Street.
- BOARDING—FOUR OR FIVE GENTLE-**
 men boarders can be accommodated by contract. Apply to 41 Sewall Street.
- HOTELS**
VICTORIA HOTEL
 KING STREET, ST. JOHN, N. B. ELECTRIC ELEVATOR AND ALL LATEST AND MODERN IMPROVEMENTS. D. W. McCormick, Prop.
- 676 DUFFERIN**
 FETER, BOND & CO. KING SQUARE, ST. JOHN, N. B. John H. Bond, Manager
- YOUR ONLY ASSET**
 May some day be your FIRE INSURANCE. Our Companies can give you ABSOLUTE SECURITY. JARVIS & WHITTAKER, 74 Prince Wm. Street. Fire and Marine Insurance. Connection Fire Insurance Co. BOSTON INSURANCE COMPANY. VROOM & ARNOLD.

- FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN**
 Compound Yacht Engines, Cylinders and 4 and 8. Ross, Boiler, Shaft, Wheel, Pumps and Condenser, all complete. F. S. Stephenson & Co., NELSON STREET, ST. JOHN, N. B. 60 Prince Wm. Street.
- OFFICES TO LET**
 A few bright, airy offices to let on Canterbury Street. Apply at once. TELEGRAPH OFFICE, 23 Canterbury Street.
- FOR SALE!**
 Combination Metal Saw Table Trimmer and Shaver. Equipped with two saws and two sets of knives for Trimmer Head. This machine is in good order and the price will be right. Call and examine. The EVENING TIMES, Canterbury Street.

BARGAINS
 —AT—
The 2 Barkers, Ltd.
 100 Princess, 111 Brussels, 442 Main and 248 King Street, West.

22 Lbs Best Cane Granulated Sugar for \$1.00
 4.40 per cwt.
 Oranges from 15c per dozen up.
 Olives from 10c per bottle up.
 2 1/2 lbs. bottles Worcester Sauce, 5c.
 Pickles from 10c Bottle up.
 4 Packages Jelly powder 25c.
 2 Packages German Mustard, 25c.
 2 Packages Corn Starch, 25c.
 2 Bottles German Mustard, 25c.
 2 Bars Barker's Soap, 25c.
 Best Canned Corn 75c. Can, 55c. dozen.
 Best Canned String Beans, 75c. Can, 55c. dozen.
 Best Canned Tomatoes 6c. Can, 55c. dozen.
 And many other bargains too numerous to mention.

AMUSEMENTS
THE McLAULIFFE CO.
 A Jealous Wife was the Jere McLauffe Company's offering again last evening in the Opera House. The melodrama and specialties were much enjoyed. At today's matinee the beautiful melodrama, A Daughter of the People, will be presented and tonight Joe Murphy's great Irish play, Shaun Rhee. On Thursday night, after the regular performance, a number of John's amateurs will show what they can do.

There will be matinees today, New Year's day and Saturday. The sale of seats is now going on for New Year's day and the balance of the week.

AT THE NICKEL
 In this stirring New York melodrama the patrons of the Nickel will witness some most realistic fire scenes, turbulence of the New York departments, and a heart-rending drama intertwined. In the picture by Thomas France originate Dear Old Grandma, a treat of the rarest quality in its store. This is a picture without a suspicion of violence or plot—adventurous as usual a near-righted one. Miss Edwards will sing and Mr. Cairns also, while the Dramatic Company will include their own A Night Out, which has been causing such fun. Then there is the orchestra.

THE YAW CONCERT
 Just the news that Yaw is coming should be sufficient to influence musical enthusiasts, and that it has already done so here in connection with the appearance of that wonderful singer in the Opera House last night is unquestioned. From the advent of a prima donna in not complete local novelty without a background of lesser vocal and instrumental artists. There will be no details missing in the concert in January. Frank Kendrick, an eminent baritone, and W. V. Chapman, conductor and director, will support the prima donna.

