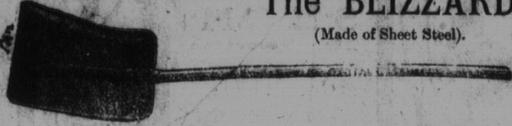


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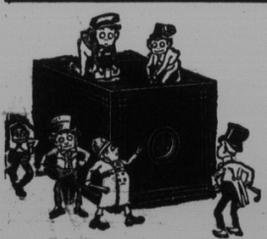
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IN A TERRIBLE STEW

Over the Proposed Sale of the Danish West Indies.

BUFFALO, Dec. 31.—A Washington despatch to a morning paper says: Information received here indicates that the Danish government is in a terrible stew over the proposed sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States.

The Washington government thought that everything had been arranged for the signing of a treaty by which possession was to be transferred from Denmark to the United States, but opposition to the sale has developed in Copenhagen which has frightened the new liberal ministry into withholding its consent to the arrangements.

According to the understanding in official circles here, the trouble in consummating the deal lies in the inexperience of the Danish ministry. For the first time in many years, the liberals are in power, but they are afraid to take any radical step that may result in a return of the conservatives, who are making the most of the agitation of the West Indian matter. A suggestion that a plebiscite be held in the islands to determine whether the inhabitants want American or Danish rule has been made, but not formally, to the state department or its diplomatic representative at Copenhagen.

That this government will not consent to a plebiscite appears to have been determined, so that Denmark has no chance of conciliating her subjects by such a course.

WIRELESS TELEPHONE.

Successful Experiment Conducted Yesterday in Kentucky.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—A special to the Herald from Murray, Ky., says: A successful public exhibition of wireless telephony was conducted here today by Nathan Stubblefield, an eccentric electrician and inventor, who lives about three miles from this town and has for years been conducting experiments in electricity. He was able to talk a distance of from 1,500 to 2,000 yards, which was as far as the trial tests were made. Public tests were held at a continuation of numerous private tests that Stubblefield has made recently. He talked at a distance of nearly half a mile to a neighbor's house on Christmas evening, and has in the presence of a number of reputable and intelligent citizens conducted tests which were convincing for the distance of which the trials were made. Stubblefield claims that it is just as easy to communicate for miles as it is for yards. He contends that the earth by its revolving creates a certain amount of electricity which encircles it like a belt, and by absorbing which the earth has become practically a great magnet. He says that the electrical envelope is capable of transmitting the sound of the human voice and that it is possible, by the proper receivers to send a single message over any space.

VIOLATED EXCLUSION ACT.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 31.—The state prison commission in its annual report says: "For a year past the commission has been investigating and considering the condition in the jails of the counties along the Canadian border. These jails during the past year have been overcrowded with United States prisoners, charged with violation of the Chinese Exclusion act. As this law is likely to be re-enacted by the present congress and continued indefinitely, the commission at its December meeting adopted a resolution requesting the United States government to provide a suitable prison of its own on the Canadian border for Chinese prisoners, thereby relieving the intolerable overcrowding of our jails in the border counties."

BRIEFS BY WIRE.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 31.—The department stores here were burned today. The loss is about a quarter of a million.

PORT ARTHUR, Dec. 31.—The last spike in the new Port Arthur section of the Canada Northern rail was driven today.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 31.—The Sacred Heart College attached to St. Joseph's church, Cohoes, was totally destroyed by a fire, supposed to have been caused by an over-heated boiler in the basement, and St. Anne's convent, which adjoins it, was badly damaged. Loss is estimated at \$60,000.

MOUNTED RIFLES.

MONTREAL, Dec. 31.—The second western contingent of the Canadian Mounted Rifles arrived last night over Canadian Pacific. All are well. They left this morning for Halifax.

OTTAWA, Dec. 31.—Recruiting for the medical army corps will not take place until Monday or Tuesday of next week. Enough applications have been received to man three field companies, if it were necessary.

FIGHT TO A FINISH.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Miss Knight said to a representative of the Associated Press this evening: "There is absolutely no talk of or thought of a compromise of my suit against the Duke of Manchester. The case has gone too far for that. I am promised that the hearing will come off early in January, and, so far as I am concerned, it will be a fight to a finish."

THE WEATHER.

TORONTO, Dec. 31.—Fresh westerly winds, mostly fair; Wednesday, fresh to strong southwest and west winds, cloudy, with scattered showers of sleet; about the same temperature.

HARD TO GET A DRINK.

Portland Is Not a Dry Town, But is Near It.

Sheriff Pearson's year is almost up. For eleven months now he has been engaged, or his officers have, illustrating how prohibitions may prohibit. Personally Sheriff Pearson views the past year as having been a most successful one. He said Thursday to a Portland Press reporter: "I said if I was elected I would honestly try to enforce the law and no man today can say that I have not carried out my word. From all sides there have come to me praise for what has been accomplished. Retail dealers say their business has never been better and men whom I don't know have come in here to thank me for what has been done. The poor department has saved the city five thousand dollars during the past year, something never known before. The year to me has been a busy but a successful one. While Portland today is not an absolutely 'dry' town it is harder to get a drink in than it has been for many years. I could have the assistance I need to from the police force to capture the pocket peddlers we could make Portland much harder to get a drink in than it is."

But as the sheriff well knows rum is being sold here today though it has been driven into places where the best hiding places are to be found everywhere. In one instance liquor is kept in a burglar proof safe. In another place one inquires for a drink, is conducted through several rooms and finally faced in a corridor by the man who conducted him. He takes a bottle of what is called "whiskey" from one pocket and a glass from the other. Walk down Center street and if you look right a boy will joggle up against you and say: "Are yer lookin' for beer or hard stuff?" Tell him you want beer and he will lead you through so many dark alleys that you fear all kinds of horrors and end in a shed, lighted by a lone lantern. There you see a crowd of men and boys silently guzzling beer out of unwaashed glasses. The beer is not of fine quality. A man from Milwaukee wouldn't offer it to a hog with an apology, but one pays ten cents for it and is glad to get out alive.

Many a bumper will be drained on New Year's eve, and many a hot scotch brewed in spite of prohibition and the Parson Sheriff, but woe betide the stranger within our gates who brings not his brew with him.

A CRUSOE COINCIDENCE.

Which Accounts for the Duration of Robinson's Exile.

Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale calls attention to some quaint and curious features in connection with Robinson Crusoe which have not hitherto been pointed out. He writes:

"Readers who are curious in English history must not fail to observe that Robinson Crusoe was shipwrecked on his island the 30th of September 1659. It was in that month that the English commonwealth ended and Richard Cromwell left the palace at Whitehall. Robinson lived in this island home for twenty-eight years. These twenty-eight years covered the exact period of the second Stuart reign in England. Robinson Crusoe returned to England in June 1687; the convention parliament which established William III. met in London at the same time. All this could not be an accidental coincidence. Defoe must have meant that the 'True-born Englishman' could not live in England during the years while the Stuarts reigned. Robinson Crusoe was a ruler himself on his own island, and was never the subject of Charles II. or James II. He was not a man without a country; he had a little country of his own; but he was a man in a country where there was no king but himself."

SMARTER THAN INGERSOLL.

Robert G. Ingersoll used to be fond of telling how, when he first came to Washington from the West, he once encountered in one of the corridors of the Capitol an old negro woman vigorously scrubbing the floor when she heard anyone coming, and, when the footsteps died away, busily reading her Bible.

He slipped up on her very quietly one morning, and, taking her by surprise with her precious book, said: "Mary, do you believe all you read there?"

"I suttanly do," she replied; "ebery word 'n Col. Ingersoll's." "Do you believe that that God made man out of dust?" "In coase I does."

"Say, it happened to rain hard about that time and the dust was gone and there was nothing but mud?" To which old mammy retorted: "Den de good Lawd knowed enough to know dat it was time to make dem lawyers and infidels, Col Ingersoll."—Washington Star.

MINISTER, SPORTING REPORTER.

GLENS FALLS, N. Y., Dec. 2.—The Rev. William A. Wood qualified yesterday for the office of justice of the peace of the town of Neareau, to which office he was elected last spring and which he will assume on Jan. 1 for a term of four years.

The Rev. Mr. Wood was graduated from Colgate University and is an ordained clergyman of the Baptist church, and is now the pastor of a small church at West Mountain, a few miles from here.

He does the religious, court and sporting news for a local daily. He is the Warren county representative of Bryan's Commoner and is still a devoted worshipper of the dethroned idol.

He has acquired a high reputation as a referee in various sporting events, and is the manager of the Chahoon indoor baseball team, the champions of northern New York, and is considerable of a player himself. He also is a member of a hunting club and during the open season spends much time after deer.

FRAUD AND FAILURE.

That is What Bishop Potter Says About Prohibition.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—During a discussion of the subject of the opening of Sunday saloons before the Church club, Bishop Potter said that, inasmuch as the "powers that be" had decided against any change in the existing laws of New York state the subject was academic. Bishop Potter then went on to describe the law as it exists, saying it recognized drunkenness as a mitigation of crime, and that this attitude of the law was false and vicious.

"That was the first blunder that was made," said Bishop Potter. "The next was in the matter of vicious sentiment. John B. Gough always pictured the drunkard as a victim, who was not a criminal in getting drunk, because he was practically a martyr. That is just as false a sentiment as the other is a false lie, and the whole theory of Mr. Gough's teaching was false and wrong."

Bishop Potter said concerning prohibition: "Wherever it has triumphed it has educated a race of frauds and hypocrites. In Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont today by actual statistics the consumption of certain preparations is larger than anywhere else in the country, one of these is a sarsaparilla which has 17 per cent. of alcohol; another is a compound with 27 per cent of alcohol, another is a bit-ter with 61 per cent. of alcohol, a good claret has 10 per cent. of alcohol, and great multitudes of people who are sworn prohibitionists are the consumers of these things. We are going to persist in this policy, to screw up all the front doors on Sunday and open the back door. We are going to nurse a race of hypocrites, to furnish an opportunity to the police to exact a bonus and to close the door to the manly and Christian method of dealing with intemperance.

"Prohibition is an impudent fraud and an impudent failure."

AGAINST HIS WISHES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—President Castro of Venezuela has written an open letter, copies of which have been received by officials here, in which he defends the general policy he has pursued.

An indirect allusion is made to the German affair in the president's appeal for united support in defense of the fatherland. The letter was in response to an application which was granted for the release of several journalists imprisoned at Caracas. In the course of the letter President Castro says:

It is painful to observe that the rashness of some, the impatient ambition of others, the mistaken criticism of the leading classes, and the obstinacy of these revolutionary spirits, have sorely tried the virtues of my liberal policy. At a time when I have hoped to see the country happy and its citizens enjoying every comfort, I have the painful duty of advancing repressive measures contrary to my character, my education and all my sentiments.

ARE MORE RECOVERIES.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 31.—The state commission in lunacy in its summary of the operations of the fiscal year, states as the most important feature of the work of the insane hospitals the greatly increased number of recoveries. These amount to 1,209, as against 1,029 during the preceding year. In addition to this number 821 patients were discharged from the hospitals in an improved condition and able to maintain themselves in the community. The number of new cases of insanity developing during the year throughout the state was 4,561, or 153 more than during the preceding year. The insane of the state now number 24,300, a net increase of 536 during the year.

KITCHENER REPORTS SUCCESS.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Lord Kitchener, under date of Johannesburg, Dec. 30, sends a weekly budget showing that since Dec. 23 35 Boers have been killed, 35 wounded, 237 taken prisoners, and 51 surrendered. These, says the commander-in-chief, do not include De Wet's losses in his attacks on Dartnell and Frlman, when it is reliably estimated, fifty were killed and fifty wounded.

De Wet is still in the vicinity of Langberg. Colonel Spence and Col. Plumer came in contact Dec. 28 with Britz's commando and took twenty-seven prisoners. General Bruce Hamilton came in touch with Grobelaar's commando near Marydale, December 23. He killed four Boers and captured twenty-seven.

CANADIAN OFFICER KILLED.

STRATFORD, Dec. 31.—George Renie, of the inland revenue here, has received an official telegram announcing the death in South Africa on December 20th of his nephew, Capt. H. Elliott, while leading an attack on a Boer commando at Gatberg Nek. The Boers were driven out in disorder. Six were killed and fifty were captured. Capt. Elliott was a son of Henry Elliott, formerly of Windsor, Ont.

WITHDRAWN CENSORSHIP.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The Commercial Cable Co. this morning sends the following notice: "We are advised that the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, makes the announcement that the American government has withdrawn the censorship on messages to Manila, but the government claims the right to inspect the messages to which this measure applies."