MAYOR BULLOCK ACCEPTS LOCAL OPTION PETITION
 (Continued from Page 3)
 to the C. T. A. regarding local option was started by Mr. Graham and will continue to be backed by the citizens. The movement was only an advance guard of what would be done. The law was to be made what they would have it or what it ought to be in the interest of the citizenship of the province. The laboring class should be in the hands of the saloon keepers, the men who wanted to deal out intoxicating liquor and make money out of it. They all felt sure that the saloon was the bane of the city, and the members of the common council would use their best efforts to further the cause of temperance.

As he (the speaker) read the law it would not be possible for him to state the petitions and other time than at the elections and maintain the secrecy of the ballot. They had attempted a formidable task and hope to accomplish what they had set out to do. If they were not successful they would not halt, but still go forward.

In reply to the mayor, Rev. Mr. Graham said they had not the slightest objection to publicity. The printing of the petitions, however, was a matter for his worship personally. Under the C. T. A. act did not require it in the present instance. The mayor asked if it would be satisfactory if he handed the petitions to the common clerk or the recorder for examination.

Rev. Mr. Graham replied that his worship would not doubt that any course his worship might suggest would be satisfactory. J. Willard Smith added that it was not within the province of the delegation to suggest a course after the petitions had been handed in.

The mayor said he would refer the recorder or common clerk to examine the petitions, however, was a matter for the recorder or common council on the second Monday in January. They would then report would be accepted to and that they would be successful.

The proceedings then terminated.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 29.—The city council is in receipt of communication from the White Candy Co., withdrawing its application for the removal of its factory from St. John to Moncton on the ground that the concessions offered by Moncton are not sufficient. The matter is therefore at an end.

FLOWERS for 1909
 Roses, Carnations, Lilies, Hyacinths, Narcissus &c. Splendid Selection. Floral Emblems a specialty. At reasonable prices.

H. S. Cruikshank
 159 Union Street

Cook's Cotton Root Compound
 The great Urethra Tonic and the most effective remedy for all urinary troubles. Sold in three degrees of strength—No. 1, 2, 3. No. 1 is for special cases, No. 2 is for general use, and No. 3 is for the most delicate cases. It is guaranteed to cure or to refund the money. Sold by all druggists and chemists. Prepared at Montreal, Canada.

Every Woman
 should know about the wonderful **MARVEL WHITING SPRAY**. The new Vaseline Hygiene. It cleanses, beautifies, and softens the skin. It is the most perfect skin preparation ever devised. It is guaranteed to cure or to refund the money. Sold by all druggists and chemists. Prepared at Montreal, Canada.

EXTRAORDINARY!
 Scicily--Messina, Catania and Palermo in Motion Pictures.

NICKEL TO DAY
"THE FIREMAN'S WIFE"
 A Story of a Happy Home, a Serpent and a Fireman's Duty.
The Nature Faker
 A very funny comedy.
Mother Breaks Records
 An elderly lady's plight in an automobile.
LAUGH "A NIGHT OUT" LAUGH FEAST
 ORCHESTRA

Geldert-Crisp
 The marriage of William Douglas Geldert, of Coverdale, Albert county, to Miss Emily Sarah Crisp, daughter of Rev. Jas. Crisp, pastor of Zion church, took place in Zion church yesterday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Crisp, assisted by Rev. Neil McLaughlin, performed the ceremony. Only the immediate relatives and friends were present, among whom were the mother, brother and sister of the groom, Rev. E. Crisp, of Springfield, Kings county, and Rev. T. Spencer Crisp, of Upper Mills, Charlotte county, brothers of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Trices and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Reader, of Salisbury, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Carter, of Sunny Brae.

After the ceremony a wedding repast was served at the bride's home. Mr. and Mrs. Geldert left on the Quebec express last evening for their home in Coverdale. Many handsome and useful presents were received. The groom's gift to the bride was \$50 in gold.

OPERA HOUSE
 ALL THIS WEEK
 Second and last week of
JERE McLAULIFFE
 AND HIS SUPERB STOCK CO.
 Matinees Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

TONIGHT
SHAUN RHEE
 MATINEE
A DAUGHTER OF THE PEOPLE
 THURSDAY NIGHT
Amateur's Hook Night
 Send in your name to the box office at once Wednesday and Thursday nights—Shaun Rhee, night—The Fatale Con. Saturday night—Shipwrecked.