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ST. JOHN STAR.

ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 31, 1901.

A GREAT AND WONDERFUL YEAR

This has been a great and wonderful year. Not that there have been any greater number of days in it, but the three hundred and sixty-five that have been vouchsafed to us were filled to more than ordinary fullness. Canada has been blessed with a wonderful census, which will go down the centuries as a model of its kind. Its earnest and energetic takers have discovered in our own city some hundreds of Frenchmen, whom no one knew of before. Robinson Crusoe's feelings, when he was found upon his lonely island, could not have been more pleasurable than those of these poor lost Frenchmen when the census taker discovered them. But the sad part of it is that they are lost again, and nothing but another census will ever reveal them. But this discovery is not the only one made in the province. The Rothery forgers are known to be at large. This fact has some disadvantages about it.

Through the unsparring untiring efforts of Col. Tucker, M. P., the lobsterers around the shore of this county will have to grow another inch and a half. If he had done nothing else the member for St. John city and county should be re-elected unanimously for this alone. The votes of all lobster eaters are his forever. The claws of that edible crustacean will now be longer and more succulent, the body will be larger and more full of meat. Great is Col. Tucker and the lobster of our shores. But there is more praise coming to him. By the same unsparring and untiring efforts he has secured a promise from the master of the administration that the harbor shall be dredged. It is true that the promise has now attained considerable age and vigor, but Col. Tucker is quite capable of obtaining, and the master of the administration is quite capable of giving, a new one at any specified time. The harbor will be dredged in the sweet by and bye. About that time too, if present conditions continue, that splendid thoroughfare, King street, will be furnished with pontoon bridges to insure the safe passage of pedestrians over the horrible pits and miry clay. Certainly it has been a great and wonderful year and throughout those long twelve months the International Elevator has reared itself as a silent and stately monument to Mr. Blair. No rattle of machinery, no golden flow of grain disturb its solemn stillness. Sphinx like it stands and watches Mr. Blair's deficit grow to be a sister monument to his industry. The active competition has not yet come, but it has been promised. The year has seen this thing, too, and kept on its way. Now only a few hours of it are left, but there is still time for Col. Tucker to have another inch added to the length of the lobster and to receive another promise from Mr. Tarte in regard to the dredging of the harbor.

THE STAR.

The year that closes today has brought to this paper increased circulation and a growing measure of public approval. It has been proved that there is a field for a bright one-cent paper, and that such a paper, though small in size, can give the people the essential news of the day. It is the aim of the Star to give to its readers the most news of the kind that is interesting to them, and citizens who read and make comparisons freely admit that they have not read all the news that is of interest to them until they have read the Star. That being so, this paper may, with all the more confidence appeal to the people of St. John for a still larger share of their patronage in the year which begins tomorrow. The friends of a newspaper can help it in many ways. A good word or a timely suggestion is appreciated, for these are valuable. It is no light and airy task to conduct a newspaper, and other things than bouquets occasionally fall to the lot of editor and reporter. So far as the ability of its staff has permitted, the Star has been an up-to-date paper, and it hopes in 1902 to become a greater favorite and more deserving of favor than in the past. Something has been learned, and perhaps something unlearned, since the paper was established fifteen months ago, and with riper experience and a stronger staff the Star faces the future with a determination to give its patrons full value for their money. It thanks them heartily for past favors, and realizes that their interests and its own are identical.

Not only his personal friends throughout the province, but all the people profoundly sympathize with Hon. H. A. McKeown in the terrible blow that has fallen upon him. The alternating hope and fear of the past week are swallowed up in the grim certainty of death. Following so soon after her marriage, and occurring as it did in an epidemic hospital, where neither husband nor friends could go to comfort and sustain her in her last hours, the death of Mrs. McKeown was impressively sad. In his dark hour her husband does not mourn alone, but no human sympathy can be deep and strong enough to lessen the sorrow that today overwhelms him.

THE IMMIGRANTS

And the Immigration Building at Sand Point.

Something About the Unclean Condition of the Place and the Habits of the People.

For a person who possesses a stomach which cannot be overturned no matter through what sights or smells the owner passes, an aggressive disposition which will not be thrown down by the conduct of those with whom it comes in contact; and a personality which prohibits the playful tricks of spitting on clothes, tripping, or other semi-civilized forms of practical joking; for such a person there is much to be learned in and about the immigration building at Sand Point. Others who do not meet these requirements will enjoy a greater amount of comfort although lacking somewhat in knowledge, by remaining quietly at home. The varying degrees and shades of filth seen in the building, the almost incredible abandon, brutality and ignorance displayed by some of the future voters of Canada, and the marvellous bungling exhibited by those who had to do with the erection of the now half completed immigration building are sufficient to make even a casual observer stand in wonder and amazement.

It is said that according to the contract the building was to be in readiness on the first of November. From present indications one can readily believe the statement made by an official whose disagreeable duty stations him there, that "It was Nov. 1st, 1902 that was mentioned as the date of completion." And judging from the manner in which the work is now being carried on, there appears to be some doubt as to whether even that date is far enough away.

Whether the building when finished will prove suitable or otherwise cannot be ascertained until enough of it has been occupied to permit the passing of judgment, but at present the condition of the place is such that frequently the question is asked: "What must these people think of the country to which such an introduction is given?"

The contract for the building did not include heating, and this omission has been the cause of practically all the inconvenience experienced both by the immigrants themselves and by those in charge of them. In the main hall on the lower floor are a couple of stoves which, beside forming centres around which much filth gathers, are sufficient to heat in an unsatisfactory manner, that part of the building in which they are placed. But in most of the rooms leading from the work cellars, and in the upper floor, warmth is still unprovided. On account of the coldness in the basement it has been found impossible to turn on any water, as, during the night the pipes freeze and burst. There is no water in the building, and officials as well as immigrants are compelled to send for a bucketful to the fountain at the corner of Union and Rodney streets when they wish to wash their hands.

In the back part of the building are unfinished sanitary arrangements, which, owing partly to the manner in which the work has been carried on and partly to the absence of water supply still cannot be used. The fittings in this part of the building are not only good, but expensive, and convey the impression that the extravagance of the builders brought the work to a sudden stop. The lavatories when completed will be too good—the fittings will be ruined in a very short time. When the first shipment of immigrants arrived no conveniences whatever were in readiness, and the result would have made even the St. John board of health take some steps in regard to it had they been permitted to visit the place. The immigrants, among whom are many young children, finding no suitable arrangements in regard to sanitation were compelled to act not by the direction of the officials but by the unclean habits of their previous circumstances. As a consequence the building was in such a condition as to be unfit for occupation and the people took their food outside. Profiting by this experience, the next consignment of settlers were warned by the officials that such conduct as had been exhibited by their predecessors would not be permitted, and the result was what might be expected. The meals were eaten in the building and the street became a noisome pestilence. This brought forth such a cry of indignation from residents in the vicinity that a miniature shed was erected at the side of the main building. This accommodation is so utterly insignificant, when compared to what is actually required that it is little better than nothing at all.

The immigrants when coming from Europe are well treated by the steamship companies. They are supplied with an abundance of good food and are taken for occupation and the people to include basins or bath tubs among their baggage. When they are admitted to the new, up-to-date, government building at Sand Point, most of them feel like regretting the absence of basins or tubs. There is not a drop of water in the building, nor are washing utensils provided. It can hardly be expected, that a woman should go several hundred yards to a fountain on a cold morning, one hand holding the saucepan out of which her dinner must be eaten, and the other helping along two or three small children, in order that the faces and hands should be washed. And it cannot be reasonably expected that the citizens in the neighborhood will enjoy the sight of several hundred people on the same mission. It is liable to create an unwholesome part of the observer, to afterwards quench his thirst at that fountain.

Under these conditions, were no other drawbacks mentioned, the condi-

tion of the building in spite of the care taken by the attendants to keep it fairly clean can better be imagined than described. The immigrants as a rule are a dirty class, and although they doubtless have many good points, the more disagreeable traits show most prominently. They look upon the building as a place where their stay is short, and it matters little to them whether the floor is clean or not. Thus all the rubbish, paper, scraps of food, old rags, cigarettes, plugs of tobacco, orange peel, cores of apples, tin cans, and mud are thrown anywhere. This filth when trampled on by several hundred men, women and children, forms an ideal bed on which to sleep. The women as a rule are kind enough to their own children, but to those of others they are careless—even cruel. The men were described by a C. P. R. official as "human bonats." They may be morally, good men, hard workers, and the making of respectable citizens, but in their conduct at Sand Point the majority exhibit only the more brutal parts of their natures.

At Christmas time a number of ladies connected with the Jewish Relief Association paid a visit to the building in order to ascertain for themselves whether the stories of ill-treatment accorded the immigrants were well founded. They were shown through the building, inspected the food supplied, and saw the people. Their opinion was that the treatment was just as good as could be expected under the circumstances, and quite good enough for those receiving it. Before leaving the building one of the ladies suggested that some candy which had been brought over for the children should be distributed. The officials warned her that it might lead to trouble, but the attempt was made, and a moment after the candy was produced the uproar became so great, the fierce scrambling and snatching for the candy became so uncontrollable, that the lady was carried from the building in a fainting condition, with the comforting assurance from the official that had the men and women been engaged in the scramble what had taken place would only be in comparison a quiet, harmonious gathering.

Yesterday afternoon one of the officials attempted to distribute some apples to the children, and the scene became so utterly unamateur and violent that one could well believe the statement that "when food is served the place is a regular Hades." Men and women crowded forward, tearing at each other, pushing, kicking and trampling over the children in their eagerness to receive an apple, which, by the way, is not considered a luxury. The turmoil was so great, that after handing a few apples to the children who had managed to get in front, the distribution was stopped.

The seating accommodation in the main hall is insufficient, two long benches in the middle and a couple along one side being the only ones provided. On these a few, a very few, of the women and smaller children are able to rest, when, on account of the weather, they are compelled to remain indoors.

On the upper floor of the building are piles of rubbish left by the carpenters and plasterers, a number of workmen, and several cases of measles. These show indications of becoming fixtures of the place, for there seems to be no reason why they are there. The measles are in a room by themselves—the rubbish and workmen are mixed.

The principal employment of the men seems to be getting the air of the building in such a condition that work is possible, and they state that in the mornings after a crowd of immigrants have slept on the lower floor, the air is, putting it mildly, no lavender.

When the immigrants ship from Europe they pay for through tickets to their destination, and upon arriving at Sand Point, the passes given by the steamship companies are exchanged by the C. P. R. for railroad tickets. This is after the men have satisfactorily answered the questions put to them by the U. S. government officials—no very strict examination being required by the Canadian government.

Of the questions asked many are required by the printed forms of regulations supplied, while others depend upon the particular information gleaned in each case. Every man must show at least ten dollars in cash before a passport is granted. Among other questions each immigrant is asked whether he has ever attended any anarchistic meetings or whether he belongs to any such society. If the answer is in the affirmative he stands to one side until further investigation can be made.

Such are the immigrants who come to Sand Point on their way to their new homes.

WANTED.—A case of Headache that KUMFORT Powders will not cure in from ten to twenty minutes.

DEATH'S MYSTERY.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Experiments which it is claimed are a beginning of the unravelling of the mysteries of death were made public by Prof. Jacques Loeb, at the fourteenth annual meeting of the American Physiological Society at the University of Chicago tonight. During the last summer the noted scientist has been continuing his series of experiments with the eggs of the lower marine animals, especially those of the sea urchin, and tonight, in a paper entitled "On the Prolongation of Life of Unfertilized Eggs of the Sea Urchin by Potassium Cyanide," he told a group of the foremost physiologists in America that by means of observation of the effects of certain chemicals upon these minute bits of protoplasm he was ready to make a tentative definition of the heretofore unknown nature of death.

The experiments, Prof. Loeb said, were simple. Unfertilized eggs of the sea urchin were placed in a weak solution of potassium cyanide and abandoned for several days. In ordinary an unfertilized egg dies in a few hours, destroyed by the death agents born with it. At the end of several days the eggs were again examined and were found to be still capable of fertilization and of producing healthy animals.

Infants too young to take medicine may be cured of croup, whooping cough and colds by using Vapo-Cresolene—they breathe it.



A better skirt binding is obtained by using

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than in cutting up 1/4 or 3/4 of a yard yourself.

They are woven specially for skirt bindings, and are ready for use—no bother—no waste.

The velveteen is better quality than is sold to you in 1/4 or 3/4 of a yard pieces, and the letters S.H. & M. on the back of every yard is your guarantee of our quality.