MATINEES
 Friday—\$5.00 forward.
 Saturday—Low Sector Batted In.
 Night prices, 15, 25, 35, 50.
 Wednesday and Saturday Matinee, 10 and 20.
 New Year's Day Matinee, 10 to all.

NOTICE
 The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the St. John Opera House Company will be held at the Opera House on Thursday, January 7, 1909, at 8.30 a.m. A. O. SINDLEY, Secretary.

W. Tremaine Gard
 Goldsmith and Jeweler,
 77 Charlotte Street.

RAILROADS
CANADIAN PACIFIC
IMPORTANT CHANGE IN SERVICE
WEST OF MONTREAL

Train No. 1 leaving Montreal Dec. 29th, will run to Calgary only, and after that date will run between Calgary and Winnipeg only until March 1st.

Train No. 2 will leave Vancouver real January 4th. Thereafter this Train will run between Calgary and Winnipeg only until March 1st.

W. B. HOWARD, D.P.A., C.P.R., St. John, N. B.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY
 On and after Sunday, Oct. 11th, 1908, trains will run daily (Sunday excepted), as follows:

TRAINS LEAVE ST. JOHN.

No. 8—Mixed for Moncton (Leaves Island Yard)..... 6.30
 No. 9—Express for Halifax, Cambridge, Point de Chene, Pictou and the Sydney..... 7.00
 No. 10—Express for St. John, Halifax, Pictou and Pictou..... 7.30
 No. 11—Express for Sussex..... 8.00
 No. 12—Express for Moncton..... 8.30
 No. 13—Express for Moncton, the Sydney and Pictou..... 9.00
 No. 14—Express for Moncton, the Sydney and Pictou..... 9.30
 No. 15—Express for Moncton, the Sydney and Pictou..... 10.00
 No. 16—Express for Moncton, the Sydney and Pictou..... 10.30
 No. 17—Express for Moncton, the Sydney and Pictou..... 11.00
 No. 18—Express for Moncton, the Sydney and Pictou..... 11.30
 No. 19—Express for Moncton, the Sydney and Pictou..... 12.00

TRAINS ARRIVE AT ST. JOHN.

No. 8—From Halifax, Pictou and the Sydney..... 6.30
 No. 10—Suburban Express from Hampton..... 7.00
 No. 11—Express from Sussex..... 7.30
 No. 12—Express from Moncton..... 8.00
 No. 13—Express from Moncton, the Sydney and Pictou..... 8.30
 No. 14—Express from Moncton, the Sydney and Pictou..... 9.00
 No. 15—Express from Moncton, the Sydney and Pictou..... 9.30
 No. 16—Express from Moncton, the Sydney and Pictou..... 10.00
 No. 17—Express from Moncton, the Sydney and Pictou..... 10.30
 No. 18—Express from Moncton, the Sydney and Pictou..... 11.00
 No. 19—Express from Moncton, the Sydney and Pictou..... 11.30

Trains at Island Yard, Pictou and the Sydney will run on Atlantic standard time 24 hours a day.

CITY TICKET OFFICE: King Street, St. John, N. B. Telephone 271.
GEORGE H. PARVILL, C.T.A.
 Moncton, Oct. 7, 1908.

WESTERN ASSURANCE CO.
 Established A. D. 1861.
Assets, \$3,300,000
 Losses paid since organization.
Over \$40,000,000.

R. W. W. FRINK,
 Manager, Branch St. John, N. B.

NEARLY EVERYBODY READS THE TIMES---AND ALL READ THE WANT ADS.

THE EVENING TIMES, ST. JOHN, N. B. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1908.

DOWLING BROS. THE Largest Retail Distributors of Ladies' Coats, Jackets and Blouses Waists in the Maritime Provinces. GREAT CLEARANCE SALE OF Ladies' Coats

We feel safe in saying that never before have such wonderful values been offered in this city in the way of Ladies' Stylish Coats. We are making a tremendous effort for a final grand clearance sale of our entire stock of Winter Coats.

It is a magnificent opportunity to secure a fashionable coat at a marvellously low price.