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In your Advertising Contracts for 1902 remember the STAR. It has a large and steadily growing circulation among the people who are possible purchasers of the goods you have to sell. The more attractive your advertisements the better the returns will be. Every advertisement in this paper is next to reading matter and catches the eye.

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FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

Special Sale now on, of Fine Gold and Silver Watches, and Jewelry, Clocks, Silverware, Optical Goods and Novelties

At discounts to beat the band, and everything as represented by

W. Tremaine Gard,

Goldsmith and Jeweler,

48 King Street.



CHRISTMAS CAKES AND PIES.

You must have them and its an awful bother to bake them, isn't it? They might spoil in the baking and ruin all. Just leave your order here and put trouble away. We can supply layer cakes, ornamental and fancy cakes, mince and pumpkin pies, the best ever made. Better leave your order early—first come, first served.

Hygienic Bakery

134-136-138 Mill Street.

Phone 1167

FOR SALE.

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CARBONAD PLACARDS OF FLATS, ROOMS, SHOPS AND HOUSES TO LET can be had at the Sun Counting Room.

FOR SALE.—A chemist's balance with all necessary weights; good as new. Apply A. M., Star office.

FOUND.

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FOUND.—On Tuesday evening a purse containing money. The owner can have same by applying at 88 Coburg street.

MONEY TO LOAN

Advertisements under this head: Two words for one cent each time, or Five cents a word for ten times. Payable in advance.

MONEY.—Advanced on mortgage in large or small sums. Apply to Chas. MacDonald, Barrister, Walker Building, Canterbury St.

On Freehold and Leasehold Property, repayable by monthly instalments or otherwise. Apply to CHAPMAN & TILLEY, Barristers, Palmer's Building, Princess Street.

MISCELLANEOUS.

ALL KINDS SEWING MACHINES REPAIRED. Needles and parts for all makes at W. H. BELLS, 28 Dock Street.

HELP WANTED, FEMALE.

Advertisements under this head: Two words for one cent each time, or Five cents a word for ten times. Payable in advance.

WANTED.—At 114 Elliott Row, a food girl. No washing. Bring reference.

WANTED.—Cookmaker wanted at once. Apply to N. A. SEELEY, 85 Germain Street.

HELP WANTED, MALE.

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WANTED.—A Bright Boy about 15 years old to learn the drug business. Apply between 4 and 6 p. m. at MOORE'S DRUG STORE, 109 Brussels street, corner Richmond.

GENERAL AGENTS WANTED in each town for special, accident, sickness, identification policies and general insurance business. Liberal terms to reliable men. Write box 275, Montreal.

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WANTED.—Large airy rooms and board at 125 Carmarthen street.

WANTED.—To Rent—Medium sized house in good locality, modern conveniences, also a barn or storehouse, preferably on same lot. Give all particulars in regard to heating, lighting, etc. Write W. C. R., Star Office.

WANTED.—Cassessors, male or female, through the city to handle a rapid selling book on the war. Good commissions. Address "M.," Star Office.

December 31st, 1901.

RING DOWN THE CURTAIN--- EXIT 1901.

Time is the unreturning river. Today and the year are borne away together. Ring out the old year merrily.

START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT!

Maybe you need a natty Tuxedo Suit, a Dress Suit, a Business Suit, or a snug, warm Overcoat. Whichever it may be, you'll find it here at its best, and substantially lower than in any other store.

- TUXEDO SUITS, \$25.00. EVENING DRESS SUITS, \$25.00. BUSINESS SUITS, \$5.00 to \$20.00. OVERCOATS, \$5.00 to \$20.00.

EVERYTHING IN MEN'S FURNISHINGS.

GREATER OAK HALL,

SCOVIL BROS. & CO., King Street, Corner Germain, ST. JOHN, N. B.

SPECIAL XMAS DINNER SETS.

40 DIFFERENT PATTERNS FROM WHICH TO CHOOSE.

Please note the prices: \$5 50, 6 50, 7 00, 8 00, 8 50, 10 00, 11 00, 12 00, 16 00, 20 00, 26 00 to 75 00 each.

W. H. HAYWARD, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93 PRINCESS STREET.

DINNER SETS,

From \$5.50 Up.

C. F. BROWN, 501-505 Main St.

DR. BRIDGES WILL STAY. Last evening at a special meeting of the board of school trustees a letter was read from Dr. H. S. Bridges, city superintendent, stating that he had been offered the headmastership of the high school at Pretoria. He offered, however, to remain in New Brunswick provided his salary be increased \$400 per annum.

school children were referred to the superintendent. It was decided to re-open the Aberdeen school at the end of the Christmas vacation. This school has been closed for some time on account of smallpox in the vicinity.

CAPE BRETON.

SYDNEY, C. B., Dec. 30.—The manufacture of steel has begun at Sydney. At 9 o'clock tonight the first sheet was poured through the open hearth furnaces of the Dominion Iron and Steel Co. Gen. Manager Moxham and other officials who witnessed the process of pouring the steel, were highly satisfied with the results.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

Advertisements under this head inserted free of charge. WANTED—Position wanted by a nurse, who has had experience. Apply at King's Daughters' Guild, Chipman's Hill.

SHIPPING NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived. Brig Ori, 188, O'Hara, from Carrabelle, R. C. Elkins, yellow pine. Schr. Abbie Keast, 95, Erb, from New York, A. W. Adams, pottery clay. Coastwise—Star, Aurora, from Campbell.

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If you have catarrh, why don't you try to get rid of it? The first thing you know it will go down into your lungs or stomach and cause serious trouble. You should use Vapo-Cresolene at once. The cure is so easy and so pleasant. You put some Cresolene in the vaporizer, light the lamp beneath and breathe in the vapor while sleeping.

You Can Buy Them Cheaper at Arnold's.

Dolls 1c. to \$1.00 each. Dressed Dolls, Naked Dolls, Rubber Dolls, Kid Dolls, Jointed Dolls. Rag Dolls, Indian Dolls, Crusoe Dolls, Walking Dolls, China Dolls, Musical Dolls, Sailor Dolls, Black Dolls, White Dolls, all kinds at one kind of price—the lowest.

Clockwork Toys, 20c. to \$1.50 each.

Clockwork Railway, Clockwork Beetle, Clockwork Hens, Geese, Clown and Donkey, Nigger, Bird, Seal, Puss in Boots, Bear, Old Woman, Clown and Pig, Peacock, Duck, Squirrel, Frog, Automobile, Chicken, Doll, Tallor, Gun Boat, Monkey and Drum.