Dowling Brothers 95 and 101 King Street

WOMEN'S SKATING ...BOOTS

In all the Needful Materials - Box Calf, Oil Pebble, Velour Calf and Vici Kid, with Soles of various thickness and heels that are thoroughly fastened. We will Attach Skates Free of Extra Charge.

\$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00 \$2.25 and \$2.50 Ankle Supports, 25 Cents.

WATERBURY & RISING King Street. Union Street.

FOR THE CHILDREN

The careful buyer can save money by trading with us. All our goods are guaranteed to be of the best materials and everything is as represented.

- Stocking Caps, Plain and Fancy Colors, 25c. 30c. Cidles to match Caps, 30c. each Children's Mittens, 18c. to 25c. pair Children's Wool Gloves, 18c. to 25c. pair Children's Kid Gloves, 85c. pair Children's Red Overstockings, 35c. to 48c. pair Children's Wool Overalls. White or Black

S. W. McMACKIN, 335 Main Street, North End.

We Will CAP YOU A Special Sale of Men and Boys' Caps Monday and Tuesday REGULAR 50c. and \$1.28, Sale Price 25c. to 75c. A LARGE ASSORTMENT TO CHOOSE FROM ANDERSON & CO. 55 CHARLOTTE ST. Manufacturing Furriers

Christmas Gifts DIAMONDS, WATCHES, JEWELRY Ebony and Silver Toilet Sets and a large stock of useful goods for the holidays. DAVIS BROS., Reliable Jewelers, 101 Main Street, St. John, N.B.

WE HAVE IT AT LAST! Only \$5.00 A PLATE YOU CAN RAZ WITH HELD IN POSITION BY OUR NEWLY IMPROVED QUADRUPLE ATTACHMENT. People don't want artificial teeth to carry around in their pockets nor keep at home in their bureau drawer or they will know where to find them when the door bell rings. If you have a plate that is difficult to be able to make it, why not try us; we have satisfied thousands and why not you? Our teeth are so natural in size, shape, color and the expression they afford to the features as to defy detection BY A DENTIST unless closely examined. Our new attachment holds them as solid almost as though they were riveted in the mouth. BOSTON DENTAL PARLORS 87 MAIN STREET, DR. J. D. MAHER, Proprietor, Tel. 623 and 732 Main.

THIS EVENING Sham Blues by Jere McAnuliffe Co. at the Opera House. Dramagraph pictures and songs at the Nickel. Basket ball match in Y.M.C.A. "gym." between Portlands and Shamrocks of St. Andrews. Union Lodge, No. 2, K. of P. meet in Castle Hall, Germain street, at 8 o'clock. Entertainment in schoolroom of Mission church, Paradise Row. Curling in Magee Cup Match in Carleton Curling Rink.

LATE LOCALS

Steamer Calvin Austin, Captain Pitt, arrived yesterday afternoon and landed 37 passengers. The City Market will be open New Year's Eve till 10 o'clock and closed on New Year's Day. Miss Elizabeth Shaw Colwell gave a very interesting lecture on Hawaii at St. David's schoolroom last evening. West India steamship Orca sailed from Halifax yesterday with the Harkins Dramatic Company on board as passengers. Furness line steamship Sheandoah, Captain Healey, arrived this morning from London via Halifax, with a large general cargo.

The entertainment given by the children of the Mission church in the schoolroom last evening was largely attended and much enjoyed. It will be repeated this evening.

The committee of the common council on re-organization will meet this evening to discuss proposed changes in the civic departments and to examine applications for the position of city engineer. There are now about thirty-five applicants for the position.

James Jeffrey, of Millidgeville Avenue, and John Campbell, of Kennedy street, while on their way to the fishing ground off Millidgeville, Monday, went through an ale hole. They were rescued by Frank Irvine after much difficulty.

British schooner McClure, Captain Dinmore, arrived in port this morning from Jacksonville, Florida, after a very rough passage, with a cargo of pine and lumber for Rhodes Curry & Co., of Amherst. The schooner will probably discharge her cargo here and the lumber forwarded by the I. C. B.

The St. John Railway Company is building a barn on their property on Carleton street, adjoining the gas house office. The new structure will be much larger than the one formerly used, and will provide plenty of room for caring for the company's horses and for storing vehicles, etc.