Cheap Toys in Great Variety. Just Opened Show Rooms Up Stairs.

ARNOLD'S DEPARTMENT STORE, 15 Charlotte Street.

STEAMERS.

INTERNATIONAL S. S. CO. WINTER ARRANGEMENT. ONE TRIP A WEEK FOR BOSTON!

\$3.50—WINTER RATE—\$3.50. COMMENCING Dec. 19th, the steamer ST. CROIX will leave Saint John every THURSDAY morning, at 7.30, Standard time, for Eastport, Lubec, Portland and Boston. Returning, leaves Boston MONDAY at 8.15 a. m.

THE QUINTON PROPERTY BOUGHT.

The water and sewerage board, having power to act, yesterday ordered \$2,500 to be paid W. A. Quinton for his property at Spruce and Ludgate lakes. The property acquired consists of a strip of frontage 200 feet wide and about four miles in length. The object of getting control of the land is for the preservation of the water's purity.

MAIN STREET BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The annual meeting of the Main Street Baptist church Sabbath school teachers was held last evening. The yearly report and financial statement were satisfactory. In the latter it was shown that \$42 had been the income and that the expenditure left on hand a balance of \$2.

I. C. R. ACCIDENT.

The Maritime express ran off the track last night, shortly after passing a bridge over River de Loup. The engine, baggage car, second class mail car and one truck of the first class car left the track. Engineer Sawyer had his left leg broken. A panic ensued among the passengers, but fortunately no others were injured. It is said that the switch had been tampered with.

A DOUBTFUL STORY.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express cables that a missionary and a number of Christian captives have been massacred at Ning Shu Fu, in Khan So province, where Prince Tuan and Gen. Tung Fu Shiang are residing. The correspondent says it is asserted that the troops of Gen. Tung Fu Shiang are responsible for the massacre.

In an order just received by Harry W. de Forest for his Union Blend Tea, the buyer writes, "Union Blend is the best seller I have tried yet." Mr. de Forest says he received just such compliments about Union Blend Tea every day.

Giving Up Business.

I AM CLOSING UP BUSINESS HERE, having accepted a position with a western wholesale house. My stock of Furs and General Dry Goods in the store, 17 Charlotte St., will be sold at one half the regular price. The stock is large and complete and offers ample variety for choice. The store will be open every evening until the stock is cleared. EVERYTHING MUST BE SOLD, and prices are reduced accordingly. Our own make Woolen Shirts, \$1.50 to 75c.; Socks, 50c. to 75c. All English Cambrics, 14c. to 6 and 7c. per yd. W. H. FAIRALL, 17 Charlotte St.

Prize Beef!

No finer ever shown in this market. Prize Chickens, Turkeys, Geese, Wild Fowl, Game, Choice Vegetables, Butter, Eggs, Lard, etc., etc.

S. Z. DICKSON COUNTRY MARKET.

Great Reductions

Millinery.

Our entire stock of trimmed and untrimmed Hats, Toques and Bonnets at greatly reduced prices.

Mourning Millinery a Specialty. Corsets a Specialty.

Glas. K. Cameron & Co 77 King Street.

EVERYONE Who purchases a load of Reserve, Caledonia, Springhill, Sydney or Hard Coal from me (cash with order) previous to JANUARY 10th, 1902, HAS A CHANCE to get a load of Soft Coal FREE. Someone will get it. It may be you.

J. S. FROST, 11 Union Street.

TO COOK All the good things for the Holiday Season and have the house warm and comfortable, get a good supply of Coal, Wood and Kindling early at

GIBBON & CO'S., 6-1-2 Charlotte St.

TURKISH BATHS, Union, Corner Hazen Street.

Among the many who have derived pleasure and benefit and permit the proprietor to use their names as references are:

Dr. J. E. March, Dr. G. A. B. Addy, Dr. J. H. Cunningham, Boston; Dr. Geo. Hetherington, Dr. J. M. Smith, Dr. J. B. Steeves, R. Keith Jones, John A. McAvity, Rev. G. P. Scovill, C. J. Coster, A. W. Moore, John McMillan, W. C. Purves, E. L. Rising, Silas Alward, A. C. Fairweather, Wm. Pugsley, H. C. Page, W. Watson Allen, Percy W. Thomson, E. O. Evans, A. Geo. Blair, F. E. Williams, S. L. Kerr, D. Churchill, and many others.

JOHN W. ADDISON, GENERAL HARDWARE.

House Furnishings, Sporting Goods and Toys. The cheapest store in the city to buy Wringers, Washtubs, Washboilers, Washing Machines, etc. We sell extra wringer rolls and repair wringers of all kinds.

64 Germain St., Market Bldg. Tel. 1074.

JOHN RUBINS, -CUSTOM TAILOR-

Clothes cleaned, repaired and pressed at short notice. 53 Germain Street.

Coal Sold by bushel, barrel or ton at

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H. L. COATES, (Cor. Main and Harrison Streets, Opposite St. Luke's Church, N. E.)

CARPENTER, BUILDER and GENERAL JOBBER.

Special attention given to the placing of plate glass windows.

"Patterson's," Cor. Charlotte and Duke Streets.

Hosiery. Let your mind turn now to Hosiery--and the place to buy is here.

STOVE, OPEN EVERY EVENING. CASH ONLY.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers will please send in copy early in the morning, to ensure the necessary change being made.

LOCAL NEWS.

The Allan line steamer Numidian sailed at 11.30 this morning from Halifax for St. John.

Two three masted schooners, the Annie A. Booth and the Fardor "G. Thompson, arrived this afternoon. Both brought cargoes.

The Star has received handsome calendars from the Confederation Life and the Metropolitan Life Insurance companies.

The Maritime express is eight hours late, on account of the accident at River de Loup. The express from Pt. Du Chene was on time.

The Young Men's Society of St. Joseph will hold their usual New Year's reunion tomorrow afternoon at four o'clock in St. Malachi's hall. All members are requested to be present.

The members of Court Welsford, I. O. F., will hold their annual dinner dance in the hall at Welsford tomorrow night, and a most enjoyable time is assured to all who attend.

A painter's charcoal pot set fire to a house at No. 15 Cliff street. George Barker of the Hook and Ladder Co., who was summoned by a still alarm, extinguished the blaze, which burned a portion of the roof.