Shipping Illustrated, of Dec. 21, says: Steel rail orders are now reported secured in Cape Breton from Mexico, the transportation of which will mean the employment of some tonnage. This would seem to be direct competition with American steel, which however, does not enjoy the advantage of bounties.

Rupert W. Wigmore, manager of the Sussex Milk and Cream Company, is wearing a handsome over cap, the gift of the presentation truck placed at Mr. Wigmore's home, where a delegation of the drivers waited upon him, and J. W. Stanhouse, the senior driver, made the presentation on behalf of his associates. Mr. Wigmore, though greatly surprised, expressed his thanks for the drivers' gift in an appropriate manner.

At a meeting of St. John L. O. E. L. last night, E. S. Hemming, district master, installed the following officers for the ensuing year: E. J. Hewitt, W. M.; H. A. Burt, D. M.; W. C. Day, F. S.; C. White, treasurer; W. Scribner, D. C.; J. Wm. Martz, E. C.; J. J. Cook, E. Field; A. Burley, foreman committee; John Shields, L. T. Following the installation address was delivered by most of the officers, and a pleasant programme of musical and literary numbers was gone through. The H. A. degree was conferred on one candidate before the installation.

OBITUARY

George A. Price The body of George A. Price was brought in on the Boston train yesterday on Saturday (R. I.) where he had gone for the benefit of his health. His death took place on the 24th inst.

Robert S. Foster Sussex, Dec. 29 (Special)—Robert S. Foster, retired farmer, formerly of Upland, died this morning at 5 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Oscar R. Roach, Roschville, aged 80 years. He deceased was a resident of Boston for about 15 years, but of late years he has been residing with his daughter, Mrs. O. A. B. Foster, of New York; R. L. Foster, of Wakefield, Mass., and O. D. Foster, of West Somerville, and one daughter, Mrs. Oscar Roach, survive. The funeral takes place on Friday, leaving his late residence at 9 o'clock. Interment at Upland in the afternoon.

Kathleen K. Robertson John M. Robertson, of 11 Crown street, received a telegram yesterday afternoon from Los Angeles (Cal.), with news of the death of his granddaughter, Kathleen Korsalie Robertson, aged eleven years. No particulars were contained in the despatch. Miss Robertson was the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom P. Robertson. Mr. Robertson, who left here thirteen or fourteen years ago, will be remembered by many friends in this city. He is now in business in Los Angeles. At the time of the San Francisco earthquake his wife and two children were in that city, while he was absent in Seattle on a business trip. Mrs. Robertson was Miss G. Robertson, a niece of A. S. Pillsbury, of Boston.

G. D. Robertson, formerly of this city, but now of Tacoma, Washington, died through the city today en route to Norton to visit his parents.

DEATHS

TAYLOR—On the 25th inst., after a brief illness, Elsie, beloved and youngest child of Joseph and Georgiana Taylor, aged 5 years, died at 4 months.

ROBERTSON—At Los Angeles, California, on Tuesday, Dec. 29, Kathleen Korsalie Robertson, aged 11 years, eldest daughter of Tom P. and Mrs. P. Robertson, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Robertson, 11 Crown street, St. John (N. B.)

WHITE IS SENT UP FOR TRIAL Man Who Stole Watch From Mrs. Susanna Peckham Committed for Trial in the Police Court.

Mark White was arraigned before Magistrate Ritchie at noon today, accused of stealing a watch from Mrs. Susanna Peckham. The woman testified that she was a car cleaner in the employ of the C. P. R. On the 21st inst. she left a watch, valued at \$25, in her husband's trousers pocket in her home on Hilliard street, and told Sgt. Kilpatrick of her loss. Her child informed her that Mark White fevered the timepiece while incarcerated. She visited White in the jail and White confessed to the theft, and to having pawned the watch to a Jew in a shop on Dock street for \$3. She accompanied Detective Killen to Isaac Williams' pawn shop, and pointed the watch out to the watch. The timepiece was in a case at the time. She was acquainted with White for many years, and he arrived here from New Brunswick three years ago. The woman was very hysterical and exhibited much grief at being the instigator of imprisonment for White. On several occasions she was rebuked for breaking down. Isaac Williams, the second witness, testified that White entered his store last Wednesday and offered to sell a watch. He demurred, but finally gave him an overcoat and fifty cents in return for the watch. He handed the watch to the woman who visited his shop and the watch was handed to Killen. He neglected to record the transaction because he did not suspect White to be a thief. White gave no name to him. On the day following the sale White requested him to exchange the overcoat for \$3, but witness declined. Detective Killen gave evidence next. He ascertained that Williams made no entry on his books registering the transfer, although previously instructed to do so. Mrs. Peckham identified the watch in Williams' store. After waiting the right to plead, White was committed for trial. Williams pleaded guilty to failing to record the sale of the watch, and at the request of Detective Killen a fine of \$10 will be imposed and allowed to stand, which will be an incentive to register all his transactions in the future.

PRESENTATION TO ALD. MCGOLDRICK

A Number of the Stanley Ward Alderman's Friends Gave Him a Handsome Cut Glass Punch Bowl.

At a gathering in the Crescent Club house yesterday, Alderman John McGoldrick was presented by a number of his friends with a very handsome cut glass punch bowl and pedestal. The presentation was made by James H. Doody, who, in a neat and witty speech, referred to the alderman's record of a quarter of a century in the common council. The alderman made a fitting reply, thanking the donors for their gift and good wishes.

THE NICKEL SHOWS

By the best of good fortune the Nickel is in a position tonight and tomorrow to show its patrons the magnificent cities of Messina, Palermo and Catania, in Sicily, which are now in ruins because of the terrible earthquake of Sunday last. This scenic drama, the Sicily will convey to watchers what terrible havoc must have been wrought by the upheaval and will certainly be the most instructive and interesting film of the year. No child or adult should miss this rarest of pictorial treats.

AN ENJOYABLE RECEPTION

A very enjoyable reception was given yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. R. Morton Smith, 88 Orange street, to introduce to St. John society Mrs. Smith's daughter, Miss Ellen Barry Smith. One hundred and fifty guests were present, and the event was most successful. The rooms were prettily decorated with smilax and white carnations. Mrs. W. G. Smith and Mrs. C. W. Flanders poured tea and coffee. The young ladies who officiated as waitresses, were Misses Grace Hayward, Florence Harding, Sylvia Stockton, Dierdra Wiscdy, Florence Boutman, Ethel Baird, Winnifred Fairweather, Ruth Flanders, Mabel Harbour and Aubrey Bullock. Mrs. J. W. Daniel and Mrs. P. W. Snider received the guests in the dining-room. The charming debutante wore a very pretty gown of white point d'esprit over white silk.

MARINE NEWS

British steamer Beatrice, Captain Hickey, now under charter for the lumber trade, is carrying this United States ports, sailed yesterday for City Island for cargo of 227,290 square laths and 23,800 pine laths. The steamer loaded at Stetson Cutler's wharf above the falls. The steamer came through the falls under her own steam accompanied by the tug Lillie and went to sea last night.

The schooner Theima, which also arrived yesterday from Jacksonville with lumber was blown off her course about fifty miles in a terrific gale she ran into off Hatteras. Her forestall was blown away—Boston Journal, Dec. 29.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Court North End, No. 567, held their annual meeting last evening, when several new members were initiated and the following were elected as officers of the court for the year 1909: Chief ranger, M. B. Akery; vice chief ranger, George Day; chaplain, James Stephenson; recording secretary, R. L. Ward; financial secretary, G. A. Vincent; treasurer, William North; St. woodward, W. Scribner; J. Woodward, Walter Welsh; Sr. beadle, Henry avier; Jr. beadle, A. R. Clarke; auditor, R. L. Ward.

Bath, Me., Dec. 29—Sixteen horses were burned to death in a fire that destroyed the livery stable of Irving Prusant, late tonight, causing a loss of about \$6,000. Of the seventeen horses in the barn, but one was rescued. The cause of the fire is not known.

Members of the Every Day Club are urged to be at the new hall again this evening. The work of fitting it up is progressing with remarkable speed, and must be completed before Friday.

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