Through some mistake in making up the programme for the week of prayer the name of Rev. J. A. Richardson, rector of Trinity, was placed on it. Mr. Richardson, however, has nothing to do with the services.

The service at St. Phillip's tonight will be marked by a special service of prayer and thanksgiving to Almighty God for His mercies in the past, and to ask His unerring hand for guidance into the new year and the future. The choir will render special music. Service commences at 10.30, D. V.

A quiet wedding took place at the residence of John Brayley, north end, this morning, the contracting parties being Miss Ida Louise Chambers of Norton and John W. Frazier, a nephew of Mrs. Brayley, also of Norton. Both are well and deservedly popular, and their many friends will wish them every success in their new life.

EQUITY COURT.

In the equity court today the case of Thomson v. Thomson was set down for Friday.

In the case of Wilson v. Wilson, A. A. Wilson, K. C., made application to visit property in dispute in Alonzo Wilson, or failing that for an order for foreclosure and sale under a mortgage held by Alonzo Wilson. The court considered.

A. H. Hanington, K. C., made an application for a summons calling on A. C. Fairweather to show cause why a commission should not be issued in the case of Fairweather v. Lloyd and Robertson, to take evidence of Alex. M. Ballentine. A summons was issued, returnable Friday.

CUSTOMS HOUSE STATEMENT.

The following is the comparative statement of the custom house for the years 1900-1901:

Table with columns for 1900 and 1901, listing Customs, Flies and seizures, Steam inspection, Sick mariners' fees, Unclaimed goods sold, Warehouse fees, and Registry of shipping.

OLD VETERAN GONE.

Death of Michael Byrnes, a Long Time Resident.

Everyone in town either knew Michael Byrnes or knew of him, says the Woodstock Press. He was an old Crimea veteran. His death occurred after a long illness on Friday night.

A TROUBLED MAN.

Nicholas Barbier of Protection street, Carleton, is a much worried man. Last week he was mixed up in a case of stealing; this week he is troubled by several cases of fever.

Barbier run a sailor's boarding house on Protection street, and a few days ago he was asked to accommodate several immigrants who were unavoidably detained in St. John. For their board he was to receive three dollars per day. Barbier accepted the responsibility, and the immigrants occupied rooms in his house. Shortly after their arrival Barbier discovered that the immigrants were fever patients and his dismay at this discovery was only equalled by the difficulty which he has experienced in caring for them. He states that his business is being ruined, for no one will come near his establishment, and the three dollars he is to receive for the daily keep of the party is not half enough.

SMALL FOX.

Today the General Public Hospital was released from quarantine. The institution has been closed since October 25.

Another case broke out in the McDermott house, 118 Duke street, yesterday. The patient is Wm. McDermott, aged 20, who is a brother of the young woman who was taken ill a week ago last Saturday.

The Cullen house on St. James street and the Long house on Waterloo street were released from quarantine last night. The McAvity house on Charlotte street, where the Hyson case developed, is being disinfected.

Stanley Deboe, Maggie Fawcett and Hazen Hamilton are ready to leave the epidemic hospital. It will not be long now before all the patients are out of this building.

Of the 22 persons notified to attend at the board of health rooms yesterday afternoon, the majority appeared and were either vaccinated or satisfied the physician that the operation was unnecessary.

DEATH OF MRS. H. A. McKEOWN.

Mrs. H. A. McKeown, who was taken to the epidemic hospital a little over a week ago, suffering with small-pox, died at an early hour this morning. In no case since the disease broke out has public sympathy been so generally stirred as in this one, where the bride of but a few weeks was taken away from her husband's side to die, while he himself was and still is quarantined in the house where they had lived. While grave fears were entertained from the outset, there was for a day or two a glimmer of hope, but the end has come. Universal sympathy goes out to Hon. Mr. McKeown.

The funeral will take place this afternoon at five o'clock. Interment will be made in Fernhill cemetery. Rev. H. H. Ross will conduct the services.

Mrs. McKeown was a daughter of Geo. Perkins of Evansdale, and had been married but a little over a month.

TODAY'S FUNERALS.

There was a very large attendance this afternoon at the funeral of the late Jessie E. Stone, wife of Joseph R. Stone, which took place from her late home on Germain street at half-past two o'clock. Services were conducted at the house and grave by the Rev. L. G. Macneil and interment made in Fernhill cemetery. The pallbearers were John H. Thomson, Dr. McInerney, H. H. McLean, H. C. McLeod, W. H. Thorne and H. D. Troop.

This afternoon the funeral of the late William G. Irvine took place from his late residence on King street, west end. At half-past two o'clock services were conducted at the house by the Rev. E. N. Nobles, after which the body was taken for interment to Cedar Hill cemetery. There were no pallbearers.

Samuel R. Hunter, aged 35 years, a son of Frank D. Hunter of Moncton and brother of William J. Hunter of 21 Waterloo street, St. John, was accidentally killed on December 26th by falling down a light shaft in the Occidental hotel, San Francisco. Mr. Hunter was a commercial traveller in the employ of his brother.

His remains were cremated and sent home, arriving in this city last evening. This afternoon they were privately interred in Fernhill cemetery, the Rev. H. F. Waring officiating.

The funeral of Margaret C. Wilson, wife of Andrew Wilson, takes place at four o'clock this afternoon from her late home, No. 3 Albion street. The services will be conducted by the Rev. W. O. Raymond and the body interred in the Church of England burying ground.

POLICE COURT.

Three drunks were arrested between the hours of ten and eleven last night and were fined eight dollars or twenty days each this morning. They were William McCauliffe, drunk in the I. C. R. depot, who was also charged with using obscene language; Charles Christian, drunk on Sheffield street and Joseph Rennie, drunk on Charlotte street. The first man went to jail, while the others were fortunately able to pay their fines.

Yesterday afternoon a number of prisoners who were in jail on remand were disposed of. Thomas O'Brien, for assaulting Lizzie Whelan in Sam Dugan's house on Dec. 21st, was sentenced to forty dollars or three months.

Mary Ann Reed, arrested for being drunk on Dec. 19th, was sent to the Good Shepherd for two months.

William Ashton, for assaulting H. H. Cosman in the Seamen's Mission on Dec. 23rd, was given two months from the date of his arrest. Thomas Hunt, who was arrested on the same charge, was let go, having been in jail for almost a month.

Lizzie Whelan, held as a witness on suspicion of perjury in the case brought by her against Thomas O'Brien was dismissed.

Christian Hanson, for being drunk and breaking glass in the Seamen's Mission on Christmas eve, was fined eight dollars or twenty days.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICES.

Portland Methodist church, at 11. Carmarthen street Methodist, at 11. St. Stephen's church, at 11. Zion church, at 10.30. Certenary Methodist, at 11. St. John's (Stone), at 11.15. Trinity, at 11. St. Phillips A. M. E., at 11. St. Luke's church, at 11.

SPECIAL FOR TONIGHT.

Men's \$1.50 lined Mocha Gloves for 98c.; women's girls' and boys' warm wool gloves for 18c. Fifty and seventy-five cent stock clips for 25c. Tonight at Morrell & Sutherland's!

PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sharp and Mrs. A. W. Hicks of Hampton Village, are in the city today.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McCormick of the Willows came into town at noon today.

VICTORIA ORDER OF NURSES.

The regular monthly meeting of the directors of the St. John branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses, the last meeting of the financial year, was held last evening at the residence of Mrs. Robert Thomson, corner of Sydney and Mecklenburg streets. In the absence of the president, Judge Forbes, the chair was occupied by Mrs. David McLellan, vice-president, and there were present Sec'y-Treas. J. G. Taylor, R. J. Ritchie, T. H. Bullock, Dr. T. Walker, J. Morris Robinson, Mrs. Robert Thomson, Mrs. George F. Smith, Mrs. J. V. Ellis, Mrs. Dever, and Miss Palmer.

The financial statement showed that the total receipts for the year were \$1,240.47, and the total expenditure \$1,211.07, leaving a balance on hand of \$29.40.

It was found that the extra expenditure on account of the quarantine of nurses amounted to \$221.30. The committee wished to state that the response in answer to their appeal for additional funds on account of increased expenditure, has been most liberal.

The work of the order is in a highly satisfactory condition, and at last night's meeting a number of recommendations from leading physicians were read. The nurses can now be engaged by communication with Dr. Emery, telephone 152.

In November 1899 a meeting and musicale for the benefit of the order was held and it has been decided that this year something similar shall be given. The exact date has not as yet been fixed, but it will be about February 20th.

HE'S ONE OF US.

Small Boy Opens His Heart and Bundles in an Elevated Car. (New York Sun.)

He was about 13 years old and very tough. He wore a black sweater, with the collar turned up and then down again, and an old bicycle hat pulled down over one eye. He got on a Third Avenue elevated train at Canal street, hugging a small bundle wrapped in white paper and tied with pink cord. He tried hard to conceal his excitement over the contents of the bundle, and the man next to him, having imbibed freely, became curious and asked him what he had in the bundle. The invitation to tell the secret that was struggling for liberty was too much, and the boy succumbed.

"Them," he said, pointing to the bundle, "is me Christmas presents."

"Whatever got?" demanded the man.

"The boy got up, laid the bundle on the seat carefully untied it, revealing a number of small packages, also done up in white paper and tied with pink cord.

"This," he said, holding up what appeared to be a square box, "is for me sister. Say, she's all right, too. It's a box of candy. They ain't nothin' better than that, is there."

"Certainly not," said the man. "But, say, what's that?" pointing to a long, thin package.

"Ah," said the boy, and everybody in the car waited to hear the answer, because all had become interested by this time, "that's fer me mudder. I'd open it, but she wouldn't like it. I guess, say, it's a tooth brush and I paid a quarter for it. It's all right, too."

The boy hauled out a small compact bundle and said in a kind of a sheepish way:

"That's cologne. I got that over to Grand street, and it's all right, too. Say, it cost me a dime, that cologne did."

"Who's it for?" asked the man.

"Ah, it's fer me goll," replied the boy.

"Whatever got fer your brother?" asked the man.

"Nuthin'," replied the boy promptly. "I ain't got nuthin' fer him, an' I ain't goin' ter get nuthin'. I heard he wasn't gunter give me nuthin', so I ain't gunter give him nuthin'. Anyway, I ain't got no more money. Say, d'yer know what them things cost me? Well, says I spent \$2 on them."

"Phew!" exclaimed the man. "Where did you get all that money?"

"Ah, me godfather gave it ter me, and, say, he's all right, too."

"Nowt say," said the man, "you'd better give that brother of yours something anyway. Take this and get him something." The little fellow looked at it doubtfully, then, shaking his head as though he could not quite understand the situation, he said:

"All right, but he ain't goin' to get me nuthin'. I know that, because he told me sister so. Say, I'd rath'er spend this on me goll."

"No," said the man, "get something for your brother."

"All right," said the boy reluctantly, "but he ain't goin' to get me nuthin'" and he put the money in his pocket, carefully wrapped up his Christmas presents again, and a few statins further along left the train, followed by the best wishes of everybody in the car.

NICE LONG COURTHSHIP IN NO WAY.

Norwegian weddings are almost always celebrated at the close of a short Scandinavian summer, a season which the industrious Norseman find too short in which to work, and from which they would never dream of taking the days that are necessary for the long-drawn-out festivities of the Norse wedding. So the maidens who are wooed all the year round are usually wedded at the beginning of winter.

Norwegian weddings are very frank and very long a-doing. On summer Sundays the lanes, the highways and byways are ateam with lovers. Each couple saunters slowly along, not in the least shy, his arm about her shoulders, her arm about his waist. Nor do they untwine their arms if they pause a little to chat with friends, nor even if they stop to speak with casual acquaintances. Ten or a dozen years often elapse between the first day of courtship and the day of marriage, while a seven-year's betrothal is considered of very moderate length.—Woman's Home Companion.

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Court Log Cabin, I. O. F., met last evening and elected officers. Anderson, J. E. Barle, C. R.; J. C. H. F. W. V. C. R.; E. W. Paul, R. S., treas.; Jenkins, F. S.; J. V. Russell, er, S. H. H. Bell, orator; Geo. R. Baxt, W.; W. H. McCracken, J. W.; D.

Melvin, S. B.; James Seaton, J. B.; J. W. Daniel, M. D., court phys.; A. M. Belding, C. D., H. C. R. Messrs. Melvin and Seaton were elected trustees and Messrs. Henderson and Belding finance committee. The reporting of the officers showed Court Log Cabin to be in a healthy condition both as to membership and finance.